

Driving LCD with i2c interface

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Nice project to drive a standard HD4478 based LCD from an I<sup>2</sup>C port expander.

[HD4478](#), [PCF8574](#)

I2CLCD.bas

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'
' http://letsmakerobots.com/node/4240 provided PICaxe code
'
' Maximite modifications by John Gerrard
'
' +-----+
' | LCD DISPLAY      Hitachi HD44780 Standard |
' | 1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 |
' +-----+
' | GND V+  CNT  RS  RW  E  D0  D1  D2  D3  D4  D5  D6  D7  LV+ LGND |
' |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
' | =  +5 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
' |   +-+ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
' |   <  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
' | 4k7 ><+ +-----+
' |   <  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
' +-----+
'
' to Maximite I2C
'   ^   ^
' +3.3|   |   |   |   |   |   |
' |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
' +-----+
' | V+ SDA SCD INT  P7  P6  P5  P4 |
' |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
' | D   PCF8574 port expander |
' | A0  A1  A2  P0  P1  P2  P3 GND |
' +-----+
' |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
' |   +-----+
' |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
' |   +-----+
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'      gnd      |  +-----+
'                +-----+
'
'

I2CEN 100,100 ' Enable I2C
I2CAddr = &H20      ' this is the 8574 I2C address
                  ' A2=A1=A0=0 <-> x100 000x

'Name      8574 bit    LCD
'-----
DB4        = 0        ' LCD Data Line 4 (pin 11)
DB5        = 1        ' LCD Data Line 5 (pin 12)
DB6        = 2        ' LCD Data Line 6 (pin 13)
DB7        = 3        ' LCD Data Line 7 (pin 14)
RS         = 4        ' 0 = Command    1 = Data (pin 4)
                  ' 5 free (to pin 15 for lcd bk light, for ex.)
                  ' 6 free
E          = 7        ' 0 = Idle      1 = Active (pin 6)

RSCMDmask = &B00000000 ' Select Command register
RSDATmask = &B00010000 ' Select Data register = High P4 on 8574
Emask     = &B11100000 ' Enable = P7 on 8574

Dim CNT(6)

CNT(0) = &H33      ' %0011---- %0011---- 8-bit / 8-bit
CNT(1) = &H32      ' %0011---- %0010---- 8-bit / 4-bit

' Byte commands - To configure the LCD

'
' Display Format
' 4bit mode, 2 lines, 5x7
'
' 001LNF00
CNT(2) = &B00101000 ' %00101000
' L : 0 = 4-bit Mode    1 = 8-bit Mode
' N : 0 = 1 Line        1 = 2 Lines
' F : 0 = 5x7 Pixels    1 = N/A
'
' Setup Display
' Display ON, Cursor On, Cursor Steady
'
' 00001DCB
CNT(3) = &B00001100 ' %00001110
' D : 0 = Display Off   1 = Display On
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' C : 0 = Cursor Off    1 = Cursor On
' B : 0 = Cursor Steady 1 = Cursor Flash

'
' Setup Cursor/Display
' Inc Cursor Cursor Move
'
' 000001IS
CNT(4) = &B00000110 ' %000001IS    Cursor Move
' I : 0 = Dec Cursor    1 = Inc Cursor
' S : 0 = Cursor Move   1 = Display Shift

CNT(5) = &B00000001 ' Clear Screen

GoSub InitialiseLcd ' Initialise the LCD

Menu:
line1$ = "2x20 LCD Test" ' Add your text here
line2$ = "2nd Line"      ' And here

Gosub Line1 ' or gosub LCD_Mainloop if you want clear the screen

' Add key press stuff here

Goto menu

' I2C LCD

LCD_Mainloop:

    aByte = CNT(5) 'Clear Screen
    GoSub SendCmdByte

Line1:

aByte = &B00000010 ' Put cursor at start of Line 1
GoSub SendCmdByte

    For i = 1 To Len(Line1$)
        aByte = Asc(Mid$(Line1$, i, 1))
        GoSub SendDataByte
    Next i

If line2$ = "" Then Return
EndIf

Line2:
    aByte = &H80 Or &H40 ' Put cursor at start of Line 2

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GoSub SendCmdByte

For i = 1 To Len(Line2$)
    aByte = Asc(Mid$(Line2$, i, 1))
    GoSub SendDataByte
Next i

Return

' INITIALIZE LCD
' -----
'
InitialiseLcd:

    For index = 0 To 5
        aByte = CNT(index)
        GoSub SendInitCmdByte
    Next

Return

' SEND INIT CMD BYTE - SEND CMD BYTE - SEND DATA BYTE
' -----
'
SendInitCmdByte:

SendCmdByte:

    rsbit = RSCMDmask                ' Send to Command register

SendDataByte:

    '
    ' put MSB OUT 1st
    '
    temp = (aByte \ &B10000) Or rsbit
    GoSub DirectSendCmd
    '
    ' put LSB
    '
    temp = aByte And &H0F Or rsbit
    rsbit = RSDATmask                ' Send to Data register next

DirectSendCmd:

    temp = temp Xor Emask            ' E=1

I2CSEND i2caddr, 0, 1, temp        ' send to 8574
Pause 2
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temp = temp Xor Emask          ' E=0
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I2CSEND i2caddr, 0, 1, temp  
Return
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