ALLDREAM<br>DRAGON 6809 EDITOR-ASSEMBLER AND MONITOR<br>120001

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## - ALLDREAM

Alldream is a software package for the Dragon 32 Microcomputer, comprising an Editor Assembler (DREAM) and Monitor (DREAMBUG).

DREAM is designed to maintain files of general purpose text, and especially for the preparation, maintenance and conversion to object code, of Assembler source programs for the 6809 micro-processor. DREAM can produce complete machine code programs, and routines which can be called from BASIC programs via the USR function.

DREAMBUG is a full feature machine code testing tool and disassembler.

## - LOADING THE PACKAGE

As ALLDREAM is designed for easy use together with BASIC, the cartridge is not self-starting. Switch off the Dragon, insert the cartridge, and switch on again. Before executing ALLDREAM, you must tell the machine to reserve some memory for the package's work areas. ALLDREAM uses RAM just below the BASIC ROM, working downwards from 32639. You must control the lowest address available to ALLDREAM, by using the CLEAR statement. A good starting point might be:

## CLEAR 200,20000

This will reserve memory from 20001 to 32767 for ALLDREAM sufficient for Assembler programs up to about 600 typical length lines, or about 350 full lines of text. About 18k still remains for a BASIC program, 200 bytes of string space, and four high resolution graphics pages. Appendix A shows a sample memory map with ALLDREAM installed.

Now you can execute DREAM by typing:
EXEC 49152
A title screen will appear, and the question:
OLD TEXT?

DREAM is asking whether you already have some text in memory which you want to display. As you haven't, answer no by typing:

## N

A blank screen will appear with the cursor flashing in the top left hand corner. You are now ready to type in some text, or maybe your first Assembler program.

It is suggested that you first get familiar with the Editor by using it to manipulate some general text.

## - USING THE EDITOR

All the keys on the Dragon keyboard will operate typomatically in DREAM. That is, if you keep a key depressed for more than about a second, then it will repeat at the rate of ten per second. You will find this particularly handy for cursor positioning and scrolling.

DREAM can handle normal and inverse video characters. While the cursor is moving, its position is indicated by a reversal of background colour of the character under the cursor. Inverse video characters will be sent as lower case letters to an attached printer. Lower case can be obtained by using SHIFT while upper case lock is set, and vice versa.

Type some words onto the top line. You can use _ and _ to position the cursor anywhere on the line. If you move the cursor over some typed characters you will notice that they are not erased - you can correct" any characters without retyping the rest of the line. Nor do you need to pass the cursor over the rest of a line after making any changes.

The CLEAR key can be used to blank out the rest of a line. All characters under and to the right of the cursor are erased - only the current line is affected.

Pressing SHIFT and SPACE causes a skip to the next TAB column. These are predefined to columns 8,14, 23 and 31.

## Inserting and Deleting Characters

To delete characters within a line, position the cursor on the leftmost unwaI\}ted character and press shift and _ together. The line will 'close up' and spaces are shifted into the right hand end. To insert characters,
use shift and _ and a gap will open up at the cursor position ready for you to type the missing characters. A word of warning: any characters shifted off the end of the line are lost.

When the cursor reaches column 32 it will not move as further characters are typed. You need to press ENTER to get onto the next line to continue typing. Pressing ENTER also causes DREAM to accept the last line and store it in its text table in memory - this is true of any command that moves the cursor onto a different line.

## Scrolling

Type something onto each line of the screen - using ENTER to access subsequent lines. When you reach the foot of the screen keep entering lines and the whole display will scroll up each time you press ENTER.

Press the up arrow and keep it pressed to go into typomatic mode. When the cursor reaches the top of the screen the display will scroll back again until the first line you entered is again displayed. Using the four arrow keys you can position the cursor anywhere within the text ready to overtype, insert or delete characters at that position.

A faster way of scrolling is to press SHIFT and 1 or SHIFT and $\mathbf{r}$. These cause the display to scroll by 8 lines (half a screen) at a time. Whenever possible the cursor is kept on the same logical line.

## - THE EDITOR COMMANDS

So far we have discussed cursor positioning, scrolling, and general text editing. DREAM also has a wide range of 'commands' which are accessed by typing the BREAK key followed by a letter indicating the required action. As soon as you press BREAK the current line is erased and an inverse oblique appears in column 1 to show that you are in command mode. The cursor is positioned in column 2 ready for you to type in the command. The data from the current line is not lost it will be re-instated when the command has been completed. Commands are not executed until either ENTER or an up or down arrow key is pressed. Appendix B lists all the Editor commands.

The HOME command displays the first 16 lines, putting the cursor at the start of line 1 . The END command shows the last 8 lines with the cursor on the last line positioned half way down the screen. With the cursor sitting anywhere within the text table, type BREAK followed by the letter H (for HOME) or E (for END). Press ENTER and the command is obeyed instantly.

The QUIT command exits from DREAM back to Basic. Type BREAK then Q and ENTER. You can then re-enter DREAM by typing EXEC and reply Y to the OLD TEXT? prompt to re-display the text in memory, or reply N to erase the table ready for something new.

## Inserting Lines

The method of inserting new lines is to first add a block of blank lines at the required point, and then to type the new data onto those blank lines. Position the cursor anywhere on the line prior to which the new lines are to appear, and type BREAK I followed by a number indicating the number of lines to insert. If you don't specify a number then 1 line will be inserted. Any number of lines can be inserted up to a practical limit of about 6000 depending on the amount of memory you have reserved for DREAM. Press ENTER and the requested number of blank lines will be inserted, leaving the cursor at the start of the first new line, ready for you to type in the new data. The line over which you typed the insert command is re-instated to its original data content.

If you attempt to insert more lines than will fit in the workspace, DREAM will insert as many lines as it can, and will then clear the screen and show the message FULL. Press any key to see the text table as it stands. You will now need to delete one or more lines before making any further changes.

Blank lines only occupy 4 bytes each in the text table. As you fill them with data so they grow in length up to 35 bytes for a full line. Hence the FULL message may appear any time an extended line is accepted. You can always exit from DREAM \QUIT command), reserve more memory (via CLEAR), and re-enter DREAM with 'OLD TEXT?' equals Y.

## Line Deletion

To delete lines, position the cursor on the first line to delete, and type BREAK Dn where ' $n$ ' is the number of lines to be deleted. Omit ' $n$ ' to delete just one line. ' n ' can be any number up to about 65000 but DREAM will never delete the last line of the text table. You can use this fact to keep your own 'end of file' marker on the last line if you like.

Lines can also be deleted by first using the MARK and END-MARK commands \cD to mark a block of lines, then type BREAK DM to delete the block.

Whenever a line is deleted, or when a line is replaced by a shorter line, DREAM always compresses the text table to drop the redundant material. Hen_e the text table always occupies as little valuable memory space as possible. Deleting a lot of lines can be relatively slow as DREAM has a lot of housekeeping work to do. A flickering blob on the command line shows that DREAM is still at work.

## String Searching

DREAM can be made to search the text table for any character string. Searching always starts from the current line. To search the whole text table, first do a HOME command.

The FIND command (BREAK F) will position the cursor on the first occurrence of a string, with that line placed in the middle of the screen (if possible). If the string is not found, the table is positioned at END. The command is entered on the first line to be searched and has the form:

F/string/
Any non-blank character can be used to delimit the string e.g.,
F" 12 1/2\%"

Whatever character marks the start of the string must also mark the end.

The CHANGE command will search for one or all occurrences of a string, replacing it by a second string. e.g.,

```
C/string1/string2/ for one occurrence for
C/string1/string2/ A all occurrences
```

The replacement string can be longer or shorter than the searched string. To remove a string completely, string2 can be a 'null' string. e.g.,

## C/deletable//

If a new string is longer, take care, as it may cause characters to be shifted off the right end of a line and lost.

## Repeating a FIND or CHANGE

Pressing SHIFT and@togetherwill repeat the last FH'J.D or CHANGE command, starting at the next line. For example, to 'find all occurrences of a string, use F/string/ first, then type SHIFT @ repeatedly to find all subsequent occurrences.

## Marking a Block of Lines

Any number of continuous lines in the text table can be 'marked' for later use by the REPLICATE, DELETE, PRINT or SAVE commands. First locate the first line, of the block to be marked, and type BREAK M (for MARK) on it and press ENTER. Next locate the last line of the block and type BREAK N (for ENDMARK) and press ENTER.

The first and last of the marked lines are flagged by a block graphic replacing the right-most character.

Once 'marked' a block stays marked until cleared by the UN-MARK command (BREAK U), or until another block is marked, or until any DELETE or INSERT command is executed.

## Duplicating Lines

A marked block oflines can be copied into another part of the text table by using the REPLICATE command (BREAK R). First mark the lines using MARK and END-MARK, then place the cursor on the line in front of which the duplicated lines are to be inserted and type BREAK R (for REPLICATE).

On pressing ENTER the lines are copied. They have not been deleted from their original position - they now exist twice in the text table.
You can delete them from the old place by the DM command if required.

Don't try to copy lines into a position between the MARK and ENDMARK lines. You will not get a meaningful result.

## Cassette Input - Output

Having created a valuable table of text using DREAM you will want to be able to save it on tape and recall it at a later date. This can be done by using the SAVE and LOAD commands. To save the complete text table, position the cursor at HOME and enter the command:

Only one space must exist between the S and the filename, which is not enclosed in quotes. Only the first 8 bytes of 'filename' are significant.

Set the cassette machine ready to record the press ENTER.
You can save a selected number of lines only, by adding a parameter to the SAVE command, e.g.,

## S25 filename

will create a named text file on cassette consisting of 25 lines starting with the line on which you typed the command. Just one space must follow the number, which must immediately follow the S

A 'marked' block of lines can be saved by typing:

## SM filename

This will create a tape file consisting of all lines between those marked by the MARK and END-MARK commands inclusive.

Loading from Cassette

To load a DREAM text file from tape, enter the command:

## L filename

observing the syntax rules specified for the SAVE command. Only the number of characters you give for 'filename' will be used to match files on tape, e.g.,

## LP

will match any file whose name starts with the letter P .
As the tape is $\backslash$ read, the names of all file headers encountered will be shown on the command line. When a file name that matches the LOAD command is fbund, a flashing yellow blob at the right end of the command line indicates that loading is proceeding.

Should any loading error occur, an inverse 'E' will appear to the left of the flashing blob. In the eveat of this happening, press the reset button and reload the file.

## Merging Text Files

The LOAD command can be used to insert a DREAM file from tape into an existing text table in memory. Thus you can save a block of lines from one text table, load another text file, and insert the saved lines at any point. Do this by entering the LOAD command on the line prior to which insertion is required.

## Printing

The whole text table, or a selected number of lines, can be sent to a printer. Position the cursor on the first line to be printed and enter the command:

P to print all following lines or
Pn PMto print the next ' $n$ ' lines
or
to print a 'marked' block of lines
If you try this command without a printer connected, the Dragon will 'hang' and you will have to press the 'RESET' button to recover. This will take you back into BASIC.

You can pause the printer at the end of a line by pressing BREAK. Restart by typing ' P '. Typing ' 0 ' will terminate printing.

The Dragon allows you some control over the control bytes which are sent to the printer at the end of each line. Location 330 (decimal) is a count of the number of bytes to be sent. Locations 331 onwards contain the required control bytes. When you switch on the Dragon, location 3_O is initialised to 1, and locations 331, 332 to the values for CR (hex 0DJ and LF (hex 0AJ. If your printer needs both a CR and LF then you should POKE 2 into location 330 before entering DREAM. Other line termination sequences can be obtained by doing the appropriate POKEs.

## Cancelling Command Mode

DREAM commands are not executed until you press ENTER or an up or down arrow. If you press a key after BREAK which does not correspond to a recognised command, DREAM will reply with '?' when you press ENTER. If you decide you don't want to execute any command, type BREAK again and the data line will re-appear and command mode is cancelled.

The sequence BREAK, BREAK is in fact a valid quick way of returning the cursor to column one.

## The Recover Command

The RECOVER command (BREAK V) will enable you to recover from a typing slip. For example, if you inadvertently hit the CLEAR key while editing a line, and can't remember what you have lost, enter BREAK V and the line will reappear as it was before you started editing it. This will only work if you have the presence of mind not to move the cursor off the current line before using RECOVER.

## Executing the Assembler

The ASSEMBLE command (BREAK A) will transfer control to the Assembler part of DREAM. Before using this command you will need to read the instructions on how to prepare Assembler source statements, and, if you are new to the 6809 , the section on 6809 programming. The Assembler uses the source code you have prepared in the text table, and produces the corresponding machine 'object' code, storing it directly in memory, from where it can be directly executed.

## Tabbing

When typing Assembler source programs, it is sometimes desirable, though not necessary, to divide the statements into fixed fields on the screen for neatness and readability. Tab positions have been predefined in DREAM at columns 1, 8, 14, 23 and 31, giving convenient positions for Label, Op-code, Operand, and comments. Pressing SHIFT and the Space-bar together causes the cursor to skip to the next Tab position.

## Restoring Text Mode

This final Editor command is described here for completeness, though its significance will be more apparent after you have used the Assembler and executed machine code.

BREAK T re-initialises the Dragon to text mode, and is necessary when returning to the Editor from a machine code program that has left the Dragon in graphics mode.

## - 6809 PROGRAMMING

With its several 2-byte registers, the 6809 can operate internally as a 16 -bit processor for many operations. The registers are:

| A Accumulator | B Accumulator |
| :---: | :---: |
| D |  |
| X : Index Register |  |
| Y : Index Register |  |
| U : Stack Pointer / Index Register |  |
| S : Stack Pointer / Index Register |  |
| PC : Program Counter |  |
| E F H I N Z V C | CC : Condition Code Reg |
| DP | Direct Page Register |

A and B are 8 -bit general purpose accumulators used for arithmetic and logical operations. They can also be considered together as the 16bit D accumulator for certain instructions.
$X$ and $Y$ are 16-bit index registers, each used in a large number of indexed mode and other instructions.

U and S are stack pointers, S being inherently used by the 6809 for subroutines and interrupts. Both U and S share the same indexed mode addressing capabilities as X and Y .

The program counter is a 16 -bit pointer to the next instruction to be executed. It can be used in Program Counter Relative addressing not
just by branch instructions, but wherever indexed mode addressing is allowed. This enables the painless implementation of position independent object code.

The condition code Register holds 8 flags which represent the state of the processor and the results of previous instructions. The flags are:

B7 E Entire Flag
B6 F FIRQ Mask B5 H Half-Carry B4 I IRQ Mask B3 N Sign Flag B2 Z Zero Flag B1 V Overflow BO C Carry

Used by the RTI instruction
Prevents FIRQ Interrupts
Used by the DAA instruction
Prevents IRQ Interrupts
Set on negative result
Set on Zero result
Set on 2's complement overflow
Set on an un-signed overflow and by shift type operations

The 6800 and 6502 microprocessors have a fast, economical Direct Page addressing mode in which a constant zero is used as the top 8-bits of the address. The 6809 extends this concept by using the current contents of the DP register to form the top 8 -bits. Hence Direct Page Addressing can be used to access any chosen 256 byte page of memory.

## - 6809 ADDRESSING MODES

Inherent e.g., MUL

No operand field is coded as the operand is implied by the instruction.

Accumulator e.g., | CLRA |
| :--- |
| RORB |

Accumulator addressing is use.d by instructions that operate on a chosen accumulator only, with no reference to memory. No operand field is allowed.


Put a hash symbol in front of the operand to specify immediate addressing, implying that it is to be used as a value rather than an address. The first example will load the value 1 into A , not the contents of memory location 1 .

## Extended e.g., LDX >LABEL

For extended addressing, DREAM generates pairs of bytes (High,Low) to fully specify a 16 -bit memory address. The '>' symbol is only necessary when it is required to over-ride conditions that would cause Direct addressing to be used.

## Direct

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
\text { e.g., } & \text { STA } & \text { FIELD } \\
\text { INC } & \text { <COUNT }
\end{array}
$$

Direct addressing produces 1 address byte which forms the low order 8 bits of the memory address. The high order 8 -bits are supplied by the Direct Page Register. DREAM will use Direct mode when the operand address is computed to be within the page equal to the current SETDP setting (initially zero). The optional ' $<$ ' symbol will force Direct mode for this one instruction.

## Extended Indirect e.g., JSR (RADD)

In this mode, the operand is the address of a 16 -bit value in memory, which will be used to point to the operand.

| Register | e.g., | TFR | A,DP |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | PULS | D,PC |

Register addressing refers to the selection of the various 6809 registers.

## Indexed

Indexed addressing mode has several options. DREAM will create the correctly coded 'post-byte' following the op-code, for each option.
a) Zero Offset. e.g., LDA ,x

This, the fastest indexing mode, uses the specified X, Y, S or U register to point directly to the operand in memory.
b) Post Increment e.g., CLR ,Y+
LDD ,U++

The specified indexing register is incremented by 1 or 2 after addressing the operand in memory. No offset is permitted.
c) Pre Decrement
e.g., CMPA
STB

,--Y

The indexing register is decremented by 1 or 2 before being used to address memory. No offset is permitted.
d) Constant Offset
e.g.,

| NEG | I,X - |
| :--- | :--- |
| ASL STX | SMALL,Y |
|  | BIG,U |

In this mode a signed offset and the contents of the indexing register are added to form the effective operand address. The register contents are not changed. The offset is a signed 5,8 or 16 -bit value. The assembler will usually create the optimum size of offset.
e) Accumulator Offset e.g.,

| CMPX | A,U |
| :--- | :--- |
| LEAY | $\mathrm{D}, \mathrm{X}$ |

A signed value in the A, B or D accumulator is used as the offset. Thus the offset can be calculated at run time.

D Indexed Indirect. e.g., STD (,y++)
ADDB $(4, S)$
All the indexing modes excepting auto increment / decrement by 1, may have an additional level of indirection specified. The indexing mode is calculated first, and the 2-bytes at the memory thus addressed are used as the effective address of the operand.

## Relative Addressing (Branching)

The byte(s) following any branch instruction op-code are treated as a signed two's complement offset which is added to the Program Counter to obtain the address of the next instruction. Offsets can be I-byte (short) or 2-bytes (long). The assembler computes the offset - the programmer only has to code the memory address (explicitly or symbolically), and request a short or long offset by selection of the opcode mnemonic.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { e.g., BRA LBEQHERE } & \text { (short) } \\
\text { THERE } & \text { (long) }
\end{array}
$$

## Program Counter Relative e.g., LEAY LABEL,PCR

The Program Counter can be used as a pointer register with an 8 or 16bit signed offset. This addressing mode allows machine code programs to be produced which can execute without alteration, anywhere in memory. DREAM will select the optimum offset size, or it can be specified by the programmer.

A level of indirection can be applied additionally.
e.g., ADDD (POINT,PCR)

## Writing Assembler Source Code

Using DREAM, you can code one Assembler source statement per line. These statements consist of four fields - label, op-code, operand and comments. The op-code field is mandatory, label and comments are optional, an operand is required by some op-codes. The fields are separated by one or more spaces.

| e.g., LOOP LDA DATA; comment BEQ | Instruction with a label |
| :---: | :--- |
| LOOP; comment | Instruction with no label |
| RTS $\quad$; comment | Instruction with op-code |
|  | only |

When present, the label field must start in column 1 and have a maximum length of 6 characters. All characters in the label are significant and are used when matching labels coded in operand fields. Labels must only consist of alphabetic and numeric characters, and must start with an alphabetic. There is one exception: one label can start with the @ sign and is used to tell DREAM the first statement to execute when you come to run the resultant machine code program. It is advisable not to use the single letters A, B, D, X, Y, U or S nor $C C$, DP or PC as labels as these are normally used to refer to the internal registers of the 6809

## Examples of valid labels

TAG
@START
PART5

## Examples of invalid labels

| 3RD | must not start with a numeric |
| :--- | :--- |
| SECTION | too long |
| IN-OUT | must not contain any special characters |

## The Op-code Field

At least one space must separate the label from the op-code field. If no label is present, then there must be a space in column 1. The op-code field can contain any of the standard Motorola mnemonics for 6809 instructions or Assembler directives as listed in Appendix C.

## The Operand Field

One space or more must separate the op-code field from the operand. Not all Assembler statements require an operand, but when present it is used to represent an address or a constant or one or more registers on which the instruction will operate.

Within the operand field, hexadecimal numbers are preceded by a dollar sign (\$). Numbers not preceded by $\$$ are assumed to be decimal.

An address operand, or an offset for indexed addressing, can be specified as a decimal or hexadecimal value, or as a symbolic label which must be defined in the label field of one source statement.

## Examples

| LDA \$1234 | Absolute hex, address |
| :--- | :--- |
| LDA 1024 | Absolute decimal address |
| LDA DATA | Symbolic address Symbolic |
| LDA LEN,X | offset Absolute offset |
| LDA 5,X |  |

An asterisk in the operand field implies the value of the Assembler's program counter at the star't of the current statement.

Labels and absolute values can be combined using ' + ' and ' - '. DREAM will do the necessary arithmetic at assembly time.

## Examples

| LE AY | TAG+5,PCR END- |
| :--- | :--- |
| LDA | ST ART $+\$ 2 C^{*}+8$ |
| BRA |  |

Immediate addressing mode is signified by the hash sign (\#).

| LDA | \#'+ | immediate character |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| LDB | \#\$2F | immediate hex |
| CMP A | \# 123 | limmediate decimal |
| LDX | \#TAG | [mmediate symbolic |

## Controlling the Size of Offsets

In the absence of any '<' or ' '>' symbol, DREAM always selects the optimum offset size for absolmte offsets for indexed instructions. With symbolic offsets, DREAM can select the optimum size, but may have to execute several extra assembly passes to fully resolve the program. You can avoid this by telling DREAM the offset size to use. The symbol '<' selects an 8bit offset, and ' $>$ ' selects a 16 -bit offset. You cannot request a 5 -bit symbolic offset.

DREAM will flag an error if an 8 -bit offset is requested where a 16 -bit is necessary.

## Examples

| LDA | OFFSET, X | size selected by Assembler 8- |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| LDA | <OFFSET,X | bit offset requested 16-bit |
| LDA | $>$ OFFSET,X | offset requested note the |
| JMP LDA | «TABLE,PCR) | sequence (then < force a long <br> offset |

## Registers

Standard Motorola mnemonics are accepted for specifying registers. e.g.,

| PSHS | D,X |
| :--- | :--- |
| PULU | CC,Y,PC |
| TFR | A,DP B,S |
| LEAX | ,U |
| LDB |  |

## The Comments Field

Two or more spaces and a semi-colon should precede the optional comments field, which is completely free-form.

## - ASSEMBLER DIRECTIVES

## FCB / FCC

FCB and FCC are used to format data bytes. The data can be specified as decimal, hexadecimal, character or symbolic.

DREAM recognises both the FCC and FCB recommended Motorola directives, however they are handled identically. This gives the advantage of allowing decimal or hex, bytes to be coded together with character strings in the operand field.

Either an oblique or a quote can be used to bound character strings the same symbol must occur both ends.

A comma is used to separate sub-operands.

Examples of FCB (FCC)

| FCB | \$IF 123 | 1 hex byte |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| FCB | $-5, '$ A' | 1 decimal byte <br> FCB |
|  | 1 signed decimal byte followed by one <br> character byte |  |
| FCC | /TEXT/,0 | A character string terminated by a null The <br> FCB |
| VALUE | symbol must be defined elsewhere |  |

When the value assigned to a byte exceeds 256 , the low order byte value only is used. e.g.,

## FCB TAG

will generate the displacement of TAG within its page.

## The FDB Directive

FDB will format 16-bit values occupying 2 bytes each. Character values are preceded by a single quote. Commas separate sub-operands. Each sub-operand generates 2 bytes.

## Examples

| FDB | $* *$ | star and space |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| FDB | $\$ 1 \quad$ LABEL | gives hex. 0001 |
| FDB | $1,2,3$ | gives 16-bit address |
| FDB |  | gives 3 consecutive 16-bit fields |

## The RMB Directive

RMB is used to 'reserve memory bytes' containing no specific value. The Assembler's program counter is moved on by the number of bytes specified. If the operand of the RMB includes any symbolic reference, DREAM may have to use more than 2 passes to generate the object program.

## Examples

| RMB | 5 LENGTH | reserve 5 bytes <br> Rkip the number of bytes which <br> LENGTH is resolved as. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| RMB | LABEL-* | LE next statement will start at the <br> memory location specified by LABEL |

## The EQU Directive

Equate can be used to assign a value to a symbol label. The Assembler's program counter is not affected. If the operand includes a symbol not yet defined, DREAM will execute more than 2 assembly passes.

## Examples

| TAG | EQU | 500 | assign the value 500 to TAG <br> XYZ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| EQU | TAG+\$66 | XYZ will have the value 602 decimal V AL <br> has the same value or address as |  |
| VAL | EQU | FLD | FLD |

## The ORG Directive

ORG is used to set the Assembler's program counter, and hence the logical origin for the following generated code. DREAM initially assumes an ORG value equal to the bottom of the work-space. The label field is optional.

## Examples

|  | ORG | $\$ 5000$ | set p.c. to hex. 5000 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NEW | ORG | $*+8$ | equivalent to RMB 8 |

## The PUT Directive

PUT directs the object code from the Assembler to a specific area of
RAM. DREAM assumes an initial PUT to the bottom of the workspace. Normally PUT is preceded by an ORG, but they need not specify the same address if you are going to move the object code before executing it, or if your program uses position independent code throughout. Do not code a label field.

## Examples

PUT \$68E0
PUT

## The SETDP Directive

SETDP is used to tell the Assembler the current value of the Direct Page. The Assembler will then generate Direct Page addressing mode where appropriate for all following instructions where the operand is
computed to be within the specified page. DREAM assumes an initial SETDP of zero. The operand should be a hex. value in the range $\$ 00$ to $\$ F F$.

## Example

SETDP \$6A

## - ASSEMBLER OPERATION

The Assembler operates in a minimum of two passes of the source code. If you have written a good number of statements, you will notice a pause during pass 1 with just the pass number displayed. A symbol table is built during this pass, occupying memory within the DREAM workspace, just below the text table. This pass takes about 2 seconds per hundred source statements.

The second pass follows automatically, and the results are displayed on the screen. You can freeze the display by pressing BREAK. DREAM will pause itself whenever an error is found. Continue by typing A. Typing B will give a slower scroll (BROWSE mode).

The display shows the following columns:
1 The ORG'd address of the object code in hexadecimal
2 Up to 5 bytes of object code in hexadecimal.
OR an error message
3 The original source code. This column is continued on the next line if necessary.

## Error Messages

When DREAM detects a source code error, it displays ERROR in inverse video in the object code column, followed by a letter indicating the type of error. The codes are listed in Table 1 in Appendix D.

If you specify a PUT directive that attempts to load the object code into ROM memory, the message ROM? is displayed in the object code field.

If the object code attempts to overlay DREAM, or the text table or symbol table, the screen is cleared and the message FULL displayed. Pressing any key will return control to the Editor. Modify the PUT statement (if any) or QUIT from DREAM, allocate more workspace and re-enter DREAM to try again.

The Assembler process normally completes at the end of pass 2 , but if
you have coded a program involving complex resolving of symbolic labels, then DREAM.will automatically go into a third or even four or more passes. If the program cannot be resolved in 8 passes, Assembly terminates with the message 'UR' (un-resolvable). Go back to the Editor and supply more control over offset lengths, or remove forward referencing labels from the operand field of such statements as RMB or EQU. In general a 'UR' error is indicative of confused programm_ng.

## Assembler Keyboard Commands

At the end of the last pass, the total number of errors is shown, and DREAM waits for a command. Table 2 in Appendix D lists all the Assembler keyboard commands. To give a command, type BREAK followed by the letter and then press ENTER. If you type a command wrongly, type BREAK again and re-enter it.
You can display any number of further passes by BREAK A or B. Passes occur in cycles on eight, with the first of each cycle being a nondisplay pass.

BREAK P will output the results to a printer as well. At the end of a line, typing BREAK will pause the printer and display. Type P to continue printing. A or B will continue without print.

Unless you are experienced in Assembler programming, DREAM will probably have flagged some errors in your coding. When assembly is finished, the command BREAK Q will QUIT from the Assembler back to the Editor so you can correct your source code. The cursor will be positioned on the last statement that you edited.

Alternatively, while the Assembler is pausing during a display pass, e.g., when an error is shown, you may decide to return directly to the Editor to correct that statement rather than wait for the assembly to complete. Pressing Q at this stage will return control to the Editor with the same block of text displayed that was on the Assembler screen.

Once you have a clean Assembly, the resultant program can be tested. The command BREAK X will transfer control to your object program.

BREAK G will enter the DEBUG package "DREAMBUG". Dream tests for the existence of the DEBUG package in memory and returns the message 'NF' if it can not be found. mREAMBUG assists the testing of machine code programs by providing breakpoint and memory examine and change facilities etc.)

## Testing the Object Program

If you have not coded any PUT statement, then DREAM will store the object. code from the Assembler starting at the bottom of the workspace. e.g., if you reserved space with a statement CLEAR ssss, 20000 then the first assembled instruction will start at address 20001 decimal (hex. 4E21). Without an ORG statement, this will also be the logical address of that instruction as displayed on the output from the Assembler.

When you pass control to the object code by typing BREAK X at the end of assembly, execution will start at the instruction that had a label starting with the @ symbol. Ifthere is no such label, then execution will start at the address of the bottom of the workspace ( 20001 etc.). On entry to your program the direct page register is set to zero. DREAM transfers control by issuing a JSR instruction. If your program ends with RTS then control will be returned to the Editor (assuming successful execution).

DREAM automatically generates an RTS instruction at the end of your program, provided your last source statement was an instruction and not an Assembler Directive, but it is not a good idea to rely on this safety feature in your programs.

If your object program sets the Dragon into a graphics mode, then you may need to type BREAK T ENTER when execution has completed, to re-establish text mode for the Editor.

Object code generated by DREAM can also be executed via the Dragon EXEC command or USR function, if you leave DREAM and use the relevant BASIC statements. e.g.,

EXEC 20001 or
DEFUSR = 20001 : A = USR0(0)

## - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## Saving Object Code on Cassette

Object Code can be saved on tape and re-loaded by using the CSAVEM and CLOADM commands as described in the DRAGON handbook. The code can then be used at a later date without the ALLDREAM cartridge installed.

## Alternate Positioning of Object Code

You might wish to assemble a routine which you would prefer to have positioned at the top of RAM (say starting at 32001 dec.) so it can be used with a very large BASIC program. Assemble the code with an ORG of 32001, but with a PUT to the bottom of the workspace, and save the object code from the PUT area, using CSA VEM. Switch the Dragon off and on again to release DREAM's memory to BASIC. Load the saved object code using CLOADM with an appropriate offset so it will be positioned at 32001 .

Smaller routines can be assembled directly into the 128 byte area at the top of RAM (hex. 7F80 to 7FFF) which ALLDREAM does not use. Start the program with
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { ORG } & \$ 7 \mathrm{~F} 80 \\ \text { PUT } & *\end{array}$

## Accessing the Text Table

It can be useful to use the DREAM Editor to maintain files of data which can be read by your own machine code programs. DREAM contains a routine which you can access that will extract any line from the text table. An entry point to this routine exists at 2 bytes into DREAM i.e., 49154 decimal (hex. CO02).

To use the routine, load register X with the address of a 32 byte area into which the line is to be returned. Load register D with the line number required, the first line is numbered zero. You must set up the direct page register to contain hex 7E - the direct page used by ALLDREAM. If the D register refers to a line outside the current text table range, then a 'plus' condition is returned in the condition code register. For a valid line, the condition code will be set to 'minus'.

## APPENDIX A

Sample Memory Map with ALLDREAM Installed:

| Decimal Address |  |  | Hex Address |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 65535-65280 | SYSTEM \& I/O AREAS |  | FFFF-FFOO |
| 65279-57344 | UNUSED |  | FEFF-EOOO |
| 57343-49152 | ALLDREAM CARTRAGE |  | DFFF-COOO |
| 49151-32768 | BASIC INTERPRITER ROM |  | BFFF-8000 |
| 32767-32640 | UNUSED |  | 7FFF-7F80 |
| 32639-32512 | Debug breakpoint and trace history tables. |  | 7F7F-7E00 |
| 32511-20001 | DREAM <br> WORK <br> SPACE | control fields | 7EFF-7E00 |
|  |  | text table (grows down) | 7DFF-4E21 |
|  |  | symbol table (grows down) |  |
|  |  | unused |  |
|  |  | object code (grows up) |  |
| 20000-19800 | BASIC STRING STORAGE |  | 4E20-4D58 |
| 19799-7680 | SYSTEM STACK (grows down) |  | 4D57-1E00 |
|  | FREE SPACE |  |  |
|  | BASIC PROGRAM STORAGE (grows up) |  |  |
| 7679-1536 | GRAPHICS PAGES 1 TO 4 |  | 1DFF-0600 |
| 1535-1024 | TEXT SCREEN MEMORY |  | 05FF-0400 |
| 1023-0 |  | SYSTEM USE | 03FF-0000 |

The map shows the usage of memory with the ALLDREAM cartridge installed, assuming an initial CLEAR 200,20000, and assuming the default 4 high resolution graphics pages. The arrows show the direction in which expandable area will grow.

## APPENDIX B - EDITOR OPERATION

Cursor Positioning, Scrolling, and Editing

RIGHT ARROW
LEFT ARROW
SHIFT RIGHT ARROW
SHIFT LEFT ARROW
BREAK, BREAK
CLEAR
ENTER
UP ARROW
DOWN ARROW
SHIFT UP ARROW
SHIFT DOWN ARROW
SHIFT @
SHIFT SPACE
cursor right
cursor left
insert character
delete character cursor to column 1 erase rest of current line cursor to next line cursor up cursor down scroll back scroll forwards repeat last FIND or CHANGE command tab to pre-defined columns

## COMMANDS

Type BREAK then the command

A
C/s1/s2/
C/s1/s2/A
D
Dn
DM
E
F/s1/
H
I
In
L name
M
N
P
Pn
PM
Q
execute assembler
change string 1 to string2
ditto - all occurrences
delete 1 line
delete $n$ lines
delete marked block
end -display last 8 lines
find string 1
home - display first 16 lines
insert 1 line
insert n lines
load DREAM file from tape
mark first line of a block
mark end line of a block
print rest of text file
print next $n$ lines
print marked block
quit - return to BASIC

Sn name
SM name
T
U
V
replicate marked block
save complete text table on tape save next $n$ lines save marked block re-establish text mode un-mark marked block recover line as before editing

## APPENDIX Cl-INSTRUCTION OP-CODES

(Excluding Branch Instructions)
m.b. $=$ memory byte

16-bit m.v. refers to the contents of 2 consecutive memory bytes

| ABX | Unsigned add of B to X |
| :---: | :---: |
| ADCA,ADCB | Add I m.b. plus carry flag to A or B |
| ADDA,ADDB | Add I m.b. to A or B accumulator |
| ADDD | Add 16-bit m.v. to D accumulator |
| ANDA,ANDB | Logical AND of 1 m.b. with A or B |
| ANDCC | Logical AND of immediate byte with CC |
| ASLA,ASLB | Arithmetic left shift of $1 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{b}$. or A or B |
| ASRA,ASRB | Arithmetic right shift of $1 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{b}$. or A or B |
| BITA,BITB | Set CC as for ANDA, ANDB but leave A or B unchanged |
| CLR,CLRA,CLRB | Clear $1 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{b}$. or A or B to zero |
| CMPA,CMPB | Compare A or B with 1 m.b. |
| CMPD | Compare D with 16-bit m.v. |
| CMPS,CMPU | Compare stack pointer with memory |
| CMPX,CMPY | Compare index register with memory |
| COM,COMA,COMB | Invert all bits in a m.b. or A or B |
| CWAI | AND immed. byte with CC and wait for interrupt |
| DAA | Decimal adjust A accum. |
| DEC,DECA,DECB | Decrement $1 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{b}$. or A or B by 1 |
| EORA,EORB | Exclusive-OR A or B with 1 m.b. |
| EXG | Exchange contents of any 2 like-size regs. |
| INC,INCA,INCB | Increment $1 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{b}$. or A or B by 1 |
| JMP | Jump to effective address |
| JSR | Jump to subroutine |
| LDA,LDB | Load A or B from 1 m.b. |
| LDD | Load 16-bit m.v. into D |
| LDS,LDU | Load $2 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{b}$.'s into stack pointer |
| LDX,LDY | Load 2 m.b.'s into index register |
| LEAS,LEAU | Load effective address into stack pointer |


| LEAX,LEAY | Load effective address into index register |
| :--- | :--- |
| LSL,LSLA,LSLB | Logical left shift of $1 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{b}$. or A or B |
| LSR,LSRA,LSRB | Logical right shift of $1 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{b}$. or A or B |
| MUL | Unsigned multiply D = A times B |
| NEG,NEGA,NEGB | Negate $1 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{b}$. or A or B |
| NOP | Single byte no-operation |
| OR,ORA,ORB | Logical OR of 1 m.b. with A or B |
| ORCC | Logical OR of immediate byte with CC |
| PSHS,PSHU | Push any subset of regs onto S or U stack |
| PULS,PULU | Pull any subset of regs from S or U stack |
| ROL,ROLA,ROLB | Rotate left 1 m.b. or A or B with carry |
| ROR,RORA,RORB | Rotate right 1 m.b. or A or B with carry |
| RTI | Return from Interrupt |
| RTS | Return from Subroutine |
| SBCA,SBCB | Subtract 1 m.b. and carry flag from A or B |
| SEX | Extend the sign bit of B throughout A |
| STA,STB | Store A or B into 1 m.b. |
| STD | Store D into 2 m.b.'s |
| STS,STU | Store stack pointer in memory |
| STX,STY | Store index register in memory |
| SUBA,SUBB | Subtract 1 m.b. from A or B |
| SUBD | Subtract 16-bit m.v. from D |
| SWI,SWI2,SWI3 | Software interrupts |
| SYNC | Synchronise with interrupt |
| TFR | Transfer contents of any register to any other of like size |
| TST,TSTA,TSTB | Test the value of 1 m.b. or A or B |

## TST,TSTA,TSTB

## APPENDIX C2-BRANCH INSTRUCTIONS

Gp-codes starting with L are 'long' branches producing a 16-bit signed offset

| BCC,LBCC | Branch if carry clear |
| :--- | :--- |
| BCS,LBCS | Branch if carry set |
| BEQ,LBEQ | Branch if equal |
| BGE,LBGE | Branch if greater or equal (signed) |
| BGT,LBGT | Branch if greater (signed) |
| BHI,LBHI | Branch if high (un-signed) |
| BHS,LBHS | Branch if high or same (un-signed) |
| BLE,LBLE | Branch if less or equal (signed) |
| BLO,LBLO | Branch if lower (un-signed) |
| BLS,LBLS | Branch if lower or same (un-signed) |


| BLT,LBLT | Branch if less than (signed) |
| :--- | :--- |
| BMI,LBMI | Branch if minus |
| BNE,LBNE | Branch if not equal |
| BPL,LBPL | Branch if plus |
| BRA,LBRA | Branch always |
| BRN,LBRN | Branch never (no-operation) |
| BSR,LBSR | Branch to subroutine (un-conditional) |
| BVC,LBVC | Branch if overflow clear <br> BVS,LBVS |
| Branch if overflow set |  |

## APPENDIX C3 - ASSEMBLER DIRECTIVES

| EQU | Equate |
| :--- | :--- |
| FCB/FCC | Format bytes and concatenated characters |
| FDB | Format double bytes |
| ORG | Set logical origin |
| PUT | Set physical target address |
| RMB | Reserve memory bytes |
| SETDP | Declare Direct Page |

## APPENDIX D

TABLE 1 - Assembler Error Codes

| B | 8 bit offset requested where a 16 bit is required |
| :--- | :--- |
| C | Invalid register combination on EXG or TFR |
| D | Duplicate defined label |
| F | Short branch used where a long branch is required |
| I | Invalid indexing |
| L | Invalid label field |
| O | Invalid Op-code |
| R | Invalid register |
| S | Syntax error in operand field |
| U | Undefined label found in operand |
| X | Invalid constant |

TABLE 2 - Assembler Keyboard Commands (Precede by BREAK)

| A | Assemble again (a further pass) |
| :--- | :--- |
| B | Assemble at browse speed |
| G | Enter Debug package |
| P | Print assembled program |
| Q | Quit - return to Editor |
| X | Execute object program |

# APPENDIX E 

## System Error Messages

Message Meaning

NO TEXT A reply of'Y' was given to OLD TEXT? on the title screen, but a valid text table does not exist in RAM.

Reply N to start a new text table.
FULL The DREAM workspace is full, or the output from the Assembler is attempting to overlay DREAM or its internal tables.

Press enter to return to the Editor, then delete some lines or correct any PUT/ORG statements.

NF Attempting to enter the Debug package but the Debug identification pattern was not found in the expected position.

UR The Assembler has done 8 passes of the source code but has not been able to resolve the program.

Return to the Editor and simplify the usage of forward symbolic references. The problem can also be caused by coding a program that attempts to generate different object code for the same area of memory, by bad use of the ORG or PUT statements.

ERROR X The Assembler has found an error in the source program.
Look in Appendix D for an explanation of x .

ROM? The object code from the Assembler is attempting to overlay an area of ROM.

Return to the Editor and correct the PUT or ORG statements.

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APPENDIX F - SAMP LE PROGRAMS
4 0 0 0 ~ * T h i s ~ p r o g r a m ~ o u t p u t s ~ t h e ~ l e t t e r ~ A
    *to all positions of the screen
    *
    *Put the address of the start of VDU
    *RAM into the X index register
    *
4007 * Ha ve we reached the end of the screen?
*007 *-If not go back to LOOP
4007 8C0600 CMPX #$0600
BLO LOOP
400C * All done-now wait for the key to be
400C **)
400C BD8006 WAIT JSR BEQ $8006 Any key typed? -no
```

*That program executed too quickly to *see what was happening-let's slow *it down a bit
4000
4000
4000 8E0400
4003
4003
4003
40038641
4005
4005
4005
4005
4005
4005
4005 A 780
4007
4007
400A 25F9
400C
400C *
4011
4011
4011
401139
4012

4000
4000
4000 4000

| 4000 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4000 8E0400 |  | LDX | \#\$0400 |  |
| 40038641 |  | LDA | \#'A |  |
| 4005 矢780 | LOOP | STA | , X+ |  |
| 4007 |  |  |  |  |
| 4007 | *Now load the value 5000 into Y and |  |  |  |
| 4007 |  | wn to zero | een each 'PO |  |
| 4007 | *to the screen |  |  |  |
| 4007 * |  |  |  |  |
| 4007 108E1388 |  | LDY | \#5000-1,Y |  |
| 400B 313F | DELAY | LEAY | DELAY | decrement Y repeat |
| 400D 26FC |  | BNE | \#\$0600 | until zero |
| 400F 8C0600 |  | CMPX | LOOP |  |
| 4012 25FI |  | BLO | \$8006 |  |
| 4014 BD8006 W | AIT | JSR | WAIT | Any key typed? -no (value is 0 ) |
| 4017 27FB |  | BEQ |  |  |
| 4019 | $\uparrow$ |  |  |  |
| 401939 |  | RTS |  |  |
| 401A | * |  |  |  |
| 4000 | * |  |  |  |
| 4000 | *Now let's output the alphabet |  |  |  |
| 4000 | *repeatedly |  |  |  |
| 4000 | * |  |  |  |
| 4000 8E0400 |  | LDX | \#\$0400 |  |
| 40038641 | RESET | LDA | \#'A , X+ |  |
| 4005 A 780 | LOOP | STA |  |  |
| 4007 | * |  |  |  |
| 4007 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4007 | *Now increment the A register and test <br> *when it exceeds the letter z |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 4007 \\ & 40074 C \end{aligned}$ | * |  |  |  |
| 4008 815A |  | INCA | \#'Z RESET | ;increment A reg |
| 400A 22F7 |  | CMPA |  |  |
| 400C 400C 108 | E03E8 | BHI |  | go and reset to A |
| 4010 313F | DELAY | LDY |  | (a bit faster) |
| 401226FC |  | LE AY | $\begin{aligned} & \# 1 \\ & \text { I,Y } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 4014 |  | LE AY BNE | DELAY |  |
| 40148 C 060040 | 1,725EC | BNE |  |  |
| 4019 BD8006 W | AIT | CMPX | \#\$0600 |  |
| 401 E |  | BLO | LOOP |  |
| 401E 39 |  | JSR | \$8006 |  |
| 401F | $\cdots$ | BEQ | WAIT |  |
|  |  | RTS |  |  |


| 4000 | *This version uses the Dragon's 50 hz *clock to control the timing. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4000 | * First, disable the interrupt so we can |  |  |  |  |
| 4000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4000 | * |  |  |  |  |
| 4000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4000 1 AlO |  | ORCC | \#\$10 | set IRQ mask bit |  |
| 4002 | * |  |  |  |  |
| 4002 8E0400 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 400586414007 |  | LDX | \#\$0400 |  |  |
| A 7804009 | RESET | LDA | \#'A |  |  |
| 4009 4C 400A | LOOP | STA | , $\mathrm{X}+$ |  |  |
| 815A 400C | * |  |  |  |  |
| 22 F 7 | INCA |  |  |  |  |
| 400E |  |  |  |  |  |
| 400E | *Now wait for the interrupt-as it |  |  |  |  |
| 400 E | *has been masked, execution will <br> *continue with the next instruction *after |  |  |  |  |
| 400 E |  |  |  |  |  |
| 400E | SYNC |  |  |  |  |
| 400E 13 | * |  |  |  |  |
| 400 F | SYNC |  |  | ;wait for IRQ |  |
| 400F |  |  |  |  |  |
| 400F | * Now clear the source of the interrupt *this is done by 'reading' one of *the |  |  |  |  |
| 400F |  |  |  |  |  |
| 400F | special I/O locations |  |  |  |  |
| 400F F6FF02 | * |  |  |  |  |
| 4012 | * | LDB | \$FF02 | clear irpt source |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 4012 \text { 8C0600 } \\ & 4015 \text { 25FO } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | CMPA | \#'Z |
| 4017 BD8006 |  | CMPX | \#\$0600 | BRI | RESET |
| 401A 27FB | WAIT | BLO | LOOP |  |  |
| 401C 401C |  | JSR | \$8006 |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1CEF 401E } 39 \\ & \text { 401F } \end{aligned}$ |  | BEQ | WAIT | Enable IRQ again |  |
|  | * |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\cdots$ | ANDCC | \#\$EF |  |  |
|  |  | RTS |  |  |  |
| 02450245 | * Using | Direct Page | de LDA |  |  |
| 86030247 |  | \#\$03 TFR | DP |  |  |
| 1F8B 0249 |  | SETDP \$ | STB |  |  |
| 0249 D704 |  | STORE |  | tell assembler |  |


| 024B 9EOO |  | LDX C | VALUE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 024D OF34 |  | ADCB | <OTHER | force direct mode force extended mode |
| 024F F9025B | * Branch etc |  | >TAG |  |
| 0252 | BRA |  |  |  |
| 02522004 | LBNE |  | NEAR |  |
| 0254 012603E8 |  | JSR | FAR \$8006 |  |
| 0258 BD8006 | NEAR |  | absolute |  |
| 025B * |  |  |  |  |
| 025B * |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 025B 0258 | TAG | FDB | NEAR |  |
| 0300 ORG _OO PUT |  |  | \$0300 |  |
| 0300 C350 | VALUE | FDB | \$3900 |  |
| 0302 FDA8 | NEG | FDB | 50000 | 2 byte decimal negative |
| 030496 | STORE | FCB | -600 |  |
| 0305 | WORK | RMB | 15012 | 1 byte decimal |
| 03115065746572 NAME FCC |  |  | /Peter/ |  |
| 0316 ODOA | CRLF | FCB | \$D,\$A | character string hexadecimal bytes |
| 03181C2B09 MIX FCB |  |  | \$IC, '+', 9 |  |
| 031B 0311 | ANAME | FDB | NAME | hex, char, dec. address constant |
| 031D* | *examples of equated values |  |  |  |
| 031 D * examples of equated values |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 031D 800F | CONOUT EQU |  |  |  |
| 031D 0310 | END | EQU | \$800F | hex. address |
| 031D OOOC | LWORK EQU |  | WORK + 11 |  |
| 031D 04BO | BIG | EQU | NAME- WO | K 1200 |
| 031D 0014 | SMALL | EQU | decimal 20 |  |
| 031D 0640 | FAR | EQU | NEAR+1O00 |  |
| 031D 1234 | OTHER | EQU | \$1234 |  |

## - DREAMBUG

DREAMBUG is a comprehensive machine code test tool for the Dragon 32 microcomputer, and is supplied as part of the ALLDR1<;AM cartridge.

## With DREAMBUG you can:

Disassemble any 6809 machine code.
Obtain a formatted dump of any part of memory, in hexadecimal and Ascii.

Dynamically switch between dump mode and disassembly.
Single step through machine code programs.
Dynamically trace the execution of machine code showing all registers after each instruction, and the instructions in hexadecimal and disassembled form.

Set up a "stop condition", e.g. to test when an area of memory is being corrupted, and execute machine code until the condition is met.

Display the last 8 instructions that were executed up to the stop condition, or from any trace.

Maintain a table of up to ten "break-points" for insertion in code to be tested, and execute the code showing the registers and next instruction when a break-point is reached.

Examine and change memory and registers.
Optionally output the results to a printer.
Do hexadecimal arithmetic and decimal to hexadecimal converSIOn.

## - ENTERING DREAMBUG

You can enter DREAMBUG either directly from BASIC or from DREAM after assembling a program.

The entry point from BASIC is at 54148 decimal (hex. D384). Enter:
EXEC 54148
From DREAM type:
BREAK $G$ at the end of the assembly process
DREAMBUG will display a title and. the prompt symbol ">".

## DREAMBUG COMMANDS

All commands to DREAMBUG consist of a single letter followed by up to three parameters. Example:

A 20001,3
The single letter identifies the command. One or more spaces can separate the letter from the parameters (if any) which are separated by commas, and can be decimal or hexadecimal values. For some commands, parametl; rs can also be specified as symbolic labels referring to instructions in a program you have just assembled, provided you entered DREAMBUG from DREAM.

Parameters written as numbers are assumed to be decimal. Hexadecimal values must be preceded by a dollar sign (\$). Symbolic labe,ls start with a letter or the character "@". Example:

| 123 | decimal |
| :--- | :--- |
| \$123 | hexadecimal |
| TAG5 | symbolic label |

Commands are typed immediately after the ">" prompt symbol. A command line cannot exceed 20 bytes and is completed by typing ENTER. While typing a command, corrections can be made by typing <- to backspace and erase for retyping.

Commands which are not recognised, or which are syntactically or logically incorrect, are flagged by"??".

Appendix G lists all the commands.

## BREAK POINTS

You can maintain and use a table of up to 10 break points via the B, C, I and L commands. " B " adds a break point entry to the table, " c " clears
an entry, "L" lists the table and "I" inserts an SWI (software interrupt) at each break-point position, into the program to be tested, and then executes the target program.

When an SWI instruction is executed, control returns to DREAMBUG which will display the contents of the CPU registers, and the next instruction to be executed. You can then use other DREAMBUG commands such as examine and alter memory and registers as desired, before continuing execution.

Whenever control returns to DREAMBUG, either by reaching an SWI or by. exiting from the target program via an RTS instruction etc., DREAMBUG replaces all the inserted SWI break-points with the original instructions, so any non break-point execution can occur without interference.

Break-points cannot be inserted into ROM.

## - ADDING AND DELETING BREAK POINTS

To add a break-point, type:
Ba
Where "a" signifies the address for the break-point. Example:
B \$4E26 B
5892
B LABEL
.Note that this only adds an entry to the table. Break-points are not inserted into the target program until the "I" command is given.

To clear a break-point type:
Ca
e.g. C \$4E26 C

5892 C
LABEL
Again, this only removes an entry from the table and does not directly affect the machine code program.

To list the current break-point table, use the "L" command, which has no parameters:

L

The list shows the hex address and the instruction in disassembled form, at each break-point position. The symbolic label is also shown for break-point addresses that were specified in that way.

## - TESTING WITH BREAK POINTS

To execute the program to be tested, using break-pointing, use the "I" command, which has one optional parameter to specify the starting address for execution. If no parameter is given, execution continues from the last break-point reached, or from the last traced instruction (see commands A, Sand T). Example:

## I @

I LABEL I
\$4E55 I

> (processed from break-point or trace)

All breakpoints in the current table are inserted into the target code, and control passes to the target program at the specified address. On the nrst entry, the Direct Page register will be set to zero. Subsequently, all registers will be reset to their values when execution was interrupted.

Execution then proceeds at full speed until a breakpoint is reached, when DREAMBUG immediately regains control and lists the CPU registers across the screen, in the sequence:

## CC A B DP X Y U PC

A heading line is shown before the register display line, only when such a heading line does not already exist on the screen.

All the register values are shown in hexadecimal. Example:
8448 2A 00 14EF 00042112 4E27

The instruction that was about to be displayed is then shown in hex and disassembled form. Example:

4E27 2715
BEQ \$4E3E
ThiE is the instruction that will be executed next if you give an "I" or a trace command with no start address.

If no break point was reached but the target program exists back to DREAMBUG, then EXIT is shown in inverse video followed by the register display. Again, all break points are removed from the target program.

When DREAMBUG has regained control you are free to execute any other command to help testing the program. If you choose to enter the target program again from a specific address, you should ensure that it is an address at the same level on the system stack as when execution was interrupted.

## INSTRUCTION TRACING

The ability to trace the execution of machine code in RAM or ROM is supported by four commands, A, H, S, and T.

## - AUTO TRACING

The "A" command (Auto trace) reports the execution of each instruction and proceeds immediately with the next. It takes two optional parameters. The first specifies the address of the first instruction to be traced. If omitted, auto-trace occurs from the last trace or break-point. The second parameter controls the information displayed after each instruction: a value of 1 gives a register dump, 2 shows the instruction about to be executed, and 3 shows both registers and instructions. The default value is 1 . Example:

| A TAG,2 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| A 20009 |  |
| A ,3 |  |
| A |  |

Always use option 3 when printing an Auto Trace. Auto trace mode is terminated by typing BREAK.

## - TRACE 1 OR MORE INSTRCCTIONS

The "T" command (Trace) executes 1 or more instructions and then returns to give a register dump and prompt. The first parameter specifies the starting address. When omitted, trace continues from the last trace or break point. Parameter 2 is also optional. It specifies the number of instructions to be executed before giving a register dump and prompt. The default value is 1 , the maximum is 32767: Example:

```
T LABEL
T $4E21,5
T
T ,20 Execute the next 20 instructions.
```


## - STOP MODE TRACE

The "S" command allows you to specify a condition to be tested for after each machine instruction. When the condition is found, a register dump is given, and the next instruction displayed. The command takes three parameters. The optional first gives the starting address as in A and T commands. The second gives the memory address involved in the stop condition test.

The optional third parameter specifies the condition to be tested for. When omitted, trace stops when the byte at the test address changes from its value at trace start. When parameter 3 is given as a decimal or hex. value, then trace stops when one byte at the test address contains that value.

Parameter 3 can alternatively be coded as an asterisk (*). This will cause the trace to terminate when the instruction at the test address is about to be executed. Example:

> S @,\$4E55 stop when the contents of $\$ 4 \mathrm{E} 55$ changes
> S ,TAG,\$FF stop when the byte at TAG contains hex FF S ,\$4E21, *
> stop when the program counter reaches $\$ 4 \mathrm{E} 21$

The trace commands execute the target program at a maximum rate of 25 instructions per second. The 50 Hz timer clock is used extensively by DREAMBUG and so programs which use the IRQ interrupt cannot be traced.

All the trace commands can be prematurely terminated by typing BREAK.

If any traced program goes through the exit back into DREAMBUG, then the EXIT message is shown and tra_e mode terminates.

If trace command is given with no starting address (param. 1 omitted) but DREAMBUG does not know where to trace from, the command is flagged as logically invalid. This can occur Jor instance after the EXIT has been taken.

## TRACE HISTORY

The " H " command (History) displays the last 8 (or less) instructions that were executed by any of the "A", "S", or "T" trace commands. The instructions are shown in hex. and disassembled form. The display is followed by a register dump and the next instruction to be executed is shown.

This command is particularly useful after a stop condition has been encountered, to show for instance the path via which an error occurred.

The history table is reset by any command that requests target program execution from a specific address.

## - NORMAL EXECUTION

The " X " command executes the target program without break points or tracing. The one optional parameter specifies the starting address. DREAMBUG regains control only when the target program successfully negotiates the exit. Example:

```
X@ execute from the start label
X execute from the last trace or break-point
```


## MEMORY DUMP

The " D " command displays the contents of memory starting from the address in parameter 1 , up to the parameter 2 address. If address 2 is omitted, a continuous dump is given.

The dump shows the memory address in hexadecimal and the memory contents in hex. and Ascii characters. Non-displayable Ascii bytes are shown as full stops.

The dump can be terminated by typing BREAK.
While dumping, the display speed can be controlled by typing a number from 1 to 9,1 gives the slowest scroll, 9 the fastest

Typing a " 0 " (zero) will freeze the display until another character is typed.
Typing "U" will switch into the un-assemble mode (see Unassemble command).
Type "D" to get back into dump mode. Example:

D \$4E21,\$4E28

4E21 41420733
AB. 3
4E25 4083 2A IF

## - DIS-ASSEMBLY (UN-ASSEMBLE COMMAND)

The "U" command gives a display of memory interpreted as machine instructions, shown both in hexadecimal and in pseudo assembly language form. The parameters are the start and finish addresses as in the " D " command.

Bytes which cannot be interpreted as valid 6809 instructions are shown in hex. and Ascii where displayable. The character value of immediate operands is also shown where displayable.

The keyboard can be used to control the display as in the Dump command.

Type " D " to switch into dump mode. Type BREAK to terminate disassembly. Example:

U \$79BB, $\$ 79 \mathrm{C} 1$

| 79BB | BD8006 | JSR | $\$ 8006$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 79 BE | 8157 | CMPA | $\# \$ 57$ | W |
| 79 CO | 27 F 5 | BEQ | $\$ 79 \mathrm{~B} 7$ |  |

## - USING A PRINTER

If you have a printer available, the results from the trace commands, memory dumps, and disassembly, can be output to the printer as well as the screen.

The DREAMBUG command "P" enables printing for all subsequent output. The " 0 " command turns offprinting. These commands have no parameters.

## - MEMORY EXAMINE AND CHANGE

The Memory Modify command (M) allows you to change the contents of any bytes in RAM. The one optional parameter specifies the first byte to be displayed for possible modification. If the parameter is omitted, the command continues from the last byte accessed.

Type $M$ and the RAM address. On typing ENTER the memory address is displayed followed by its contents in hexadecimal. A dollar sign prompt is then shown to prompt you that any replacement value must be given in hexadecimal.

To move on to the next byte, just press ENTER. Hold the ENTER key down to go into auto-repeat.

To change memory contents, type pairs of hexadecimal characters against the required start address. On pressing ENTER the values are loaded into memory and the display moves onto the byte after the last one changed.

The memory bytes changed are re-read and checked equal to the requested new values. If a mismatch exists, the message ROM? is shown and the " M " command terminates.

As DREAMBUG's keyboard buffer is 20 bytes long, you can enter new data for up to 10 consecutive bytes before typing ENTER. Each new byte value must be typed as a hexadecimal pair.

For ease of readability, you can type commas between pairs - they are optional.

Typing a minus sign (-) causes the previous byte to be displayed. A string of minuses can be entered to go back to a maximum of 20 bytes.

Type BREAK to exit from the "M" command.
Example: Assume bytes 4E60 to 4E63 contain the word "DARK" which is to be changed to "DUCK".

| M \$4E60 | (press ENTER) |
| :--- | :--- |
| 4E60 44 \$ | (press ENTER, no change) |
| 4E61 41 \$55,43 | (press ENTER, changes 2 bytes) |
| 4E63 4B \$-- | (ENTER, go back 3 bytes) |
| 4E60 44 \$ |  |
| 4E61 55 \$ |  |
| 4E62 43 \$ |  |
| 4E63 4B \$ |  |
| $>$ | (press BREAK) |

## - REGISTER MODIFICATION

The " R " command is a special case of memory modification as it displays the memory bytes where the register contents were saved when DREAMBUG regained control from your program. No parameter is required. The register bytes are accessed in the sequence CC A B DP X-high X-low Y-high Y-Iow Vhigh V-low PC-high PC-low. You may find it helpful to use the "H" command first to get a labelled register dump across the screen.

After modifying registers as desired, these new values will be in force when you continue execution of the target program.

## - EVALUATE COMMAND

The "V" command takes two address type parameters and displays in hexadecimal the sum of the two, and the value of the first minus the second. The second parameter is optional - the default value is zero. Example:

| V \$400,\$280 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 0680 0180 | (hex sum \& difference) |
| V 25,100 |  |
| OOFD FFB5 |  |
| V LABEL |  |
| 4E25 4E25 | (address of LABEL) |
| V 10966 | (decimal to hex <br> 2AD6 2AD6 |

## . LEAVING DREAMBUG

The "Q" command (Quit) returns control to DREAM or BASIC.
The break point table will have to be re-created on re-entry to DREAMBUG.

## - MAXIMUM WORKSPACE

To allocate as much memory to ALLDREAM as possible, proceed as follows before entering DREAM. Firstly use the PCLEAR command in BASIC to reserve the minimum 1 high resolution graphics page. Then use the CLEAR statement with zero string space, and lowering the second address. In order to leave plenty of space for the CPU stack, it is advisable not to go below 3400 decimal. Example:

```
PCLEAR 1
CLEAR 0,3400
```

Then execute DREAM. The workspace now has over 29,000 bytes.

## APPENDIX G - DREAMBUG COMMANDS

## Parameter Types:

| a | address (label or decimal or hex, max, value 65535) |
| :---: | :---: |
| b | 1 byte value (decimal or hex, max, value 255) |
| c | counter (decimal or hex, max, value 32767) |
| i | indicator (decimal, value 1, 2 or 3) |
| * | special (indicates PC value) |
| Commands: | (brackets mark optional parameters - do not code brackets as part of a command) |
| A (a) (,i) | Auto trace from address "a" $\mathrm{i}=1$ displays registers (default) $i=2$ shows instructions executed $\mathrm{i}=3$ shows registers and instructions |
| B a | Add break point for address "a" to table |
| Ca | Clear break point for address "a" from table |
| D (a1) (a2) | Dump memory from a1 to a2 |
| H | Show trace history |
| I (a) | Insert break points into target code \& execute from address "a" |
| L | List break point table |
| M (a) | Memory examine and modify Printer off |
| P | Printer on |
| Q | Quit - return to DREAM or BASIC |
| R | Register examine and modify |
| S (a1), a2 | Trace execute from aI, stop when byte at a2 changes |
| S (a1), a 2, b | Stop when byte at a2 equals value "b" |
| S (a1), a 2 , * | Stop when PC reaches a2 |
| T (a1) (, c) | Execute "c" instructions starting from a1 |
| U (a1) (,a2) | Un-assemble memory from a1 to a2 |
| V a1 (, a ) | Evaluate a1 +a2 and a1-a2 |
| X (a1) | Execute from a1 without trace or break points |
| Y | Re-establish text mode |

