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Preface

This manual can be used with existing textbooks and digital training equipment. It can be used as a practical laboratory workbook for training in the use and understanding of digital circuits. The manual can also be used as a stand-alone text and/or laboratory manual or workbook for teaching the basics of digital electronics.

A step-by-step method is used throughout the book to enable the reader to master each section so that the accumulation of knowledge can be used in each succeeding section in a building-block fashion, from basic to more complex. The material is presented in a repetitious manner, which is essential in acquiring a skill, but with varying methods which are easy, challenging, and fun to perform.

The book is designed as an individualized learning package and involves the reader in the activities of learning. Many illustrations are included to familiarize students with logic gate symbols and the operation of various devices and circuits. It provides the instructor with student-centered instructional material which does not require preparation.

Each unit follows the same format so the reader can become accustomed to the learning procedure. The first section introduces the topic and provides basic theory for a fundamental understanding. Section 2 consists of basic drawing exercises for familiarity of symbols, concepts, and operating procedures. In Section 3 a definition exercise provides a review of the topics covered. Section 4 involves experiments to enable students to gain manipulative skills and knowledge in working with digital circuits. Fill-in questions are given at the end of each experiment to emphasize the important points gained from the experiment.

An instant review of the topics covered in the first part of the unit is given in Section 5 to reinforce the student's essential knowledge. Section 6 involves more exercises on basic principles covered and some contain more complex circuits. A basic troubleshooting application on digital devices is provided in Section 7 to further the student's hands-on skills. Section 8 has two self-checking quizzes to aid students in gaining experience taking digital electronic tests and as a final review. Answers to the experiments and quizzes follow each unit.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

You are studying digital electronics to obtain employment or upgrade yourself in a lucrative, exciting, and challenging industry. It is up to you, not your instructor (or anyone else, for that matter), how well you master the knowledge and skills required for such a fascinating mainstream career. To gain full value from this manual:

1. Perform all the experiments, exercises, and self-checking quizzes.
2. Review each section of the book from time to time to refresh your memory as to the basic concepts of the various logic gates, flip-flops, and digital devices.
3. Keep this book and review it before you take a job entrance examination.
4. Refer to this book when you are on the job to become a more competent technician and to prepare for a higher-level position.
5. Have this book handy when you are servicing equipment, to refer to the sections on testing digital logic devices and troubleshooting circuits. It can serve as a valuable aid to reducing time spent on repairing electronic devices.
6. Review the material in this book when you are preparing to take professional license examinations, such as those for the FCC radio telephone operator's license and the CET (Certified Electronic Technician).

PERFORMING EXPERIMENTS

Most, if not all experiments can be performed on the commercial logic trainer boards existing in most schools. If these trainers are not available, the experiments can still be performed by constructing the inexpensive digital test equipment described in the appendix and using breadboards with 1-mil-on-center holes.

SPECIAL NOTE TO INSTRUCTORS

Some of the more complex circuits in the experiments can be hard-wired on perforated board modules (it is advisable to use IC sockets). To meet laboratory time requirements, these modules can be passed out to groups of students to use in performing the experiments.

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Unit A

Preliminary Review

Safety

SECTION A-1 INTRODUCTION

The experiments in this manual do not use a voltage regulator greater than + 15 V dc; therefore, the chance of getting an electrical shock is greatly reduced. However, all voltages do have the potential to burn materials and start fires, to destroy electronic components, and present hazards to the person performing the operations. Common sense and an awareness of electrical circuits is important whenever you are working on these experiments. An electronic technician or student may have to work with high voltages, power tools, and machinery. Before actual work is performed, sufficient instruction should be acquired in the proper use and safety requirements of all electronic devices.

SECTION A-2 CURRENT HAZARDS AND VOLTAGE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

It takes a very small amount of current to pass through the human body from an electrical shock to injure a person severely or fatally. The 60-Hz current values affecting the human body are as follows:

<i>Current Value</i>	<i>Effects</i>
1 mA (0.001 A)	Tingling or mild sensation
10 mA (0.01 A)	A shock of sufficient intensity to cause involuntary control of muscles, so that a person cannot let go of an electrical conductor
100 mA (0.1A)	A shock of this type lasting for 1 second is sufficient to cause a crippling effect or even death
Over 100 mA	An extremely severe shock that may cause ventricular fibrillation, where a change in the rhythm of the heartbeat causes death almost instantaneously

The resistance of the human body varies from about 500,000 Ω when dry to about 300 Ω when wet (including the effects of perspiration). In this case, voltages as low as 30 V can cause sufficient current to be fatal ($I = \text{voltage/wet resistance} = 30 \text{ V}/300 \Omega = 100 \text{ mA}$).

Even though the actual voltage of a circuit being worked on is low enough not to present a very hazardous situation, the equipment being used to power and test the circuit (i.e., power supply, signal generator, meters, oscilloscopes) is usually operated on 120 V ac. This equipment should have (three-wire) polarized line cords that are not cracked or brittle. An even better safety precaution is to have the equipment operate from an isolation transformer, which is usually connected to a workbench. To minimize the chance of getting shocked, a person should use only one hand while making voltage measurements, keeping the other hand at the side of the body, in the lap, or behind the body. Do not defeat the safety feature (fuse, circuit breaker, interlock switch) of any electrical device by shorting across it or by using a higher amperage rating than that specified by the manufacturer. These safety devices are intended to protect both the user and the equipment.

SECTION A-3 NEAT WORKING AREA

A neat working area requires a careful and deliberate approach when setting it up. Test equipment and tools should be set out on the workbench in a neat and orderly manner. Connecting wires from the test equipment to the circuit under test should be placed so as not to interfere with testing procedures.

Before power is applied to a circuit, the area around the circuit should be cleared of extra wires, components, hand tools, and debris (cut wire and insulation).

SECTION A-4 HAND TOOL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Hand tools can be dangerous and cause severe injuries. Diagonal cutters, wire strippers, long-nose pliers, and crimping tools can pinch and cut. Use care in cutting wire since small pieces can become projectiles and hit another person in the face or eye.

Screwdrivers should be held properly so that they do not slip and puncture some part of the body. Do not use them as chisels or cutters.

A soldering iron should have a holder on which to place it. Care must be used not to burn the body or other materials. Be careful of hot solder, which can splash and cause severe burns, especially to the eyes and face.

SECTION A-5 IN CASE OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK

When a person comes in contact with an electrical circuit of sufficient voltage to cause shock, certain steps should be taken as outlined in the following procedure:

1. Quickly remove the victim from the source of electricity by means of a

switch, circuit breaker, pulling the cord, or cutting the wires with a well-insulated tool.

2. It may be faster to separate the victim from the electrical circuit by using a dry stick, rope, leather belt, coat, blanket, or any other nonconducting material.

CAUTION: Do not touch the victim or the electrical circuit unless the power is off.

3. Call for assistance, since other persons may be more knowledgeable in treating the victim or can call for professional medical help while first aid is being given.
4. Check the victim's breathing and heartbeat.
5. If breathing has stopped but the victim's pulse is detectable, give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until medical help arrives.
6. If the heartbeat has stopped, use cardiopulmonary resuscitation, *but only if you are trained in the proper technique*.
7. If both breathing and heartbeat have stopped, alternate between mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (*but only if you are trained*).
8. Use blankets or coats to keep the victim warm and raise the legs slightly above head level to help prevent shock.
9. If the victim has burns, cover your mouth and nostrils with gauze or a clean handkerchief to avoid breathing germs on the victim and then wrap the burned areas of the victim firmly with sterile gauze or a clean cloth.
10. *In any case, do not just stand there*—do something within your ability to give the victim some first aid.

Unit B

Preliminary Review

Basic Digital Logic Test Instruments

SECTION B-1 THE LOGIC PROBE

Testing analog (or linear) circuits usually involves a voltmeter to verify specific voltage levels at various points in a circuit. Very often, testing digital circuits requires only verifying the presence or absence of a voltage, not its specific level. Many digital circuits operate on a standard voltage level, such as +5, +12, or -12 V. Digital circuits are tested for 1s and 0s. In most circuits a 1 represents a positive voltage and a 0 represents zero voltage or ground.

The logic probe is a rather simple test instrument that detects the presence or absence of a voltage level. It is a small hand-held device as shown in Figure P-1. For proper operation the logic probe requires power, which it receives from the circuit being tested, by connecting the power leads to the appropriate power supply connections (assume that $+V_{CC} = +5\text{ V}$).

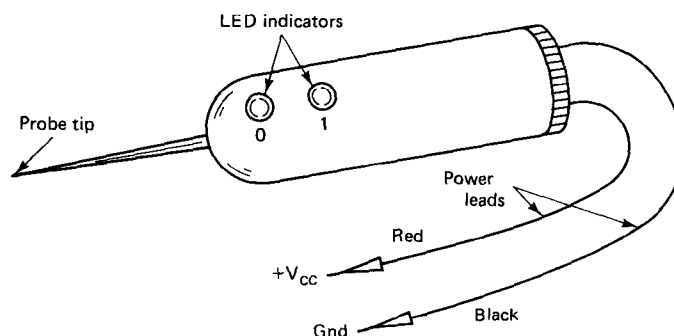


Figure P-1 Logic probe.

The logic probe is used by placing the probe tip at the point in the circuit to be tested. If a positive voltage (must be of sufficient voltage, approximately 2 V) is present, the LED indicator labeled 1 will light. If the voltage is 0 V, the LED indicator labeled 0 will light.

Some logic probes may have only one LED indicator, in which case the presence of a positive voltage will cause it to light and 0 V will cause it to be out. Other logic probes may be more sophisticated and have LED indicators to detect pulses and for special purposes. The appendix shows a schematic diagram and procedure for constructing a basic TTL/CMOS logic probe.

SECTION B-2 THE LOGIC PULSER

The logic pulser shown in Figure P-2 is similar to the logic probe and can be used as its counterpart. While the logic probe is used to test the presence of a 1 or 0, the logic pulser is used to inject a 1 or 0 into a digital circuit. A momentary-action pushbutton switch is used to activate a positive voltage at the probe tip. Like the logic probe, the logic pulser also receives its operating power from the circuit being tested by connecting the power leads to the appropriate power supply points.

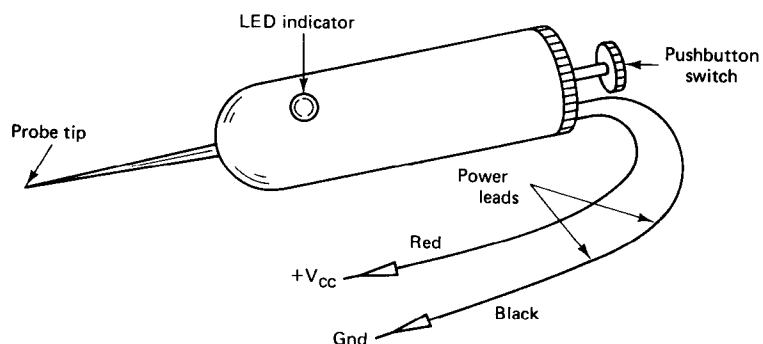


Figure P-2 Logic pulser.

The logic pulser is used by placing the probe tip at the desired input point in the circuit and then injecting a 1 by pressing the pushbutton switch. The LED indicator shows when the probe tip is at a 1 and 0 level; 1 = on, 0 = off. The logic pulser may also be called a digital signal injector. The appendix shows a schematic diagram and procedure for constructing a basic TTL/CMOS logic pulser.

SECTION B-3 USE OF THE LOGIC PULSER AND LOGIC PROBE

Figure P-3 shows a basic procedure for using the logic pulser and logic probe together to test a digital circuit. First, the power leads of each test device are connected to the circuit. Next, the logic pulser is placed at the input to the circuit and the logic probe is placed at the output of the circuit. The logic probe may indicate a 1 or 0, depending on the function of the circuit being tested. Finally, the pushbutton on the logic pulser is activated to place a 1 at the input of the circuit. The LED indicator of the logic probe should

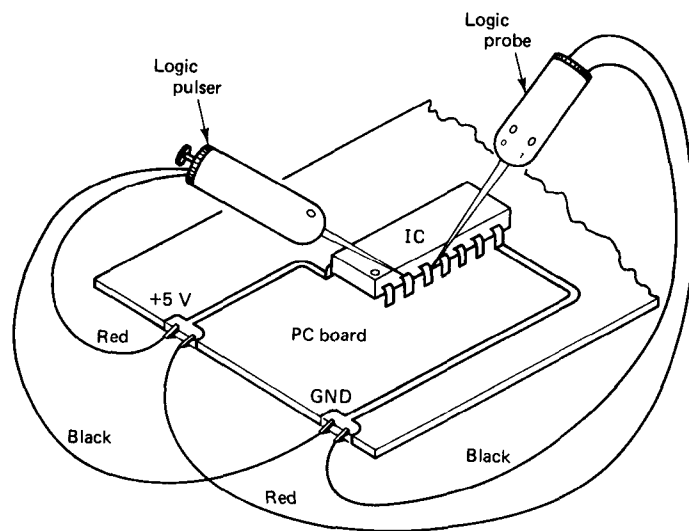


Figure P-3 Use of the logic pulser and logic probe.

change states (if 0, it goes to 1, and if 1, it goes to 0) provided that the circuit is functioning properly.

SECTION B-4 IC TEST DEVICES

Two other very useful IC test devices for testing digital ICs are shown in Figure P-4. If ICs are mounted close to the PC board and near other components, it is difficult to use logic pulsers and probes to test the circuits. An IC pin extender test clip (Figure P-4a) is placed over the IC and the protruding extender pins make it easier to test the circuit.

The logic monitor clip (Figure P-4b) is actually a more sophisticated logic probe that is placed over a digital IC and gives the state or status of each pin with the use of LEDs simultaneously. It uses diode circuitry that automatically selects the $+V_{CC}$ and Gnd pins, since the location of the power supply pins varies on different function ICs.

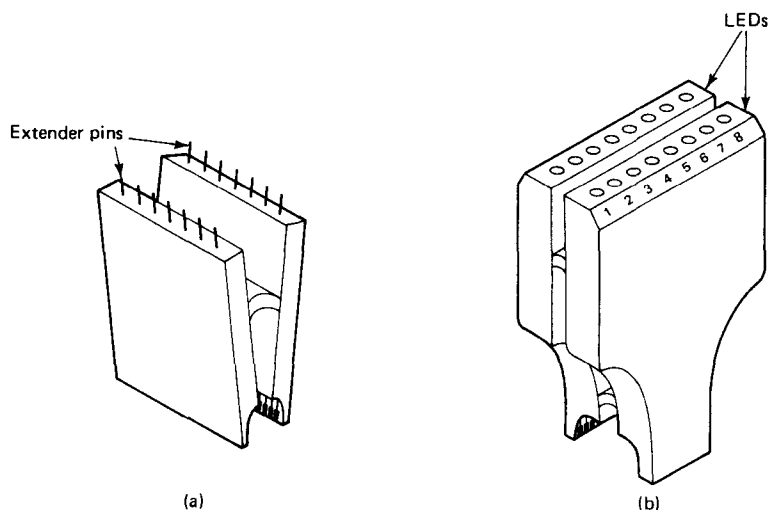


Figure P-4 IC test devices: (a) IC pin extender test clip; (b) logic monitor clip. (From F. Hughes, *Illustrated Guidebook to Electronic Devices and Circuits*, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., © 1983, Fig. 14-25, p. 426. Reprinted with permission.)