Decoding Hebrew

- Hebrew code pages of the era usually had the Hebrew alphabet start either at 0x80 or 0xE0.

Code page 862[3][7][8][9][10]

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
8x	א	ב	ג	ד	ה	ו	ז	ח	ט	י	ך	כ	ל	ם	מ	ן
9x	נ	ס	ע	ף	פ	ץ	צ	ק	ר	ש	ת	¢	£	¥	₧	ƒ
Ax	á	í	ó	ú	ñ	Ñ	ª	º	¿	⌐	¬	½	¼	¡	«	»
Bx	▦	▩	▩	┤	╡	╢	╖	╕	╣	║	╗	╝	╜	╛	┐	
Cx	└	┴	┬	├	─	┼	╞	╟	╚	╔	╩	╦	╠	═	╬	╧
Dx	╨	╤	╥	╙	╘	╒	╓	╫	╪	┘	┌	▉	▄	▌	▐	▀
Ex	α	ß	Γ	π	Σ	σ	µ	τ	Φ	Θ	Ω	δ	∞	φ	ε	∩
Fx	≡	±	≥	≤	⌠	⌡	÷	≈	°	∙	·	√	ⁿ	²	■	NBSP

Code page 867[3][4]

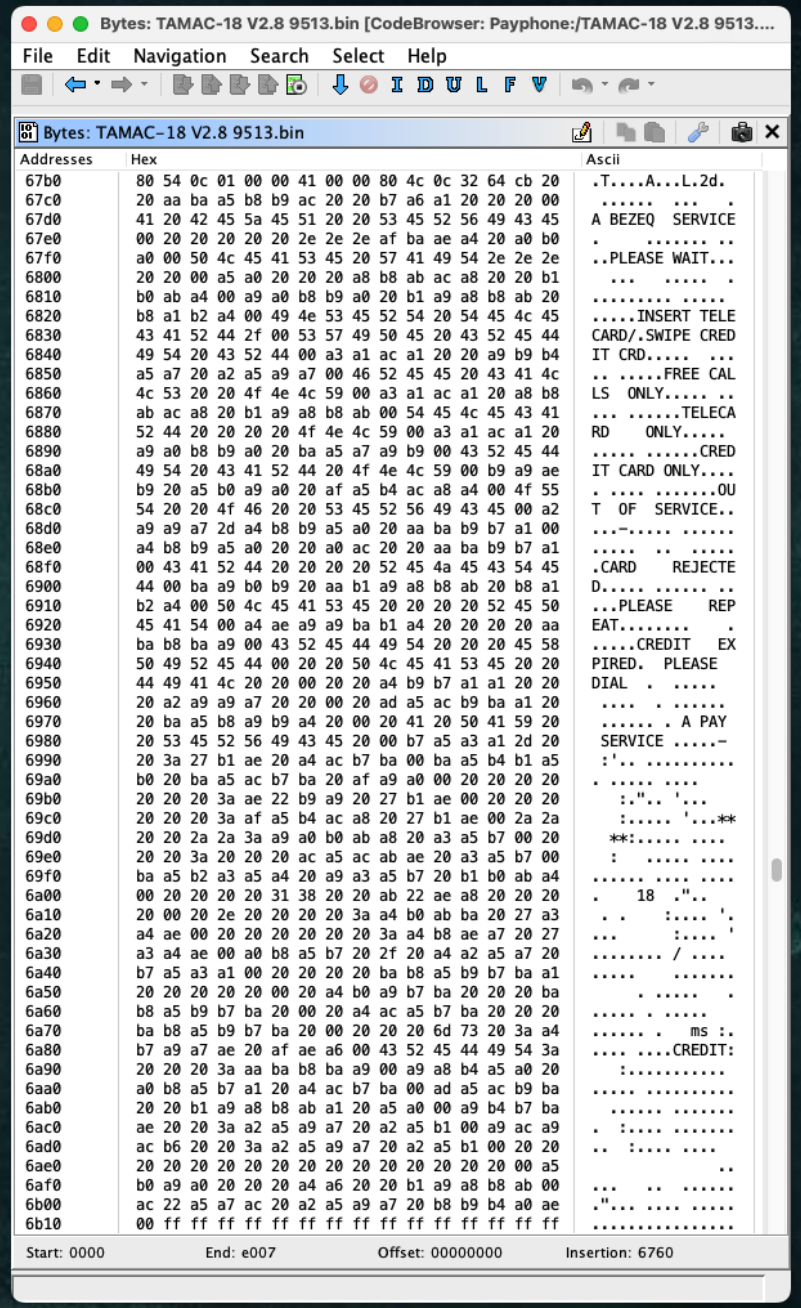
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
8x	א	ב	ג	ד	ה	ו	ז	ח	ט	י	ך	כ	ל	ם	מ	ן
9x	נ	ס	ע	ף	פ	ץ	צ	ק	ר	ש	ת	¢	£	¥		₪
Ax	LRM	RLM	LRE	RLE	LRO	RLO	PDF			⌐	¬	½	¼	€	«	»
Bx	▦	▩	▩	┤	╡	╢	╖	╕	╣	║	╗	╝	╜	╛	┐	
Cx	└	┴	┬	├	─	┼	╞	╟	╚	╔	╩	╦	╠	═	╬	╧
Dx	╨	╤	╥	╙	╘	╒	╓	╫	╪	┘	┌	▉	▄	▌	▐	▀
Ex	α	ß	Γ	π	Σ	σ	µ	τ	Φ	Θ	Ω	δ	∞	φ	ε	∩
Fx	≡	±	≥	≤	⌠	⌡	÷	≈	°	∙	·	√	ⁿ	²	■	NBSP

DEC Hebrew (8-bit)[1]

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0x	NUL	SOH	STX	ETX	EOT	ENQ	ACK	BEL	BS	HT	LF	VT	FF	CR	SO	SI
1x	DLE	DC1	DC2	DC3	DC4	NAK	SYN	ETB	CAN	EM	SUB	ESC	FS	GS	RS	US
2x	SP	!	"	#	$	%	&	'	(	)	*	+	,	-	.	/
3x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	:	;	<	=	>	?
4x	@	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
5x	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	[	\	]	^	_
6x	`	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
7x	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	{	l	}	~	DEL
8x					IND	NEL	SSA	ESA	HTS	HTJ	VTS	PLD	PLU	RI	SS2	SS3
9x	DCS	PU1	PU2	STS	CCH	MW	SPA	EPA				CSI	ST	OSC	PM	APC
Ax		¡	¢	£		¥		§	¤	©	ª	«				
Bx	°	±	²	³		µ	¶	·		¹	º	»	¼	½		¿
Cx																
Dx																
Ex	א	ב	ג	ד	ה	ו	ז	ח	ט	י	ך	כ	ל	ם	מ	ן
Fx	נ	ס	ע	ף	פ	ץ	צ	ק	ר	ש	ת					

Decoding Hebrew

- But not in our case.
- It seems the Hebrew characters start at 0xA0.



Decoding Hebrew

- Another dear fried comes to the rescue.

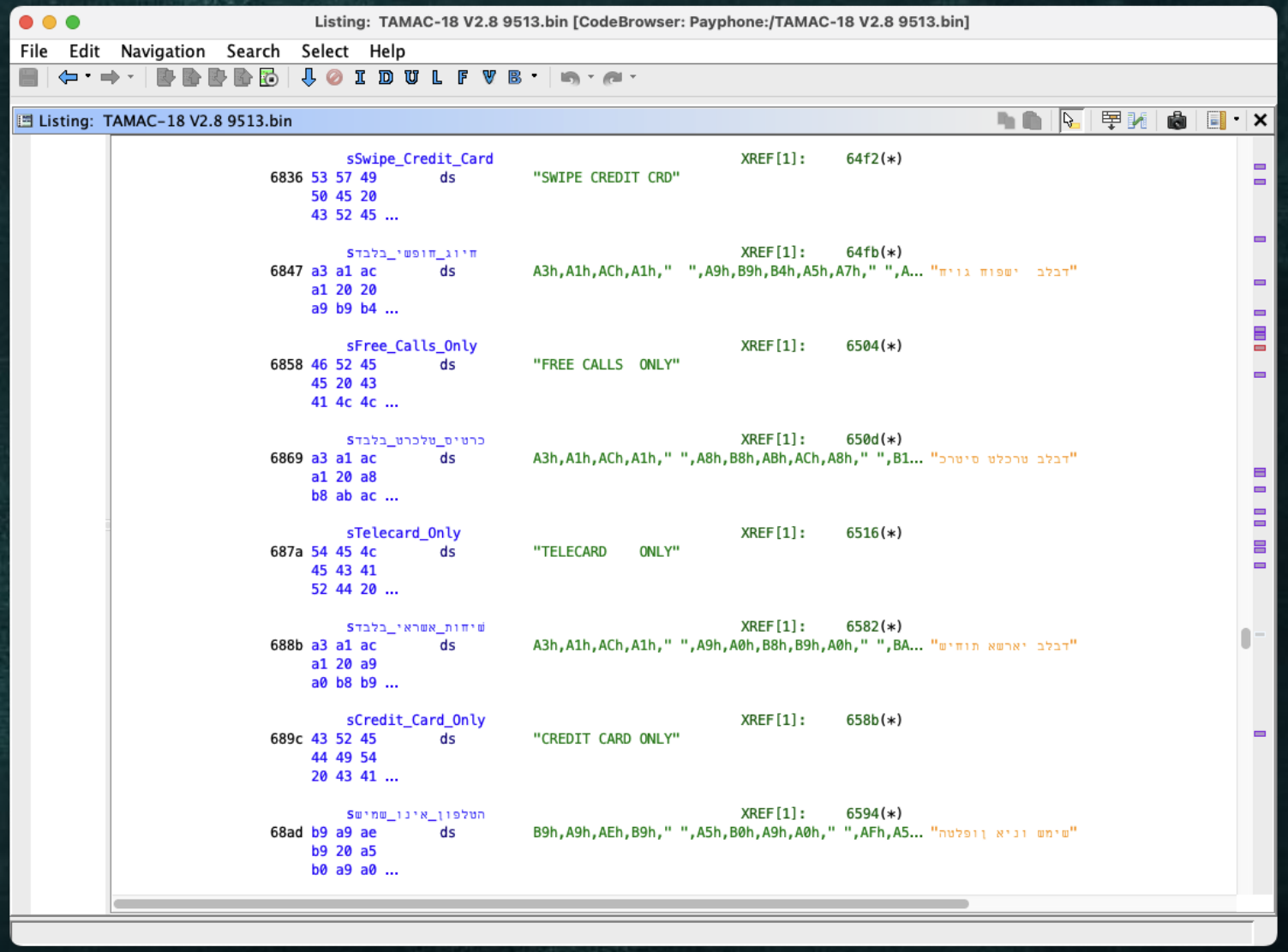
payphone – heb.py

```
#!/usr/local/bin/python
#  -*- coding: utf-8 -*-

# heb - convert and print Hebrew encoded as ASCII 0xA0-
# Written with the kind help of Tomer Zait

import argparse

heb_letters = [ch - 0xA0 for ch in range(ord(u'א'), ord(u'ת') + 1)]


1 usage  Inbar Raz
def conv(ch):
    if (ch < 0xA0) or (ch > 0xBA):
        return chr(ch)
    else:
        return chr(heb_letters[0] + ch)


if __name__ == '__main__':
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description='Weird hebrew translator')
    parser.add_argument( *name_or_flags: 'translate', metavar='N', type=lambda c: int(c, 16), nargs='+',
                        help='A hex array to translate')

    args = parser.parse_args()
    print("\"%s\"" % u"".join(map(lambda o: conv(o), args.translate)))
```

Tomer Zait

Decoding Hebrew

- Order is restored.



TA0002: Execution

TA0011: Command & Control

Booting the phone

- At some point, I decided to inject 5V into the backup battery terminal, and the phone woke up.
- Unfortunately, it was displaying an error message:

הטלפון איננו שמיש

Finding the error message

- Now that I had mapped all Hebrew strings and parts of the code, the search was easy.

```
        Print_Out_of_Service                     XREF[13]:   460a(j), 4648(j), 46aa(j),
                                                             46bf(j), 46d8(j), 4723(j),
                                                             4756(j), 480f(j), 4824(j),
                                                             484a(j), 4930(j), 4957(j),
                                                             6f91(j)

48a9 68 c7 88 c5    RLDI     R7,DAT_88c5
48ad f8 00          LDI      0x0
48af 57             STR      R7=>DAT_88c5
48b0 7a             REQ
48b1 e2             SEX      0x2
48b2 68 83 6e 6b    SCAL     R3=>LAB_4957,LoadStringForDisplay          Arguments (SEX R3):
                                                                         - word -> String descriptor
48b6 65 91          dw       descהטלפון_אינו_שמיש

48b8 68 c7 80 36    RLDI     R7,DAT_8036
48bc 07             LDN      R7=>DAT_8036
48bd fa df          ANI      0xdf
48bf 57             STR      R7=>DAT_8036

48c0 e2             SEX      0x2
48c1 68 83 6f b3    SCAL     R3,FUN_6fb3

        LAB_48c5                                 XREF[1]:    48d3(j)
48c5 00             IDL
48c6 68 c6 81 65    RLDI     R6,DAT_8165
48ca 06             LDN      R6=>DAT_8165
48cb c2 5f 67       LBZ      LAB_5f67

48ce 68 c5 81 29    RLDI     R5,DAT_8129
48d2 05             LDN      R5=>DAT_8129
48d3 ca 48 c5       LBNZ     LAB_48c5

48d6 e2             SEX      0x2
48d7 68 83 6e 6b    SCAL     R3,LoadStringForDisplay                    Arguments (SEX R3):
                                                                         - word -> String descriptor
48db 64 51          dw       descEmptyLine-6451
```

Finding the error message

- Now that I had mapped all Hebrew strings and parts of the code, the search was easy.

- HOWEVER…

```
                Print_Out_of_Service                      XREF[13]:    460a(j), 4648(j), 46aa(j),
                                                                       46bf(j), 46d8(j), 4723(j),
                                                                       4756(j), 480f(j), 4824(j),
                                                                       484a(j), 4930(j), 4957(j),
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48af 57               STR       R7=>DAT_88c5
48b0 7a               REQ
48b1 e2               SEX       0x2
48b2 68 83 6e 6b      SCAL      R3=>LAB_4957,LoadStringForDisplay           Arguments (SEX R3):
                                                                             - word -> String descriptor
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48bc 07               LDN       R7=>DAT_8036
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48c0 e2               SEX       0x2
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48ca 06               LDN       R6=>DAT_8165
48cb c2 5f 67         LBZ       LAB_5f67

48ce 68 c5 81 29      RLDI      R5,DAT_8129
48d2 05               LDN       R5=>DAT_8129
48d3 ca 48 c5         LBNZ      LAB_48c5

48d6 e2               SEX       0x2
48d7 68 83 6e 6b      SCAL      R3,LoadStringForDisplay                     Arguments (SEX R3):
                                                                             - word -> String descriptor
48db 64 51            dw        descEmptyLine-6451
```

No less than **13** different origins!

Finding the origin

- Just reading the code was not going to be helpful - I still hadn't mapped the external peripherals (a mistake, in hind-sight).
- I decided to try to catch the address of the preceding opcodes by eavesdropping on the address bus.
  - Why? I have no idea. This project is not about the easy way out.

Finding the origin

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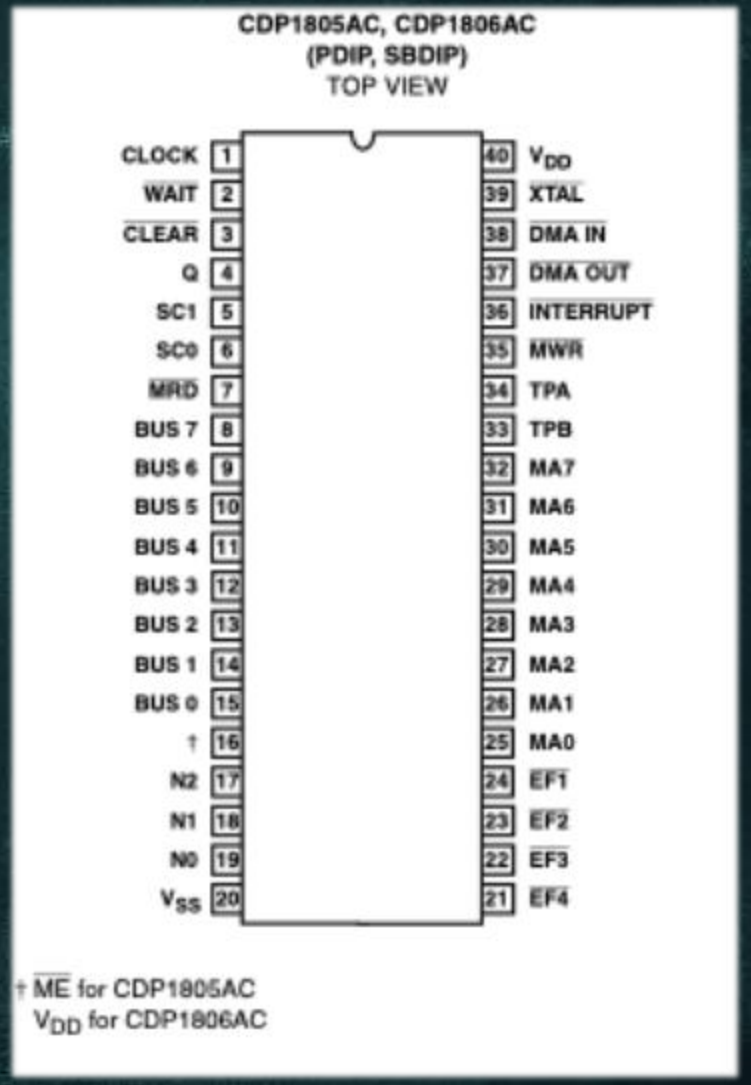
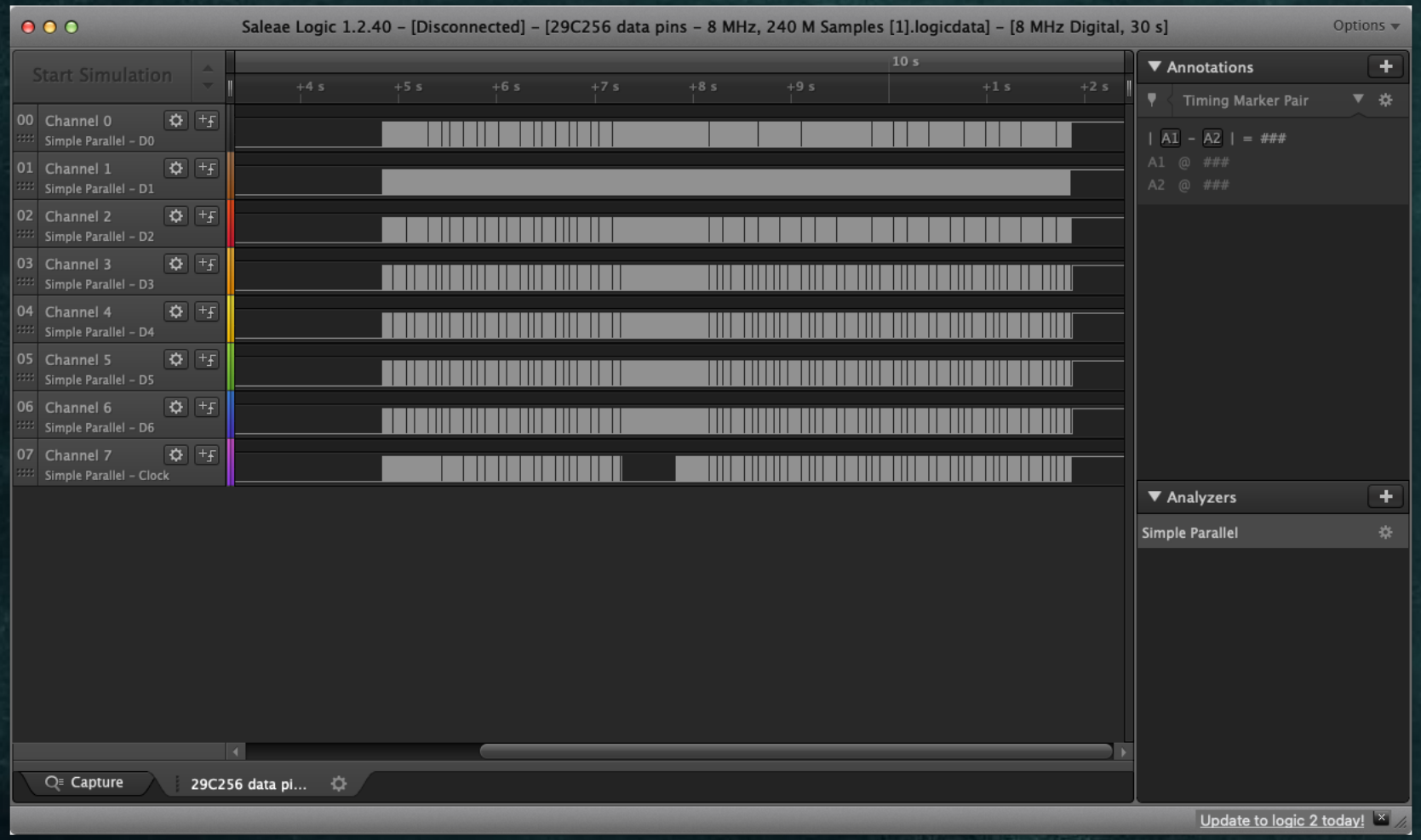


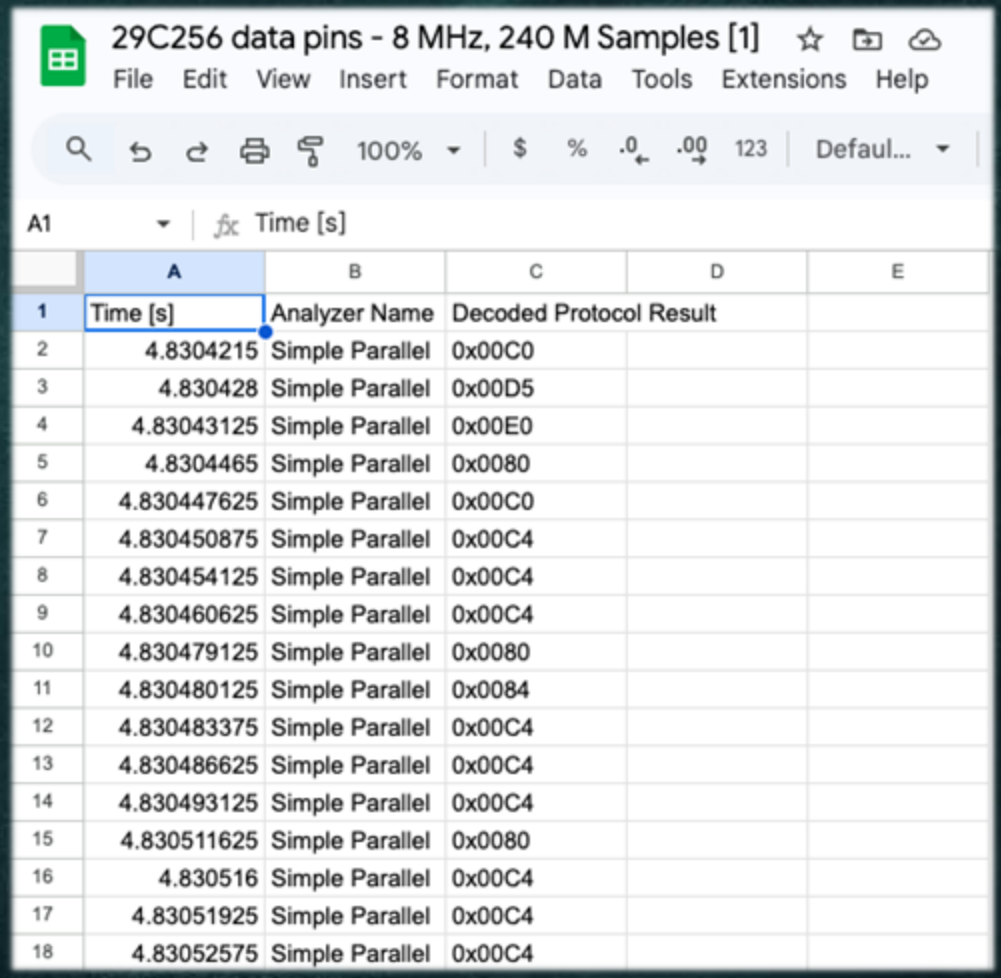
Finding the origin

- I collected 7 seconds of data.



Finding the origin

- I collected 7 seconds of data.
- Sadly, I couldn't find what I was looking for.
  - Maybe I tapped the wrong lines.
  - Maybe I captured the wrong time window.
  - Maybe something else.



29C256 data pins - 8 MHz, 240 M Samples [1]

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100% $ % .0 .00 123 Defaul...

A1 | Time [s]

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Time [s]	Analyzer Name	Decoded Protocol Result		
2	4.8304215	Simple Parallel	0x00C0		
3	4.830428	Simple Parallel	0x00D5		
4	4.83043125	Simple Parallel	0x00E0		
5	4.8304465	Simple Parallel	0x0080		
6	4.830447625	Simple Parallel	0x00C0		
7	4.830450875	Simple Parallel	0x00C4		
8	4.830454125	Simple Parallel	0x00C4		
9	4.830460625	Simple Parallel	0x00C4		
10	4.830479125	Simple Parallel	0x0080		
11	4.830480125	Simple Parallel	0x0084		
12	4.830483375	Simple Parallel	0x00C4		
13	4.830486625	Simple Parallel	0x00C4		
14	4.830493125	Simple Parallel	0x00C4		
15	4.830511625	Simple Parallel	0x0080		
16	4.830516	Simple Parallel	0x00C4		
17	4.83051925	Simple Parallel	0x00C4		
18	4.83052575	Simple Parallel	0x00C4		

מה שלא הולך בכוח, הולך בעוד יותר כוח

Double or Nothing

- By now it has become personal.
- In my posession is the function that writes a string to the LCD.

➔ I could patch the code and send my own strings to the screen.

Double or Nothing

The plan:

1. Hook all locations that jump to 0x48A9 (Print_Out_of_Service).
2. Store current address in a memory location.
3. Resume original execution.
4. Overwrite 0x48A9 (Print_Out_of_Service) to print the stored address instead of the error message.

Double or Nothing

Requirements:

1. Must find unused memory areas for the hooking code.
2. Must determine which registers are available.
3. Must be able to convert an address to a string.
4. Better find an assembler or this will be a bitch.

Must find unused memory areas for the hooking code

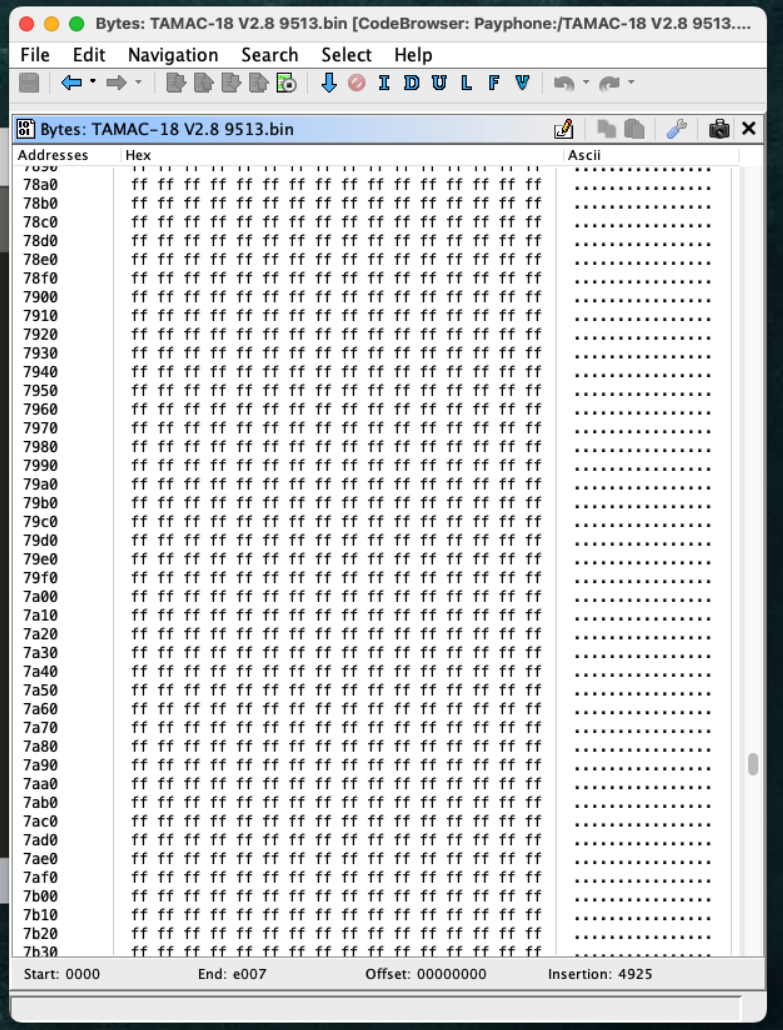
- I mapped free and unused memory areas:

Plan.txt

Plan.txt

```
1   Where to store code
2   ===================
3
4   Free memory areas (addresses are inclusive):
5
6   0119 - 01de / 00c2
7   22eb - 2330 / 0106
8   447a - 449d / 0024
9   6d9a - 6dd4 / 003b
10  7803 - 7bc1 / 03bf
11  7f22 - 7fff / 00de
12
13  Seems to be used - 7fc0 / 40
14
15  Best candidate: 7803 - 7bc1 / 03bf
16  We will use the memory from 7AFF and back
17
```

Line 27, Column 21



Must determine which registers are available

- I read the code and found the registers I can use:

Plan.txt

```
Registers we can use
====================

Code at Print_Out_of_Service:
48a9 68 c7 88 c5     RLDI       R7,DAT_88c5
48ad f8 00           LDI        0x0

So R7 and D are free.

Then there's a call to LoadStringForDisplay:
6e6b e3              SEX    0x3
6e6c 68 6c           RLXA       RC
6e6e 68 cd 80 3a     RLDI       RD, 803A

So RC, RD also get overwritten without being used first.
```

Line 24, Column 30

```
        Print_Out_of_Service                    XREF[13]:   460a(j), 4648(j), 46aa(j),
                                                            46bf(j), 46d8(j), 4723(j),
                                                            4756(j), 480f(j), 4824(j),
                                                            484a(j), 4930(j), 4957(j),
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48b0 7a             REQ
48b1 e2             SEX         0x2
48b2 68 83 6e 6b    SCAL        R3=>LAB_4957,LoadStringForDisplay      Arguments (SEX R3):
                                                                        - word -> String descriptor
48b6 65 91          dw          desc?_????_??_????

48b8 68 c7 80 36    RLDI        R7,DAT_8036
48bc 07             LDN         R7=>DAT_8036
48bd fa df          ANI         0xdf
48bf 57             STR         R7=>DAT_8036

48c0 e2             SEX         0x2
48c1 68 83 6f b3    SCAL        R3,FUN_6fb3

        LAB_48c5                                XREF[1]:    48d3(j)
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48c6 68 c6 81 65    RLDI        R6,DAT_8165
48ca 06             LDN         R6=>DAT_8165
48cb c2 5f 67       LBZ         LAB_5f67

48ce 68 c5 81 29    RLDI        R5,DAT_8129
48d2 05             LDN         R5=>DAT_8129
48d3 ca 48 c5       LBNZ        LAB_48c5

48d6 e2             SEX         0x2
48d7 68 83 6e 6b    SCAL        R3,LoadStringForDisplay                Arguments (SEX R3):
                                                                        - word -> String descriptor
48db 64 51          dw          descEmptyLine-6451
```

Must be able to convert an address to a string

- Not as cool as a ROP Gadget, but still Living Off the Land:

Plan.txt

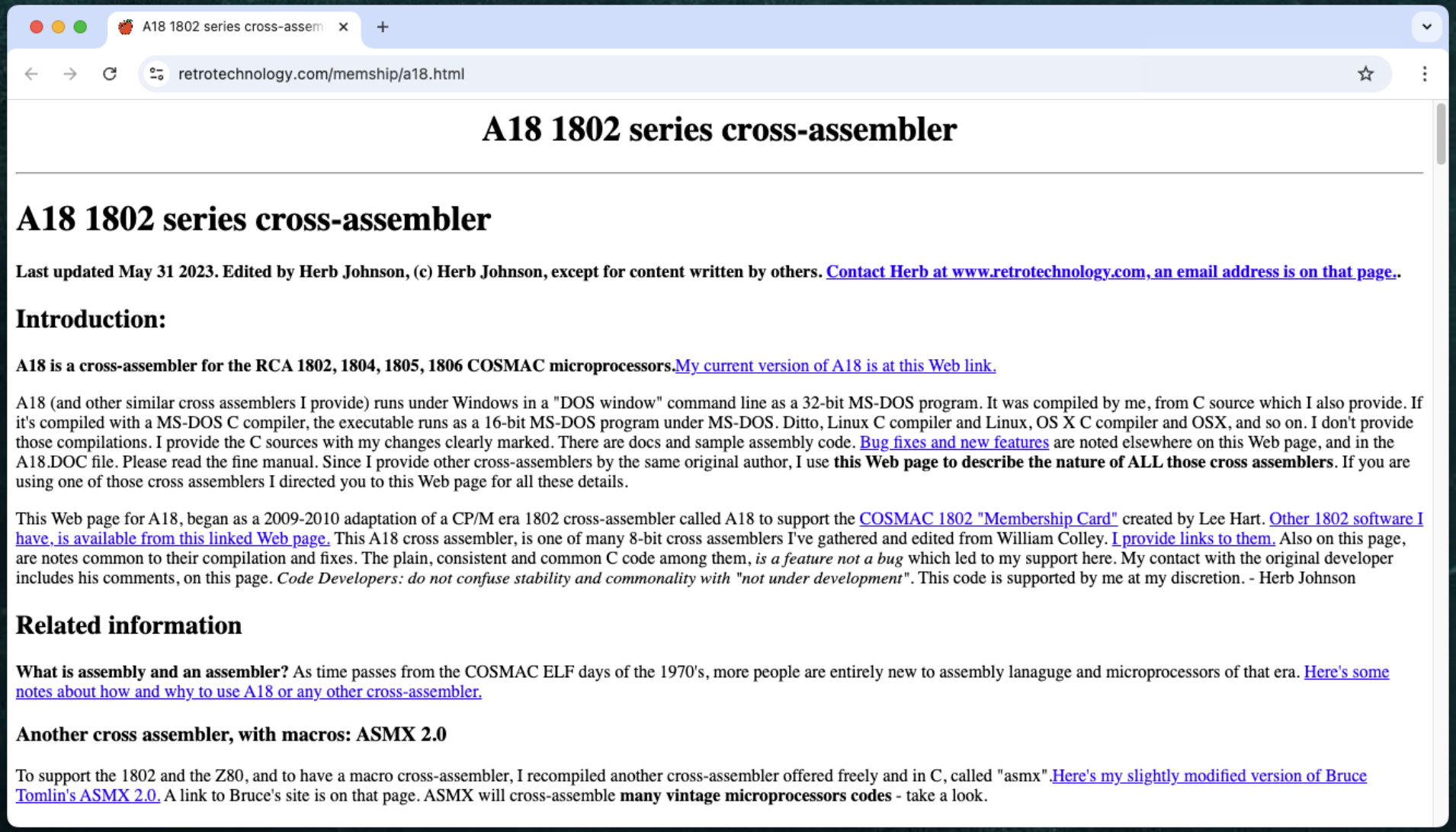
Plan.txt

```
42
43  Converting Hex to ASCII
44  ======================
45
46  For converting the byte to Hexadecimal ASCII, we can use an existing function:
47
48  3d18 byte_to_hex_ascii()
49  Input:
50  - D -> byte
51  - R2 -> dest to receive separate nibbles
52  - RA -> dest to receive ASCII HEX
53
54  So R2 will be the stack
55  The function modifies: RX, Mem[RX], D, R2, Mem[R2], RA
56  So R2 will need to point to a free RAM area -> 9000
57
```

Line 24, Column 30

```
                     *************************************************************
                     *                          FUNCTION                         *
                     *************************************************************
                     undefined byte_to_hex_ascii()                    Input:
                                                                       - D -> byte
                                                                       - R2 -> dest to receive separate nibbles
                                                                       - RA -> dest to receive ASCII HEX
undefined            <UNASSIGNED>  <RETURN>
                     byte_to_hex_ascii                          XREF[2]:   3c59(R), 3c8f(R)
       3d18 73       STXD
       3d19 fa f0    ANI         0xf0                                      Save D at M[RX]
       3d1b f6       SHR
       3d1c f6       SHR
       3d1d f6       SHR
       3d1e f6       SHR
       3d1f 52       STR         R2                                        Save high nibble in M[R2]
       3d20 ff 09    SMI         0x9
       3d22 c2 3d 2c LBZ         LAB_3d2c
       3d25 cb 3d 2c LBNF        LAB_3d2c
       3d28 52       STR         R2
       3d29 f8 40    LDI         0x40
       3d2b c8       LSKP        LAB_3d2e

                     LAB_3d2c                                   XREF[2]:   3d22(j), 3d25(j)
       3d2c f8 30    LDI         0x30

                     LAB_3d2e                                   XREF[1]:   3d2b(j)
       3d2e f4       ADD
       3d2f 5a       STR         RA
       3d30 1a       INC         RA
       3d31 12       INC         R2
       3d32 02       LDN         R2
       3d33 fa 0f    ANI         0xf
       3d35 52       STR         R2
       3d36 ff 09    SMI         0x9
       3d38 c2 3d 42 LBZ         LAB_3d42
       3d3b cb 3d 42 LBNF        LAB_3d42
       3d3e 52       STR         R2
       3d3f f8 40    LDI         0x40
       3d41 c8       LSKP        LAB_3d44

                     LAB_3d42                                   XREF[2]:   3d38(j), 3d3b(j)
       3d42 f8 30    LDI         0x30

                     LAB_3d44                                   XREF[1]:   3d41(j)
       3d44 f4       ADD
       3d45 5a       STR         RA
       3d46 1a       INC         RA
       3d47 68 93    SRET        R3
```

Better find an assembler or this will be a bitch



A18 1802 series cross-assembler

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Introduction:

A18 is a cross-assembler for the RCA 1802, 1804, 1805, 1806 COSMAC microprocessors. My current version of A18 is at this Web link.

A18 (and other similar cross assemblers I provide) runs under Windows in a "DOS window" command line as a 32-bit MS-DOS program. It was compiled by me, from C source which I also provide. If it's compiled with a MS-DOS C compiler, the executable runs as a 16-bit MS-DOS program under MS-DOS. Ditto, Linux C compiler and Linux, OS X C compiler and OSX, and so on. I don't provide those compilations. I provide the C sources with my changes clearly marked. There are docs and sample assembly code. Bug fixes and new features are noted elsewhere on this Web page, and in the A18.DOC file. Please read the fine manual. Since I provide other cross-assemblers by the same original author, I use **this Web page to describe the nature of ALL those cross assemblers**. If you are using one of those cross assemblers I directed you to this Web page for all these details.

This Web page for A18, began as a 2009-2010 adaptation of a CP/M era 1802 cross-assembler called A18 to support the COSMAC 1802 "Membership Card" created by Lee Hart. Other 1802 software I have, is available from this linked Web page. This A18 cross assembler, is one of many 8-bit cross assemblers I've gathered and edited from William Colley. I provide links to them. Also on this page, are notes common to their compilation and fixes. The plain, consistent and common C code among them, *is a feature not a bug* which led to my support here. My contact with the original developer includes his comments, on this page. *Code Developers: do not confuse stability and commonality with "not under development"*. This code is supported by me at my discretion. - Herb Johnson

Related information

What is assembly and an assembler? As time passes from the COSMAC ELF days of the 1970's, more people are entirely new to assembly lanaguge and microprocessors of that era. Here's some notes about how and why to use A18 or any other cross-assembler.

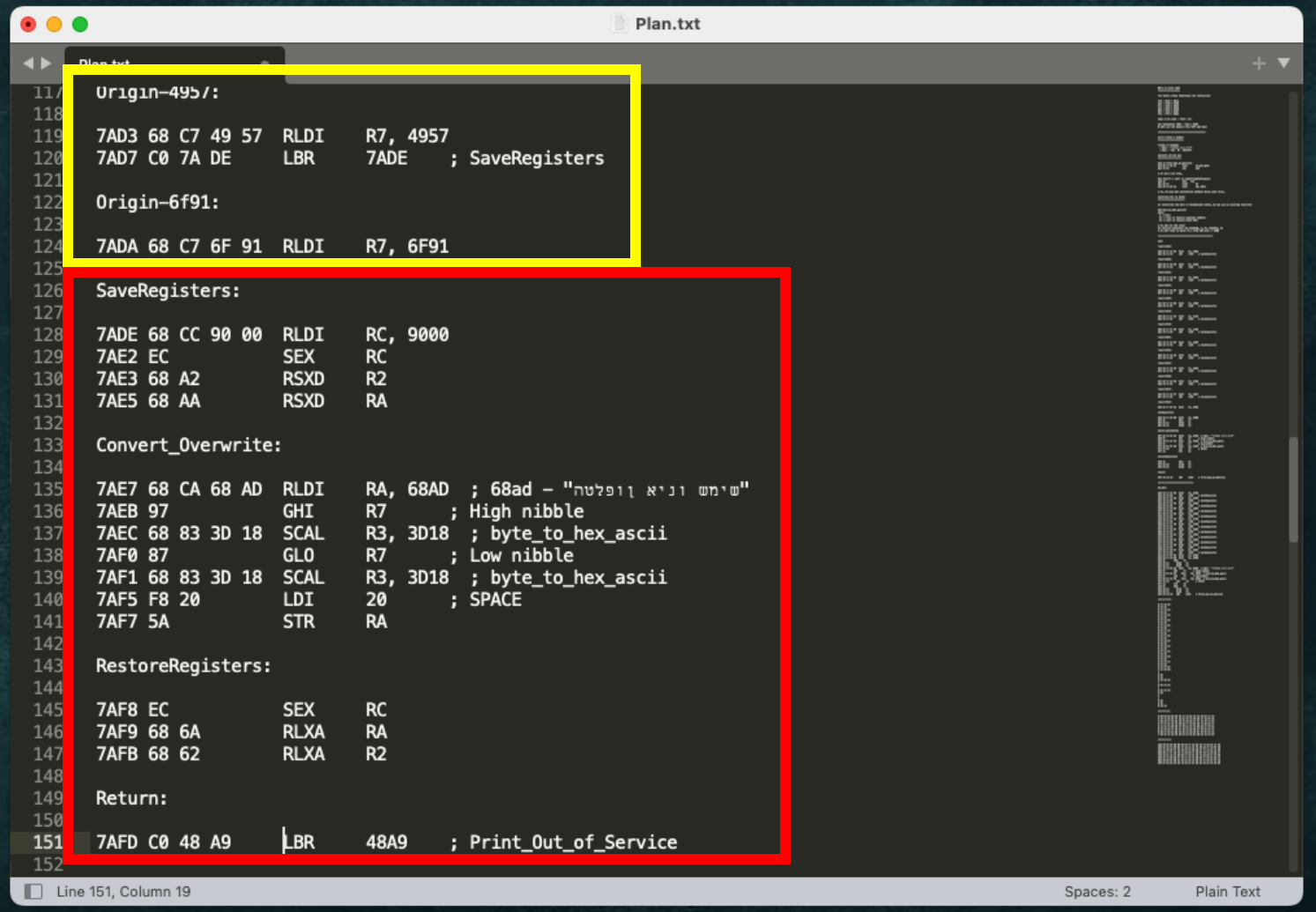
Another cross assembler, with macros: ASMX 2.0

To support the 1802 and the Z80, and to have a macro cross-assembler, I recompiled another cross-assembler offered freely and in C, called "asmx".Here's my slightly modified version of Bruce Tomlin's ASMX 2.0. A link to Bruce's site is on that page. ASMX will cross-assemble **many vintage microprocessors codes** - take a look.

Putting it all together

Hooks go here

Convert to Hex,
Store,
Resume execution



Putting it all together

There were two problems with the code:

1. Location 0x68AD (הטלפון אינו שחוש) is ROM.
2. Just printing the address is not cool enough.

The solution:

1. Save the string somewhere else and skip the address assignment.
2. Print a nicer English text.

Putting it all together

- The final code:

v4 - Print.asm

```
    CPU     1805

    INCL    "1805reg.asm"

;===================================
;
; RAM locations

ptrNewString    EQU     $9E00
ptrString       EQU     $9F00
storeR7         EQU     $9F10

; ===================================
;
; PATCH #1: SET THE OUTPUT STRING POIN

        ORG     $7A00

Origin_460a:
    RLDI        RC, str460a     ; Stri
    LBR         Overwrite       ; Savel
str460a:
    db          "460A",0

Origin_4648:
    RLDI        RC, str4648     ; Stri
    LBR         Overwrite       ; Savel
str4648:
    db          "4648",0

Origin_46aa:
    RLDI        RC, str46AA     ; Stri
    LBR         Overwrite       ; Savel
str46AA:
    db          "46AA",0
```

Line 196, Column 1

v4 - Print.asm

```
; ===================================
;
; PATCH #2: REPLACE THE TEXT FOR PRINTI

        ORG     $7B00

Patch2_entry:

; Start by performing the original code

    RLXA        RE              ; Origi
    SEX         $02

; Only operate on English strings (R5 =

    GLO         R5
    XRI         $00
    LBNZ        Patch2_exit

; Now overwrite data: Use R5 as pointer
; Get the string pointer from RAM, stor
; In the meantime, use this patch

; First, copy the base string to RAM

; We need an extra register for counter

    RLDI        R5, storeR7
    GHI         R7
    STR         R5
    INC         R5
    GLO         R7
    STR         R5

; Copy the string

    RLDI        R5, Base_string     ; B
```

Line 196, Column 1

v4 - Print.asm

```
    PLO         R5

    RLDI        RE, (ptrNewString + (Address_string - Base_string)) ; Pointer to the "ZZZZ"
    RLDI        R7, $0004

CopyLoop2:

    LDA         R5
    STR         RE
    INC         RE
    DBNZ        R7, CopyLoop2

; Restore R7

    RLDI        R5, storeR7
    LDA         R5
    PHI         R7
    LDN         R5
    PLO         R7

; Third, put the string address in RE and modifier length in R5

    RLDI        RE, ptrNewString
    RLDI        R5, 0000

; Jump back to original code

Patch2_exit:

    LBR         $27D6

Base_string:
    db      "Address is "
Address_string:
    db      "ZZZZ.",0

    END
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Line 155, Column 5 | Tab Size: 4 | Assembly x86 (MASM compatible)

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        LAB_48f5                                        XREF[2]:     48b2(*), 4953(*)
48f5 68 c9 88 c5    RLDI        R9,DAT_88c5
48f9 f8 00          LDI         0x0
48fb 59             STR         R9=>DAT_88c5
48fc 68 c5 81 43    RLDI        R5,DAT_8143
4900 55             STR         R5=>DAT_8143
4901 af             PLO         RF
4902 68 c5 80 34    RLDI        R5,DAT_8034
4906 05             LDN         R5=>DAT_8034
4907 fa fb          ANI         0xfb
4909 55             STR         R5=>DAT_8034
490a 68 c5 80 35    RLDI        R5,DAT_8035
490e 05             LDN         R5=>DAT_8035
490f fa f7          ANI         0xf7
4911 55             STR         R5=>DAT_8035
4912 68 c6 81 49    RLDI        R6,DAT_8149
4916 06             LDN         R6=>DAT_8149
4917 f9 40          ORI         0x40
4919 56             STR         R6=>DAT_8149
491a 68 c7 81 31    RLDI        R7,DAT_8131
491e f8 1e          LDI         0x1e
4920 57             STR         R7=>DAT_8131
4921 68 c5 81 39    RLDI        R5,DAT_8139                 Bitmask 0x02 – השירות בתשלום
                                                            Bitmask 0x10 – בזק לשירותך
4925 f8 04          LDI         0x4
4927 55             STR         R5=>DAT_8139                Bitmask 0x02 – השירות בתשלום
                                                            Bitmask 0x10 – בזק לשירותך
4928 68 c5 81 65    RLDI        R5,DAT_8165

        LAB_492c                                        XREF[1]:     4938(j)
492c 00             IDL
492d 8f             GLO         RF
492e fb 94          XRI         STAT_94
4930 c2 48 a9       LBZ         Print_Out_of_Service

4933 07             LDN         R7=>DAT_8131
4934 c2 49 3b       LBZ         LAB_493b
```

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Persistence

Reuse the Hardware

- I started contemplating replacing the PCB.
- I needed to know which of the peripherals I can keep.
  - The keyboard is a simple matrix - no brainer.
  - The earpiece is also very simple - no logic there either.
  - The card reader is not relevant, will keep for appearance.
  - What about the LCD?

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- A quick test verified that.

The LCD

- There are standard libraries for Arduino which support the HD44780.
- I used the distribution board as a way to verify my pinout mapping.
  - With an external 5v supply for the backlight.

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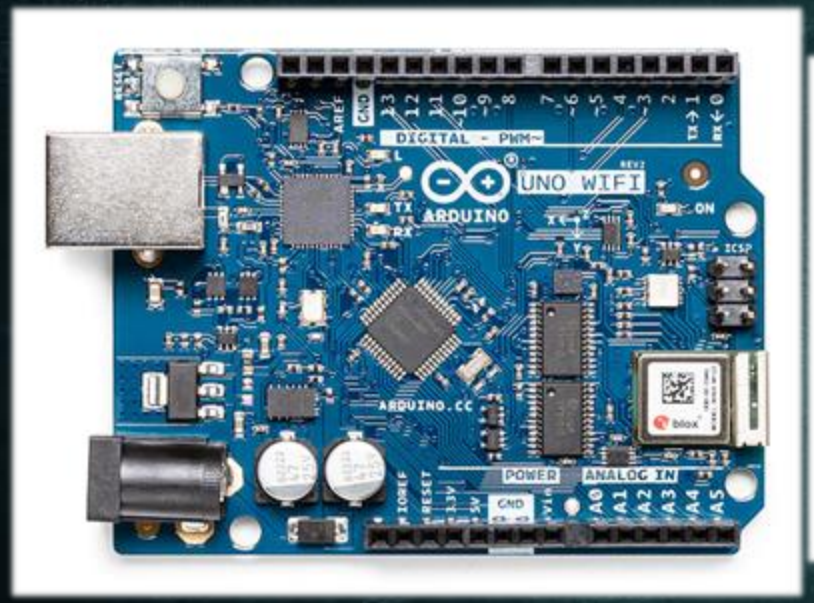

And Then...

Life happened

- 2020 brought COVID.
- I got swamped with work (B787 has a LOT of manuals).
- The project was frozen.

Until…

- In November 2024 I met Nicole Fishbein at ekoparty.
- I told her about the project, she asked for photos.
- I ended up writing a blog post instead.

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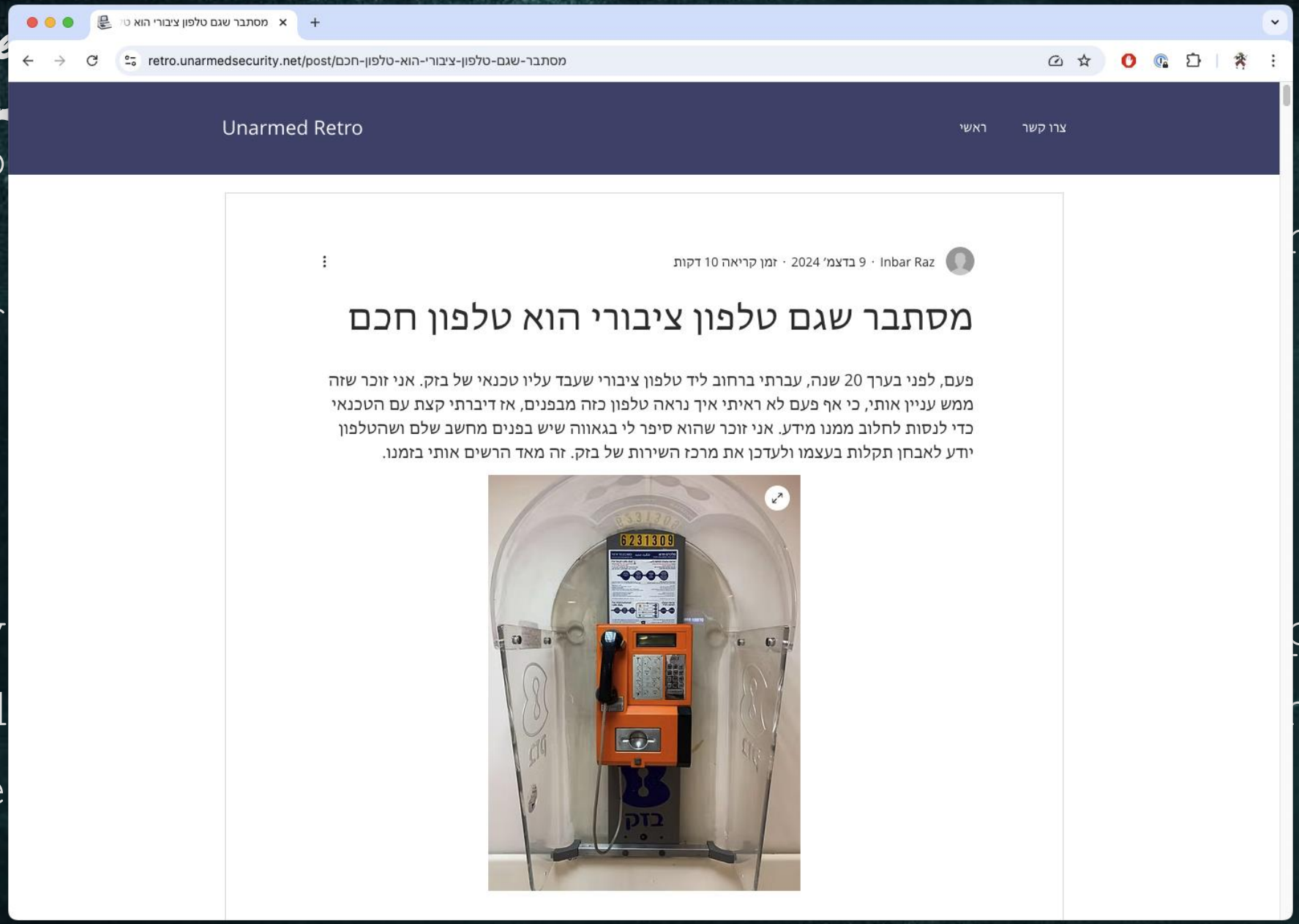

Life happened

- The blog EXPLODED.
- And that's all I remember, Doctor.

Looking Forward

What happens next?

- Continue reversing the firmware.
  - Collaborate with others?
  - Maybe end up with a followup talk?
- Communicate with the back office?
- Build a modern replacement hardware.
- Use for creating CTFs (BSidesTLV, anyone?)

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