



Gregorian Clock

Time from seconds to centuries

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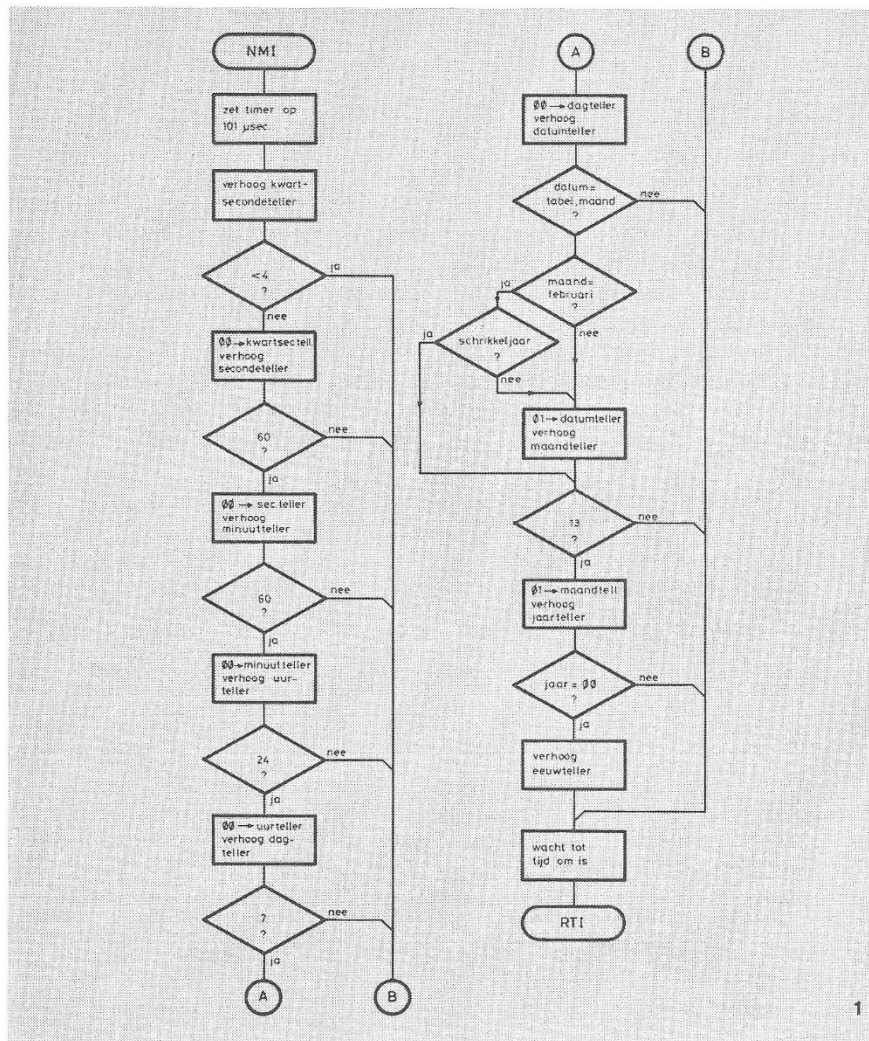
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This clock program is very short and will certainly prove useful to many people. It counts in decimal and keeps track, in decimal, of quarter seconds, seconds, minutes, hours, day of the week, date, month, year and century. Leap years are taken into account!

Instructions for use

After the program has been typed in, the NMI vector must be set. (KIM: 7B at address 17FA and 03 at 17FB.) In addition, PB7 must be connected to NMI. Now, in decimal, the seconds value is set at address 0081, the minutes value at 0082, the hours value at 0083, the day of the week (0 through 6) at 0084, the date at 0085, the year at 0087, and the month at 0086, and the century at 0088. Once everything has been done correctly, "ST" is pressed. The clock should now be running. If you look at address 0081, you will see the seconds value. As long as "RS" is not pressed, the clock keeps running and is not disturbed by the execution of another program (such as the output of the monitor program). Because this clock has the advantage of continuing to work while another program is being executed, the possible applications are numerous. It is still possible to load a program from cassette into RAM memory without the clock being thrown off.

With a bit of hardware, it is possible to, say, have the radio turn on on 12 April 2001, or to have the garden sprinkler turn on on odd-numbered days of the month. With a small software trick it is possible to have the computer figure out when the 13th next falls on a Friday.



Flowcharts

The program will be explained using 2 flowcharts, which differ considerably in complexity. Fig. 1 shows the simplified version of the flowchart. In reality the program does not consist of one long series of comparisons, but of a loop surrounded by various conditional jumps. These separately handle the various exceptions that time calculation brings with it.

The values against which the counter readings are compared are stored in a table. This table is interrupted by a small piece of program. This occurs between the value for the month of September and the value for the month of October. September is namely the 9th month (dec.) and October the 10th month (dec.). Because register X (which is the table pointer) counts in hexadecimal, it sees the number 10 (hex) instead of the number 16 (dec.), so that 6 positions are skipped. These six bytes are then put to good use.

As soon as an interrupt occurs, the timer (without interrupt) is set correctly to ensure that the interrupt routine always takes the same amount of time, regardless of the path the program follows. Thanks to the timer, the program now always takes about 101 μs. This duration also compensates for the time that the interrupt timer counts too little. After that, the quarter-second counter is incremented. As long as this is not four, the computer waits until the reserved time for the interrupt routine has elapsed. The routine that waits for the time to elapse begins at the label "end".

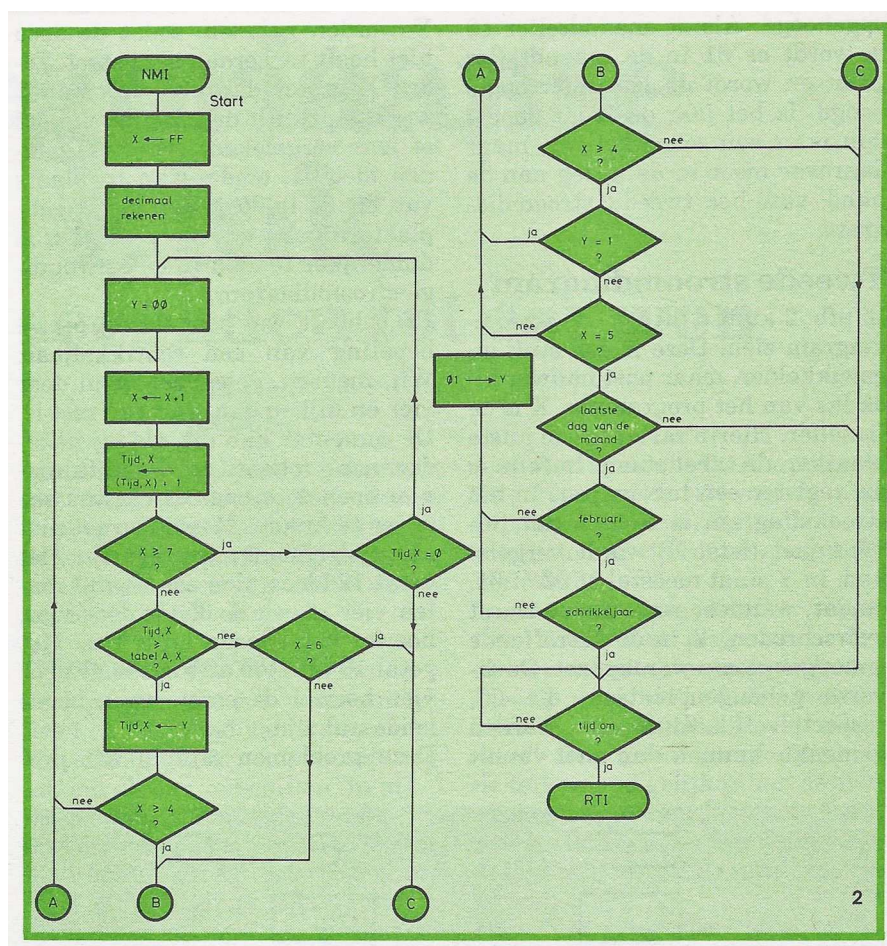
If the quarter-second counter does reach 4, the program resets it to zero and increments the

seconds counter. As long as this is not 60 (corresponding to the value in the table), the program jumps to "end". If the counter value equals the corresponding value from the table, this counter value is set to zero and the minutes counter is incremented.

The same applies to the hours counter, the day-of-the-week counter, and the year counter. The date and month counters are set to 01 at the moment the maximum value is exceeded.

The date counter requires some explanation. In the table, the maximum value listed for the date counter is 33. Because the date counter never actually reaches 33, we thereby prevent the date counter from being unnecessarily set to 01. As soon as the date counter has been incremented, this value is compared with the maximum value belonging to the relevant month.

Suppose the clock is now at 29 March. The computer then compares 29 with the maximum value for the month of March, which is 32. Here, 29 is less than 32, so nothing is amiss yet. As soon as the value in the date counter equals the corresponding value in table B, it is determined whether the comparison at that moment is being made against the maximum value for the month of February. If the comparison is indeed with February, it is then checked whether this is a leap year. Otherwise, 01 is placed in the date counter and the month counter is incremented. If the month counter reaches 13, 01 is placed in the month counter and the year counter is incremented. If the year is divisible by 4, then it is a leap year, but more on that in the explanation of the second flowchart.



Second flowchart

Fig. 2 shows this second flowchart. It is considerably more complicated, but corresponds more closely to the program's loop. X is the loop counter. It always holds the correct position in the table. In effect, this register is a table pointer. The flowchart shows that (something, X) is

repeatedly compared against something. Y usually holds either 00 or 01, because whenever a value is exceeded, Y is set at the relevant memory location. The various memory locations that need to be set to 00 or 01 respectively can then be quickly loaded from Y, so that the accumulator does not need to be disturbed. As soon as X becomes greater than or equal to 5 (meaning date, month, or year is being compared), Y is loaded with 01, because in that case 01 rather than 00 must be placed in the various memory locations. This is shown more clearly in the simple flowchart.

Some explanation is needed regarding the determination of a leap year. We humans divide the number by four and check whether there is a remainder. The computer can do this in the same way, if it is calculating in hexadecimal, by looking at the first two bits. But this does not work if it has to calculate in decimal. The number 12 (dec.) plus any multiple of four is also divisible by four, even though the second bit is 1. The number 10 (dec.) is not divisible by four even though the first two bits are both zero.

These problems are resolved in the program (starting at address 03CC) as follows. First, the first bit is shifted into the carry. If a carry occurs, the number is definitely not divisible by four, since it is then odd. If no carry occurs, the computer performs an AND with 09. The bits that remain used to form the number 12 (00001001 was 00010010: 12 dec.). If the number after this AND is still 09, the original number was 12 (plus some multiple of four) and thus divisible by 4.

If the number after this AND has become 00, the number before this AND was XXX0XX0X (binary), and whether the number is divisible by four then depends on the first bit. Since the carry flag was 00 before this AND was performed, the first bit was previously 00, and the number is therefore divisible by four.

Operation of the program

As soon as an interrupt occurs, the program jumps to address 037B. Here, the values that are in the registers at that moment are first pushed onto the stack. Then the timer, which ensures that the routine always takes the same length of time, is set correctly, and the decimal flag is set. From this point on, only decimal arithmetic is used.

X is now set to FF, and this is where the actual calculation routine begins. Y is loaded with 00. The reason for this has already been explained. X is incremented and will be incremented again each time a new location needs to be changed. Next, the relevant memory location is incremented by one. X is compared with 07. This is to check whether the calculation routine has already run through 7 times. If this is the case, the program jumps to a routine that checks whether the year has become 00. If X is not 7, it is checked whether the value indicated by (0080, X) is equal to the value from (table, X). If these two values are equal, Y is placed in the relevant memory location. As long as X is not 4, this part of the program is executed as described. If these two values are not equal, X is compared with 06 (X now points to the month if X equals 06). If X equals 06, the computer exits, because no further changes need to be made and it was not the last month of the year.

If X does not equal 06 — in other words, if the program is not yet busy incrementing the month — it is checked whether X is greater than or equal to 04. If X lies between 00 and 04, or equals 00 or 04, there are no exceptions when incrementing the relevant memory locations. If X is not yet equal to 04, the program jumps to the main program. Next, it is checked whether Y equals 01. Y is only set to 01 once a month has passed. If a month has passed, the program has already gone past the point where exceptions are made, and this part of the program can be skipped.

If Y does not equal 01, we arrive at the exceptions. X is compared with 05. And if X equals 05, the computer is looking at the date. As you probably know, not every month has the same number of days. Moreover, for example, 0 December does not exist. First it must be determined which

month the computer is dealing with, and second, if the maximum value is exceeded, 01 must be placed in this memory location. Y is now loaded with the month and also serves as a table pointer. If, for example, it is 31 January, Y is loaded with 01, and via Y a pointer is also set to the first value in the table, where the number of days in the month is indicated.

The value in the table is compared with the date, and if these two values are not equal to each other, nothing is amiss. If these two values are equal, yet another problem arises. Is the comparison being made against the maximum value for the month of February (address 03BA:C0 02)? If the comparison is not against the maximum value for February, then Y is loaded with 01 and this value is placed in the date counter. This immediately resolves the second problem as well. If the comparison is indeed against the maximum value for February, it must be determined whether it is a leap year. (This routine begins at the label "schrik" [leap].) How this routine works has already been explained earlier.

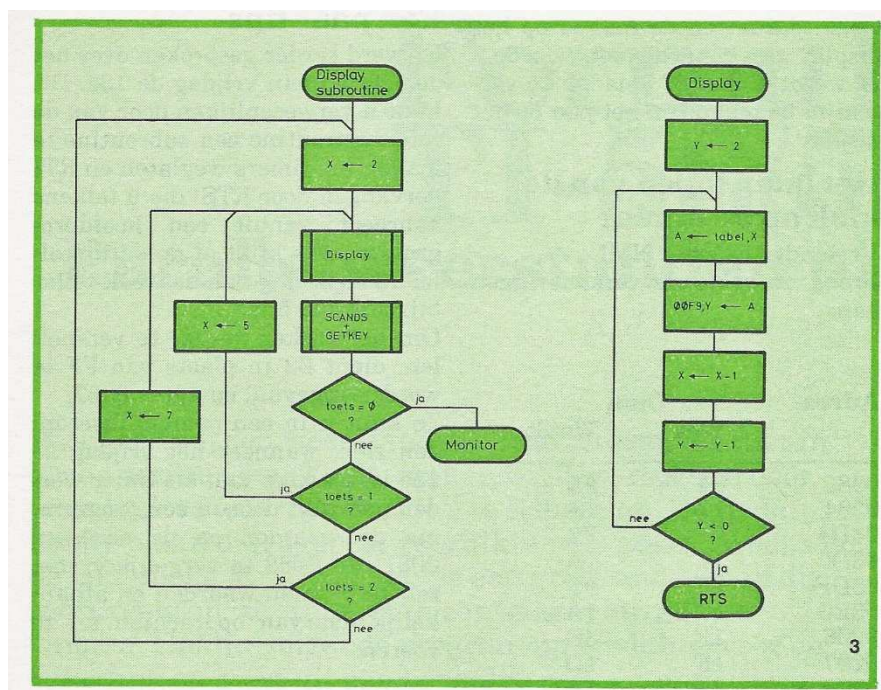
Finally, at the end of the interrupt routine, the registers are retrieved from the stack, so that the computer can continue with the correct values in the registers at the point where it was interrupted.

Calibration

When we ran the program, there was nothing that needed adjusting, but if someone wants to run the program up to, say, the year 2000 without needing to make adjustments, they will need very precise measuring instruments, a very stable crystal, a very stable power supply, and a constant temperature in the computer room. Someone who is satisfied more quickly will, after some experimentation, adjust the value at address 0381.

Setting the clock

The values at addresses 0081 through 0089 can be changed while the clock is running, by typing the correct values in at those addresses.



Example of a readout routine for the clock (listing 2)

The flowchart is shown in fig. 3. In this program, register X is the pointer that determines what appears on the display. Initially X is loaded with 02, so that the hours, minutes, and seconds become visible. First, the subroutine is called that puts the values indicated by X on the display.

Then the subroutine "SCANDS" is called.]

Next, the value of the pressed key is retrieved. If the key value is 00, the program stops; it jumps directly to the monitor, and the clock simply keeps running (no reset is needed). If the key value is 1, X is loaded with 05 and the day of the week, date, and month are put on the display. If the key value is 2, X is loaded with 07 and the month and year appear on the display.

Running the clock on the Junior

Connect 1RQ to NMI.

Make the following changes:

Address	Data
	Was → Becomes
0383	04 → F4
0384	17 → 1A
03D8	07 → F7
03D9	17 → 1A
03DF	0F → FF
03E0	17 → 1A
0206	1F → 8E
0207	1F → 1D
0209	6A → F9
020A	1F → 1D
0210	22 → 33

We mentioned earlier the detection of Friday the 13th. You can achieve this by turning the interrupt routine into a subroutine (omitting the timers and replacing RTI with RTS), which you then repeatedly call from a main program that checks whether the date counter is 13 and the day-of-the-week counter is, for example, 5.

To speed up the search further, 03 should be entered at address 0387 instead of FF.

This way you can see within a few milliseconds when it is Friday the 13th. The clock can be used as a timer by having a program compare the values at addresses 0081 through 0088 with values you determine yourself, and carry out commands depending on the result.

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0010:
0020: *****
0030: *
0040: *
0050: *      GREGORIANSE KLOK
0060: *      6502
0070: *      AUTEURS: M. DAHVEN
0080: *      R. KOEKEK
0090: *
0100: *****
0110:
0120: 057B          ORG    #057B
0130:
0140:
0150: ZERO-PAGE ADDRESSEN
0160:
0170: 057B         KWSEC   *    #0000
0180: 057B         SEC     *    #0001
0190: 057B         MINUT   *    #0002
0200: 057B         UREN    *    #0003
0210: 057B         WEEKLG  *    #0004
0220: 057B         DATUM   *    #0005
0230: 057B         JAAR    *    #0006
0240: 057B         JAHF    *    #0007
0250: 057B         EELM    *    #0008
0260: 057B         IWI     *    #0009
0270: 057B         ADRESL  *    #00FA
0280: 057B         ADRESH  *    #00FB
0290:
0300: TINTER
0310:
0320: 057B         TINTER  *    #1704
0330: 057B         TINER   *    #1707
0340: 057B         SUBR    *    #170F
0350:
0360: SUBROUTINES UIT DE KIM-MONITOR
0370:
0380: 057B         MONITR  *    #1C22

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0300: 0378      SORWES *      #1F1F
0400: 0378      GETKEY *      #1F6A
0410:
0420:
0430:
0440:
0450:
0460: 0378 48      START      FNR      ZET A OP DE STACK
0470: 0378 88      TVR      ZET X OP DE STACK
0480: 0378 48      FNR      ZET Y OP DE STACK
0490: 0378 48      TVR      ZET Y OP DE STACK
0500: 037F 48      LEVIN 465
0510: 0380 19 65
0520: 0382 60 17      STA      TIMER      TIMER 101 MICROSEC.
0530: 0385 19      STR      DECNAL REKENEN
0540: 0388 19 7F      LOPIN 4FF      LOOP TELLER
0550: 038A 00      RETURN LOPIN 400      WARDEN VOOR 80-84
0560: 038A 00      BEGIN      INK
0570: 0388 18      CLC
0580: 038E 05 80      LOPXZ KMSEC
0590: 0390 68 81      RCIN 401      NET 1 (DECNAL)....
0600: 0390 90 80 80      STRXZ KMSEC      IN VERGELIJK: NET 0
0610: 0392 00 80 80      CPIN 407      WIJST NAAR WEEG
0620: 0394 00 81      BCS      PRGR      KLEINER DAN NAUWTERUG
0630: 0396 00 87 03      CNPAX TABELA      VERGELIJK: NET TABEL
0640: 0399 00 86      BCS      VERDER
0650: 039B 00 86      CPIN 406
0660: 039D 00 38      BED      END
0670: 039F 00 06      ENE      VERDUT ONCONDITIONEEL
0680: 03A1 94 80      VERDER      STRXZ KMSEC      KMSEC + X WORDT 0
0690: 0312 00 84      CPIN 404      WIJST NAAR WEEG
0700: 03A5 50 83      BCC      BEGIN      X NIET GROTER, GEEN UITZONDERING
0710: 03A7 00 84      VERDUT      CPIN 404      X=47
0720: 03A9 90 2C      BCC      END      NEEN, DAN NAAR HOOFDPROGRAMMA
0730: 03AB 00 01      CPIN 401
0740: 03AD 00 08      BED      BEGIN
0750: 03AF 00 05      CPIN 405      VERGELIJKEN AANTAL IN MANNO?
0760: 03B1 00 07      ENE      BEGIN      NEEN, TERUG NAAR HOOFDPROGRAMMA
0770: 03B3 00 06      CLC      HELIX
0780: 03B5 00 03      CNPAX TABELA      IS DE MANNO VOL?

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0790: 0308 90 10      BCC END
0800: 030A 00 02      CPYIN #02
0810: 030C 00 06      BEO SCHRIK
0820: 030E 00 01      LEVIN #01
0830: 0310 04 05      STVC
0840: 0312 00 06      BNC BEGIN
0850: 0314 C9 20      CPYIN #30
0860: 0316 00 04      BEO RESET
0870: 0318 05 07      LINC JAAR
0880: 031A EA 00      NOP
0890: 031C EA 00      NOP
0900: 031E 00 00      LORA
0910: 0320 00 EF      BCS RESET
0920: 0322 29 09      RAVIN #09
0930: 0324 F8 04      BEO END
0940: 0326 C9 09      CPYIN #09
0950: 0328 00 E7      BNE RESET
0960: 032A 2C 07 17  END  BIT TIJDE
0970: 032C 10 F8      BFO END
0980: 032E 09 F4      LEVIN #F4
0990: 0330 00 0E 07 17  STA TIJDE
1000: 0332 68 00      PLA

0040: 03E2 A8          TAY
0050: 03E4 68          PLA
0060: 03E6 A8          TAY
0070: 03E8 68          PLA
0080: 03EA 00          RTI

0090: 03EC 04          TABELA = #04
0100: 03EE 68          = #68
0110: 03F0 68          = #68
0120: 03F2 24          = #24
0130: 03F4 68          = #68
0140: 03F6 33          = #33
0150: 03F8 13          = #13
0160: 03FA 32          = #32
0170: 03FC 29          = #29
0180: 03FE 00          = #00
0190: 0400 31          = #31
0200: 0402 31          = #31
0210: 0404 31          = #31
0220: 0406 31          = #31
0230: 0408 31          = #31

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0240: 03F6 31	=	\$31	SEPTEMBER
0250: 03F7 05 00	PRGR	LDNZ	KWSEC
0260: 03F9 F0 00		BEO	RETURN
0270: 03FB 00 DA		BNE	END
0280: 03FD 32	=	\$32	OCTOBER
0290: 03FE 31	=	\$31	NOVEMBER
0300: 03FF 32	=	\$32	DECEMBER

Lijst 2

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