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NOTE: The resident system monitor is commonly referred to as WOZMON (WOZniak MONitor) throughout this documentation. Either name may be used interchangeably.

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THE HONEYCRISP EMULATOR, MOSe EMULATION CORE (revision r230626.247)

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SPECIFICATIONS

MICROPROCESSOR:

Emulation Core: MOSe 6502, (revision 230626.247)
Core Architecture: MOS Technology 6502
Instruction Set: Full MOS 6502 Set (151 official opcodes)
Addressing Modes: 13 (all MOS 6502 modes)
Nominal Clock: 1.023 MHz (emulated)
CPU Speed Adjustment: 0.25x to 10.00x multiplier
BCD Arithmetic: Supported (*NOT USED BY THE APPLE-1 MICROCOMPUTER*)
Interrupts: IRQ, NMI, RESET

VIDEO DISPLAY:

Format: 40 characters/line, 24 lines; with automatic scrolling
Character Font: Converted SIGNETICS 2513 bitmap (embedded as a WOFF2 file)
Color Themes: 7 selectable: Mint, Sherbert, Vanilla, Grape, Lemon, Blueberry, Cherry
Fullscreen: Supported

RAM MEMORY:

Selectable Capacity: 4KB, 8KB, 16KB, 32KB, or 48KB
Default Capacity: 32KB
User RAM Base: \$0000

ROM MEMORY:

WOZMON Monitor: \$FF00-\$FFFF (256 bytes, always resident)
ACI ROM: \$C100-\$C1FF (256 bytes, always resident)

PERIPHERAL INTERFACE ADAPTER:

Device: MCS 6820 (emulated)
KBD Data Register: \$D010
KBD Control Reg.: \$D011
DSP Data Register: \$D012
DSP Control Reg.: \$D013

APPLE CASSETTE INTERFACE:

Address Range: \$C100-\$C1FF
Compatible Files: WAV, AIFF audio
Encoding: Apple-1 FSK (frequency-shift keying)
Decode Threshold: 1%-99%, adjustable (default 30%)

PLATFORM:

Requirements: Any web browser with HTML 5 & ES6 support
Save-State Format: .hcstate (save/load sessions)
Program Formats: .hc (machine code), .bas or .txt (Integer BASIC code), .WAV or .AIFF (Audio Tape Files)

INTRODUCTION

The HoneyCrisp Emulator is a complete APPLE-1 microcomputer emulation system, consisting of the MOSe 6502 emulation core, a fully emulated MOS 6820 Peripheral Interface Adapter, an Apple Cassette Interface, and resident system software including the original system monitor PROM program and Integer BASIC interpreter, among other user applications. It is delivered as a single self-contained HTML document and requires no installation, running directly in any web browser with ES6 support. It contains resident system monitor software, enabling the user, via the keyboard and display, to write, examine, debug, and run programs efficiently; thus, being an educational tool for the learning of microprocessor programming, and an aid in the development of software.

The integral video display section renders a 40-character, 24-line terminal with automatic scrolling. The display section contains its own rendering logic, leaving all the RAM for user programs. Output is restricted to the upper 128 ASCII characters, in keeping with the behavior of the original APPLE-1. Seven selectable color themes are provided, offering a range of visual environments suited to the user's preference.

The emulated RAM is fully configurable from 4 kilobytes to 48 kilobytes, selectable through the Settings panel. The system uses the same memory organization as the APPLE-1 microcomputer: user RAM occupies the address space beginning at \$0000, the Integer BASIC interpreter occupies \$E000 through \$EFFF, the Apple Cassette Interface ROM occupies \$C100 through \$C1FF, and the WOZMON monitor occupies \$FF00 through \$FFFF. The PIA is mapped at \$D010 through \$D013. The emulated system is fully compatible with original APPLE-1 machine language software.

The MOSe emulation core implements the complete MOS Technology 6502 instruction set, all thirteen addressing modes, accurate processor status flag behavior, hardware interrupt handling, and Binary Coded Decimal arithmetic. A full description of the MOSe core appears in Section IV of this manual.

This manual is divided into four sections:

Section I – GETTING THE EMULATOR RUNNING

Section II – USING THE SYSTEM MONITOR

Section III – SYSTEM EXPANSION

Section IV – THE MOSe EMULATION CORE

Please read Section I thoroughly before attempting to operate the emulator, and study Section III carefully before expanding or configuring the system. Section IV provides complete technical documentation of the MOSe core for users engaged in software development or low-level system work.

SECTION I

GETTING THE EMULATOR RUNNING

The HoneyCrisp Emulator is fully assembled and ready to run. No external peripherals, power supplies, or installation procedures are required. The emulator runs entirely within a standard web browser from a single HTML file. To begin operation, open the file in any modern browser. The emulator will initialize the MOSe core, load the system monitor into its respective ROM area, and present the terminal display in an uninitialized state.

Keyboard:

Any standard ASCII-compatible keyboard attached to the host system interfaces directly with the emulator. The emulator accepts all 64 printable ASCII characters and converts them to the uppercase format expected by WOZMON and other user programs. The WOZMON PROM program accepts only uppercase alpha (A–F, R) for command characters; the emulator performs this conversion automatically. The RETURN key on the host keyboard sends a carriage return (\$8D) to the emulated microcomputer.

Certain control key combinations are intercepted by the emulator and mapped to hardware control functions, as described in the keyboard shortcut reference located on the following page. All other character input is passed directly to the emulated keyboard buffer.

NOTE: The ESCAPE key, when pressed while text has been entered on the current line, cancels the line and echoes a backslash followed by a carriage return.

Initial Startup:

Upon opening the emulator, the terminal display will be filled with characters. This indicates that the system is uninitialized. To begin operating, press the CLEAR SCREEN button (or Ctrl+E) to clear the display, then press the SOFT RESET button (or Ctrl+S) to initialize the WOZMON monitor. A backslash character (\) will appear on the display, and the cursor will drop to the next line. The system is now ready to accept monitor commands.

If the CLEAR SCREEN step is omitted, the display may contain residual content from the uninitialized startup state. If session auto-restore is enabled, the screen may contain characters from a left-over session if you do not trigger a CLEAR SCREEN operation. Pressing SOFT RESET at any time returns control to WOZMON at \$FF00 without disturbing RAM content.

Control Buttons:

Five hardware control buttons are provided along the top of the interface. These buttons map directly to specific emulated hardware functions as follows:

HARD RESET (Ctrl+H):

Clears all emulated RAM to zero, reinitializes the PIA and ACI, reloads WOZMON into its proper ROM location, and starts execution from the RESET vector at \$FFFC-\$FFFD. All user programs and data in RAM are lost. This is equivalent to cycling power on the original APPLE-1 microcomputer.

SOFT RESET (Ctrl+S):

Returns the processor to the WOZMON entry point without disturbing RAM contents. This is equivalent to triggering the reset line on an APPLE-1 microcomputer. A backslash and carriage return will appear on the display.

CLEAR SCREEN (Ctrl+E):

Clears the terminal display without affecting RAM or the state of the processor. The cursor is moved to the home position at the upper left of the display.

BREAK (Ctrl+C):

Sends a software interrupt to the running Integer BASIC interpreter, stopping execution of the current BASIC program and returning control to the BASIC prompt. This is the equivalent of the ESCAPE key trigger inside BASIC.

FULLSCREEN (Ctrl+F):

Expands the terminal display to fill the browser window, scaling the character display proportionally for maximum readability. Pressing ESCAPE returns to the standard windowed view.

CPU Speed Control:

A slider control labeled "CPU Speed" is provided below the main control buttons. This slider adjusts the effective execution speed of the emulated 6502 processor from 0.25x (one quarter of nominal APPLE-1 clock speed) to 10.00x (ten times nominal speed). The current multiplier is displayed to the right of the slider. The nominal APPLE-1 clock frequency of 1.023 MHz corresponds to a multiplier of 1.00x.

NOTE: The CPU speed slider MUST be set to 1.00x before reading or writing cassette tape files via the ACI. Higher or lower speeds will cause incorrect tape timing and data errors. After tape operations, the speed may be returned to the preferred setting.

Test Program:

After completing the initial startup sequence, the following test may be performed to verify that the system and all attachments are functioning correctly. This test enters a short machine language program into RAM, lists it, and runs it. It does not test all areas of the emulator, but will confirm correct operation of the keyboard, display, and WOZMON.

FIRST:

Press CLEAR SCREEN and then the SOFT RESET button. A backslash should be displayed, and the cursor should drop to the next line. WOZMON has been activated.

SECOND:

Type: 0:E8 8A 20 EF FF (RET) (0 is a zero, NOT the alpha-character "O"; spaces separate the bytes; (RET) means press RETURN.)

THIRD:

Type: 0.A (RET) (This should print out the program you have just entered.)

FOURTH:

Type: 0R (RET) (R means execute the program at the specified address.)

The program should then print a continuous sequence of incrementing ASCII characters. To stop the program and return to the system monitor, press the SOFT RESET button. To run again, type: 0R (RET).

Keyboard Shortcut Reference:

Ctrl+H	HARD RESET — power cycle; clears RAM, restarts from RESET vector
Ctrl+S	SOFT RESET — returns to WOZMON without clearing RAM
Ctrl+E	CLEAR SCREEN — clears terminal display only
Ctrl+C	BREAK — halts running BASIC program
Ctrl+F	FULLSCREEN — maximizes terminal display

SECTION II

USING THE SYSTEM MONITOR

The System Monitor is a PROM program in locations \$FF00 to \$FFFF which uses the keyboard and display to perform the functions of examining memory, depositing data into memory, and running programs. The monitor program is entered by pressing the SOFT RESET button (or Ctrl+S), which displays backslash-return. A backslash alone, with the cursor remaining on the same line, indicates bad page 0 RAM.

Commands are typed on a line-at-a-time basis with editing. Each line may consist of any number of commands (up to 128 characters). None are executed until (RETURN) is typed. The (SHIFT-0) backspace key backspaces and echoes an underline. The (ESC) key cancels a line and echoes backslash-return.

One or more hexadecimal digits (0-9, A-F) are used for address and data values. Addresses use the four least significant digits of a group, and data values use the two least significant digits. The following examples illustrate the variety of acceptable commands:

1. Opening a location (examining the contents of a single address).

USER TYPES: FF00 (RET)

MONITOR TYPES: \$FF00: D8

2. Examining a block; from the last examined location, to a specified one.

USER TYPES: .FF0F (RET)

MONITOR TYPES: \$FF00: D8 58 A0 7F

\$FF04: 8C 12 D0 A9

\$FF08: A7 8D 11 D0

\$FF0C: 8D 13 D0 C9

Note: FF00 is still the most recently opened location.

3. Combining examples 1 and 2 to print a block in a single command.

USER TYPES: FF00.FF0F (RET)

MONITOR TYPES: (same block output as example 2)

Note: Only the first location (\$FF00) is considered "opened".

4. Examining several individual locations at once.

USER TYPES: 300 302 304 (RET)

MONITOR TYPES: \$0300: FF

\$0302: 00

\$0304: A9

5. Depositing data in a single location.

USER TYPES: 300: A9 (RET)

MONITOR TYPES: \$0300: FF (prior contents)

Note: Location 300 is now opened and contains A9.

6. Depositing data in successive locations.

USER TYPES: 300: A9 42 8D 12 D0 60 (RET)

MONITOR TYPES: \$0300: FF (prior contents)

Deposits A9 in \$0300, 42 in \$0301, 8D in \$0302, 12 in \$0303, D0 in \$0304, 60 in \$0305.

7. Depositing in successive locations using a colon to continue.

USER TYPES: 300: A9 42 (RET)

MONITOR TYPES: \$0300: FF

USER TYPES: : 8D 12 D0 60 (RET)

A colon means "start depositing from the most recently deposited or opened location."

8. Running a program at a specified address.

USER TYPES: 300R (RET)

MONITOR TYPES: \$0300: A9

Note: The cursor is left immediately to the right of the contents byte.

9. Running a program at the most recently examined location.

USER TYPES: R (RET)

10. Entering a program and running it in one line.

USER TYPES: 300: A9 42 8D 12 D0 60 R (RET)

MONITOR TYPES: \$0300: FF (prior contents)

11. Examining a block, then depositing into it.

USER TYPES: 300.305 (RET)

MONITOR TYPES: \$0300: A9 42 8D 12

USER TYPES: : B0 B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 (RET)

New data deposited beginning at most recently opened location (\$0300).

Useful Monitor Routines:

The following routines within WOZMON may be called by user programs directly. All addresses are in the ROM area at \$FF00-\$FFFF.

GETLINE: location \$FF1F -

Monitor entry point. Jumping to \$FF1F will enter the monitor and echo a carriage return. You may then examine memory locations with the monitor.

ECHO: location \$FFEF -

Prints one byte (ASCII). Data from A (accumulator); contents of A not disturbed.

Example: A9 42 20 EF FF (load \$42 into A, JSR ECHO).

PRBYTE: location \$FFDC -

Prints one byte in hexadecimal (two hex digits). Data from A; contents of A disturbed.

PRHEX: location \$FFE5 -

Prints one hexadecimal digit (the four least significant bits of A). Contents of A disturbed.

Integer BASIC:

Integer BASIC is resident in the ROM area at \$E000 through \$EFFF and is available whenever the emulator is running with 8KB of RAM or more. To enter Integer BASIC, type E000R at the WOZMON prompt and press RETURN. The BASIC prompt (>) will appear, and the interpreter is ready to accept BASIC program lines.

BASIC programs may also be loaded from .bas or .txt files using the Load Program File control. When a BASIC file is loaded, the emulator automatically enters BASIC and the program is ready to RUN. Type RUN and press RETURN to execute the loaded program. To break from a running BASIC program, press the BREAK button or Ctrl+C.

NOTE: RAM locations \$0024 to \$002B are used as index pointers by the monitor and are invalid for user use when the monitor is active. Locations \$0200 to \$027F are used as input buffer storage and are invalid for user modification.

SECTION III

SYSTEM EXPANSION

The HoneyCrisp Emulator may be expanded to include the operation of additional programs, memory configurations, cassette tape support, and a variety of display themes. All expansion and configuration functions are accessible from the controls panel located below the terminal display. This section describes each expansion feature in detail.

Program Library:

The Program Library is a built-in collection of APPLE-1 compatible programs spanning both machine language program code and Integer BASIC program code. To open the library, click the PROGRAM LIBRARY button. A modal window will appear showing the available programs with their names, types, and descriptions. Programs may be searched by name, description, or type using the search field at the top of the library.

Programs listed as "machine code" (.hc format) are assembled 6502 machine language programs that load directly into emulated RAM and execute immediately upon loading. Programs listed as "BASIC" (.bas format) load into the Integer BASIC interpreter and must be started with the RUN command (auto-executed by the emulator). Favorite programs may be starred for quick retrieval.

Loading Program Files:

Programs may be loaded from external files on the host system using the LOAD PROGRAM FILE control. Clicking the file browse button opens the host system's file selector. The following file types are accepted:

.hc files:

Machine code program files. These files contain a load address on the first line (e.g., 0300) followed by lines of hexadecimal data in the WOZMON deposit format (e.g., : A9 42 8D 12 D0). The data is loaded into emulated RAM beginning at the specified address.

.bas / .txt files:

Integer BASIC source files. These files contain BASIC program text, one statement per line, in standard Integer BASIC VERSION C/D syntax. Loading a .bas file automatically enters Integer BASIC and loads the program for the user. At least 8KB of RAM must be configured for BASIC to operate.

NOTE: If the program's load address exceeds the currently configured RAM size, the emulator will display an error and will not load the file. In this case, increase the RAM configuration to at least the size required by the program.

Apple Cassette Interface:

The Apple Cassette Interface (ACI) is an expansion card for the APPLE-1 microcomputer that enables the saving and loading of programs to and from standard audio cassette tapes using frequency-shift keying (FSK) encoding. The ACI is mapped to address \$C100 through \$C1FF. HoneyCrisp emulates the ACI, allowing real APPLE-1 cassette audio files in WAV or AIFF format to be decoded directly into emulated RAM, and allowing emulated RAM to be encoded into WAV audio files for archival or transfer.

Reading a Cassette Tape:

To load a program from an ACI-compatible audio file (.WAV or .AIFF), proceed as follows:

1. Set the CPU speed slider to exactly 1.00x. Tape operations require accurate timing; other speed settings will result in decode errors.
2. In the Tape File Loader section, click the BROWSE button and select the cassette audio file from the host file system.
3. After the file is loaded, type the appropriate monitor command (C100R) and press RETURN. The monitor will respond with "C100: A9*" and await the address range command. Examples of acceptable ACI address commands: Single range: 0300.03FFR Multi range: E000.EFFF 0300.03FFR
4. Click the PLAY TAPE button in the Tape File Loader section. The cassette audio will be decoded and data will be written into emulated RAM. A progress bar shows the decode progress in real time.
5. When the progress bar completes, the program has been fully loaded. The monitor will return to WOZMON with a backslash. Verify the data by examining the loaded range, then run the program using its entry point address followed by R.

Writing a Cassette Tape:

To save emulated RAM contents to a WAV audio file in Apple-1 cassette format, proceed as follows:

1. Set the CPU speed slider to exactly 1.00x.
2. At the WOZMON prompt, type the write command in the following format and press RETURN: Single range: E000.EFFF Multiple ranges: 0300.03FFW E000.EFFF
3. The browser will automatically download a WAV file named after the address range(s) (e.g., E000-EFFF.wav). The resulting WAV file uses the same Apple-1 FSK encoding as standard APPLE-1 cassettes and can be reloaded with the Tape File Loader, or used with other emulation applications such as MAME.

Threshold Control:

The THRESHOLD control in the Tape File Loader section sets the sensitivity of the FSK audio decoder when reading cassette files. It is expressed as a percentage from 1% to 99%, with a default value of 30%. Lower values make the decoder more sensitive to weak or quiet signals; higher values require a stronger signal before a transition is recognized.

If a tape decode fails or produces garbage data in RAM, try reducing the threshold to 15–25%. If the decoder is producing too many false reads from a noisy tape, try raising the threshold slightly above the default. For most standard Apple-1 cassette recordings, the default value of 30% will work correctly without adjustment.

Settings Panel:

The Settings panel is opened by clicking the SETTINGS button. It provides the following configuration options:

Memory Configuration:

The RAM amount may be selected from five options: 4KB, 8KB, 16KB, 32KB (default), or 48KB. The selected amount of RAM is installed beginning at \$0000 and extends upward. Integer BASIC requires at least 8KB of RAM to operate. Some programs in the library require specific minimum RAM amounts; the library description for each program will indicate any such requirements. Changes to the RAM configuration take effect after a HARD RESET.

Display Settings:

Seven terminal color themes are available via the Terminal Theme selector. Each theme sets the foreground (character) and background colors of the terminal display: Mint (green on black), Sherbert (amber on black), Vanilla (white on black), Grape (purple on black), Lemon (yellow on black), Blueberry (cyan on black), and Cherry (red on black). The selected theme is applied immediately and saved for future sessions.

Session Management:

The "Auto-restore last session on startup" checkbox, when enabled, causes the emulator to automatically restore the last saved session state each time the page is loaded. The session includes full RAM contents, processor register values, terminal display state, and all settings.

Save and Load State:

Session state may be manually saved and restored using the SAVE STATE and LOAD STATE buttons. Clicking SAVE STATE causes the browser to download a binary file in .hcstate format containing the complete system state — all RAM contents, processor registers, terminal display contents, and current settings. This file may be stored externally and reloaded at any future time by clicking LOAD STATE and selecting the .hcstate file.

Saving RAM Contents:

The SAVE RAM CONTENTS button downloads the current RAM contents as a .hc format file. Two save options are provided: a modified-pages option that saves only pages of RAM that have been written since the last reset, and a full RAM dump option that saves all configured RAM. A custom address range may also be specified. The resulting file may be loaded as a program using the LOAD PROGRAM FILE control.

CompactFlash Storage Interface (CFFA1):

The HoneyCrisp Emulator supports emulation of the CFFA1 CompactFlash Interface card for the APPLE-1. The CFFA1 is a hardware expansion card designed to provide mass storage capability to the APPLE-1 by means of a CompactFlash memory card, using a ProDOS-compatible file system. When enabled, the CFFA1 firmware occupies the address range \$9000 through \$AFFF, and provides an interactive menu-driven interface for loading and saving programs, cataloging files, and managing storage volumes.

The CFFA1 firmware entry point is \$9000. To access the CFFA1 interactive menu from the WOZMON prompt, type 9000R and press RETURN. The system will output "CFFA1>", indicating the firmware has been initialized. The menu provides the following commands: C (Catalog), L (Load), S (Save BASIC), W (Write File), R (Rename), D (Delete), P (Prefix), N (New Directory), ! (Format), T (Terse), B (Read Block), M (Memory Display), and Q (Quit). The CFFA1 firmware supports the ProDOS file system and is compatible with CF cards formatted using standard Apple II ProDOS tools. Only the first 32MB partition on the CF card is accessible.

Programs are loaded from the CF card using the L (Load) command, which accepts any ProDOS-compatible binary file and deposits it into emulated RAM at the address specified in the file's ProDOS auxiliary type field. Programs are saved using the W (Write File) or S (Save BASIC) commands, as appropriate for the file type.

NOTE: The CFFA1 emulation requires a disk image file in .po (ProDOS Order) format to be mounted before any read or write operations are attempted. No other image format is supported. Attempting to perform any read or write operation including Catalog, Load, Save, Write, or Format without a .po image inserted will cause the CFFA1 firmware to return I/O error \$27 (I/O Error), and the operation will be aborted.

CFFA1 Firmware Address Map:

\$9000 - \$AFFF	CFFA1 EEPROM firmware (menu and CF block driver)
\$1000 - \$8FFF	CFFA1 onboard SRAM (32KB; mapped when CFFA1 present)
\$AFF0 - \$AFFF	CompactFlash card task register file (I/O mapped)

Further Information:

Complete documentation for the CFFA1 CompactFlash Interface card, including hardware installation, dip switch configuration, firmware entry points, the API, and the ProDOS file system interface, is available in the CFFA1 manual at the following address:
dreher.net/projects/CFforApple1/downloads/CFFA1_Manual_1.1.pdf

SECTION IV

THE MOSe EMULATION CORE

The MOSe emulation core, revision 211225.235, is an instruction-level software emulation of the MOS Technology 6502 microprocessor, written in JavaScript. It constitutes the central processing engine of the HoneyCrisp Emulator and is responsible for the execution of all 6502 machine language instructions, the management of the processor's internal register state, the handling of memory read and write operations, and the processing of hardware interrupts. The core is designed to provide a complete and correct execution environment for all standard APPLE-1 software, including WOZMON, Integer BASIC, and any user-written 6502 machine language programs.

The MOSe core executes instructions at the level of complete opcodes: each call to the core's execution function advances the processor through one complete 6502 instruction, including all operand fetches, address calculations, memory accesses, and register updates required by that instruction. Cycle counting is maintained to track the relative timing of instructions, allowing the emulation to present correct timing behavior to software that depends upon it.

Processor Registers:

The MOSe core implements all six internal registers of the MOS Technology 6502 processor. These registers are the fundamental state elements of the CPU and are manipulated directly by 6502 instructions:

A (Accumulator):

An 8-bit general-purpose register used as the primary operand source and destination for arithmetic, logical, and data transfer instructions. The accumulator is the only register that participates directly in arithmetic and logical operations. Its contents may be loaded from memory, stored to memory, pushed to the stack, pulled from the stack, shifted, and transferred to and from the X and Y registers.

X (Index Register X):

An 8-bit index register used for indexed addressing and as a general-purpose counter or storage register. The X register is used in the Zero Page,X; Absolute,X; Indexed Indirect; and Stack-relative modes. It may be loaded from memory or from the accumulator, stored to memory, transferred to or from the accumulator or stack pointer, incremented, and decremented.

Y (Index Register Y):

An 8-bit index register functionally similar to X. The Y register is used in the Zero Page,Y; Absolute,Y; and Indirect Indexed addressing modes. It supports the same load, store, transfer, increment, and decrement operations as X, but cannot be transferred to or from the stack pointer.

S (Stack Pointer):

An 8-bit register that points to the next available location on the hardware stack, which occupies page 1 of RAM (\$0100-\$01FF). The stack pointer is decremented when data is pushed and incremented when data is pulled. The stack pointer always points to the next free location; the processor decrements S before writing on a push, and reads the location S+1 before incrementing S on a pull. The stack pointer may be transferred to and from the X register.

PC (Program Counter):

A 16-bit register that contains the address of the next instruction to be fetched and executed. The program counter is incremented automatically after each byte fetch. It is modified by branch instructions (relative offset), jump instructions (absolute or indirect address), subroutine calls (JSR), returns (RTS, RTI), and interrupt handling. The program counter cannot be accessed directly; it is manipulated only through control flow instructions and interrupt mechanisms.

P (Processor Status):

An 8-bit register whose individual bits serve as condition flags, recording the results of arithmetic and logical operations, and controlling certain processor behaviors. The P register is described in full in the following section.

Processor Status Flags:

The P register contains seven defined flag bits. An eighth bit (bit 5) is always set to 1 and has no function. Each flag is described below in order from bit 7 to bit 0:

N - Negative (bit 7):

Set to 1 if the result of the last operation had bit 7 equal to 1 (i.e., the result is negative in two's complement representation); cleared to 0 otherwise. Affected by arithmetic, logical, load, transfer, increment, decrement, and shift operations.

V - Overflow (bit 6):

Set to 1 if a signed arithmetic overflow occurred in the last ADC or SBC operation; cleared to 0 otherwise. Also manipulated directly by the CLV instruction, and loaded from bit 6 of the tested byte by the BIT instruction. The V flag is tested by the BVC and BVS branch instructions.

B - Break (bit 4):

Set to 1 when the processor executes a BRK instruction, and cleared when a hardware interrupt (IRQ or NMI) is serviced. The B flag is not a true hardware flag but rather a distinguishing marker written into the copy of P that is pushed to the stack during a BRK or interrupt. It is used by interrupt service routines to determine whether the interrupt was software (BRK) or hardware (IRQ) in origin.

D – Decimal (bit 3):

When set to 1, causes the ADC and SBC arithmetic instructions to operate in Binary Coded Decimal (BCD) mode, treating the accumulator and memory operands as two-digit packed BCD numbers. When cleared, these instructions operate in standard binary mode. The D flag is set by SED and cleared by CLD. It is not affected by RESET.

I – Interrupt Disable (bit 2):

When set to 1, maskable hardware interrupts (IRQ) are ignored. When cleared, IRQ interrupts are recognized. The I flag is set automatically when an IRQ or NMI interrupt is serviced, preventing nested interrupts. It is set by SEI, cleared by CLI, and set during RESET.

Z – Zero (bit 1):

Set to 1 if the result of the last operation was zero; cleared to 0 otherwise. Affected by arithmetic, logical, load, transfer, increment, decrement, shift, and compare operations. Tested by the BEQ and BNE branch instructions.

C – Carry (bit 0):

Serves as carry out of bit 7 for ADC, borrow indicator for SBC (inverted), and as a shift-out bit for the ASL, LSR, ROL, and ROR shift/rotate instructions. Also used as a general-purpose flag by the compare instructions (CMP, CPX, CPY), where it indicates that the accumulator or register is greater than or equal to the operand. The C flag is set by SEC and cleared by CLC.

Addressing Modes:

The MOSe core fully implements all thirteen addressing modes defined by the MOS Technology 6502 architecture. Each addressing mode specifies how the processor locates the operand for a given instruction. The thirteen modes are:

1. Implied:

No operand is required. The instruction operates entirely on internal registers. Examples: CLC, SEC, TAX, INX.

2. Accumulator:

The operand is the accumulator register itself. Used by shift and rotate instructions when they operate on A directly. Example: ASL A.

3. Immediate (#\$nn):

The operand is a literal 8-bit constant value contained in the byte immediately following the opcode. Example: LDA #\$42.

4. Zero Page (\$zz):

The operand is located at an address in page zero (\$0000–\$00FF), specified by the single byte following the opcode. Zero page addressing requires only one address byte and executes faster than absolute addressing. Example: LDA \$24.

5. Zero Page,X (\$zz,X):

The effective address is obtained by adding the X register to the zero page base address. The result is masked to remain within page zero (wraps at \$FF). Example: LDA \$24,X.

6. Zero Page,Y (\$zz,Y):

Identical to Zero Page,X but uses the Y register as the index. Used only by LDX and STX instructions. Example: LDX \$24,Y.

7. Absolute (\$nnnn):

The full 16-bit effective address is given in the two bytes following the opcode, stored in little-endian byte order (low byte first). Example: LDA \$D010.

8. Absolute,X (\$nnnn,X):

The effective address is formed by adding the X register to the 16-bit base address. If the addition crosses a page boundary, an extra clock cycle is consumed for read instructions; write instructions always take the extra cycle. Example: LDA \$0300,X.

9. Absolute,Y (\$nnnn,Y):

Identical to Absolute,X but uses the Y register. Example: LDA \$0300,Y.

10. Indirect ((\$nnnn)):

Used exclusively by the JMP instruction. The two bytes at the specified absolute address contain the low and high bytes of the jump target address. NOTE: the original 6502 has a hardware bug in which, if the low byte of the indirect address is \$FF, the high byte is fetched from \$xx00 of the same page rather than the next page. This behavior is replicated within MOSE.

11. Indexed Indirect ((\$zz,X)):

The zero page base address is added to X to form a pointer address (within page zero), then the two bytes at that pointer address give the effective address. Used primarily in data structure and table operations. Example: LDA (\$24,X).

12. Indirect Indexed ((\$zz),Y):

The two bytes at the given zero page address form a 16-bit base address; the Y register is then added to this base to form the effective address. This mode is the most common indirect mode, used for table lookups and array access via a zero-page pointer. Example: LDA (\$24),Y.

13. Relative (\$+rr):

Used exclusively by the eight conditional branch instructions (BCC, BCS, BEQ, BMI, BNE, BPL, BVC, BVS). The signed 8-bit displacement byte following the opcode is added to the program counter (pointing to the byte after the branch instruction) to form the branch target. The branch range is -128 to +127 bytes from the instruction following the branch.

Instruction Set Summary:

The MOSe core executes all 151 official MOS Technology 6502 opcodes. Instructions are organized into functional groups as follows:

Load and Store:

LDA, LDX, LDY — load A, X, or Y from memory. STA, STX, STY — store A, X, or Y to memory.

Register Transfer:

TAX, TAY — transfer A to X or Y. TXA, TYA — transfer X or Y to A. TSX, TXS — transfer between stack pointer and X.

Stack Operations:

PHA, PLA — push and pull accumulator. PHP, PLP — push and pull processor status.

Arithmetic:

ADC — add with carry (binary or BCD mode). SBC — subtract with borrow (binary or BCD mode). INC, INX, INY — increment memory, X, or Y. DEC, DEX, DEY — decrement memory, X, or Y.

Logical:

AND, ORA, EOR — bitwise AND, OR, exclusive-OR with memory. BIT — test bits in memory against the accumulator.

Shift and Rotate:

ASL — arithmetic shift left ($C \leftarrow [7..0] \leftarrow 0$). LSR — logical shift right ($0 \rightarrow [7..0] \rightarrow C$). ROL — rotate left through carry. ROR — rotate right through carry.

Compare:

CMP, CPX, CPY — compare A, X, or Y with memory; sets N, Z, C flags.

Branch:

BCC, BCS — branch on Carry clear or set. BEQ, BNE — branch on Zero set (equal) or clear. BMI, BPL — branch on Negative set or clear. BVC, BVS — branch on Overflow clear or set.

Jump and Subroutine:

JMP — jump to address (absolute or indirect). JSR — jump to subroutine; pushes return address to stack. RTS — return from subroutine; pulls return address from stack.

Interrupt and System:

BRK — software interrupt; pushes PC+2 and P to stack; loads IRQ vector. RTI — return from interrupt; pulls P and PC from stack. NOP — no operation; advances PC by one cycle.

Flag Control:

CLC, SEC — clear or set Carry. CLI, SEI — clear or set Interrupt Disable. CLD, SED — clear or set Decimal mode. CLV — clear Overflow.

Interrupt Handling:

The MOSe core supports all three interrupt mechanisms of the MOS 6502. When an interrupt is recognized, the processor completes the current instruction, then pushes the high byte of PC, the low byte of PC, and the P register (with the B flag set appropriately) to the hardware stack. The interrupt disable flag (I) is then set, and the processor loads the program counter from the appropriate vector address:

IRQ (\$FFFE-\$FFFF):

Maskable hardware interrupt. The IRQ is recognized only when the I flag in P is clear. In the APPLE-1 and HoneyCrisp, WOZMON maps the IRQ vector to \$FF00 (the WOZMON reset entry). The B flag is pushed as 0 to distinguish this from a BRK.

NMI (\$FFFA-\$FFFB):

Non-maskable interrupt. The NMI is always recognized regardless of the state of the I flag. It follows the same push sequence as IRQ but is not maskable. In WOZMON, the NMI vector is mapped to \$FF00.

RESET (\$FFFC-\$FFFD):

Upon system reset, the processor does not push to the stack, but loads the program counter from the RESET vector at \$FFFC-\$FFFD. In HoneyCrisp and the original APPLE-1, this vector points to \$FF00, the entry point of WOZMON. The I flag is set and the D flag is cleared by RESET; all other registers are indeterminate.

Binary Coded Decimal Mode:

When the D (Decimal) flag in the P register is set by the SED instruction, the ADC and SBC instructions operate in BCD mode. In this mode, the accumulator and memory operands are treated as two-digit packed BCD numbers (00 through 99). Addition and subtraction produce BCD results, and the carry flag indicates a carry out of the most significant BCD digit. All other instructions are unaffected by the D flag and continue to operate in standard binary mode. The CLD instruction clears the D flag, returning ADC and SBC to binary mode. WOZMON clears the D flag upon reset (CLD is the first instruction executed from the RESET vector).

Memory Map:

The complete emulated address space of HoneyCrisp is 65,536 bytes (\$0000–\$FFFF). RAM occupies the low portion of the address space up to the configured limit; locations above the RAM ceiling and below the first ROM region return \$FF on read and ignore writes, consistent with the behavior of unoccupied address space on the original APPLE-1 board.

\$0000 - (RAM limit)	User RAM, configurable to 4/8/16/32/48KB
\$C100 - \$C1FF	Apple Cassette Interface ROM (\$FF elsewhere in \$Cxxx)
\$D010 - \$D013	PIA (6820 keyboard and display registers)
\$E000 - \$EFFF	Integer BASIC ROM (4KB)
\$F000 - \$FEFF	Unoccupied (reads as \$FF)
\$FF00 - \$FFFF	WOZMON ROM (includes RESET, NMI, IRQ vectors)

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Page 0 Monitor Variables:

Symbol	Address	Description
XAML	\$0024	Examine index – low byte
XAMH	\$0025	Examine index – high byte
STL	\$0026	Store index – low byte
STH	\$0027	Store index – high byte
L	\$0028	Hex input accumulator – low
H	\$0029	Hex input accumulator – high
YSAV	\$002A	Saved Y register (text index)
MODE	\$002B	Monitor mode byte (XAM/STOR/BLKXAM)

Input Buffer:

\$0200 – \$027F: Monitor line input buffer. This 128-byte region stores the text typed by the user on the current input line. It is invalid for user use whenever the monitor is active.

PIA and ACI Register Map:

Register	Address	Function
KBD	\$D010	Keyboard data. High-order bit equals 1 when a key has been pressed.
KBD CR	\$D011	Keyboard control. High-order bit indicates key ready; reading clears the flag. Rising edge of KBD strobe sets flag.
DSP	\$D012	Display data. Lower seven bits are the ASCII character to display; high-order bit is "display busy" (1 = busy, 0 = ready).
DSP CR	\$D013	Display control register.
ACI BASE	\$C100	ACI ROM base. Executing C100R engages the ACI tape-read routine; the ACI load-address range is read from the tape header.

Software Considerations:

The following sequences are the standard routines for reading the keyboard and writing to the display from user programs. These are identical to those used on the original APPLE-1 hardware.

Read Key from KBD:

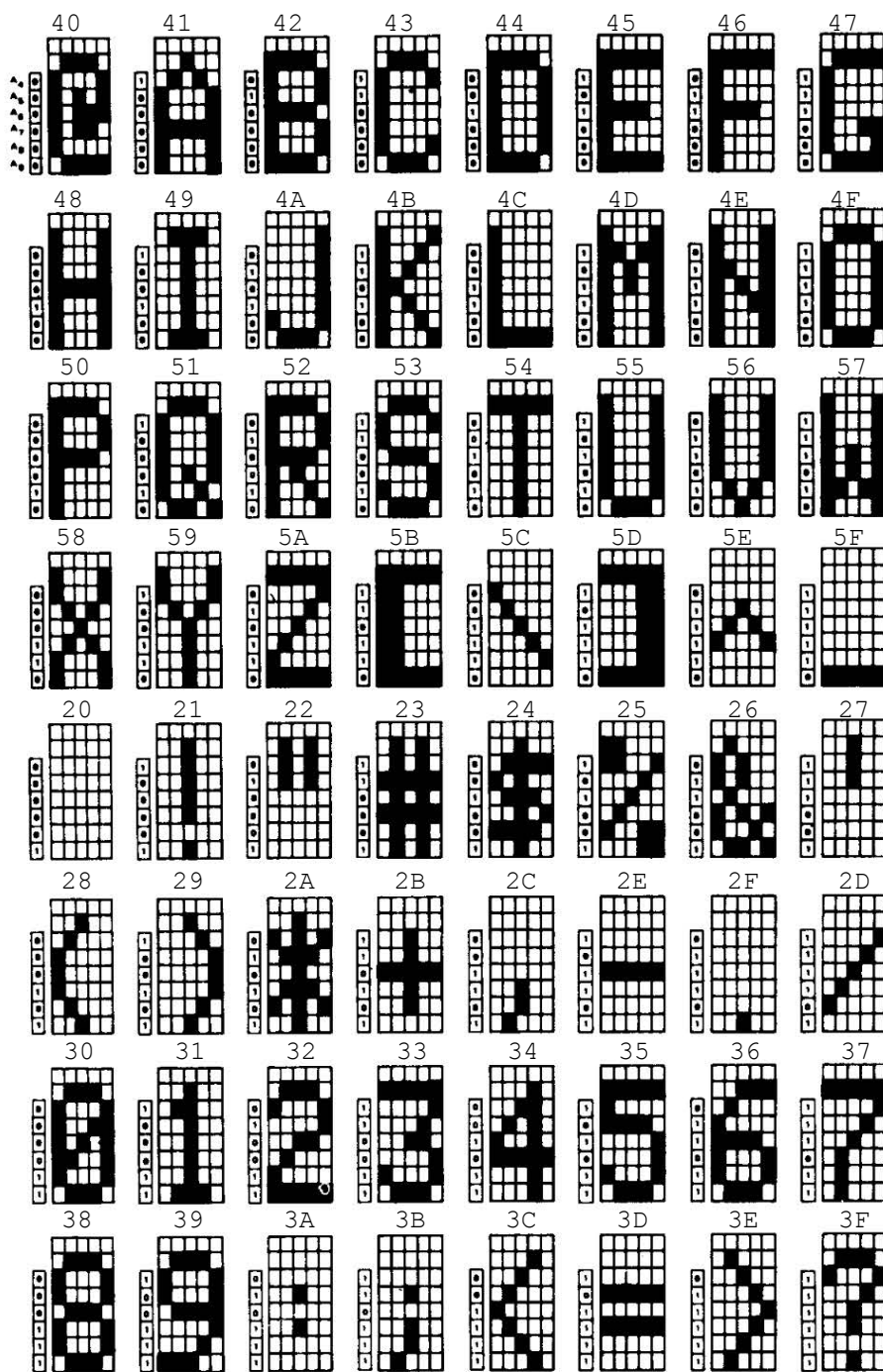
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LDA KBD CR ($D011) ; wait for key ready
BPL (loop back) ; high bit = 0, not ready - loop
LDA KBD DATA ($D010) ; load key ASCII value
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Output to Display:

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BIT DSP ($D012) ; test display ready
BMI (loop back) ; high bit = 1, busy - loop
STA DSP ($D012) ; store ASCII character to display
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