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1 About this document

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Getting started with E-Blocks.pdf
This describes the E-blocks system and how it can be used to develop complete systems for learning electronics and for PICmicro programming.
PPP Help file
This describes the PPP software and its functionality. PPP software is used for transferring hex code to a PICmicro microcontroller.

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2 General information

Description
This is an LCD Display designed for E-blocks. It is a 16 character, 2-line alphanumeric LCD display connected to a single 9-way D-type connector. This allows the device to be connected to most E-Block I/O ports.

The LCD display requires data in a serial format, which is detailed in the user guide below. The display also requires a 5V power supply. Please take care not to exceed 5V, as this will cause damage to the device. The 5V is best generated from the E-blocks Multiprogrammer or a 5V fixed regulated power supply.

The potentiometer RV1 is a contrast control that should be used to adjust the contrast of the display for the environment it is being used in.

Features
- E-blocks compatible
- Low cost
- Compatible with most I/O ports in the E-Block range (requires 5 I/O lines via 9 way D-type connector)
- Ease to develop programming code using Flowcode icons.

3 LCD Board Layout

1) 9 Way D-type Plug
2) 16 character, 2-line alphanumeric LCD display
3) 9 Screw terminal
4) Contrast Control
4 Getting Started

As can be seen the circuit diagram (Appendix 1) consists of a simple LCD circuit. To test this board you will need to apply 5V to the LCD Board via the screw terminal and then set the appropriate bits using the 9-Way D-type connector. The details off the LCD configuration are stated in the Chapter 4 Users’ guide.

Testing the LED Board - LCD.hex

The following instructions explain the steps to test and use your LCD Board. The instructions assume that PPP is installed and functional. It also assumes that you are confident in sending a program to the PIC via the multiprogrammer.

The LCD.hex program will place a counter on to the LCD Board

1) Ensure power is supplied to all the necessary boards.
2) Insert the LCD board into Port B of the Multiprogrammer
3) Ensure that the Multiprogrammer is in correct configuration
   - Fast mode (SW1 towards the centre of the board)
   - Ensure that a 19.6608MHz crystal is inserted in the Multiprogrammer board
     SW2 is not used when in Xtal mode so it doesn’t matter it’s position
4) Program the a PIC16F88 with the test program LCD.hex
5) Press the reset button on the Multiprogrammer.
6) Adjust contrast accordingly.

This should satisfy that the LCD Board is fully functional!

4 Users’ guide

The LCD is a 16 character x 2 lines module. Internally it is 40 characters x 2 lines. Line 1 ranges from H’00’ to H’27’ and Line 2 ranges from H’40’ to H’67’.

The LCD Module uses a Samsung KS0066U controller, which is similar to the Hitachi HD44780 controller.

The PICmicro board uses pins 1 - 6 on the 9-way D-type connector to program the LCD, as shown in the circuit diagram below. When the LCD board is turned on, data can only be sent to it after 30ms, this is the time taken for the LCD to initialize [as it clears all the RAM and sets up the Entry Mode].
To send a command to the LCD, data must be sent in two steps, the MSB followed by the LSB [byte is data on pins 1 - 4]. As each byte is sent to the LCD, B5 must be go high then low, for the LCD to acknowledge the byte. After the second byte has been acknowledged the LCD executes the command. The PICmicro board must wait for at least the length of the execution time for that command, before the next command can be sent. A timing diagram of this process is shown below.

The first command to be sent to the LCD must be ‘Function Set’ [to setup the LCD], this is usually followed by ‘Display Control’ and then ‘Clear Display’. According to ‘Entry Mode Set’ after each character is sent to the LCD, the position of the cursor changes [by default it is incremented].
### LCD Instruction Set

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Instruction</th>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Execution Time</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>MSB</strong> B4 <strong>LSB</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Clear Display</td>
<td>0 0 0 0 0 0</td>
<td>Clear all display data. Set DDRAM address to 0. Move cursor to home position. Entry mode set to increment.</td>
<td>1.53 ms</td>
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<tr>
<td>Return Home</td>
<td>0 0 0 0 0 0</td>
<td>Set DDRAM address to 0. Move cursor to home position.</td>
<td>1.53 ms</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Entry Mode Set</td>
<td>0 0 0 0 0 1</td>
<td>Sets cursor move direction (I/D), specifies to shift the display (S). These operations are performed during data read/write.</td>
<td>39 us</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Display Control</td>
<td>0 0 0 0 0 1</td>
<td>D is Display ON/OFF bit. C is Cursor ON/OFF bit. B is Blink Cursor ON/OFF bit. DDRAM contents remains unchanged.</td>
<td>39 us</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cursor/Display Shift</td>
<td>0 0 0 0 0 1</td>
<td>Sets cursor-move or display-shift (S/C), shift direction (R/L).</td>
<td>39 us</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Function Set</td>
<td>0 0 0 1 0 0</td>
<td>Configuration data for setting up LCD. [Send First]</td>
<td>39 us</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Set CGRAM Address</td>
<td>0 0 1 A5 A4 A3 A2 A1 A0</td>
<td>Sets the CGRAM address. CGRAM data is sent and received after this setting.</td>
<td>39 us</td>
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<tr>
<td>Set DDRAM Address</td>
<td>0 1 A6 A5 A4 A3 A2 A1 A0</td>
<td>Sets the DDRAM address. DDRAM data is sent and received after this setting.</td>
<td>39 us</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Write Data to RAM</td>
<td>0 1 D7 D6 D5 D4 D3 D2 D1 D0</td>
<td>Writes data to CGRAM or DDRAM.</td>
<td>43 us</td>
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DDRAM is Display Data RAM
DDRAM address is location of cursor
CGRAM is Character Generator RAM
X is Don’t Care

### LCD Character Set

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<th>Bit Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>I/D</td>
<td>Decrement cursor position</td>
<td>Increment cursor position</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SH</td>
<td>No display shift</td>
<td>Display shift</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D</td>
<td>Display off</td>
<td>Display on</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>Cursor off</td>
<td>Cursor on</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>Cursor blink off</td>
<td>Cursor blink on</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S/C</td>
<td>Move cursor</td>
<td>Shift display</td>
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<tr>
<td>R/L</td>
<td>Shift left</td>
<td>Shift right</td>
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