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## About this manual

The Snap Circuit Micro-Controller manual is designed to quickly move the user into the world of microcontrollers without any heavy mathematics or science background. All that is required is a computer with a Windows $\mathrm{XP}^{\circledR} / 2000^{\circledR} / 98 / 95$ operating system and the Elenco ${ }^{\circledR}$ SCM400 starter kit or the Elenco ${ }^{\circledR}$
SCM450 starter kit in the Deluxe case. The manual is divided into four separate sections:
Section 1 - Getting Started (Electronic Components)
Section 2 - Flow chart programming and Snap Circuit ${ }^{\circledR}$ basics
Section 3 - Programming for Snap Circuits ${ }^{\circledR}$.
Section 4 - Audacity ${ }^{\circledR}$ and Sound Circuits.
The first section provides general information for getting started with Snap Circuits ${ }^{\circledR}$ and the program editor. No prior understanding of micro-controllers is required. Most electronic components will be explained using comparisons to easy to understand water pipe systems. In Section 2, a series of easy to follow tutorials introduce the main features of both Flow Chart programming and the Snap Circuit ${ }^{\circledR}$ system. In Section 3, the programming is extended to control some clever and practical Snap Circuits ${ }^{\circledR}$. In Section 4 an audio recording and editing program is introduced and used to gather data. This data is then used to control a light with the sound of a clap. The software used for programming the microcontroller is called the 'Programming Editor'. The software that matches this manual is on the CD. Updated versions are free to download from www.picaxe.co.uk

For more specific information on flow chart programming, syntax and examples of each BASIC Command please see sections $1 \& 2$ 'Getting Started \& BASIC Commands' located in the help file of the programming editor. For more advanced micro-controller circuits that do not use Snap Circuits ${ }^{\circledR}$, and example programs, please see 'Interfacing Circuits' in the help file of the programming editor. If you have a question about any command please post a question on the forum at www.picaxe.co.uk For more information on Snap Circuits ${ }^{\circledR}$ or electronic components please run the water pipe analogies included on the Snap Circuits® CD or visit the websites at www.elenco.com, www.snapcircuits.com or www.emailschool.com.

SECTION 1: ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS
(0) Single Spacer (4)
$0=202$ Space connector (9)
$0=3003$ Space Connector (4)
$0-40-1$ Space Connector (3)
○ O 0 ○ 0 Space Connector (1)
○ 0 ○ 0 ○ 0 O 6 Space Connector (1)


7 Space Connector (1)


Base Grid Clear (1)


Resistor 10,000 (2)
$\bigcirc_{10 \mathrm{~K} \Omega} \mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{R} \text { SIISTOR }}^{\mathrm{R4}} \mathrm{O}$


Resistor 100,000 Ohms or 100k Ohms (1) $\Theta_{100 K \Omega}$

Light Dependent Resistor (1)

microphone (1)


Jumper Wires (2) Black \& Red


## ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

First, consider voltage to be pressure on electrons to make them move in a wire. This is similar to water pressure in a pipe to make the water move. For voltage we will use the symbol 'V' (volts).

Next consider the movement of electrons in a wire to be similar to the water moving in a water pipe. This movement of electrons (or water) is called current and is represented by the symbol ' I ' and measured in units called amperes or amps.

Finally, let the friction of the wire (or water pipe) that tries to stop the current from flowing be called resistance. For resistance we will use the letter 'R' or the Greek symbol $\Omega$ (Ohm).

The '\# Space Connector' $\bigcirc^{-3-0}$ - is really a wire or water pipe with close to zero resistance to current flow. The \# represents the number of bumps on the grid will be shorted. For example, a '3 Space Connector' covers 2 spaces and shorts (allows current to flow easily between) 3 bumps.

The Resistor $0_{0_{1 K} \Omega}$ the same pressure applied. For example, if a 10,000 Ohm or $10 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor is placed across a 4.5 volt battery less current will flow through it than if a $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ was placed across the same battery. To help understand this principal, consider the following;

A water pipe filled with rocks would offer some resistance to the flow of water.

A water pipe filled with sand would offer a greater resistance to the water flow.

Water pipes filled only with water provide almost zero resistance to the flow of water. Most of the current will take the path of least resistance as shown here.


The Variable Resistor of the resistor to the
' RV ' is really a resistor with a wiper arm that can slide from one side other side. As the wiper moves toward either end, the resistance that end is reduced. between the wiper and

The Switch ' S 1 ' $\varrho_{\text {SLIDE }}$ Slswicit is equivalent to a zero Ohm resistor when it is ON, and an infinite Ohm resistor when it is OFF.

The LED (Light Emitting Diode) 'D1' $\bigcirc \frac{\text { D1 }}{+1 / 200}$ is similar to a check valve in series with a light. Most diodes act similar to water pipe check valves and must be installed in the correct direction for current to flow.

Consider the water pipe check valve shown on the right. When the piston pushes water into the pipe the check valve opens and water flows as shown. When the piston tries to suck water from the pipe the check valve closes and no current flows through the check valve.

Light is produced whenever current flows through the LED check valve. The stronger the current in the LED, the brighter the light. If the LED is installed with the + symbol connected to the negative voltage or ground the current cannot flow and the LED will be off.


The DC Motor $\underbrace{(10007}(111)^{+}$converts a DC voltage to a rotation. The direction of the rotation depends on the polarity of the voltage.

Build the circuit shown below. Snap Circuit ${ }^{\circledR}$ Boards are built one level at a time. The base grid is considered to be level 0 . Parts placed directly on the base grid are said to be on level 1 and will have a small black 1 next to the part. Parts placed on level 1 parts are said to be on level 2 and will have a small black 2 next to the part. This process is continued until all parts are installed.


1. Turn Switch S1 to ON and the LED should glow red. Turn S1 to OFF.
2. Turn D1 around so the + is on the switch side and repeat step 1. In this case the LED should be dark and never glow. Turn Switch S1 to OFF and replace LED 'D1' in the original position.
3. Replace the $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ resistor ' R 2 ' with a $100 \Omega$ resistor 'R1'. The LED 'D1' should be brighter when Switch 'S1' is turned ON. Lower resistance produces more current, and more current makes LED's glow brighter.
4. Use this circuit to test LED's, resistors, and switches S1 and S2.

The SPEAKER 'SP'
© SP SPEAKER ctually an $8 \Omega$ speaker that can be used to produce audible tones.

The NPN Transistor 'Q2' is a device that amplifies current. For example, a small current from base to emitter will produce a much larger current from collector to emitter. The NPN connections are labeled collector, base, and emitter as shown here.


Similar device in water pipe system



The U21 Snap Circuit ${ }^{\circledR}$ module is designed to accept any 8 pin integrated circuit. If not already installed, remove the 8 pin integrated circuit (microcontroller chip) from its package and carefully install it as shown here
Make sure the dot on the integrated circuit and the red dot on the socket are in the same corner.
The red numbers printed on this picture correspond to the integrated circuit leads on the part. The blue numbers are printed on the socket platform and are the pin numbers used by the programming editor. In all situations we will use the blue numbers in this picture to reference the output or input pin.

## WHAT IS A MICRO-CONTROLLER?

A micro-controller is a 'computer-on-a-chip'. It's an integrated circuit that contains memory, logic, processing, and input/output circuitry. Micro-controllers are programmed with specific instructions to control many different devices. Once programmed the micro-controller is built into a product to make the product more intelligent and easier to use.

For example, a microwave oven uses a single micro-controller to process information from the keypad, display user information on a display, and control the turntable motor, light, bell and cooking time.


One micro-controller can often replace a number of separate parts, or even complete electronic circuits.
Applications that use micro-controllers include household appliances, alarm systems, medical equipment, vehicle subsystems, musical instruments, and electronic instrumentation. Some modern cars contain many micro-controllers used for engine management and remote locking.

## SECTION 2: PROGRAMMING \& SNAP CIRCUIT BASICS

## INSTALLING SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMMING CABLE

1. Install the Programming Editor software from the CD. $\qquad$

2. Insert the USB programming cable into a USB port on your computer. The cable will configure itself automatically. If you have problems with configuration then contact Elenco ${ }^{\circledR}$.

3. Start the Programming Editor software by clicking on the Program Editor Icon.


When the program opens click the "view" menu and then the Options menu to display the Options panel (this may also automatically appear on startup). On the 'Mode' tab select the 08M microcontroller.


If this box is checked the "Options" menu will open every time the program is started.

On the 'Serial Port' page also select the appropriate serial COM port (the port where you connected the USB programming cable).


If you do not know your COM port number, click 'Setup' and find it under Ports or USB devices.
The above windows may appear different depending on the contents of the file folders and the version of windows being used. The "Options" window should remain as shown but with different COM numbers depending on the port or plug used. If cables are move to different ports the option window may have to be changed to match the port being used.

Note that the USB programming cable includes USB-to-serial interface.
Click "OK" to return to editor program.

## BUILDING THE MICRO CONTROLLER CIRCUIT

1. Snap Circuit ${ }^{\circledR}$ Boards are built one level at a time. The 70 post base grid is considered level 0 .
2. Parts placed directly on the base grid are said to be on level 1 and will have a small black 1 next to the part.
3. Parts placed on level 1 parts are said to be on level 2 and will have a small black 2 next to the part.
4. The above process continues until all levels are completed.
5. Build level 1 for the Micro Controller Circuit shown here:

6. Add level two to the grid.

7. Connect the serial cable to the Snap Circuit® Micro as shown below. Make sure the yellow lead is connected to pin 0 , the black ground lead is connected to battery minus, and the orange lead to SIn. Turn switch S1 to ON.


To Computer
8. Using the program editor software, type in the following program:
E. Programming Editor


You can check your program by clicking the Syntax Check button (ABC with a check mark on it). If Syntax is correct proceed to step 9.
9. Click the Run button to download the program to the hardware. After the download the output LED should flash on and off every second. Congratulations! You have just programmed a micro-controller integrated circuit to make an LED blink. Do not remove parts from the grid they will be used in the next section. You may remove the Programming Cable now. Take note that turning the S1 switch ON and OFF does not lose the programming. Turn the switch off to save battery power.

## FLOW CHART PROGRAMMING AND SNAP CIRCUIT ${ }^{\circledR}$ BASICS.

## PROJECT 1:

In Section 1 you built the basic Snap Circuit ${ }^{\circledR}$ board that will be used for most of the projects in this section. It is important to have a clear road map when writing software. A Flow Chart will keep the problems at a minimum and allow the programmer to quickly and easily add and remove sections of programming without fatal errors. Open the programming editor and click on the New Flowchart button shown here.

The screen shown below will open and the Start box will be added to the grid.


Our first flowchart project will be to play the melody to Happy Birthday with and without flashing lights.


Next, click the right mouse button to activate the select arrow $\precsim$. Select the play box and drag it to the start as shown on next page.

The Play command has the following functions (Syntax)


Function:
Play an internal tune on output pin 2.

## PLAY tune, LED

The tune constant $(0-3)$ specifies which tune to play as follows;
0 - Happy Birthday
1 - Jingle Bells
2 - Silent Night
3 - Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
LED is a constant ( $0-3$ ) that specifies outputs that flash as the tune is being played as follows;
0 - No outputs
1-Output 0 flashes on and off
2-Output 4 flashes on and off
3 - Output 0 and 4 flash alternately

The tune and LED constants can be changed in the edit box at the bottom of the program editor screen when the play box is active. After the tune plays, there should be a few seconds of delay and then the tune should play again. Return to the previous menu by clicking the curved arrow button $\cap$. Now click the delay button and use the previous technique to add the wait box.



WAIT
Function:
Pause for some time in whole seconds.

## Syntax: <br> WAIT seconds

- Seconds is a constant (1-65), which specifies how many seconds to pause.
Information:
This is a 'pseudo' command that is equivalent to 'pause' times 1000, This command cannot be used with variables and is a fixed delay installed during programming. To change the delay due to an input or other information, use the Pause command.

Use the edit box at the bottom left corner of the program editor window to change the time to 5 seconds. Next, the loop needs to be closed.
Note: The "Wait" box must be selected.
Click the return button to get back to the main menu and select the Draw Lines tool.

Use the 'Draw Lines' tool to make the flowchart on your program editor the same as the one shown on the next page.
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## TESTING A FLOWCHART PROGRAM



Every flowchart program should be tested and saved before it is converted to a down-loadable basic program. Make sure your audio is turn on and at a level you can hear, then click on the Simulate button.

## Flowchart Simulation

The program will start running and the current block running will be highlighted in red. The output pin will turn green
while the song is playing. while the song is playing.

The RST button will reset the program to start when clicked.

The other features of the Flowchart simulator will be explained later as they are used. End the simulation by clicking anywhere on the grid.

After the Flowchart program has been
 tested it should be saved in a folder on your computer where all your Snap Circuit ${ }^{\circledR}$ programs should be stored. In these examples the folder C:ISC MICRO PROJECTS was
 created for this purpose.

Open the drop down menu under 'File' in the program editor and click on 'save as' to save the flowchart program in your Snap Circuit ${ }^{\circledR}$ folder as shown on next page.


After filling in the proper information the window should appear as shown on the left. Click on the 'Save' button. The flowchart program will be stored and the save window will close.

On the program editor screen, under the PICAXE ${ }^{\circledR}$ heading click on the 'Convert Flowchart to Basic ...' command. The following screen will appear.

Open the simulator again by clicking on the Simulator button. The song should play.


## Programming Editor - [Untitled:6] <br> 


'Converted on Date at Time

## main <br> label

                wait
    goto label_6


## Program Flow Control and Breakpoints

Three new buttons appear on the main simulation panel. They are shortcut buttons for the Simulation menu functions.
\} single step through the simulation || pause the simulation at the current line > start [] stop the simulation
Breakpoints can be placed or removed from the program by clicking on the line number in the margin. Alternately the Toggle breakpoint under the Simulate heading may be used to insert/remove a breakpoint at the current cursor position. Breakpoints are indicated by a red bar in the margin.
The >> button displays the variables panel.

Other Simulation Options will be discussed and demonstrated in future projects as they are used. To end the simulation click the yellow simulate button in the menu line at the top of the screen.

Rework your Snap Circuit board to the circuit shown on the next page.


Turn switch S1 to ON. Click on the 'Run' button or press F5 to download the new program. The new program should play the Happy Birthday song and both LED's should be off. In the program editor change the play command to 'play 3,3 ' and download again. When the new song starts playing remove the yellow snap and rotate the ' 2 Snap' to add the green LED. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer should be playing and the LEDs should flash in tempo with the music. Take some time to experiment with different combinations of the play

## PROJECT 2: ADDING AMPLIFIER \& LOUDNESS CONTROL

Modify the Snap Circuit ${ }^{\circledR}$ from the previous project to look like the circuit below. The variable resistor RV will be used to increase and decrease the audio level. The NPN transistor 'Q2' is used to amplify the power to the speaker 'SP'. LED 'D2' is still disconnected during programming but will flash if the Yellow programming wire is removed and the ' 2 Snap' is connected to S-Out or pin 0.
Assuming the micro-controller is still programmed to play and flash the lights, connect the ' 2 snap', switch 'S1' to "ON" and test the circuit.


Use the loudness control to adjust audio level for desired loudness.

The advantage of a micro-controller is that the circuit need not change to produce different audio effects. By modification of the program, all four songs can play, one after the other. Consider the flowchart program shown below.


## Project 3: The Value of Comments and Checking Program Length

Sometimes it can be hard to remember the purpose for each step of the program. Comments (an explanation after the apostrophe (') symbol) can make each line of a program much easier to understand and remember. These comments are ignored by the computer when it downloads a program to the micro-controller.

A label (e.g. main: in the program above) can be any word (apart from keywords such as 'switch'), but the label must begin with a letter. A label must also end with a colon (:). The colon 'tells' the program editor that the word is a label.

The previous program uses the wait command. The commands wait and pause both create time delays. However wait is used with whole seconds, pause can be used for shorter time delays (measured in milliseconds or 1000th of a second).
Wait must be followed by a number between 1 and 65 .
Pause must be followed by a number between 1 and 65535.
It is also a good programming technique to use tabs (or spaces) at the start of lines without labels so that all the commands are neatly aligned. The term 'white-space' is used by programmers to define tabs, spaces and blank lines, and the correct use of white-space can make the program listing much easier to read and understand. Note these changes made to the previous program and shown here.


```
C
```



```
    BASIC Converted from flowchart \
    Converted on DATE at TIME
    main
        llay % 0, 3
    Play Happy Birthday Both Lights
    Wait 5 second
    IN
    Play Silent Night Both Lights
    Play Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer Both Lights
```


## Checking Program Length.

As programs become complex it is possible the micro-controller will run out of memory to store the program. Check the previous program length by clicking the 'Syntax Check' button.


If there are no programming errors the Success window will open and show the amount of memory used by the program.

To play all 4 songs and flash both lights, this program used 32 bytes out of 256 or $12.5 \%$ of the total memory. Remove the ' 2 Snap' on U8 (S-Out or Pin 0) and connect the red programming wire. Download this program. Then reconnect the ' 2 Snap' and run the program.

The fact that four 'Play' commands are followed by four 'Wait' commands indicates this program could use variables and a 'for ... next' loop. The 'for ... next' loop does not have a standard flowchart box but can still be programmed using the flowchart system as shown on the next page.


Open the flowchart window and click on the 'other' button to open this screen.

Use the '...' button to create an empty box. Edit the box in the BASIC window to contain the command "for b0 $=0$ to 3 ".
Next add the 'Play' and 'Wait' commands and then use the '...' button to create the 'Next' box. Finish the flowchart as shown here.


Edit the basic program to use the variable b0.

Start the simulation by clicking on the simulate button or pressing <CRTL> and F5 Keys at the same time.

Open the variables panel by clicking on the >> button.

As the program runs the variable b0 will change in value from 0 to 3 . This value is used to change the song to be played. $\qquad$


Check the program length by clicking on the 'syntax check' button ${ }_{\underline{m g} /}$ and the success window should open.

This program uses only 18 bytes out of 256 or $7 \%$ of the total memory. By using a loop we have saved over 5\% of the memory. Good programming will use the minimum amount of memory and accomplish the same task as longer programs.

## Project 4: Other Sounds






This program is 2 bytes less and much easier to read with less jumping and only one label. Of course the comments will help later when you edit this for different applications.

It is a good practice to build up a library of small sub routines and then use them in different applications when they are needed. The more information stored in the library the easier it will be to import and use these routines later.

If you run a simulation of this program it will take a long time for the b0 variable to reach 127. Open the variable panel, pause the program, and double click on the b0 to change it to 115 .

Restart the program and watch the b0 variable loop between 110 and 127. In simulation the sound command does not play the frequency. Instead a 'Beep' is produced to let you know a sound command was executed. After down loading the real sounds will be heard.

Save program to your library then download it to play special effect sound. Close file.

## Project 5: The Tune Wizard



Start by opening a tune that already is on your computer. Click on the File menu and select 'Open'.
Find the Program Editor directory and open the Christmas_1 folder as shown here.

Open this folder (you may have to unzip first time) and find the tune "Santa clause is coming to town" and select it. The wizard should load all the notes.


After the song is loaded into the wizard, click on the Copy button to open /the copy window.

Answer yes to paste the tune directly into your program or a new program if one is not open. The following information will now appear in your program.
'Santa clause is coming to town
tune 0,4 ,
( $\$ 60, \$ 64, \$ 65, \$ 27, \$ E 7, \$ 67, \$ 69, \$ 6 B, \$ 00, \$ C 0, \$ 64, \$ 65, \$ 27, \$ 27, \$ 27, \$ 69, \$ 67, \$ 25, \$ E 5, \$ 24, \$ 27, \$ 20, \$ 24, \$ 22, \$ E 5, \$ 2 B, \$ A 0$, $\$ 60, \$ 64, \$ 65, \$ 27, \$ E 7, \$ 67, \$ 69, \$ 6 B, \$ 00, \$ C 0, \$ 64, \$ 65, \$ 27, \$ 27, \$ 27, \$ 69, \$ 67, \$ 25, \$ E 5, \$ 24, \$ 27, \$ 20, \$ 24, \$ 22, \$ E 5, \$ 2 B, \$ 80)$

The above tune will all be on one line in the program. Close the PICAXE ${ }^{\circledR}$ Tune Wizard window and run a syntax check that will show the tune added 85 bytes to the program! OUCH! That is a great deal of memory for just one tune. Play the tune by clicking the simulate button.

Notice how the first line in the tune above is identical to the line beneath it except for the last note. Redundancy in programming is a waste of memory. Change the tune section of your program by typing in or deleting the information on your screen to match the following;
'Santa clause is coming to town reworked
Main: inc b0
tune $0,4,(\$ 60, \$ 64, \$ 65, \$ 27, \$ E 7, \$ 67, \$ 69, \$ 6 B, \$ 00, \$ C 0, \$ 64, \$ 65, \$ 27, \$ 27, \$ 27, \$ 69, \$ 67, \$ 25, \$ E 5, \$ 24, \$ 27, \$ 20, \$ 24, \$ 22, \$ E 5, \$ 2 B)$
if $\mathrm{bO}<2$ then
tune 0,4 , (\$A0)
goto main
else tune 0, 4,(\$80)
end if
A syntax check will show this section is 65 bytes, or a savings of 20 bytes of memory. The tune will play correctly after down load but may have a few pauses when played by the simulator.

The easiest way to import a ring tone from the Internet is to find the tune on a web page. Highlight the RTTTL version of the ring tone in the web browser, and then click Edit>Copy. Move back to the Tune Wizard and then click Edit>Paste Ring tone. To import a ring tone from a saved text file, click File>Import Ring tone. Once the tune has been generated, select whether you want outputs 0 and 4 to flash as the tune plays (from the options within the 'Outputs' section). The tune can then be tested on the computer by clicking the 'Play' menu. The tune played will differ slightly due to the different ways that the simulator generates and playback sounds. Once your tune is complete, click the 'Copy' button to copy the tune command to the Windows clipboard. The tune can then be pasted into your main program.

Tune Wizard menu items:
File

| New | Start a new tune |
| :--- | :--- |
| Open | Open a previously saved tune |
| Save As | Save the current tune |
| Import Ring tone | Open a ring tone from a text file |
| Export Ring tone | Save tune as a ring tone text file |
| Export Wave | Save tune as a Windows .wav sound file |
| Close | Close the Wizard |
|  |  |
| Insert Line | Insert a line in the tune |
| Delete Line | Delete the current line |
| Copy BASIC | Copy the tune command to Windows clipboard |
| Copy Ring tone | Copy tune as a ring tone to Windows clipboard |
| Paste BASIC | Paste tune command into Wizard |
| Paste Ring Tone | Paste ring tone into Wizard |
|  | Play the current tune on the computer's speaker |
|  | Start this help file. |

## Project 6: Robotic Sounds

This project explains the use of the random command and labels.
Open your flowchart grid and construct the following flowchart.


The next picture shows the same basic program after changes and editing to make it more readable.

| $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ | TBASIC Converted from flowchartAND ModifiedC.SC MICRO PROJECTS PROJECT6. CADConverted on DATE at TIME |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 5 \\ & 6 \end{aligned}\right.$ | PROGRam uses 36 Bytes, all labels changed to be more readable |  |  |
| $?_{8}^{7}$ | start: | random w0 <br> if b0> 127 then TooBig | -Was b0 Note appeared to make change <br> 'White noise area must reduce |
| 10 |  | let b2 $=$ b0 | set tone |
| ${ }_{11}^{10}$ | BigOver: | if b2< 60 then TooSmall | Below audio tone level |
| $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 11 \\ & 12 \end{aligned}\right.$ |  | sound ${ }^{2}{ }^{2} .(\mathrm{b} 2,4)$ | make beep for small duration random pause |
| 13 |  | goto start | Do again |
| 15 | TooBig: |  |  |
| 16 |  | goto Bigover | 'return |
| 18 | TooSmall | let b2 $=\mathrm{b} 2+65$ | Raise to better ton |
| 19 |  | goto SayBeep | return |

MAKING WORD DOCUMENT FOR YOUR LIBRARY:
Using the screen capture feature in windows (Print Screen Key) and the picture editor in "Word", a document similar to the box below can be created and stored in your library for future use.


## Project 7: SWITCHES AND DIGITAL INPUTS

Digital Inputs
A digital input can only be 'on' or 'off'. Some examples of a digital inputs found in Snap Circuits ${ }^{\circledR}$ are:

- Push Button Switch © ORESSS2switch Always 'OFF' when released
- Slide Switch


Most switches use a metal contact that snaps into place. This action may cause the switch to bounce and produce "switch noise" when it is closed. The program below should change the state of the LED each time the Push Button switch is pressed. In this program output pin 4 toggles (changes state) every time the push switch on input pin 3 is pressed.

Using the Program Editor construct the flowchart shown here. Then use the PICAXE $^{\circledR}$ menu to convert it to a program similar to the program on the right. When the program on the right was edited for clarity, the 'pause 100 ' was added as a note. This should be made a command by removing the apostrophe in front of the "pause" if the switch is very noisy when pressed or released.


Save program, then build circuit on next page.


Load the program into the micro-controller. As shown in the flowchart, the first two lines make up a continuous loop. If the input is off $(=0)$ the program just loops around between program lines numbered 7 and 8 on the left side of the program. If the switch is on ( $=1$ ) the program jumps to the label called ' $B X$ '. The state of output pin 4 is toggled and then the program drops into a second continuous loop that waits for the button to be released. After the button is released the program jumps back to the beginning and waits for the next push. Take note that only a label command follows the "then" in the "if" statement. No other words apart from a label are allowed in this position. Keep circuit for next project.

## PROJECT 8: COUNTING AND DISPLAYING EVENTS

Modify the previous circuit to look like the one shown below.


Create the flowchart and program shown on the next page.



When you download the program the DEBUG window shown here should appear on your computer screen. The debug window opens automatically after a run, but can also be opened manually at any time using the PICAXE $^{\circledR}>$ Debug drop down menu. After releasing the push button the red LED will come on while this window is being upgraded. The variable b1 is increased each time the switch is pressed and the red LED is off.

Switch pressed 13 times
If the switch is pressed and released quickly while the red LED is still on, the event will be missed. If it is only pressed and not released, then the event will be captured.

Notice that the b1 variable value is shown in decimal (13), hexadecimal (\$0D), and binary (\%00001101). For now the decimal output will be all we need.

Since the green LED is only ON during odd values of b1, the light should have been lit during values $1,3,5,7,9,11$, and 13 . The light has been turned on 7 times, off 6 times, and is presently on. Although we are using a light, the event could have been a switch to open a door, turn on a motor, start an oven, or any other event that would need monitoring. The Debug window is not very user friendly but there is another command 'sertxd' that can improve monitoring.

The same circuit will be used in the next project.

## PROJECT 9 - Using Serial Terminal with Sertxd

The sertxd command sends a user defined serial string to the computer (at baud rate 4800). This can be displayed by the included Serial Terminal function under the PICAXE $^{\circledR}>$ Terminal drop down menu. The Serial Terminal can also be automatically opened every time a download takes place by checking the


No flow chart is needed in this project since we are only changing the 'debug' command to the 'sertxd' command. Open project 8 basic program in the editor and change it to the following.


To open the Terminal window use the PICAXE $^{\circledR}$ drop down terminal or press F8 function key. The terminal window shown on the next page will open.


Each time used, go to Options and set up as shown here;- $\square$
Make sure the Baud Rate is set to 4800.

Each time the S2 pushbutton is pressed the micro-controller records the event and then transmits the message shown on the Serial Terminal.

Notice how much faster this
 message transmits compared to the debug information. Try and press the pushbutton fast enough to miss an event. To make the transmission even faster, shorten the data to something like "S1= ", \#b1, " times", 13, 10.
The first line was sent when micro-controller was first turned on after the terminal window was running. The second line in the program was transmitted when the switch was first pressed.

Data can also be stored and not transmitted until required or asked for by main computer.

The next project will use the terminal to send information to the micro-controller, process the information, and produce an output or result of the input.

## PROJECT 10 - Using Serout, Serin, \& Terminal Window

Build the circuit shown here.


To Computer

Open the program editor and make the following flowchart and program -



Final circuit for talking to terminal window. Orange wire moved.


To Computer

Before doing project 11, try experimenting with the terminal window and different messages. Always check the amount of memory being used before a download. Turn power off, and move the orange lead back to the U21 (S-in) before downloading. After a download always turn power off before replacing the orange lead.

## PROJECT 11 - Checking for Errors



In the previous project a number greater than 3 would still play a song.
Add this loop to the previous flowchart; If a number greater than 3 is entered the message "Too Big" will be displayed.

Use simulate to check flowchart, then convert to a basic program. Edit the basic program's play command to (play b2, 2), and then check for program size and syntax errors. If syntax check is successful, download the program.

What happens when a letter is entered?
Since the terminal window will not accept letters, it is not necessary to send an error message.

## PROJECT 12 - THE DC MOTOR/GENERATOR



Because DC motors use brushes and act as generators they may produce voltages that interfere with the micro-controller program. The DC motor provided with your Snap Circuits ${ }^{\circledR}$ parts was picked to reduce this problem. The following circuit will test the program while motor is running with and without a load.

The following symbol is used to represent the DC Motor Pay attention to the " + " sign since it will determine the direction of rotation when power is applied.

Build the circuit shown on the next page and open the program editor to make the flow chart that follows.

The information shown here was reproduced from the web site

Convert flow chart to the basic program shown. Use only fresh alkaline batteries in this project.

## Motor Test Circuit



Download and run program with load (Fan) and without load. Time should be 10 seconds on each run. In some cases program may stop before 10 seconds due to noise or current from motor.

## SECTION 3: PROGRAMMING FOR SNAP CIRCUITS ${ }^{\circledR}$

PROJECT 13 - THE FLYING SAUCER
Build the following Snap Circuit ${ }^{\circledR}$... note the " + " on the motor.



BASIC converted from flowchart
$C: \backslash S C$ MICRO PROJECTS $\backslash$ LAUNCHER.CAD
Converted on DATE at TIME
main
pause 2000
serout 0, N2400, (" Power Level ?", 13,10)
serin 1, n2400, \#w0
serout 0.N2400, ("Send 'go' to Launch!", 13,10)
serin 1, n2400, ("go")
for b3 $=1$ to 10
sound $2,(b 4,1)$
next b4
next b4
nigh $_{\text {nex }}{ }^{\text {b3 }}$
high ${ }^{2}{ }^{2}$
pause
low 4
goto main
'PROMPT FOR POWER LEVEL
INPUT POUER IEVEI
PROMPT FOR GO
INPUT GO COMMAND
START COUNTDOWN WITH SIREN

END OF COUNTDOWN
TURN ON MOTOR
PAUSE UNTII POWER LEVEI
TURN OFF MOTOR
' REPEAT

## PROJECT 14 - Analogue Sensors \& Analogue to Digital Conversion (adc)

## Analogue Sensors:

An analogue sensor measures continuous signals such as light, sound level, position, or voltage.
Common examples of analogue sensors are:

- Variable Resistor (RV)


The variable resistor provides a varying voltage dependent on the center arm position. A voltage signal from 0 to 4.5 volts can be placed on pin 1 by adjusting the slider. The micro-controller converts this analog input into a digital number that can be represented by a decimal number in the range 0 to 255 ( 8 bits) or 0 to 1023 ( 10 bits).

- The "Photo Resistor" (RP) or "Light Dependant Resistor" (LDR)


The photo resistor or light dependent resistor provides a varying voltage dependent on the amount of light. A voltage signal that changes with the intensity of light can be placed on a microchip input by using the photo resistor. The microcontroller converts this analog input into a number that represents the amount of light on the resistor.


The microphone provides a varying voltage dependent on the amount of sound present. A voltage signal that changes with the intensity of sound can be placed on a microchip input by using the microphone. The micro-controller converts this analog input into a number that represents the amount of sound present.

## readadc

Syntax:

## READADC channel,variable

- channel is a variable or a constant that sets the input pin ( 1,2, or 4 )
- variable is the name of the variable that holds the converted data.


## Function:

Read the ADC channel (8 bit resolution) contents into variable.

## Information:

The readadc command is used to read the analogue value from the micro-controller input pins 1,2 , or 4. The readadc command converts this value to an 8 -bit variable. An 8 -bit resolution analogue input will provide 256 different analogue readings ( 0 to 255 ) over the full voltage range (e.g. 0 to 4.5 V ). Note that not all inputs have internal ADC capability. Use the readadc10 command to read the full 10 -bit value.


```
Convert to Basic, Program:
main:
readadc 1, b0
\(\mathrm{w} 1=\mathrm{b} 0 * 4\)
high 4
pause w1
low 4
pause w1
goto main
```

Enter the flow chart shown here into the program editor then build the circuit shown on the next page.

Download program and adjust RV for LED blinking rate.


Edit the previous program to use 10-bit accuracy as shown here.

## readadc10

## Syntax:

## READADC10 channel, wordvariable

- channel is a variable or a constant specifying the input pin (1, 2, or 4)
- wordvariable is the name of the wordvariable that holds the converted data.

Function:
Read the ADC channel (10 bit resolution, 0 to 1023) contents into a wordvariable. Information:
The readadc 10 command is used to read the analogue value into the microcontroller with 10-bit accuracy. Since the result is a 10 -bit number, a wordvariable must be used. Note that only input pins 1 , 2 , or 4 have internal ADC functionality.


Download this new program and note the difference in program length and functionality.

```
8 Bit Conversion Program
18 bytes
Delay between LED flashing increments by 4,
for example;
0,4,8,12,16, .......,1012,1016,1020
```


## 10 Bit Conversion Program

13 bytes
Delay between LED flashing increments by 1 , for example;
$0,1,2,3,4,5,6, \ldots . .1021,1022,1023$

In some cases the 8 bit resolution is adequate to do the job, but when a finer resolution is required, use the readadc10 function.

## PROJECT 15 - Auto Calibrating Digital Voltmeter



The Snap Circuit ${ }^{\circledR}$ shown above uses the base-emitter junction of transistor Q2 as a reference and calibrates the internal A to D for correct voltage readings. This self-calibration technique eliminates the error that would occur as batteries discharge. It also eliminates A to D differences from circuit to circuit. After building this circuit, use the flow chart and download the program shown on the next page. Open the terminal window by pressing F8 or using the drop down under the PICAXE ${ }^{\circledR}$ menu. Adjust the RV slider for different voltages and press the S2 pushbutton to get a reading. When the slider is all the way up, the voltage will equal the battery voltage.

## Voltmeter Flowchart;



In the Auto-Calibrate section the base-emitter voltage on Q2 is read on pin 2 of the micro-controller. Variable w6 is then adjusted for the correct reading. This is only calculated once each time the program is started.

The RV voltages are then read on pin 1 of the microcontroller and calculated using variable w6.

The digital number is formatted to read as a decimal and sent to the terminal display.

The process will repeat after the pushbutton is pressed and released.

Since the "if" box in the flow chart does not support word variables, b11 was used with a note to make it "w2" after converting to basic. The number " 74 " in the "if" box should be changed to the number written on the back of Q2 in your kit. After converting and editing, the basic program should read as shown on next page.

```
Voltmeter Program;
lol
TBASIC converted from flowchart and edited
    C:\SC MICRO PROJECTS\VOITMETER.CAD
    'Converted on DATE at TIME
    main:
```



```
    inc w6
    goto calbrate
    VM: readadc10 1,w1
            w2=w1*60/w6
            w3=w2/100
    w4=w2//100
nopush: if pin3=1 then yespush
    if pin3=1 then yespush
    goto nopush 'Wait for next press of pushbutton
    yespush: if pin3=0 then VM 'when button is released do again
```

```
    if wrong goto next step, otherwise measure input
```

    if wrong goto next step, otherwise measure input
    'increase the reference variable by 1
    'increase the reference variable by 1
    ```
    try again
```

    try again
    'read the input voltage
    'read the input voltage
    calculate for decimal readout
    calculate for decimal readout
    'get the digit before the decimal point
    'get the digit before the decimal point
    'get the decimal portion of the voltage
    'get the decimal portion of the voltage
    goto yespush
    ```

Make sure baud rate is at 2400 when using terminal window.

The variable w5 stores the reading between 0000 and 1023 that represents the reference voltage. If the battery voltage equals 4.5 volts and the reference voltage equals .74 volts the w5 variable should read (.74/4.5) x1023 or 168 (decimals not allowed). The highest number the micro-controller can use mathematically is 65,335 . If the highest number for w5 is 1023 , multiplying by 60 will not exceed this limit \((1023 \times 60=61,380)\). These larger numbers allow for two decimals in the final reading. The program then calculates the voltage at pin 2 using the number 80 for w6 as follows ... w2=(w5 x60)/w6 or VR \(=\) \((168 \times 60) / 80\) or 126 . Since the reference voltage is 74 (or .74 volts), the variable \(w 6\) is increased by 1 and the calculation is repeated. When the 74 number is calculated the variable w6 has been found and the micro-controller uses the 1 pin to measure voltages.

By comparing the input voltages to a known reference many undesired variables can be eliminated.

\section*{PROJECT 16 - Battery Tester (Batteries under 4 volts)}


The Snap Circuit \({ }^{\text {® }}\) shown above uses the voltmeter program to check batteries up to 4 volts. An error message is added for voltages over 4 volts. Hold the battery to be tested in the position shown here, then press the S2 pushbutton to get a reading. Make sure the bottom of the red snap on the wire touches the + terminal of the battery, and the other side of the battery is pressed onto the ground snap. The battery will be loaded at 10 milliamps per volt during the test.

\section*{Battery Tester Program;}
```

'C:\SC MICRO PROJECTS\BATCHECKER. BAS
main:
calbrat: }\quad\begin{array}{l}{\mathrm{ let w6=80}}<br>{\mathrm{ readadc10 2,w5}}<br>{w2=w5*60/w6}
if W2= 74 then VM
inc w6
goto calbrat
VM: readadc10 1,w1
w2=w1*60/w6
w3=w2/100
W4=w2//100
if w1> 1000 then ermes --- Add error message for over 4 volts
serout 0,N2400.(\#w3,",",\#w4," Volts",13,10) 'Send Voltage to Screen
pubut0: if pin3=1 then pubut1
goto pubut0
pubut1: if pin3=0 then VM
goto pubut1
ermes: serout 0,N2400.("V too High",13,10) 'Send error message
goto pubut0

```

Modify the voltmeter program in project 15 to be as shown above. This program adds an error message if the battery voltage being checked gets close to or greater than the voltage level of the micro-controller. If fresh batteries are installed in the Snap Circuit® battery holder, the battery checker circuit can be used to check the voltage on any battery up to 4.3 volts.

Project 17, The Photo Resistor (RP) or Light Dependent Resistor
\(R P\) is an example of an analogue sensor that drops from a very high resistance to a low resistance as light is increased. It is connected between the micro-controller input pin 2 and ground. A \(100 \mathrm{k} \Omega\) resistor from \(B+\) to pin 2 allows the voltage on pin 2 to rise when it is dark and fall when there is light on RP. Build the snap circuit shown here.



Draw the flowchart at the left and use the PICAXE \(^{\circledR}\) drop down menu to convert the flowchart to the basic program shown below. Download the program into the micro-controller, clear the message window, and press f8 button to open the terminal window.



\section*{Project 18, Introduction to Data Loggers.}

Technically speaking, a data logger is any device that can be used to store data. This includes many data acquisition devices such as plug-in boards or serial communication systems, which use a computer as a real time data recording system. However, most instrument manufacturers consider a data logger a stand alone device that can read various types of electrical signals and store the data in internal memory for later download to a computer.
The advantage of data loggers is that they can operate independently of a computer, unlike many other types of data acquisition devices. Data loggers are available in various shapes and sizes. The range includes simple economical single channel fixed function loggers to more powerful programmable devices capable of handling hundreds of inputs. The Snap Circuit below is a single channel fixed light intensity logger. Build this circuit.


Create the following flowchart:


In the above flowchart the data is stored in registers 80 to 127 with the "poke" command and retreived by using a subroutine called ddump with the "peek" command. The "gosub" command only stops the time keeping process to retreive the data and send it to the terminal. Time keeping is then resumed where it left off by the return command at the end of the ddump subroutine. Use the PICAXE \({ }^{\circledR}\) drop down menu and convert the flow chart to a program similar to the one shown on the next page. Be sure to add your own notes and change labels to make your program easy to understand when you revisit this program at a later date.
```

BASIC converted and edited from flowchart
C:\SC MICRO PROJECTS\PROJECT18.CAD
Converted on Date at Time
main: b1 = 79
label_1: readadc 2,b0
serout 0,N2400.(
inc b1
If b1 < }128\mathrm{ then
poke b1,b0
endif
endif
for b5 = 1 to 60
for b4=1 to }1
wait 5
if pin3=1 then gosub ddump
next b4
next b5
goto label_1
ddump: serout 0,N2400, (10, "DATA",10)
for b2 = 80 to 127
peek b2,b3
serout 0,N2400,(\#b3,", ")
next b2
serout 0,N2400,(10,"END STORED DATA",10)
return
Make these equal to 2 and the wait = 1 for a
reading approximately every 5 seconds.
Set storage start register -1
Set storage start regi
', Read the light sensor

- Increment the storage address
'Check to see if storage full
'Store data
'Repeat loop every minute for 1 hour
'Check every 5 seconds for input
'5 seconds times 12 loops = 1 minute
'If pin3 is high do a data dump
Minute is up after 12 b4 loops
'Hour is up after 60 b5 loops
'Hour is up after 60 b5 loo
'Transmit DATA message
'Transmit DATA me
'Start read loop
'Get stored data
'Send to terminal
'Get next stored byte
'Tell user data dump over
'continue program where it was interrupted

```

Download the above program into the Snap Circuit Project 18
 Light Intensity Logger. Press the F8 key to open the terminal window on your display. Press and hold the S2 switch until data starts dumping into the terminal window then release switch. The window should display data similar to the picture on the left. There will only be one reading since the light sensor data logger was just turned on. The rest of the data should be zero. It will take approximately one hour before the second reading is taken. Placing this circuit near a window for a couple of days will record the light levels for that area. To make the readings faster, change the program as shown in the red boxes above and repeat the process.

\section*{Project 19, Green Power Meter or An Energy Cost Data Logger.}

A data logger can be used to store data on how much electricity is being used by a device. For example, the light sensor is placed by a lamp in a room. When the lamp is turned on the micro-controller records the time. When the light is turned off, the time elapsed is calculated and stored. The time on is then used to calculate the kilowatt hours of energy used and the cost based on the current price of electricity. Total cost per day is then stored for displaying when requested. PICAXE \({ }^{\circledR}\) timing is pretty approximate \& can vary by \(\pm 1 \%\). Consider the flow chart below.


This section gathers and stores data.
This section calculates and displays cost.
Since the flow chart editor will not allow a decimal, write the word "decimal" instead and convert it to a decimal point after transforming the flow chart to a basic program. The ' \(\phi\) ' symbol can be entered by holding down the <alt> key and entering 0162 on the number pad. Open the program editor and enter the flowchart as shown above. Be sure to save it before converting to basic. After converting to basic your program should be similar to the one shown on the next page.

\section*{Program in Basic for Green Power Meter.}


The program will take 24 hours before it records the first day's cost. To speed up program for testing purposes, change the second pause from 59940 to 1 . After testing replace original value.


To shield the photo resistor RP from daylight and other light sources you should take a tube from a roll of paper towels and cover one end with a piece of paper as shown here. Punch a pencil size hole in the paper and cut the other end of the tube so it fits over the photo resistor RP in the circuit above. Aim the hole in the tube at the lamp being measured so only light from that lamp hits the photo resistor.


To test the Green Power Meter (GPM) change the second pause in the program from 59940 to 1 and

download into the Snap Circuit® on the previous page. After removing successful download window, quickly open the terminal by pressing <F8> key. Restart the GPM and your terminal window should display the 'Wattage \(=100\) ' message.

The red LED should be flashing very fast if enough light is present to trigger the record part of the program. Place your hand over the photo resistor and the flashing should stop. Press the S2 pushbutton to see recorded data. It will take between 5 to 10 seconds to emulate one day of recording.

14 Days recorded, cost \(=\$ 1.84\). 24 Days Recorded - memory full In this example the lamp would have cost the user \(\$ 3.23\) for 24 days of use.

Be sure to change the wattage setting to the value of the lamp you will test and the price per kilowatt hour to the nearest penny rate on your electric bill. Replace original pause settings and download the program. Remove computer leads and install 10K resistor. Place it under the light to be tested. Make sure the LED flashes once every minute the lamp is on, and does not flash when lamp is off. Wait 24 days to get a good reading on the cost of normal use of the lamp. Although the GPM can only measure up to 255 watts directly, any device tied to a light source can be calculated. For example, a 1200 watt heater with a light would cost 12 times the number calculated above or \(12 \times \$ 3.23=\$ 38.77\) for 24 days.

PROJECT 20, Audio Amplifier and the Microphone (X1)
Build the Snap Circuit shown below. For those familiar with electronic circuits and schematics a drawing of this circuit is also included.


Make sure the computer speakers are turned on and the volume or loudness control is not at zero. Also make sure the microphone input is on by checking the controls as shown on the next page.

Go to control panel and double click the "Sounds and Audio Devices" icon. In the panel that opens, click the "Advanced" bar under the device volume section to open the window below. Click on the "options" menu and check the "Advanced" section to open these.


Click on "options" again, and then "properties" to open this window.
Make sure the Microphone \& Volume Control boxes are checked. Click OK.
For best sensitivity, click on the advanced button under the microphone column and make sure the "Microphone Boost" box is checked in the window that opens. Not all versions of windows will have these "Advanced" buttons.
Turn S1 switch to on and you should be able to hear amplified sounds from the microphone. Test by blowing on the microphone. If feedback occurs, reduce the speaker volume or the microphone input setting. Keep this circuit for the next project.

\section*{SECTION 4: AUDACITY \({ }^{\circledR}\) \& SOUND}

\section*{Project 21, Audacity \({ }^{\text {® }}\)}

Run the installer program "audacity \({ }^{\circledR}\)-win-1.2.6.exe" from the Elenco \({ }^{\circledR}\) disc.
Follow the instructions to install the program. After installation run the program and a window similar to the one below should open;


\footnotetext{
Project rate: 44100 Cursor: \(0: 00.000000\) min:sec [Snap-To Off]
}


Project rate: 44100 Cursor: \(0: 00.006955\) min:sec [Snap-To Off]
In speech recognition programs, computers analyze the digital data from words and use the common points to determine the word being spoken. The next project will use the sound of clapping to control an LED.

\section*{Project 22, Investigating Sound of Clapping.}

Use previous setup to record the sound of two claps. Try recording two claps with different delays between claps. The picture below shows different clap groups highlighted by different colors.


Peaks reach both +1 and -1 levels, then decay to a level less than .1 within .2 seconds.

A single clap from the previous page is shown here.

3. Expand using this button.

Expanded start of a clap. Data points highlighted by clicking "pencil" button.


If \(-1=0,+1=255\), and \(0.0=127\) then the dots below the -0.3 red line and the dots above the 0.3 red line show digital data points for loud sharp sounds that are less than 88 or greater than 166. This data can be used to detect the start of a clap sound.
After .2 seconds or 200 milliseconds all the data should be between the two center purple lines as shown by the dots at the beginning of the curve. This data can be used to detect the end of a clap sound. Use the Audacity \({ }^{\circledR}\) program and the circuit from project 20 to verify these facts.

\section*{Project 23, The Clap-Data Program}

Consider the flow chart shown here as one method of recording and displaying data from the sound of two claps within a 2.5 second window.


Converting the above flowchart to a basic program and adding notes can produce the Basic program shown on the next page.
```

```
'BASIC converted from flowchart
```

```
'BASIC converted from flowchart
'C: \SC MICRO PROJECTS \(\backslash\) PROJECT23.CAD
'C: \SC MICRO PROJECTS \(\backslash\) PROJECT23.CAD
'Converted on DATE at TIME
'Converted on DATE at TIME
main:
main:
label_79: let b4 \(=80\)
label_79: let b4 \(=80\)
let \(\mathrm{b} 6=0\)
let \(\mathrm{b} 6=0\)
label_22: setint 4, 4
label_22: setint 4, 4
if b4> \(95^{\circ}\) then label_ 79
if b4> \(95^{\circ}\) then label_ 79
pause 10
pause 10
    inc b6
    inc b6
if b6> 254 then label_79
if b6> 254 then label_79
goto label_22
goto label_22
interrupt:
interrupt:
label_5F:
label_5F:
```

let b5=b4+ 6

```
let b5=b4+ 6
```

let b5=b4+ 6
for b0 = b4 to b5
for b0 = b4 to b5
for b0 = b4 to b5
readade 2,b13
readade 2,b13
readade 2,b13
poke b0.b13
poke b0.b13
poke b0.b13
next b0
next b0
next b0
pause 250
pause 250
pause 250
let b4=b4+6
let b4=b4+6
let b4=b4+6
let b5 =b4+ 6
let b5 =b4+ 6
let b5 =b4+ 6
for b0 = b4 to b5
for b0 = b4 to b5
for b0 = b4 to b5
readadc 2,b13
readadc 2,b13
readadc 2,b13
poke b0,b13
poke b0,b13
poke b0,b13
next b0
next b0
next b0
if b4> 91 then label_58
if b4> 91 then label_58
if b4> 91 then label_58
let b4=b4+ 6
let b4=b4+ 6
let b4=b4+ 6
let b6= 0
let b6= 0
let b6= 0
return
return
return
for b0 = 80 to 103
for b0 = 80 to 103
for b0 = 80 to 103
peek b0,b1
peek b0,b1
peek b0,b1
serout 0,N2400, (\#b1,", ")
serout 0,N2400, (\#b1,", ")
serout 0,N2400, (\#b1,", ")
next b0
next b0
next b0
serout 0,N2400,("end",13,10)
serout 0,N2400,("end",13,10)
serout 0,N2400,("end",13,10)
goto label_5F

```
goto label_5F
```

goto label_5F

```
```

label_58:

```
label_58:
'Start address for data storage
'Counter between claps
'Interupt on High at input 2
'Start again after 2nd clap
'Pause 10 milliseconds
'then add one to b6
'if 2.54 seconds pass start over
'otherwise keep looking for 2nd clap
6
```

6

```
6
```





```
                        5
```

                        5
    ```
                        5
'Set window to 6 data points
'start reading data
'read data and place it in b13 variable
'store reading in storage area
'continue reading group of 6 data points
'wait for . }25\mathrm{ seconds to get quiet data
'set storage area for quiet data
'set window for 6 data points
'start reading quiet data
start reading qu
'store in storage area for quiet data
continue reading all }6\mathrm{ points
'If 2nd clap is recorded go to dump data
'If no 2nd clap set data storage
'Reset counter for maximum of 2.54 sec
'Set data read for all data stored
'Get data
'Send to terminal
'Continue until all data sent
Send end of data signal and start new line
'Return to main program
```

Build the Snap Circuit ${ }^{\circledR}$ shown next and download the above program into the micro-processor.

Clap data taking circuit.


After downloading the program, clear the download window and open the Terminal window under the PICAXE ${ }^{\circledR}$ menu in the program editor. Every two claps should produce a stream of data that is followed by the word "end". Data will vary from circuit to circuit, but certain characteristics will remain the same. It is these characteristics that will be used to control our final output.

## Project 24, Analyzing Clap Data

Data shown in terminal window after four pairs of claps should be similar to this;


Pair 1: 54, 152, 104, 117, 80, 111 $\qquad$ 6, 118, 119, 88, 105, 89
Pair 2: 254, 127, 7, 111, 71, 105 ......... 29, 151, 106, 113, 102, 117
Pair 3: 168, 228, 116, 82, 96, 62 ......... 6, 8, 60, 115, 110, 93
Pair 4: 146, 84, 117, 104, 123, $94 \ldots \ldots . .124,102,105,99,141,92$

Three data groups for the start of a clap only have one data point in the start windows. There is no data outside of the center window for the end of each clap. Repeat this process for your Snap Circuit ${ }^{\circledR}$ and microprocessor. Calculate your center window for $10 \%$ above and below the average end point readings. In the following flow chart the end point window was closed to $\pm 5 \%$ or 98 to 108 .

Calculate your start point windows for at least one data point per clap. You may have to open the windows to insure at least one data point. In the following flow chart the start windows were set at approximately $\pm 18 \%$ to improve data readings. The numbers used were 0 to 85 and 121 to 255 . This change results in start data as shown here.

Pair 1: 54, 152, 104, 117, 80, $111 \ldots \ldots \ldots . .6,118,119,88,105,89$
Pair 2: 254, 127, 7, 111, 71, $105 \ldots \ldots . .29,151,106,113,102,117$
Pair 3: 168, 228, 116, 82, 96, $62 \ldots \ldots . .6,8,60,115,110,93$
Pair 4: 146, 84, 117, 104, 123, $94 \ldots \ldots . .124,102,105,99,141,92$
There is still one data group with only one number outside the window, but the probability of capturing a good clap sound has been improved greatly.

In the following flow chart the clap data is no longer stored, but instead is measured byte by byte as it is read. This allows more bytes to be analyzed in a shorter time period and even better probability of a capture.

The beginning of the next flow chart waits 10 seconds then looks for a quiet period and records the required window data. The 10 -second delay is necessary in order to allow all the circuit transients to settle and come to their operating levels. A green light indicates this process is running. When the light goes out the circuit is reading to use.

## Project 25, The Clap it ON, Clap it OFF Circuit

Construct the following flowchart.


The first block above lets the circuit settle and then looks for 10 readings in a row that are very close to be used as quiet time.
The second block calculates the quiet point and sets the limits for start and end of the clap sound.
The third block is the main program that listens for a clap and starts the count between claps.
The last block checks the sound for outside of start window, waits for 200 milliseconds, then checks for quiet time. This block also checks for second clap and turns the light ON or OFF.

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After converting the flowchart to a Basic program it should look similar to the following without the notes.
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    I
    main:
    high 1
    pause 10000
    lbl_start:
        readadc 2,b0
        pause 20 2,bl
        if b0=b1 then good_data
        if b0>b1 then lbl_reverse
        let b2=b1-b0
    lbl_check:
        if b2> 5 then try_again
        let b3=b3+ W6
        if b3> 9 then lbl_settings
        let b0=b1
    goto lbl_2read
    lbl_reverse
    let b2=b0-b1
    goto lbl_check
    lbl_settings: let b10 = w6/ 10
        let b11=b10+ 15
        let b12=b10- 15
        let b8=b10+ 5
        lov 1
    lbl_back2: let b6= 0
    lbl_loop: setint 4. 
        pause 10
        ino b6
        if b6> }254\mathrm{ then lbl_time
        goto ibl_loop
    lbl_time:
    let b7= 0
    goto 1bl_back2
    try_again: let w6=0
    let b3=0
    goto lbl_star
    interrupt:
        for b0=1 to }
        if b13>b11 then clap_ok
        if b13>b11 then clap_ok
        if next b0
    lbl_return: return
    clap_ok: let b7=b7+ 1
        pause 200
        for b0=1 to }
        readadc 2,b13
        if b13>b8 then lbl_noisy
        if b13<b9 then lbl_noisy
        next b0
        let b6= 1 then lbl_toggle
        goto lbl_return
    lbl_toggle: toggle 4
        goto lbl_return
    1bl_noisy: let b7= 0
        let b7= 0
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main:

## lbl_2read

- pause 20
readadc
if $b 0=b 1$ if $b 0>b 1$ then $1 b 1 \_r e v e r s$ if b2>5 then try_again
lbl_check:
good_data:
let $b 3=b 3+1$
if bus then lbl_settings
goto lbl_2read
lbl_reverse
let b2 $=b 0-b 1$
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lbl_settings: let b10 = w6/ 10
let b11 $=$ b10+ 15
let b12=b10- 15
let b8=b10+ 5
let $b 9=b 10-5$
low 1
bl_back $2:$
setint 4, 4
inc b6
if b6 $>254$ then lbl_time
goto lbl loop
let b7=0
goto lbl_back2
try_again: $\begin{aligned} & \text { let } w 6=0 \\ & \text { let } b 3=0\end{aligned}$
goto lbl_start
interrupt :
$\underset{\text { for } b 0=1}{ }$ to 9
if b13<b12 then clap_ok
next b0
1bl_return: return
clap_ok: let b7=b7+ 1
pause 200
readade $2, b 13$
if b13<b9 then lbl_noisy if $b 7>1$ goto lbl_return

## lbl_toggle:

let $b 7=0$ goto lbl test1

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Turn on start up light
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Turn on start up light
Wait }10\mathrm{ seconds for cirouit to settle
Wait }10\mathrm{ seconds for cirouit to settle
Read audio and store in variable bo
Read audio and store in variable bo
pause for . }02\mathrm{ seconds
pause for . }02\mathrm{ seconds
Read audio and store in variable bl
Read audio and store in variable bl
If bo is equal to b1 goto good_data
If bo is equal to b1 goto good_data
Reverse subtraction if b0 is greater than bl
Reverse subtraction if b0 is greater than bl
Get difference between b0 and b1
Get difference between b0 and b1
If too large, out of vindow, goto try again
If too large, out of vindow, goto try again
If good add it to running total
If good add it to running total
Increase reading counter by at
Increase reading counter by at
If reading counter is 10 then goto lbl_settings
If reading counter is 10 then goto lbl_settings
If reading counter less than 10 let b0 = b1
If reading counter less than 10 let b0 = b1
Go get new b1 reading
Go get new b1 reading
'Reverse the subtraction order, bl minus bl
'Reverse the subtraction order, bl minus bl
Goto check for good data line
Goto check for good data line
Get average for quiet reading
Get average for quiet reading
Set upper start level at 15 above quiet
Set upper start level at 15 above quiet
Set lover quiet level at }5\mathrm{ below average
Set lover quiet level at }5\mathrm{ below average
Turn off start up light
Turn off start up light
Set 2.5 second counter to zerc
Set 2.5 second counter to zerc
Set interupt for pin 2 high
Set interupt for pin 2 high
', wait for 10 milliseconds
', wait for 10 milliseconds
If counter is past 2.54 seconds goto lbl tine
If counter is past 2.54 seconds goto lbl tine
lom
lom
'reset olap counter
'reset olap counter
goto start of new 2.54 second count %: look for clap
goto start of new 2.54 second count %: look for clap
reset average sum to zero
reset average sum to zero
reset average counter to zero
reset average counter to zero
start looking for quiet time average again
start looking for quiet time average again
set up a loop to look at }9\mathrm{ start data points
set up a loop to look at }9\mathrm{ start data points
read the data point and store it in b13
read the data point and store it in b13
does it exceed upper start level? yes-goto clap ok
does it exceed upper start level? yes-goto clap ok
does it exceed lower start level? yes-goto clap ok
does it exceed lower start level? yes-goto clap ok
does it exceed lower start level? yes-goto clap ok
does it exceed lower start level? yes-goto clap ok
If all start points fail return to look for clap program
If all start points fail return to look for clap program
'Increment clap counter
'Increment clap counter
pause for 200 milliseconds
pause for 200 milliseconds
set up a loop to look at g quiet points
set up a loop to look at g quiet points
read quiet point
read quiet point
if out of quiet window goto noisy
if out of quiet window goto noisy
if out of quiet windov goto noisy
if out of quiet windov goto noisy
get next data point
get next data point
if second clap is good goto toggle
if second clap is good goto toggle
reset 2.54 second counter to 0
reset 2.54 second counter to 0
return and look for claps
return and look for claps
change output on pin 4
change output on pin 4
set counter to max-1
set counter to max-1
return
return
'set good olap counts to zero
'set good olap counts to zero
'goto test for toggle

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'goto test for toggle
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Before downloading, change the Snap Circuit ${ }^{\circledR}$ to match the picture below. Download into the following circuit and test by clapping. Clap at least five times with one second between claps but not more than 2 seconds between claps. After the light comes on it should only take two loud claps to make it toggle.


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