

# LCD

## EVBU LAB EXPERIMENT

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## 1 GETTING STARTED

The following section has been designed to help users to quickly learn proper setup and operation of the lab experiment.

## **1.1 Introduction**

The experiment requires a single board development system that is fully assembled and fully functional from AXIOM MANUFACTURING. Development board CME11E9 EVBU is supported in this experiment. The system comes complete with instructions. All software, drawings, and manuals are contained on the CD.

## **1.2 Software**

The CD comes with AxIDE, which is an integrated development environment designed exclusively for use with AXIOM development boards, providing an interface to programs running on these boards. AxIDE also makes uploading programs and easy via the COM port. Read your board manual for setting up the AxIDE.

## **1.3 Support Software**

There are many useful programs on the included CD that can make developing projects easier. The CD also contains example software programs for this experiment on each board. You can also download the latest software free from our web site at:  
<http://www.axman.com>.

## **1.4 Hardware**

The following hardware is required:

AXIOM CME11E9 EVBU  
Windows based PC  
AXIOM LCD

## **2.0 Visual**

Devices used in this lab are static sensitive and are easy damaged by mishandling. Use caution when installing wires and devices on the breadboard to prevent the bending of leads. Experiments should be laid out in a orderly fashion. Start your lab time with the bench clean and free of metal objects. Leave the lab area in a clean condition by picking up loose parts, wires and small objects.

## **3.0 Theory**

AXIOM's development board is designed for quickly and effectively learning the basics of microcontrollers. This lab will walk the student though the steps of using the development board for its intended purpose, controlling devices. A LCD is a display device that is commonly used by a microcontroller for displaying instructions or results. In this lab, an AXIOM LCD is used for the experiment. The microcontroller will interface to the LCD though

the external bus at addresses \$B5F0 and \$B5F1. Data bits D0 – D7 are read or written to the LCD and are controlled by the R/W signal. When the R/W is high, it reads the display. A 8 bit value is written to display when R/W is low. The display is powered from the +5v on board the EVBU. A bias voltage controls the LCD contrast. On the EVBU, this bias is preset by a 100 ohm resistor. Address A0 is applied to the LCD. When A0 is low, it selects the command register (\$B5F0) of the LCD. When A0 is high, it selects the data register (\$B5F1) of the LCD. A LCD is a good output device for appliances, machinery, cars, & alarms plus many others.

## 4.0 Procedure

The procedure is arranged in a series of steps. Each step is to be completed before moving on to the next step. As each step is built on prior steps, the student will increase their knowledge for other labs or self-study. The student should go through the steps as many times as necessary to master the subject. As an aid in keeping track of your location, the check box next to each step should be checked as completed.

### 4.1 Description

You will be using the LCD\_PORT on the HC11E9 EVBU board. The LCD\_PORT is located on the bus of the HC11 microcontroller at predefined addresses. The command register is first written with the proper commands to setup of the LCD. The LCD commands normally send during setup are home cursor, clear display and cursor On with right shift. Next, a series of ASCII characters is send and displayed on the LCD. Then the cursor is moved on the LCD and more characters are displayed. Reference section 4.4 for LCD commands. Reference section 4.5 for all list of ASCII characters.

LCD Commands example

\$01 Clear all display & return cursor to home  
\$02 Cursor to Home  
\$06 Cursor shift right  
\$0F Display on, Cursor visible, blinking cursor  
\$14 Shift cursor right  
\$3C 8 bit data, 2 lines, 5x11 dots

### 4.2 Detailed Steps

- ☐ Note in the following steps: LCD\_CMD refers to address \$B5F0  
LCD\_DATA refers to address \$B5F1
- ☐ Verify power is not applied to EVBU.
- ☐ Install an AXIOM LCD on the LCD\_PORT of the EVBU.

- ☐ Disable ModA and ModB jumpers. Enable MEM\_EN jumper. This will configure EVBU for expanded memory.
- ☐ Apply power to the EVBU.
- ☐ Write \$3C to LCD\_CMD. This configures LCD for 8 bit interface.
- ☐ Write \$0F to LCD\_CMD. Turns display on with a blinking cursor visible.
- ☐ Write \$01 to LCD\_CMD. The display will clear any characters and return cursor home. The display is now ready for characters.
- ☐ Write the following values to LCD\_DATA: \$57,\$65,\$6C,\$6C,\$20,\$44,\$6F,\$6E,\$65.  
Note: Buffalo will add a space between characters.
- ☐ Verify the message "Well Done" is displayed on the LCD.
- ☐ Write \$10 to LCD\_CMD. Verify cursor moves left on LCD.
- ☐ Write \$18 to LCD\_CMD. Verify entire message is shifted left on LCD.
- ☐ Read LCD\_CMD. Verify bit 7 is low by the hex value read as being less then \$80. This is the Busy bit. In a normal program, a wait routine must be installed between memory writes to the LCD. This is necessary because the LCD has a controller on board that is much slower then the microcontroller write cycle. This is normally a set software delay but you can monitor the busy bit as a way to speed up write cycles.
- ☐ Write \$01 to LCD\_CMD. You will notice display is cleared and cursor returns to home.

## 4.3 Conclusion

In conclusion, by selecting the correct command, the display can be cleared or the cursor can be moved. An entire message for the operator can be displayed or information about the system status can be displayed. The vast amount of information a LCD can present makes the device popular for instruments and consumer products. The example program LCD1E.S19 displays a message on the LCD.

## 4.4 LCD COMMANDS

### LCD PORT CONTROL

### Clear all display data

A0	R/W	DB7	DB6	DB5	DB4	DB3	DB2	DB1	DB0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

### Move cursor home

A0	R/W	DB7	DB6	DB5	DB4	DB3	DB2	DB1	DB0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

### Entry Mode Set

I/D    0 = decrement cursor    1 = increment cursor  
 SH    0 = disable display shift    1 = enable display shift

A0	R/W	DB7	DB6	DB5	DB4	DB3	DB2	DB1	DB0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	I/D	SH

### Display ON/OFF control

D    0 = display OFF    1 = ON  
 C    0 = cursor OFF    1 = cursor ON  
 B    0 = cursor blink OFF    1 = cursor blink ON

A0	R/W	DB7	DB6	DB5	DB4	DB3	DB2	DB1	DB0
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	D	C	B

### Cursor or Display Shift

S/C = 0 R/L = 0    shift cursor left, AC is decreased  
 S/C = 0 R/L = 1    shift cursor right, AC is increased  
 S/C = 1 R/L = 0    shift display left, AC not changed  
 S/C = 1 R/L = 1    shift display right, AC not changed  
 Note: AC = address counter

A0	R/W	DB7	DB6	DB5	DB4	DB3	DB2	DB1	DB0
0	0	0	0	0	1	S/C	R/L	*	*

## Function Set

DL = 0    4 bit mode      DL = 1    8 bit mode  
 N = 0    one line        N = 1    two lines  
 F = 0    5x8 dots        F = 1    5x11 dots

A0	R/W	DB7	DB6	DB5	DB4	DB3	DB2	DB1	DB0
0	0	0	0	1	DL	N	F	*	*

## Read Busy Flag and Address

BF = 0 not busy    1 = busy  
 AC = Address Counter

A0	R/W	DB7	DB6	DB5	DB4	DB3	DB2	DB1	DB0
0	1	BF	AC6	AC5	AC4	AC3	AC2	AC1	AC0

## 4.5 STANDARD LCD CHARACTER CODES

D = DATA Char = Character

D	Char	D	Char	D	Char	D	Char	D	Char	D	Char
\$20	Space	\$30	0	\$40	Time	\$50	P	\$60	`	\$70	p
\$21	!	\$31	1	\$41	A	\$51	Q	\$61	a	\$71	q
\$22	“	\$32	2	\$42	B	\$52	R	\$62	b	\$72	r
\$23	#	\$33	3	\$43	C	\$53	S	\$63	c	\$73	s
\$24	\$	\$34	4	\$44	D	\$54	T	\$64	d	\$74	t
\$25	%	\$35	5	\$45	E	\$55	U	\$65	e	\$75	u
\$26	&	\$36	6	\$46	F	\$56	V	\$66	f	\$76	v
\$27	‘	\$37	7	\$47	G	\$57	W	\$67	g	\$77	w
\$28	(	\$38	8	\$48	H	\$58	X	\$68	h	\$78	x
\$29	)	\$39	9	\$49	I	\$59	Y	\$69	i	\$79	y
\$2A	*	\$3A	:	\$4A	J	\$5A	Z	\$6A	j	\$7A	z
\$2B	+	\$3B	;	\$4B	K	\$5B	[	\$6B	k	\$7B	{
\$2C	,	\$3C	{	\$4C	L	\$5C	Yen	\$6C	l	\$7C	
\$2D	-	\$3D	=	\$4D	M	\$5D	]	\$6D	m	\$7D	}
\$2E	.	\$3E	}	\$4E	N	\$5E	^	\$6E	n	\$7E	>
\$2F	/	\$3F	?	\$4F	O	\$5F	_	\$6F	o	\$7F	<

## 5.0 LCD PROGRAM

### 5.1 Program Description



The LCD1E.S19 program is used for displaying a simple message. First the LCD\_CMD is used to setup the LCD for operation. Next, each character of the message is send to the LCD using the LCD\_DATA command.

## 5.2 Running LCD Program

- ☐ Load program LCD1E.S19 into EVBU. This program is located at \$0100, which is internal memory. The source is show below.
- ☐ Call 0100 on EVBU.
- ☐ The program will first setup the LCD display with cursor On and display cleared.
- ☐ A string subroutine is called next. This subroutine will output a string of characters to the LCD. This basically is the code an embedded project would contain.

## 5.3 LCD Source

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*           Example LCD Display
*           File = LCD1E.S19
*           Equates
End          equ $00
LCD_CMD     equ $B5F0      * LCD command address
LCD_DATA    equ $B5F1      * LCD DATA address
*
* This subroutine will scan keypad
          ORG $0100
          ldaa #$3C          * Setup LCD for 8 bit interface
          staa LCD_CMD
          bsr Delay
          ldaa #$0f          * Display On , blinking cursor
          staa LCD_CMD      *
          bsr Delay
          ldaa #$01          * Clear display, return to home
          staa LCD_CMD
          bsr Delay
          ldx #Running       * message to display
          bsr String         * send message
          rts                * return

* This subroutine will send a string to LCD
String
          ldaa 0,x           * load char pointed to by X
          beq StringE        * Quit if End
          staa LCD_DATA      * send to LCD
          inx
          bsr Delay          * delay

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bra    String    * repeat until end of string
StringE
    rts
* This subroutine will Delay for the LCD
Delay
    ldy    #$FFFF    * load a delay value
DelayLp
    dey    * decrement count
    bne    DelayLp    * continue delay
    rts    * return
*
* Message to display
Running    fcc    'Running'    * message running
           fcb    End

```

## 6.0 QUIZ

### Question One

What address is LCD\_CMD?

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| A. \$B5F0 | C. \$B5F1 |
| B. \$1008 | D. \$E000 |

### Question Two

What address is LCD\_DATA?

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| A. \$1008 | C. \$E000 |
| B. \$B5F1 | D. \$B5F0 |

### Question Three

Writing the command \$01 will?

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|------------------------|------------------|
| A. Display "Well Done" | C. Display OFF   |
| B. Adjust Contrast     | D. Clear Display |

### Question Four

What does the position of the cursor represent?

- |                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| A. Count Value    | C. LCD_CMD  |
| B. Next Character | D. Contrast |

#### Question Five

The LCD accepts what type of characters?

- A. Binary
- B. Boolean
- C. ASCII
- D. Decimal

#### Question Six

LCD contrast is controlled by?

- A. LCD\_CMD
- B. Resistor
- C. \$14
- D. +5v

#### Question Seven

A R/W signal low represents what to the LCD?

- A. Read
- B. Write
- C. Bias
- D. Address

#### Question Eight

The LCD display can be?

- A. Shifted left
- B. Shifted right
- C. Cleared
- D. Answers A B C

#### Question Nine

What is the purpose of a delay?

- A. Warm Up
- B. Wait for operator
- C. Wait for LCD
- D. Instruction Time

#### Question Ten

Normally a LCD cursor is setup for?

- A. Shift Left
- B. Shift Down
- C. Shift Right
- D. Shift Up

### Bonus Question

A0 on the LCD\_PORT is used for?

- |                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| A. Select Read/Write   | C. Select Shift |
| B. Select Command/Data | D. Select Home  |

## 7.0 TROUBLESHOOTING

The development system is fully tested and operational before shipping. If it fails to function properly, consult the troubleshooting section of your user manual.

## 8.0 Tips and Suggestions

Following are a number of tips, suggestions and answers to common questions that will solve most problems users have with the development system. You can download the latest software from the Support section of our web page at:

[www.axman.com](http://www.axman.com)

- A. Remove all components and verify operation using the development board manual.