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Chapter 1: Unpacking and Setting up system.

Before you begin setting up your Replica I computer, make sure you have plenty of table space. Do not power up the unit while touching any part of the circuit board and contact Briel computers if you are unsure about any part of the setup process.

You will need the following items to get your Replica I up and running:

- 1. The Replica I system board.
- 2. AT PC power supply (like those found in Pentium computers).
- 3. Keyboard, a PC PS/2 or an Apple II/II plus (not //e or //gs).
- 4. A TV with composite video in, or a composite computer monitor.
- 5. A video cable to attach to the TV from the Replica 1.

Place or mount the Replica I board so that it secured. Make sure no metal objects can touch the circuit board or damage could result. Next you need to plug in the power supply to the Replica I. Make sure you have not plugged in the power supply to the wall socket yet. There are several groups of wires, and you need to locate the 2 that stand out differently from the rest. The P8 and P9 connectors are the 2 square connectors you are looking for. They should be labeled, P8 and P9. You can verify you have the correct connectors simply by plugging the connector into the power socket of the Replica I.

You need to make sure you plug the connectors in correctly or you could damage the Replica I circuit board. The P9 connector is closer to the Video connector. If the power connectors are not labeled then the 2 sets of ground wires are next to each other when connected. Plug in the P8 and P9 connectors as shown in Figure 1. Make sure the connectors go all the way on. Once this is done, you are ready to install the video cable.



Typical AT-style power supply found in 386-Pentium computers

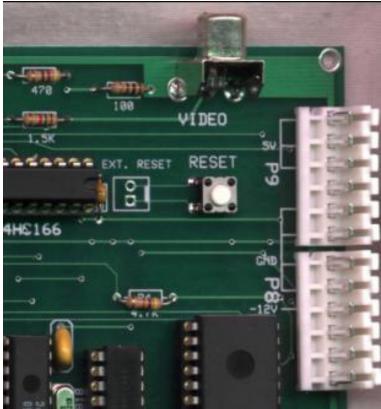


Figure 1 Power connector with P8 and P9 labeled

Attach an RCA video cable to the Video out connector located right next to the power connector. This is an NTSC composite video signal. You can attach it to a composite video monitor, TV with composite video in or a VCR with composite video in.

Do not turn on the TV until the setup procedures are complete.

Now you can attach either a standard PS/2 PC keyboard, or an Apple II/IIplus ASCII keyboard. You may use one or the other type but you CANNOT use both types at the same time. Attempting to do so may result in damage to your Replica I.

If you are going to attach a standard PS/2 keyboard, locate the keyboard connector located next to the video connector. The cable end of the keyboard should have an arrow indicating the up position. Make sure the connector on the keyboard is facing in its proper position before inserting into the connector.

If using an ASCII or Apple II keyboard, make sure to plug the cable in properly. Pin 1 is closer to the edge of the board. Figure 2 shows the ASCII keyboard port. If you have any questions regarding installation of the Apple II keyboard, feel free to email or write. If you are using an ASCII keyboard not designed for the Apple II refer to Appendix A regarding the correct pin out required.

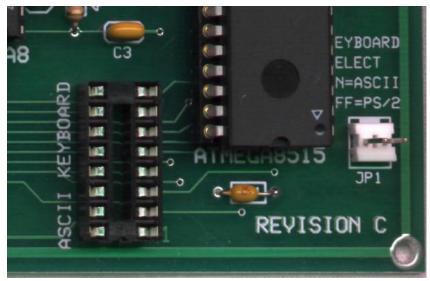


Figure 2 ASCII Keyboard port

NOTE: If using the ASCII keyboard port, place a jumper on JP1.

Mount the switch on the AT power supply so that when you turn on the replica, you only touch the switch and no wires. Make sure the power supply is turned off before plugging in. Now you can plug in the power connector to the power supply and to the wall socket.

Powering up your Replica 1.

Your Replica I system is now ready to turn on. Make sure you take all necessary precautions to avoid electrical shock

Turn on the TV or Monitor and then turn on the power supply for the Replica I. A block cursor should appear in the bottom left corner of the screen. If you do not get this block cursor, power the computer back off and recheck all of your connections. While the Replica I was tested with several monitors and Televisions, it is not guaranteed to work on all types. If you are having problems getting a proper picture on the TV, write to Briel Computers for help.

At this point the system is powered on but just like the Apple I a reset needs to be performed before the computer will begin operation. Press the 'RESET' button on the keyboard and the Replica I should respond with a '\' backslash character followed by a linefeed and the cursor should now be below the backslash.

Chapter 2: Getting Started.

Power on the replica 1 system, and look for the cursor block located in the upper left hand corner of the display. Press 'RESET' on the keyboard or on the system board to get the backslash. Refer to Figure 3 for where to find the reset button on the Replica I system board.

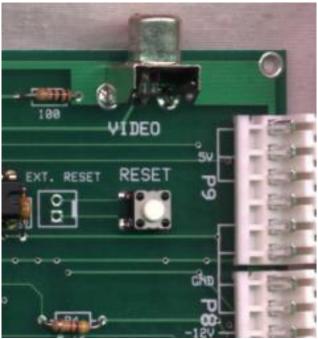


Figure 3 reset switch on Replica I system board

At this point you are in Woz's monitor program written for the Apple I. The monitor is a simple way to be able to program the Replica 1. The Replica I is designed with the 6502 microprocessor, the same one used in the Apple I. Programming the 6502 is not covered in this manual but there are still several books out there showing how to program it.

For those that are familiar with programming machine language you will understand that Woz's monitor program is only 256 bytes long because the functions were kept very simple. You can examine a block or single address of memory, write to a memory location or block, and start a program from a designated location.

Examine a memory block:

Type '0.2F' followed by 'RETURN' or 'ENTER' key on the keyboard. The display will show address and values in hex for the entered range. It will look like this:

0000: 00 01 03 D0 00 00 05 A0 0008: DF 07 00 00 0C 01 01 11 0010: 00 01 03 D0 00 A0 50 00 0018: CF C0 70 10 11 01 01 01 0020: 00 30 D0 80 C1 11 11 11 0028: 10 00 30 0D 05 A0 00 00

Examining a block will display 8 bytes across the page. The display always cuts off at set addresses so the next line starts with a '0' or an '8'. If you started with a 1 or some other address other than a '0' or an '8' then the first row of memory listed will cut off with the address ending in '7' or 'F'. For example if you type '1.F' it will display like this:

0001: 01 03 D0 00 00 05 A0 0008: DF 07 00 00 0C 01 01 11

Notice how the first line only shows 7 bytes of memory? This is so that the listing comes out uniform.

Change or write to a memory location:

Typing in '0:FF' will change the memory at location 0 to the hex value FF. The monitor will respond with the memory location you changed and the old value.

Example:

You type: '0:FF' [RETURN]. The monitor responds with: 0: 00 (The old contents of the memory location)

To change a block address range from 0100-0105 type:

'100:4C EE FF 0A 60 60' followed by 'RETURN' The display will show the old contents of memory location '0'. Then you may view your changes by typing in '0.5' followed by 'RETURN'.

Run a program in memory:

To run a program you have entered into memory, type in the address followed by 'R' and press 'RETURN'. Example, to start a program that you have entered starting at memory location 0300 type '300R' followed by 'RETURN'.

More examples of the use of the use of the monitor can be found in the Apple I users manual. See **Chapter 5: Reference material for the Apple I**, for where you can download a copy of the original Apple I manual.

Chapter 3: Programming your Replica 1

There are a couple of ways you can program your Replica I. One way is to enter machine language programs from Woz's monitor program and run them as described in Chapter 2. There are sites dedicated to the 6502 such as http://www.6502.org, which supports the processor for development and experimenting, has information available on how to program the CPU, and has discussion groups for help.

Integer Basic:

Another way would be to program in Woz's Integer Basic. It is at location \$E000. Simply power up the Replica I, press reset, and type 'E000R' followed by 'RETURN'. Refer to the Apple 1 preliminary Basic manual at Applefritter for programming in Integer Basic.

Saving your programs:

A serial interface I/O board is available to store and load programs from a PC or Mac. If you do not wish to use a serial interface, there is another method that you can use:

A simple solution used has been to replace the 62256 Static RAM IC with a Non-volatile SRAM IC such as the Dallas DS130Y-120. This will store your programmed information even when the power is turned off and has a 10 year life-span. If you are not familiar with working with IC's do not perform this function or seek assistance from someone with knowledge on how to exchange IC's as damage may occur to the Replica I if not done properly.

Chapter 4: How is the rev c board different?

Appearance:

The revision c board is very similar and almost exactly the same as the prior revision boards. The main difference is the addition of a clear screen key. This key allows the user to clear the screen at any given time without interrupting the computer. The other difference is only 1 jumper is now required for setting the type of keyboard you use. There is now written instructions on how to set the jumpers for the proper keyboard. The jumper posts for external reset and external clear screen buttons are not installed but can be hard wired to the board if the user wishes to use that option.

Function:

The revision c functions completely identical as the former revision with a few small improvements. The most noticeable is that the cursor now starts at the top of the screen instead of the bottom. This was not included with the original release of the replica as implementing this function was a difficult feature and there was not enough time to install before the release of the replica. This is a more accurate detail of how the apple 1 operated.

Another added feature is the addition of the clear screen button on the board. The apple 1 had the option of clearing the screen if the keyboard used had a clear screen key. Now, pressing this button clears the screen for you.

A single capacitor was added to fix a video bug which caused characters to not be displayed.

Enhanced keyboard keys added for ps/2 keyboards. The numeric keypad on ps/2 keyboards is now able to be used. Originally I didn't add these keys because they were not on most ASCII keyboards, but when I added the clear screen key option, it was easy to add the whole keypad option. The END key will clear the screen and HOME will put the cursor at the top. While the clear screen key was available on the original apple 1, the home cursor option was not but I added it as an extra feature that doesn't take away from the feel of the apple 1.

Chapter 5: Reference Material on the Internet

Apple I related information:

The preservation of Apple I documents, software, manuals and source code is the duty the Apple I users club has taken on. At http://www.applefritter.com/apple1/ you can find all documents submitted by Apple I owners as well as stories, pictures and other information. There is also a forum to discuss the Apple I as well as the Replica I.

6502 CPU related information:

There is a user group at http://www.yahoo.com for the 6502.

Also http://www.6502.org is an information rich site for anything related to the 6502 CPU and support hardware. There is also a discussion group to help with questions.

Apple I history:

http://www.apple-history.org has a very nice page on the Apple I including ads and pictures. Of course, http://www.applefritter.com has the original Apple 1 users group and almost everything you can think of for your replica.

Software:

The restoration of authentic Apple I software is continuing daily. Please visit Briel Computers' website for more information on currently available software and for information on how to help archive your programs. Many programs for the Apple 1 have been recovered but there are still some programs out there that has not been saved.

http://www.vintagecomputer.tk

Chapter 6: Using a PS/2 Keyboard

The design of the Apple 1 called for the user to attach an ASCII keyboard to a 16 pin socket on the board. When the design of the Replica I was nearing finishing stages, it too just had an ASCII keyboard port. The problem is, this type of keyboard is no longer being produced and they are becoming more difficult to locate. Therefore a special encoder was developed which would allow the use of a standard PC keyboard on the Replica 1.

While the PC keyboard takes away some of that vintage feel, it opens the door so more people can use the Replica I. Due to the complex nature of the PS/2 keyboards signal process, only the standard keys are programmed to function. That means the function keys, arrow keys, are not programmed to function. The revision c board now adds the ability to use the numeric keypad on ps/2 keyboards. This was done because of a redesign of the keyboard encoder on the replica. The only key that is not on a PS/2 keyboard that was on ASCII keyboards is the "RESET" button. Because of the need for a PS/2 keyboard, a reset button was added to the Replica I so that the circuit could be reset as needed.

As with normal PC use, the Replica I supports auto key repeat. This means that if you hold down a key after a short while it will auto repeat. So, make sure you are careful not to be holding down a key for too long since the replica 1 has only the underscore for a backspace.

CAUTION:

Do not attempt to use a PS/2 keyboard if you have an ASCII keyboard attached to the Replica 1; **doing so could damage the board and void the warranty**.

As mentioned before, do not plug in or unplug the PS/2 keyboard while power is turned on; **doing so could damage the board**.

Chapter 7: Kit Assembly Instructions

The kit form of the Replica 1 is for people who have experience in soldering circuit boards. If you have experience with soldering circuit boards, then not only will you enjoy the Replica 1 computer, but you will also have the pride in assembling it yourself while saving money. If you have never built a circuit board kit, please start with something a little simpler before attempting to build the replica 1.

Kit contents:

I have carefully assembled all parts into separate containers for ease of assembly. Check each bag to ensure that all parts are there. If you find anything missing, please contact Briel Computers.

IC's: 6502 or 65C02 CPU 40 pin IC

6821 40 pin IC

ATMEGA8515 40 pin IC 28C64 EEPROM 28 pin IC 62256 SRAM 28 pin IC

ATMEGA8 28 pin IC (narrow)

74LS138 16 pin IC 74LS04 14 pin IC 74LS00 14 pin IC 74HC74 14 pin IC 74HC166 16 pin IC

CRYSTAL 1MHz 4 pin IC

Sockets: Qty 3 - 40 pin

Qty 2 – 28 pin (wide) Qty 1 – 28 pin (narrow)

Qty 3 – 16 pin (1 for ASCII keyboard)

Qty 3 - 14 pin

Crystals: Qty 1 - 14.31818Mhz

Qty 1 - 8.0MHz

Connectors: Qty 1 – 40 pin Expansion Header

Qty 1 – DIN PS/2 Keyboard connector

Qty 2 – Power supply connectors

Qty 1 – Video Connector

Resistors: R1 - 470 Ohm (yellow, violet, brown)

R2–1.5K Ohm (brown, green, red) R3 – 100 Ohm (brown, black, brown) R4 & R5 – 4.7K Ohm (yellow, violet, red) R6 – R10 – 3.3K Ohm (orange, orange, red)

Capacitors: C1, C2, C4, C5 – 18pF (newer revision C are now 22pF)

C3 - .1uF

C6 – C17 - .1uF Bypass capacitors

C18-.01uF

Diodes: D1 & D2-1N4148

Misc. Parts: 2 Switches

1 Jumper Pad

Here is an example of the steps used to build the replica 1. You may choose to do it a different way.

Step 1: Start with the **resistors**. Carefully bend the wire ends so that the resistor will fit neatly into its designated place on the board. The board shows the resistor number as well as its value. Solder each one onto the board using standard procedures for soldering on a circuit board. Trim the extra length off of each one. The resistor can face either way, but I prefer a uniform look.

Step 2: Next solder in the two **diodes** using the same procedure as the resistors. The only difference is the direction does matter. The black strip on the diode should be closer to the edge of the board.

Step 3: Solder in the **capacitors** using the same procedure as with the resistors. There is no direction required to install these, but once again, uniformity is best. Trim extra length off of the leads.

Step 4: After the capacitors are installed begin soldering in the **sockets**. The board designates pin one with a square pin. The sockets also have a pin one and you can usually tell the top of the socket with a curve in the top. Use caution when soldering so that no extra solder connects two pins that should not be connected. The 16pin duel swipe socket is for the ASCII keyboard.

Step 5: Once all sockets are properly soldered, install the **1MHz crystal IC**. The sharp edge corner designates pin 1. Make sure it is the closest corner to the RAM and EPROM IC's.

Step 6: Install the **40-pin Expansion Interface Header**, the reset switch, and the jumper header. The expansion header is probably the most difficult part to install. The pins on the Expansion Interface Header are close like the IC's so use caution when installing. No pins on the header should contact each other. The switch can only be installed in 2 directions, and either way will work.

- **Step 7:** The crystals must be installed with care. The barrel shaped **8MHz crystal** goes next to the **ATMEGA8515** and should be folded over so it lays down just to the edge of the board. Trim extra length off of leads. The jumper header goes next to the reset switch and where it is labeled JP1. This is so you can add an external reset switch to a case. JP1 is for keyboard selection.
- **Step 8:** Next install the **video connector**. It can only be installed one way and there is no room for error. Be sure to use enough solder to get a good connector on the tabs. Do not trim the tabs, but you can give them a slight bend outwards prior to soldering for better contact.
- **Step 9:** Install the **Power connectors**. Make sure the flat support edge is closer to the edge of the circuit board. Use enough solder to cover the contacts completely.
- **Step 10:** Check over your work and look for incomplete or low solder spots. Using a magnifying lens will help with hard to see areas.
- **Step 11:** Once you are finished checking you can begin installing the **IC's**. The pins on IC's from the manufacturer are angled out slightly for good contact in the socket. So when you install them into the socket use caution not to bend any of the pins. Make sure you know where pin 1 is and you install the IC in the correct orientation. Installing the IC in the incorrect direction could cause damage to the IC or the entire board.

Caution:

Before plugging in the power supply, keyboard and video connector, thoroughly check over your work for errors.

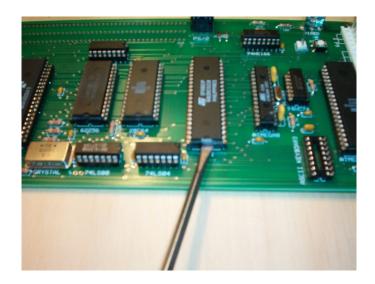
Any parts that get accidentally damaged during the building process can be replaced at the owner's expense. Contact Briel Computers for any replacement parts needed.

Use the rest of this page to document any notes needed for installation

Chapter 8: Serial I/O board

Getting started

Setting up and installing the serial I/O board is easy, and only involves a few steps to get started. First, you must disconnect all power connectors from your replica I. Next, remove the video connector and your keyboard connector. Locate the IC labeled "6821" on the board. Carefully using a small screw driver, remove the IC as shown in the picture below.



Install the 6821 on the serial I/O board

Using the 6821 IC you just removed from your replica I, place it in the socket labeled 6821 on the serial I/O board. The notch in the front of the IC indicates the top of the 6821 and should be next to the "6821" label on the I/O board. Make sure all pins are straight before applying pressure. Make sure all pins are seated properly in the socket as shown before continuing.

Installing the serial I/O board on the replica I

Install the serial I/O board in the socket where the 6821 IC was located on your replica I board. Make sure the serial 9 pin port faces the same direction as your video connector. If needed; you can add plastic mounting support but I have found it unnecessary. Reattach your power, video and keyboard. Next attach a DB-9 serial cable (non-null modem) between your PC and the serial I/O board.

Setting up Hyper Terminal

Start a new session of Hyper Terminal and select a name for your session.

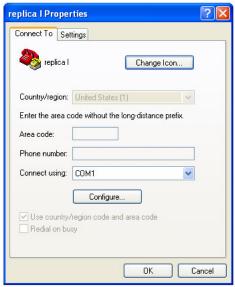


Click on OK. Next, select which COM port you are connected to and select OK. Next, set up your COM port as shown: 2400, N,8,1

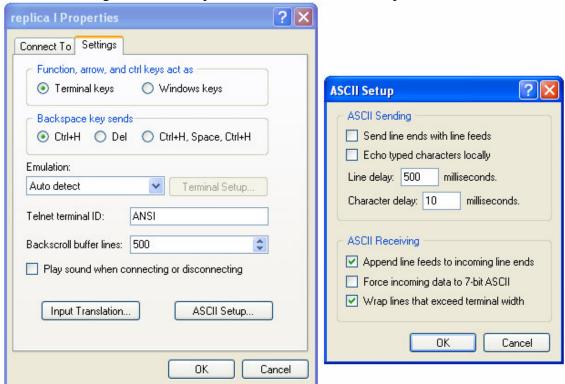


Select OK and continue on to starting Hyper Terminal. You are not ready yet, so click on the disconnect Icon as shown:

Next, click on "File" in the menu bar and select "Properties" from the drop-down menu list. You should then get a screen that looks like this:



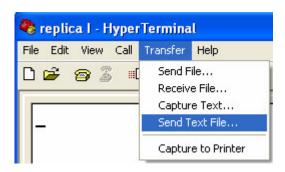
Click the "Settings" tab at the top, then select the "ASCII setup" button.



Set up your settings exactly as shown in the picture above. Select "OK" to close the ASCII Setup screen. Select "OK" again to close the properties window and return to Hyper Terminal. Now click on the "Connect" button and you are connected. Power up your replica and press the reset button. Try typing on both the replica keyboard and your pc keyboard to verify that both function. If you have any problems repeat these steps.

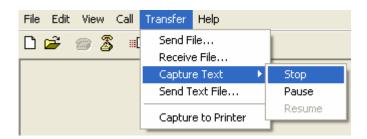
Transferring files with Hyper Terminal

To send a file to your replica, simply click on the "Transfer" tab and select "Send Text File" from the drop down list.



Find the file on your PC and select "OK". At this point Hyper Terminal will send the file your replica and your replica will treat the file as if you were typing it in. Once it is finished typing in, just run your program as normal. Remember, if you are sending a BASIC file to enter BASIC by typing "E000R" followed by "Enter" before sending the file.

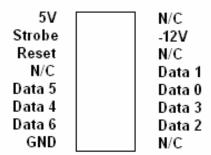
To receive a file is just as easy. Once again, click on the "Transfer" tab, but this time select "Capture Text..." from the drop down list. This will bring up a file name to save option and select the name for your file. Select "OK" to begin the "Capture" mode. If you're in BASIC you can type LIST and Hyper Terminal will capture your BASIC listing. If you're in the Woz monitor, simply type the address range to capture, followed by "Enter."



Once you are done capturing your file, click on the "Transfer" tab, Capture Text option and "Stop." That's it, you can now, go in and edit your file with any text editor.

Appendix A: ASCII Keyboard pin out

Replia I ASCII port



Replica I keyboard port from the 16 pin DIP connector. Pin 1 is 5V.

Apple 1 ASCII port

Reset	5 V
Data 3	Data 7 (5V)
Data 2	Strobe
Data 1	N/C
Data 0	CLR
Data 4	-12V
Data 5	+12V
Data 6	GND

Apple 1 keyboard port from the 16 pin DIP connector. Pin 1 is Reset.

Appendix B: Onboard jumper and NVRAM

NVRAM IC may be used in place of the SRAM IC. One such IC is the Dallas DS130Y-120 found at http://www.digikey.com for around \$21. Using NVRAM will allow programs to remain in the system even while power is off. One thing to note is resetting the system and power off can change a memory location. I try not to reset the circuit while it is running a program.

There is now just 1 jumper on the Replica I main board next to the ATMEGA8515 keyboard controller. The default setting is for a PS/2 keyboard with no jumper installed. If however, you wish to use an ASCII keyboard attach the jumper onto JP1. This disables the ATMEGA8515 keyboard encoder for the PS/2 so that you can use an ASCII parallel keyboard.

Appendix C: AT Power Supply Pin Out

AT POWER SUPPLY N/C +5V +12V -12V GND GND GND GND -5V +5V

The +5V pins are closer to the Video Connector on the Replica 1.

Warranty

(applies to assembled version only)

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