

COMMUNICATION SOFTWARE FOR  
THE PDP11/45 MINI COMPUTER

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ABSTRACT

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The objective of this project is to develop communication software for the PDP11/45 Mini Computer. To permit the PDP11/45 to communicate with a remote terminal, remote PDP11, or with a full size computer as the CDC-6000 Computer series.

This communication will be via data sets and private or public switched telephone facilities. This is accomplished by Programming the Serial Line Interface DL11-W which is a character-buffered communication interface designed to assemble or dis-assemble the serial information required by the communication device for parallel transfer to, or from the PDP11/45 Unibus. The interface provide the user with a choice of line speeds, character size, stop-code length, parity selection, line control function, and status indication.

The DL11-W Serial Line/Interface flexibility provide complete data set control.

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## INTRODUCTION

This report provides a complete description of the hardware and software components used to interface the PDP11/45 Mini Computer with a remote computer via telephone lines facilities.

The report presents: The general description, operating specification, detailed description, installation and connection, programming information, hardware and software configuration of the DL11-W Serial Line Interface.

A detailed description of the communication program features, program listing and flow-chart, a detailed procedure of a communication session

with the compass computer are provided.

The report presents tables and illustrations to support the description of the DL11-W Unit.

The report is divided into four major chapters:

Introduction, hardware configuration, software configuration, and the communication program description.

## CHAPTER 2

### HARDWARE DESCRIPTION

#### 2.1 Scope

This chapter presents the functional description and operating specification of the DL11-W interface unit. This information is the basic tool in understanding and analyzing the communication program described in chapter 3.

#### 2.2 General Description

The DL11-W Serial Line Unit is a character-buffered communication interface designed to assemble or disassemble the serial information required by the modem for parallel transfer to or from the PDP-11 unibus.

The DL11-W consists of a single integrated circuit quad board containing two independent communication units (Receiver and Transmitter) that are capable of simultaneous 2-way communication.

The DL11-W interface provide the logic and buffer registers necessary for program-controlled transfer of data between the PDP-11 system requiring parallel data and an external device requiring serial data. The interface also provide status and control bits that may be controlled by the program, the interface, or the modem for command, monitoring and interrupt functions.

The DL11-W provides the user with the choice of line speeds, baud rates, character size, stop-code length, line control functions, and status indicators.

The DL11-W has EIA level converter to change bipolar serial input data to TTL logic levels and TTL logic level serial outputs to the bipolar signals required by the modem.

### 2.3 Functional Description

DL11-W Modem Interface: The following discussion is supported by the DL11-W block diagram, Figure 2-1.

Serial information received or transmitted by the modem is assembled or disassembled by the DL11-W interface for parallel transfer to or from the PDP-11 UNIBUS. When the processor puts an address on the bus, the DL11-W decodes the address to determine the selected external device, and whether it is to perform an input or output operation.

#### The Transmitter function :

It performs parallel-to-serial conversion of 5, 6, 7, or 8 level codes.

Data from the UNIBUS is loaded in parallel into the DL-11 holding register. When the transmitter shift register is empty, the content of the holding register is shifted into the transmitter shift register and the XMIT RDY flag comes up. A second character from the bus can then be loaded into the holding register. However, because the shift register is still working on previous data, the shifting operation of the second character is delayed until the previous character has been completely transmitted. Once the last bit of the character is transmitted to the modem, the interface indicates an interrupt request (XMIT RDY) to indicate that the buffer is empty and can now be loaded with another character for transfer to the modem.

#### The receiver Function:

When data is received from the modem, the START bit of the serial data activates the interface receiver logic and data is loaded one bit at a time into the receiver buffer register. When buffer loading is complete, the buffer content is transferred to the holding register.

The interface sets the (RCVR DONE) flag indicating to the program that a character has been assembled and is ready for transfer to the bus. If (RCVR INT ENB) is also set, the (RCVR DONE) flag initiates an interrupt sequence, thereby causing a vectored interrupt.

#### 2.4 Configurations

The DL11-W consists of an M7865 quad module with five dip mounted switch packs. Each pack contains either eight or ten individual toggle switches. The packs are labeled S1 through S5 on the board; each switch on the pack numbered 1 through 8 or 10. Position for On and OFF are clearly indicated on the hardware.

Switch selection on the DL11-W interface provide the flexibility needed to handle a variety of functions. The user has a choice of speeds, character size, stop code length, parity, error detection, 20Ma current, loop or EIA, addresses and vectors, and active or passive modes.

#### 2.4.1 Baud Rates

Table 2-1 lists the eight different baud rates available on the DL11-W interface.

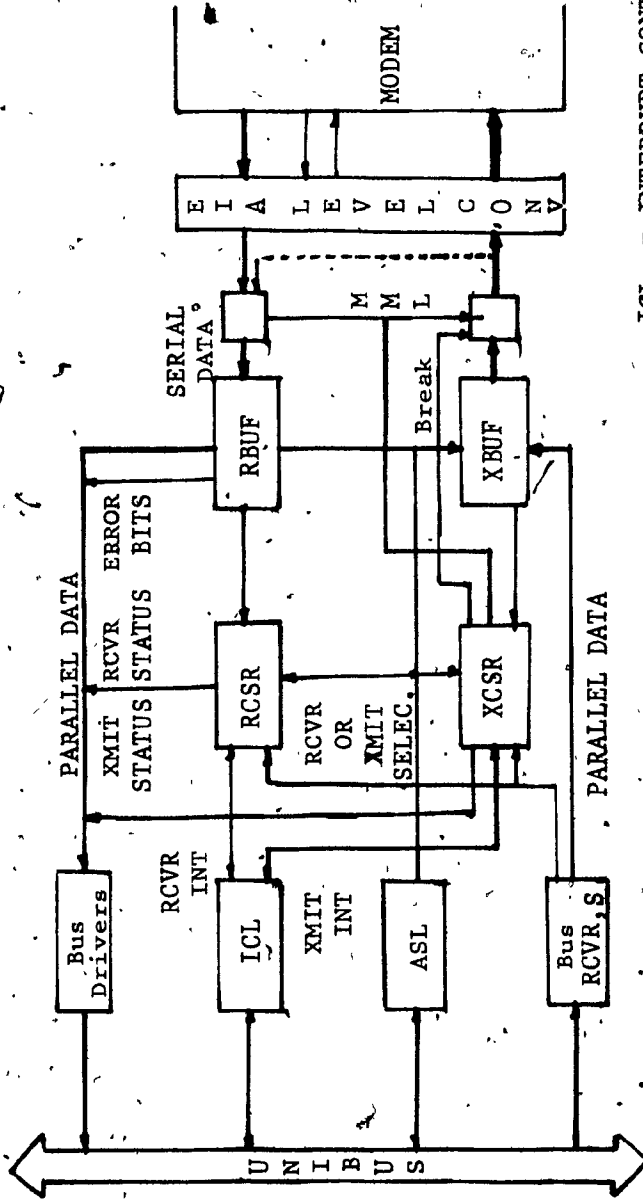
In our configuration the baud rate is selected to be 300 for both transmitter and receiver. For compatibility with the Bell Modem.

#### 2.4.2 Addresses and vectors selection

Refer in the following discussion to the simplified diagram of the address selection logic, figure 2-3.

The switches on the logic can be altered so that the module responds to any address within the range of 774000 to 777777. However, standard address assignment for the DL11-W normally fall within the ranges or 775610 to 776177 or 776500 to 776677.





- ICL = INTERRUPT CONTROL LOGIC
- ASL = ADDRESS SELECTION LOGIC
- RCSR = RECEIVER STATUS
- XCSR = TRANSMITTER STATUS
- RBUF = RECEIVER BUFFER
- XBUF = TRANSMITTER BUFFER
- MML = MAINT. MODE LOOP

FIGURE 2.1 DL11-W BLOCK DIAGRAM

The Interrupt Vector is determined by the interrupt control logic. Each DL11-W within the system has a unique address and a unique vector. These are determined by the switches on the module.

In our case, The addresses reserved for the DL11-W in the memory space of the PDP-11/45 covers the area from 176560 to 176566 in octal base. The VECTORS addresses are 360 for the RECEIVER and 364 for the TRANSMITTER.

Switch S5 control the address selection. It indicates logic one when turned off. For vector selection, on the other hand, switch S2 control the VECTORS addresses, and it indicates logic one when it is on.

#### 2.4.3 Data Format

The data format consists of a START bit, five to eight DATA bits, a PARITY bit or no PARITY bit, and one, one and one half, or two STOP bits. When less than eight DATA bits are selected the hardware justifies the bits into the least significant bit positions for characters received by the Interface. When transmitting characters, The program provides the justification into the least significant bits.

All variable items within any data format are selected by switches on the DL11-W module. None of the variable can be controlled by the program. These switches are listed in table 2-4.

The DL11-W data format is shown in figure 2-2.

The data format Configuration for the communication program are as follows, One START bit, one STOP bit, 8-bit data and no parity.

#### 2.5 SPECIFICATIONS

Operating and physical specifications for the DL11-W Serial Line Unit are given in table 2-2.

Table 2-1 DL11-W Baud Rates

Baud Rate	Transmit				Receive	
	S4-10	S3-1	S3-4	S3-2	S3-3	S3-5
110	ON	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF
150	OFF	ON	ON	ON	OFF	OFF
300	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	ON
600	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF
1200	ON	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON
2400	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	ON
4800	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	ON	OFF
9600	OFF	ON	OFF	ON	OFF	ON

Figure 2-2 DL11-W Data Format

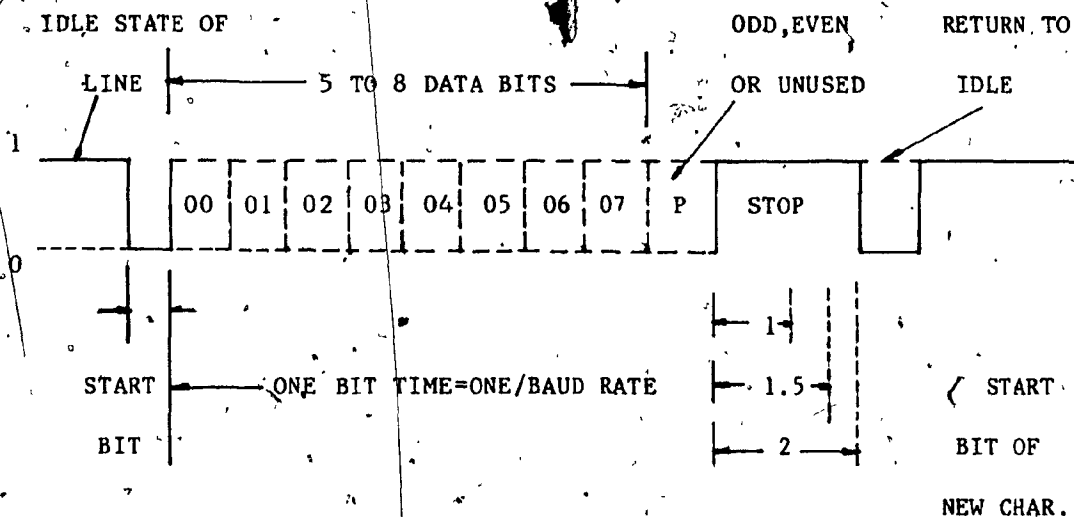


Table 2-2 DL11-W Operating Specifications

Specification	Description
Registers	Receiver Status Register (RCSR) Receiver Buffer Register (RBUF) Transmitter Status Register (XCSR) Transmitter Buffer Register (XBUF)
Register Addresses	RCSR 176560 RBUF 176562 XCSR 176564 XBUF 176566
Interrupt Vector Address	360 Receiver 364 Transmitter
Priority Level	BR4 Serial Line Unit
Interrupt Type	Transmitter Ready (XMIT RDY) Receiver Done (RCVR DONE)
Commands	Receiver Interrupt Enable (RCVR INT ENB) Transmitter Interrupt Enable (XMIT INT ENB) Maintenance Mode (MAINT) Break (BREAK)
Status Indicators	Receiver Active (RCVR ACT) Transmitter Ready (XMIT RDY) Receiver Done (RCVR DONE) Error (ERROR) Overrun (OR ERR) Framming Error (FR ERR)

Data Input/Output	Parity Error (P ERR) Serial data, 20 mA active current loop Serial data, 20 mA passive current loop Serial data, conforms to EIA and CCITT specifications.
Data Format	One START bit; 5-, 6-, 7-, or 8-bit DATA character; PARITY bit (odd, even, or unused); 1 or 2 STOP bits with 6, 7, 8 DATA bits selected; 1 or 1.5 STOP bits with 5 DATA bit selected.
Baud Rates	Baud rates may be 100, 150, 300, 60, 1200, 2400, 4800, or 9600. Any split speed combination possible (transmitter and receiver speeds may differ).
Bit Transfer Order	Low-order bit (LSB) first
Parity	Computed on incoming data or inserted on outgoing data, depending on type of parity (odd or even) used. Parity may be odd or even
Power Required	2.0 A at +5 V 150 mA at -15 V 50 mA at level between +9 V and +15 V
Temperature Range	10 to 50 C.

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Table 2-4 Data Format Switches

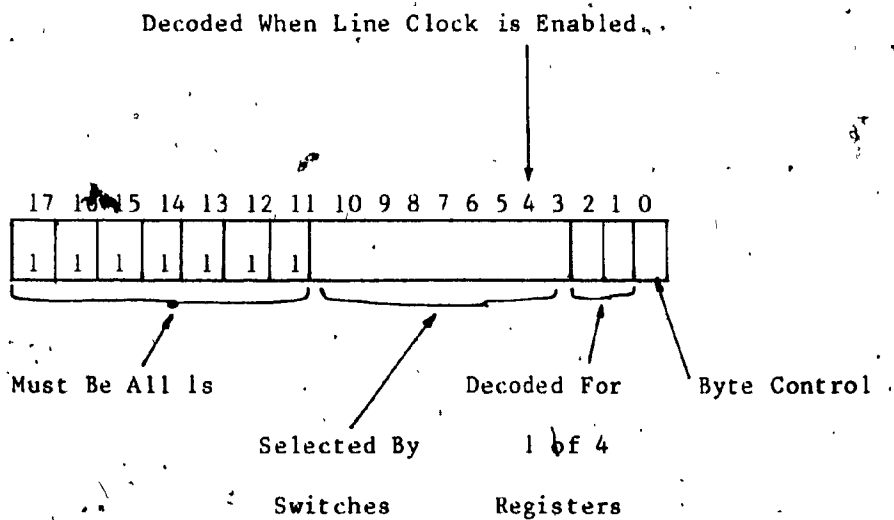
Name	Switch	Pin No.	Function
No Parity	S4-6	35	<p>Enable or disables the parity bit in the data character.</p> <p>When enabled, the value of the parity bit is dependent on the type of parity (odd or even) selected by the even parity select (S4-2) switch.</p> <p>When disabled, the STOP bits immediately follow the last DATA bit during transmission. During reception, the receiver does not check for parity.</p> <p>Switch ON - parity enabled Switch OFF - parity disabled</p>
Even Parity	S4-2	39	<p>Determine whether odd or even parity is to be used. The receiver checks the incoming character for appropriate parity; the transmitter inserts the appropriate parity value.</p> <p>Switch ON - odd parity Switch OFF - even parity</p>
STOP Bit	S4-5	36	<p>Selects the desired number of stop bits.</p> <p>Switch ON - One stop bit. Switch OFF - Two STOP bits, but if five DATA bits are selected, one and one half STOP bits will be selected.</p>

Number of S4-3 38  
 DATA bits S4-4 37

These two switches are used together to provide a code that selects the desired number of DATA bits in the character.

S4-4	S4-3	No. of DATA bits
ON	ON	5
ON	OFF	6
OFF	ON	7
OFF	OFF	8

Figure 2-4 Interface Select Address Format



## 2-6 Detailed Description

The complete DL11-W may be divided into 12 functional areas. Table 2-3 lists these areas and explains the general purpose of each.

Table 2-3 DL11-W Functional Units

Functional Unit	Purpose
Selection Logic	Determine if the interface has been selected and what type of operation (transmitter, or receiver) has been selected. Permit selection of one of four internal registers and determines if the register is to perform an input or output function.
Register Logic	Four internal registers, addressable by the program, provide data transfer, command and control, and status monitoring functions for the interface.
Interrupt Request Logic	The receiver or transmitter can request control of the Unibus for a vectored interrupt.
Interrupt Logic	Permits the DL11-W to gain control of the Unibus for a vectored interrupt.
Transmitter Control Logic	Provides necessary input control signals for the UART when it is used to convert parallel data from the Unibus to serial data required by the Modem.



Receiver Control Logic

Provides necessary input control signals for the UART when it is used to convert serial data to parallel data required for transmission to the bus.

Universal Asynchronous  
Receiver/Transmitter

(UART)

Perform the necessary serial-to-parallel or parallel-to-serial on the data, and supplies control and error detecting bits.

Baud Rate Logic

Determine the clock frequencies and, therefore, the baud rate for transmitter and receiver sections system of the UART. Eight baud rates are derived from a single oscillator and are independently switch-selectable.

Maintenance Mode Logic

Perform a closed loop test of the serial line unit control logic by tying the serial output of the transmitter into the receiver input, forcing the receiver clock to the same frequency as the transmitter clock.

Break Generation Logic

Permit the transmission of continuous space or "break." The duration of break can be timed by the pseudo-transmission of specific number of character.

EIA Logic

Provides necessary level converters for use with EIA level devices.

### 2.6.1 Address Selection

The following description is supported by figure 2-3.

The address logic decodes the incoming address information from the bus and provides the signal that determines which register has been selected, and whether it is to perform an input or output function.

Jumpers on the logic can be altered so that the module responds to any address within the range of 775610 to 776177 or 776500 to 776677.

The first five octal digit of address indicate that the serial line unit has been selected. The final octal digits consists of the A02, A01 and A00, determine which register has been selected and whether a word or byte operation is to be performed. The two-mode control line C01 and C00 determine whether the selected register is to perform an input or an output operation.

The address decoding is performed by a series of logic gates inputs to two 32\*8 Read Only Memory (ROM). Basically, the state of the five input-lines define 1 of 32 unique addresses. The content of the ROM corresponding to that unique address is then available at the output of the ROM. Each ROM provides 8 outputs for a total of 16, although only 14 of the 16 are used.

#### 2.6.1.1 Inputs

Refer to the simplified block diagram of the address selection logic shown in figure 2-3. Note that IN and OUT are used with respect to the master (controlling) device. Thus, when the DL11-W is used, an OUT transfer is transfer of data out of the master (the processor), and into the interface. Similarly, an IN transfer is the operation of the interface furnishing data to the processor.

The address selection lines consists of 18 address lines on the bus (A17-00), bus control lines C1 and C0 , and a master synchronization (MSYN) line.

The address selection logic decodes the addresses on the bus.

The address format is shown in figure 2-4.

1. Address lines A17-A11 must be all 1s. This specifies an address in the top 4K addresses for device registers.

2. Decoding of address lines A10-05 and A3 is determined by switches. When a given line switch is ON, the address logic searches for a 0 on that line. If the switch is OFF, the logic search for a 1. If only the serial line unit is to be enabled, then decoding of A04 will also be determined by a switch.

3. Lines A01, A02 and A04 are decoded to select one of the five addressable device registers.

4. Line C1 is used to select either an input or output function. When C1 is false, an input (read) operation is selected. When it is true an output (write or load) operation is selected.

5. Line A00 is used for byte control in such a manner that no register control signals are generated when a byte operation is performed on the high-order byte of any register.

#### 2.6.1.2 OUTPUT

The address selection logic output signals are used to permit selection of four 16-bit registers, and determine whether information is to be gated into or out of the master device. All output signals are listed in table 2-5.

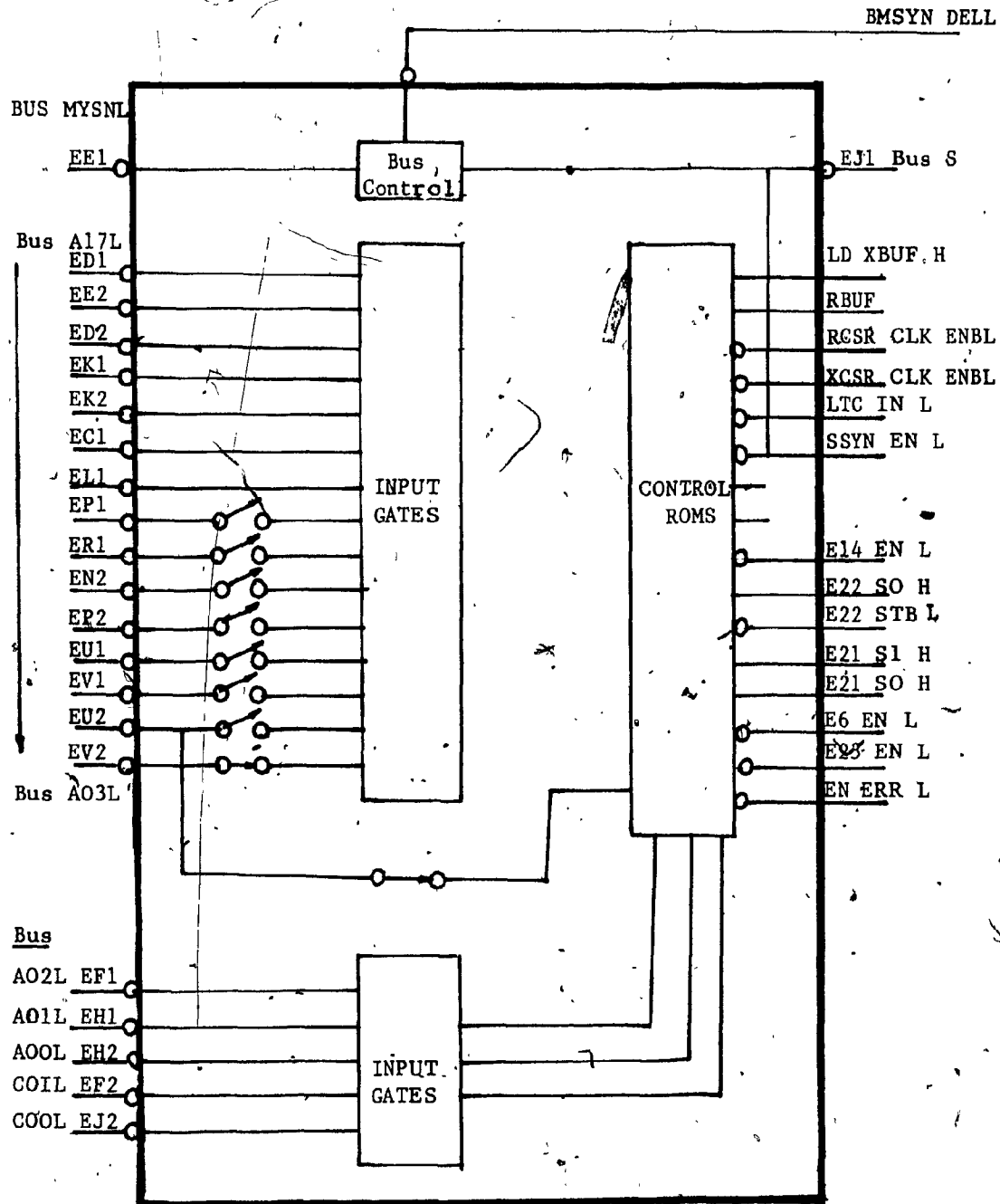


FIGURE 2.3 ADDRESS SELECTION LOGIC SIMPLIFIED DIAGRAM

Table 2-5 Address Selection Logic Output Signals

6	Function Selected	Bus Cycle
	Bus to transmitter buffer	DATO or DATOB
RBUF BUS H	Receiver buffer to bus	DATI or DATIP
RCSR CLK ENB L	Bus to receiver status	DATO or DATOB
XCSR CLK ENB L	Bus to transmitter status	DATO or DATOB
SSYN EN L	Returns BUS SSYN on a valid address selection	DATO, DATOB, DATI
E14 EN L	Enables bus drivers 001, 003, 004 and 005	DATI or DATIP
E22S0 H	Select either buffer(H) or transmitter status(L) to bus (bits 0 and 2)	DATI or DATIP
E22STB L	Enables bits 0 and 2 (above) to bus drivers	DATI or DATIP
E21 S1 H	Bits 6 and 7 of	DATI or DATIP
E22 S0 H	receiver buffer(S0=L, S1=L) receiver status(S0=L, S1=L) transmitter status (S0=L, S1=L)	
E6 EN L	Enable bus drivers D00, D02 and D07	DATI or DATIP
E23 EN L	Receiver status (bit 11) to bus	DATI or DATIPu

## 2-7 INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION

### 2-7-1 Mounting

The DL11-W can be mounted in either a small peripheral controller slot in the PDP-11/45 processor (DD11-C) or an SPC slot in a DD11-D or a DD11-P in the backplanes.

### 2.6.2 Connection

Once the M7856 has been installed, an appropriate cable must be connected as shown in figure 2-5.

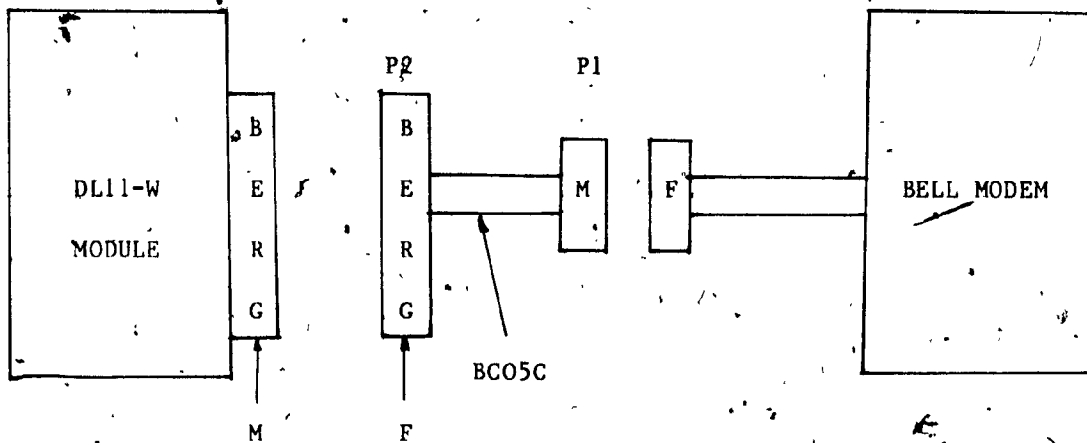


Figure 2-5 DL11-W Modem Connection Diagram

Table 2-6 lists connector pin numbers for the BC05C cable connector.

Table 2-6 Pin Connections

Berg Pin	M7856 Module	BC05C Modem Cable
A	Ground	Ground
B	Ground	Ground
C		Force Busy
D		Secondary Clear to Send
E	Serial Input (TTL)	Interlock In
F	Serial Output (EIA)	Transmitted Data
H	20 mA Interlock	
J	Serial Input (EIA)	Received Data
K	+Serial Input (20mA)	
L		External Clock
M	EIA Interlock	Interlock Out
N		Serial Clock Xmit
P		Secondary Request to Send
R		Serial Clock Receiver
S	-Serial Input (20mA)	
T		Clear to Send
U		
V	Request to Send (EIA)	Request to Send
W		-Rower
X		Ring
Y		+Power
Z		Data Set Ready
AA		

BB		Carrier
CC		
DD	Data Terminal Ready(EIA)	Data Terminal Ready
EE	-Reader Run(20mA)	
FF		202 Secondary Transmit
HH		
JJ		202 Secondary Receive
KK	-Serial Output (20mA)	
LL		EIA Secondary Transmit
MM		Signal Quality
NN		EIA Secondary Receive
PP	+Reader Run (20mA)	
RR		Signal Rate
SS		
TT	+5 V	
UU	Ground	Ground
VV	Ground	Ground

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CHAPTER 3  
SOFTWARE CONFIGURATION  
OF THE DL11-W INTERFACE

3.1 SCOPE

This chapter present general programming information for software control of the DL11-W interface

3.2 Programming Information

Programming of the DL11-W is controlled by device registers, interrupt, and timing consideration.

3.2.1 Device Registers

There are four device registers. These registers have been assigned bus addresses and can be read or loaded using any PDP-11/45 instruction which refer to their addresses.

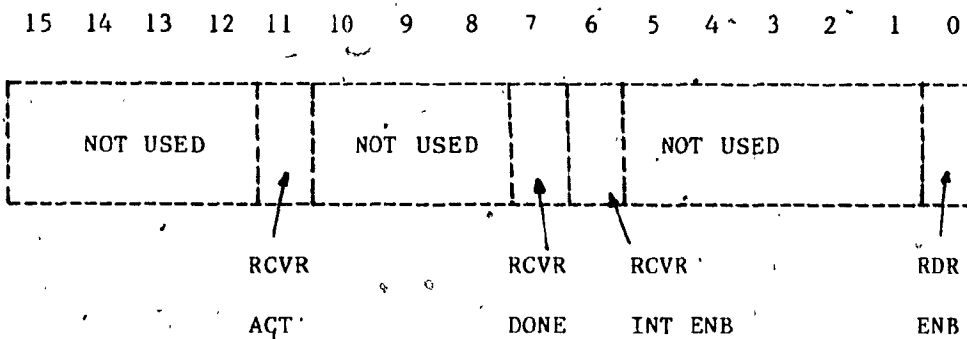
The four device registers and associated bus address are listed in table 3-1.

Register	Mnemonic	Address
Receiver Status	RCSR	176560
Receiver Buffer	RBUF	176562
Transmitter Status	<del>XCSR</del>	176564
Transmitter Buffer	XBUF	176566

Table 3-1 DL11-W Register Assignment  
for Interface With BELL Modem 103

The bit assignments for device registers are shown below. The unused and write-only bits are always read as 0s. Writing unused or read-only bits has no effect on bit position but is not considered good programming practice. The mnemonic INIT refers to the initialization signal issued by the processor. Initialization is caused by one of the following: issuing a programmed RESET instruction, pressing the START switch on the processor console, or the occurrence of a power-up or power-down condition on the processor power supply.

Receiver Status Register Bit Format



Bit	Meaning and Operation
15-12	Unused
11	Receive Active-Read-only. When set this bit indicates that the receiver interface is active. This bit is set at the center of the start bit, which is the beginning of the input serial data from the Modem, and cleared by the leading edge of Receiver Done. Also may be cleared by INIT.
10-8	Unused
7	Receiver Done-read-only. Set when an entire character has been received and is ready for transfer to the Unibus. cleared by addressing (read or write) RBUF, or INIT.

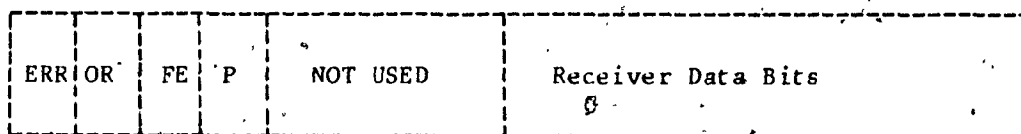
Starts an interrupt sequence (bit 6) is also set.

5-1 Unused

0 Unused

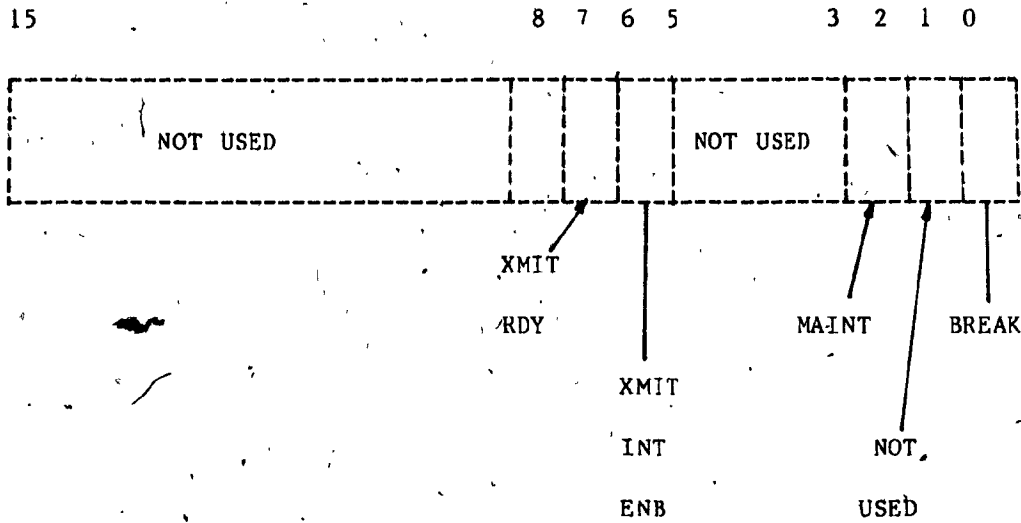
Receiver Data Buffer Bit Format

15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0



Bit	Meaning and Operation
15	Error-Read-only. Logical OR of Overrun, Framing Error, and Parity Error. Cleared by removing the error conditions. Error is not tied to the interrupt logic.
14	Overrun-Read-only. Set if previously received character is not read (Receiver Done is not reset) before the present character is received.
13	Framing Error-Read-only. Set if the character read has no valid STOP bit. Also used to detect Break.
12	Receive parity error-Read-only. set if received parity does not agree with the expected parity. always zero if no parity is selected.
11-8	Unused
7-0	Received data bits-Read-only. These bits contain the character just read. if less than 8 bits are selected, the data will be right-justified into the least significant bits.

Transmitter Status Register Bit Format



Bit            Meaning and Operation

15-8            Unused

7                Transmitter Ready-Read-only. SET by INIT. Cleared when XBUF can accept another character. When set it will start an interrupt sequence if transmitter interrupt enable is also set.

6                Transmitter Interrupt Enable-Read/Write. Cleared by INIT.

When set it will start an interrupt sequence if

Transmitter Ready is also set.

5-3. Unused

2 Maintenance-Read/write .Cleared by INIT.When set,it disables the serial line unit to the receiver and send the serial output of the transmitter into the serial input of the receiver.Forces receiver to run at transmitter speed.

1 Unused

0 Break-Read/write.Cleared by INIT.When set,it transmits a continuous space.May be disabled via a switch.

Transmitter Data Buffer Bit Format

15

8 7

0



Bit Meaning and Operation

15-8 Unused

7-0 Transmitter Data Buffer-Write-only.If less than eight bits are selected,the character must be right-justified into the least significant bits.

### 3.2.2 Interrupts

The DL11-W interface used BR interrupt to gain control of the bus to perform vectored interrupt, thereby causing transfer of control to a handling routine. The routines control data transfer to and from the interface.

The DL11-W has two independent channels; one for receiver section, the other for the transmitter section. These two channels operate independently. However, if simultaneous interrupt request occurs the receiver has higher priority than transmitter.

A transmitter interrupt can occur only if the interrupt enable (XMIT INT ENB) bit in the transmitter status register is set, setting the transmitter ready (XMIT RDY) bit initiates an interrupt request. When (XMIT RDY) is set, it indicates that the transmitter buffer is empty and ready to accept another character from the bus for transfer to the modem.

A receiver interrupt can occur only if the interrupt enable (RCVR INT ENB) bit in the receiver status register is set. Setting the receiver done (RCVR DONE) bit initiates an interrupt request. When (RCVR DONE) is set, it indicates that an entire character has been received and ready for transfer by the bus.

The interrupt priority level is 4 for the receiver and transmitter

The vector address assigned for the receiver and transmitter are 360,364 respectively.

The vector addresses can be changed by resetting switches in the interrupt control logic.

### 3.2.3 Timing Considerations

When programming the DL11-W interface it is important to consider the timing of certain functions to be able to use the the system in most efficient manner. timing consideration for the receiver ,transmitter and break generation logic are discussed in the following paragraphs.

#### 3.2.3.1 Receiver

The (RCVR DONE) flag (bit 7 in RCSR) sets when the Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter (UART) has assembled a full character . This occur at the middle of the first STOP bit . because the UART is double-buffered ,data remain valid until the next character is received and assembled. This permits one full character time for servicing the (RCVR DONE) flag.

#### 3.2.3.2 Transmitter

The transmitter section of the UART is also double-buffered. The (XMIT RDY) flag (bit 7 of XCSR) is set after initialization .When the buffer (XBUF) is loaded with the first character from the bus. The flag clears but then sets again within a fraction of a bit time . A second character can then be loaded which clears the flag again. The flag then remain cleare for nearly one full character time.

#### 3.2.3.4 Break Generation Logic

When the BREAK bit (bit 0 in the XCSR ) is set ,it causes transmission of a contious space. Because the (XMIT RDY ) continue to function normally ,the duration of a brek can be timed by the Pseudo-Transmission of a number of character. However ,because the transmitter section of the UART is double-buffered ,a null character (all 0s) should precede transmission of the break to insure that all previous characters clear the line .In a similar manner ,the final Pseudo-Transmitted character in the break should be null.

## CHAPTER 4

### THE COMMUNICATION PROGRAM

#### DESCRIPTION

##### 4.1 Scope

This chapter describes in detail the program structure, the program main features, and the complete procedure on how to use the program to communicate with the compass computer (CDC-6000 Series).

The program flowchart and listing are presented in appendices A and B respectively.

##### 4.2 Program Description

The program handles data transfer between the PDP11/45 Mini-Computer and the DL11-W Serial Line Unit configured to interface Bell modem.

The transfer is done asynchronously and on vectored interrupt bases.

The program is independent of the PDP11/45 operating system, so it can be used with most PDP-11, Computer Series.

The program design is based on modular program development. The program is built from the main routine and sub-programs. The main routine is written in Fortran language, the subroutines are in PDP11/45 Assembly language. The advantages of such an approach are fast program development, the facility of using different source languages, whichever suits the task best, easy debugging, and fast program modification. The program code is re-loadable. It can be loaded anywhere in memory as required. This feature is exceedingly valuable for those utilities as the disk-resident routines which are subjected to loading in a dynamically changing program environment.



The program initialization is a table driven utilizing the auto-increment mode of addressing. This mode provides for automatic stepping of a pointer through sequential elements of a table of operands. It assumes the content of the selected general register to be the address of the operand. Contents of register is stepped to address the next sequential location.

This mode of addressing facilitates the processing of tabular data.

The program structure is based on subroutine linkage as explained before. Now let us explain with more detail the argument transmission of the call subroutine instruction in the PDP11/45.

The memory location pointed to by the linkage register of the JSR (jump subroutine) instruction may contain argument or addresses of arguments.

These arguments may be accessed from the subroutine in several ways.

Using the register R5 as the linkage register, the first argument could be obtained by using the addressing modes indicated by (R5), (R5)+, X(R5) for actual data. The auto-increment mode could be used so that the linkage register is automatically updated to point to the next argument.

Some of the PDP11 subroutine advantage :

a-Argument can be quickly passed between the calling program and the subroutine.

b-Many subroutine calls can be executed without the need to provide any saving procedure for the linkage information. Since the linkage information is automatically pushed onto the stack in sequential order. Return can simply made by automatically popping this information from the stack in the opposite order.

#### 4.3 Procedure Information

This paragraph describes in detail how to execute a program on the compass CDC computer with the PDP11/45 as a terminal using the developed program.

Starting with the PDP11/45 system bootstrap, program assembly, linking and executing.

A brief note about time-sharing on the CDC-6000 series is also provided.

##### System bootstrapping:

Switch on the master power switch.

Mount the RT-11 disk, which has the communication program file, on drive number 0.

Set the Load/Run switch to Run. Wait until the Ready lamp is on.

Set Enable/Halt switch to Halt position.

Set the address 773010 in the switch register.

Depress the Load Address switch.

Set the Enable/Halt switch to Enable.

Depress the Start switch.

On the system terminal type;

GT ON followed by carriage return.

The monitor will prompt with (.) and it is now ready to receive commands.

##### Program Assembly:

Call the Macro software as follows;

```
. R MACRO (CR)
```

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* COM.OBJ = COM.MAC .(CR)
```

To compile the main fortran program call the fortran software as follows;

.R FORTRAN (CR)

\* COMM.IN=COMM.FOR (CR)

Program Linking:

To link the compiled Fortran program with the assembled Macro routines and the Fortran Library, call the linker software

.R link (CR)

\*COMM.TST = COMM.IN,COM.OBJ,SYSLIB/F (CR)

Program Execution:

To run the program switch to the monitor mode by typing CNTR/C key. Type the following;

.R COMM (CR)

SET the 3-position switch located on the video terminal is at CDC position.

Call the CDC computer by dialling the number 7366 from the telephone set connected to the modem. If the call is successful, a continuous buzzer will be heard.

Set the Talk/Data switch on the modem to the Data position.

Type the numeric character ONE on the PDP-11 terminal followed by a carriage return. The CDC responds as follows;

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USER NUMBER:

Type the user account number followed by carriage return. The machine responds;

PASSWORD:

To which you must reply by typing Your PASSWORD. The machine then type

TERMINAL : 10,TTY

RECOVER / SYSTEM :

Your are now loged on. to enter the CDC command mode type

BATCH (CR)

To create a new file type.

NEW , Fname (CR)

To initiate TEXT entering mode type

TEXT (CR)

The machine will replay with the message

ENTER TEXT MODE

Enter the text of the file line by line each followed by a carriage return.

To exit the TEXT mode strike the (@) key followed by a carriage return.

The machine will respond

EXIT TEXT MODE

To save the text as a permanent file type

REWIND, Fname (CR)

PACK, Fname (CR)

After this the file is saved in the normal fashion.

-Compiling and Assembling

Let us assume we dealing with CFORT compiler. To activate the compiler type the command

CFORT, I = Fname

which instructs the CFORT compiler to read the source file from file 'fname' rather than from file INPUT.

To specify that the compiler is to write a listing to a local file called "Listing". This local file may be saved for subsequent printing.

CFORT, I=Fname, l=Listing

If no listing is desired at all we may type

CFORT,I=Fname,L=0

This suppresses the listing, entirely, except that if any compilation errors occur in the program, the errors detected will be printed on file OUTPUT

The compilation step creates another local file. The file contains the machine-language of the program being compiled. The name of this local file is "LGO". To execute this program type LGO

We may save the local file and subsequently get it and execute it in another session. We may instruct the compiler to write a machine-language file of different name than LGO by indicating further parameter as follows:

CFORT,I=Fname,L=Listing,B=bfile

Which create a local file whose name is symbolized by "bfile".

This file may be saved with

SAVE,bfile

The parameters have the same meaning whether we are using CFORT compiler, FTN, COBOL, or the Compass assembler.

Note: One of the most used text editor is NTXED (also known as TXED). It can be used to add or delete lines from the local text files, or to change lines in local files.

How to use NTXED? To edit a local file "Fname" first issue a command from BATCH

+NTXED,Fname

The computer will echo the character string "?>" indicating to the user that it is ready to receive further text editing instruction.

Ntxed has an internal pointer which at a given time during an editing-

Indicates one of the line in the text file. The most common of the positioning instruction to the editor are listed below:

- F Move to the next line (forward)
- T Move to the first line (top of the file)
- B Move to the last line (bottom of the file)
- U Move to the previous line (up)

a given line in the text file may be deleted from the file by first locating the internal pointer to it and then issuing the command "D".

To add a new lines to the a text file the internal pointer must be first set to the line after which the new line must be inserted. Then issue the instruction "I".

You can always tell where you are in INPUT mode, since instead of printing ">?", which the editor dose to request an editing command, The string ">-" is printed when in INPUT mode.

Once all the desired changes has been made to the text file the command

/E

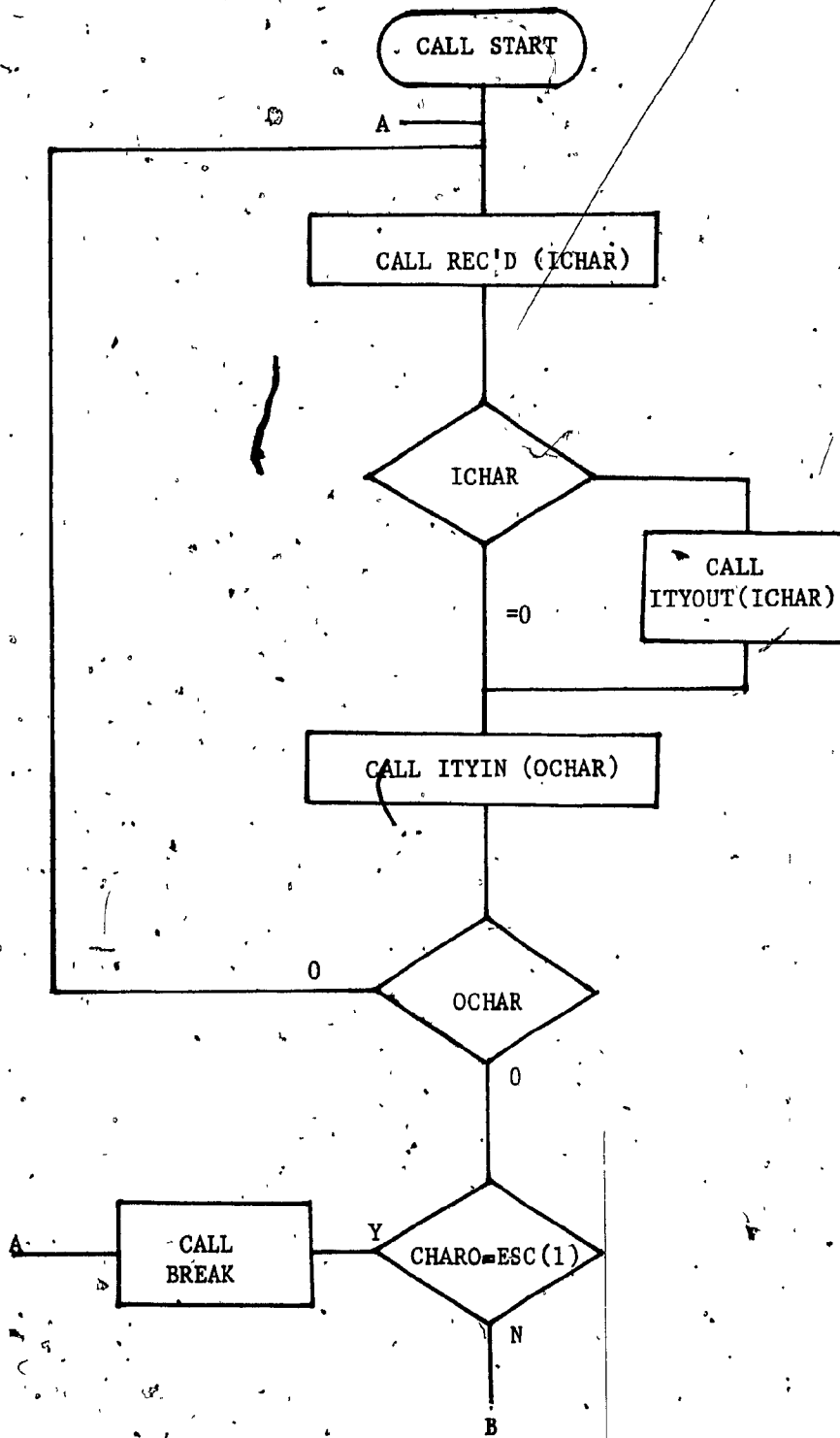
Causes the termination of the editor session and save all the changes made to the local file in that local file.

If it is discovered that there has been a big mistake made in the current editing session then that session may be terminated without having any changes made in the editing session being made to the local file. This is effectively an abandonment of the session. the instruct to be given to abandon the session is

Q

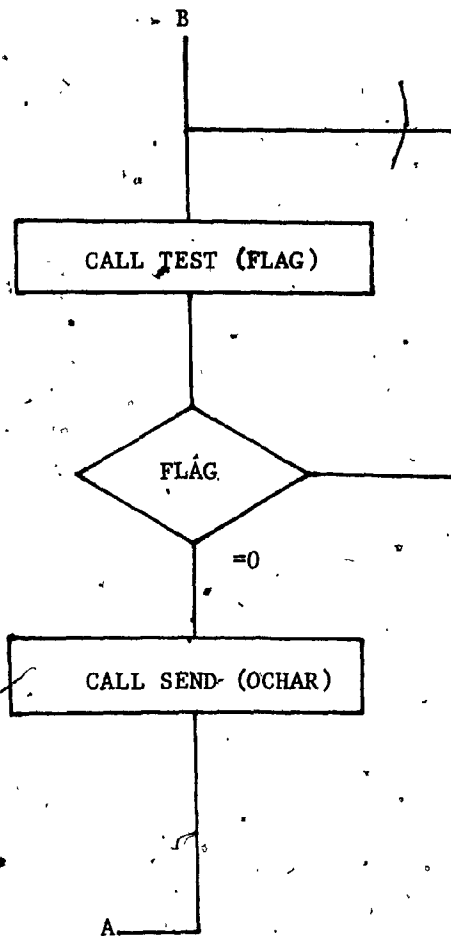
The file in question will be as it was before the text editor was initiated.

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Communication Program Flow Chart

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Communication Program Flow Chart  
(Cont'd.)



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; MICRO COMMUNICATION ROUTINE
; TABLE DRIVEN, DINAMICALLY RE-ALLOCATABLE

.TITLE COMM
.NLIST TTM
.GLOBAL START, BREAK, RECD, TEST, SEND, ITYOUT, ITYIN

.MCALL .REGDEF, .EXIT, .TTYQUT, .TTINR
.REGDEF

JSW = 44
SWR = 177570

; DL-11 INTERFACED DIRECTLY TO MODEM ASYNC. UART

MCSRI = 176560 ;RECEIVER STATUS REG.
MDATI = MCSRI+2 ;RECEIVER BUFFER REG.
MCSRO = MCSRI+4 ;TRANSMITTER STATUS REG.
MDATO = MCSRI+6 ;TRANSMITTER BUFFER REG.

MVECI = 360 ;RECEIVER VECTOR
MVECO = MVECI+4 ;TRANSMITTER VECTOR

KBBUF = 177562 ;KEYBOARD BUFFER REG.

INSET = 2

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INABLE = 102

ENSET = 2

ENABLE = 100

PRI4 = 200

;  
CR = 15

DEL = 177

PAR = 200

;  
START:

CLR RBUF ;CLEAR TEMPORARY BUFFERS

CLR SBUF

MOV #VTABLE,R1

INIT:

MOV (R1)+, @(R1)+ ;INITIALIZATION

BNE INIT

RETURN:

BIC #10100, @JSW ;CLEAR SPECIAL MODE BIT, CONSOLE I/O

CLC ;CLEAR CARRY BIT

RTS PC ;RETURN, CHECK, & RE-CALL

RECD:

BIC #PAR, RBUF ;CLEAR PARITY

CMPB #DEL, RBUF ;RUBOUT?

```

    BNE 1$
;
    MOV #1,RBUF ; YES, SUBSTITUTE 1
1$:
    MOV RBUF,@2(R5) ;RECD FROM MODEM
;
    CLR RBUF
    BR RETURN
;
TEST:
    MOV SBUF,@2(R5) ;SBUF CLEAR TO SEND?
    BR RETURN
;
SEND:
    MOV @2(R5),SBUF ;SEND TO MODEM
SEND1:
    MOV RCSRO-2,@RCSRO ;ENABLE OUTPUT INTERRUPT
    BR RETURN
;
ITYOUT:
    .TTYOUT @2(R5) ;TYPE THE RECD DATA FROM MODEM
    BR RETURN
;
ITYIN:
    CLR @2(R5)
    BIS #10100,@JSW

```

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.TTINR

BCS RETURN

MOV R0,@2(R5)

BR RETURN

BREAK:

BIS #1,RCSRO-2

MOV #10,R1

LOOP:

JSR PC,SEND1

SOB R1,LOOP

BIC #1,RCSRO-2

CLR SBUF

BR RETURN

VTABLE:

MODEM'S DL-11 I/O VECTORS

.WORD MINTI

RVECI: .WORD MVECI

.WORD PRI4

.WORD MVECI+2

RVECO:

.WORD

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    .WORD PRI4
    .WORD MVECI+2
RVECO: .WORD MINTO
    .WORD MVECO
    .WORD PRI4
    .WORD MVECO+2
;
; MODEMS I/O CSR REGISTERS
;
    .WORD INABLE
RCSRI: .WORD MCSRI
    .WORD INSET
RDATI: .WORD MDATI
;
    .WORD ENABLE
RCSRO: .WORD MCSRO
    .WORD CR
RDATO: .WORD MDATO
;
ETABLE:
    .WORD 0
    .WORD 0
;
; INTERRUPT ROUTINES
; INPUT INTERRUPT TO MODEM TO DL-11W
;

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MINTI:

```
MOV @RDATI,RBUF ;MODEM TO USER
MOV RCSRI-2,@RCSRI ;RE-ENABLE INPUT INTERRUPT
RTI
```

OUTPUT INTERRUPT TO MODEM FROM DL11-W FROM USERS INPUT

MINTO:

```
CLR @RCSRO ;DIABLE OUPUT INTERRUPT
MOVB SBUF,@RDATA ;USER BYTE OUTPUT TO MODEM
CLR SBUF
RTI
```

IMMEDIATE BUFFERS & COUNTER

RBUF: .WORD 0

SBUF: .WORD 0

.WORD 0

.WORD 0

TEN: .WORD 32000

.END START

THE FORTRAN PROGRAM LISTING

```
C      TEST COMM. SUBROUTINE MICRO
C
      INTEGER ICHAR,OCHAR,FLAG
C
      BYTE CHARO(2),ESC(2)
C
      EQUIVALENCE (OCHAR,CHARO)
C
      DATA ESC/'@',033/
C
      DATA ICHAR/0/,OCHAR/0/,FLAG/0/
C
      INITIALIZATION
C
      CALL START
C
      5  CALL RECD(ICCHAR)
C
      IF (ICCHAR) 10,20,10
C
      10 CALL ITYOUT(ICCHAR)
C
      20 CALL ITYIN(OCHAR)
C
      IF (OCHAR) 5,5,30
```