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# LCD Module User's Manual

## A125 Ver 0.3

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### INTRODUCTION

A125 is an LCD Module designed for system message display. The maximum text allowed is 16x2 characters, which are separated in 2 lines. The device is easy to install because it uses only a 2- wire RS232 interface to communicate with users' system, and 2 wires for +5V power supply and ground connectivity. Based on ICP

Peripheral Communication Protocol in Appendix A, A125 also provide two readable buttons for system to access external information.

### Implementation

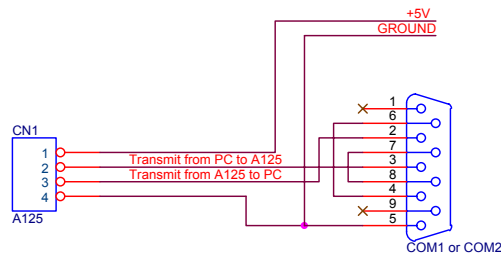
The device comprises two major components:

- a. One A125 board
- b. One UART Cable

**Pin Definition**

CN1	1	VCC (+5V)	Power	5V power in
	2	Rx	In	RS232 Data Input
	3	Tx	Out	RS232 Data Out
	4	GND	Power	Ground

\*\*The RS232 uses fixed 1200 Baud Rate, 8 bit, 1 stop bit, no parity check, default ±12V Signal.  
 Note: If A125 want to be installed on a 5V signal transaction (UART), please refer to Appendix B for modification.



**How to Turn Off the Back Light of LCD**

Sometime, if you find the back light of LCD is too bright or not necessary, you can turn off it by this way:

*Send to A125 : 0x4D 0x5E 0x00*

Where 0x4D the same and 0x5E is the command to turn on/off the LCD back light, and 0x00 instruct to turn off.

Also similarly

*Send to A125 : 0x4D 0x5E 0x01*

Will turn on the back light of LCD.

**Other commands**

The ICP Peripheral Communication Protocol in Appendix A comprises 12 commands and can be separated in 2 groups.

**Group A: from system to A125**

- Get\_ID (0x00)*
- Get\_Switches\_Status (0x06)*
- Get\_Protocol\_Version (0x07)*
- Display\_Character\_On\_LCD (0x0C)*
- Clear\_LCD (0x0D)*
- Reset (0xFF)*

**Group B: From System to A125**

- Report\_ID (0x01)*
- Report\_Switches\_Status (0x05)*
- Report\_Protocol\_Version (0x08)*
- Ack (0xFA)*
- Nack (0xFB)*
- Reset\_OK (0xAA)*

For more details, please refer to examples in

**How to Displaying Messages on LCD**

A125 is able to display most of the characters you can find on the ASCII code. Here is an example to display text messages on the LCD.

*Send to A125: 0x4D 0x0D*

Where:

- 0x4D** is prefix code.
- 0x0D** is Clear LCD.

*Send to A125: 0x4D 0x0C 0x00 0x03 0x49 0x43 0x50*

Where:

- 0x4D** The Prefix Code.
- 0x0C** Display Character on LCD
- 0x00** Characters displayed on line0 (first line on LCD)
- 0x03** 3 characters will be displayed
- 0x49 0x43 0x50** ASCII codes for 'ICP'

The LCD first clear the screen and then the text 'ICP' is display on the upper-left corner of LCD like

# Appendix A

## The ICP Peripheral Communication Protocol Version 0.3

### History

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### Get ID : 0x00

Direction	PC → A125
Content	Get ID
Command	0x4D 0x00
Emphasis	0x4D=Prefix Code; 0x00=Get ID
Response To	None
Example	0x4D 0x00

### Report ID : 0x01

Direction	A125 → PC
Content	Report ID
Command	0x53 0x01 0xXX 0xYY
Emphasis	0x53=Prefix Code; 0x04=Report ID; 0xXX, 0xYY=ID;
Response To	Get ID
Example	0x53 0x01 0x00 0x7D (Board ID= 0x007D ---A125)

### Report Button Status : 0x05

Direction	A125 → PC
Content	Report Button Status ( <b>Auto Report</b> when button is pressed or be polling by <b>GetButtonStatus</b> Command)
Command	0x53 0x05 0xXX 0xYY
Emphasis	0x53=Prefix Code; 0x05=Report Button status; 0xXXYY=Buttons on/off XXYY<15:0>=Button<15:0>, 1=Pressed, 0=Release
Response To	Get Button Status
Example	0x53 0x05 0x00 0x01 (Sw0 is On)

### Get Button Status : 0x06

Direction	PC → A125
Content	Get Button Status
Command	0x4D 0x06
Emphasis	0x4D=Prefix Code; 0x06=Get Button status
Response To	None
Example	0x4D 0x06

### Get Protocol Version : 0x07

Direction	PC → A125
Content	Get Protocol Version
Command	0x4D 0x07
Emphasis	0x4D=Prefix Code; 0x07=Get Protocol Version
Response To	None
Example	0x4D 0x07

**Report Protocol Version : 0x08**

Direction	A125 → PC
Content	Report Protocol Version
Command	0x53 0x08 0xXX 0xYY
Emphasis	0x53=Prefix Code; 0x08=Report Protocol Version; 0xXX=Class; 0xYY=version (00~FF)
Response To	Get Protocol Version
Example	0x53 0x08 0x00 0x02 (Version 02)

**Display Character on LCD : 0x0C**

Direction	PC → A125
Content	Display Character on LCD
Command	0x4D 0x0C 0x0L 0x0N 0xCC <sub>1</sub> ~ 0xCC <sub>15</sub>
Emphasis	0x4D=Prefix Code; 0x0C=Display Character On LCD; 0x0L=0x00 (Line 0), 0x0L=0x01 (Line 1); 0x0N=N Character (1~15), no more than 15 characters; 0xCCn=ASCII Code of Characters,
Response To	None
Example	0x4D 0x0C 0x01 0x03 0x49 0x43 0x50 (Line 1, 3 Characters, 'ICP')

**Clear LCD : 0x0D**

Direction	PC → A125
Content	Clear LCD
Command	0x4D 0x0D
Emphasis	0x4D=Prefix Code; 0x0D=Clear LCD
Response To	None
Example	0x4D 0x0D

**Set Back Light On/Off : 0x5E**

Direction	PC → A125
Content	Set Back Light On/Off
Command	0x4D 0x5E 0xDD
Emphasis	0x4D=Prefix Code; 0x5E=Set Back Light On/Off, 0xDD=0x00 Back Light off, 0xDD=0x01 Back Light On
Response To	None
Example	0x4D 0x5E 0x01 ( Back Light On)
Acknowledge	None

**Negative Ack : 0xFB**

Direction	A125 → PC
Content	Negative Acknowledge
Command	0x53 0xFB 0xXX
Emphasis	0x53=Prefix Code; 0xFB=Negative Ack; 0xXX Command from PC;
Response To	Ack Not Support Command 0xXX
Example	0x53 0xFB 0xF0 (NAK 0xF0 Command)

**Reset : 0xFF**

Direction	PC → A125
Content	Reset
Command	0x4D 0xFF
Emphasis	0x4D=Prefix Code; 0xFF=Reset
Response To	None

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Example	0x4D 0xFF
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**Reset OK : 0xAA**

Direction	A125 → PC
Content	Reset OK
Command	0x53 0xAA
Emphasis	0x53=Prefix Code; 0xAA=Reset OK;
Response To	Reset
Example	0x53 0xAA

## Appendix B

### Modifying A125 to UART (+5V Signal) or RS232 ( $\pm 12V$ Signal)

The internal signal from the micro processor of A125 is UART 5V. To switch between UART +5V and RS232  $\pm 12V$  signal interfaces, please refer to the table below.

Components	U2	C1, 2, 3, 4, 5	R3, 4
UART	N/A	N/A	0 ohm
RS232	RS232 Transceiver like LT1381CS	0.1uF	N/A

## Appendix C

### LCD-Module-supported ASCII codes

	!	“	#	\$	%	&	‘	(	)	*	+	,	-	.	/
0x20	0x21	0x22	0x23	0x24	0x25	0x26	0x27	0x28	0x29	0x2A	0x2B	0x2C	0x2D	0x2E	0x2F

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	:	;	<	=	>	?
0x30	0x31	0x32	0x33	0x34	0x35	0x36	0x37	0x38	0x39	0x3A	0x3B	0x3C	0x3D	0x3E	0x3F

@	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
0x40	0x41	0x42	0x43	0x44	0x45	0x46	0x47	0x48	0x49	0x4A	0x4B	0x4C	0x4D	0x4E	0x4F

P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	[	¥	]	^	_
0x50	0x51	0x52	0x53	0x54	0x55	0x56	0x57	0x58	0x59	0x5A	0x5B	0x5C	0x5D	0x5E	0x5F

`	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
0x60	0x61	0x62	0x63	0x64	0x65	0x66	0x67	0x68	0x69	0x6A	0x6B	0x6C	0x6D	0x6E	0x6F

p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	{		}	→	←
0x70	0x71	0x72	0x73	0x74	0x75	0x76	0x77	0x78	0x79	0x7A	0x7B	0x7C	0x7D	0x7E	0x7F

\*\*ASCII codes over the 0x80 are reserved for special symbols, please contact your sales representatives for details.

## Appendix D

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/*
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 * Title : A125 Demo program
 * Editor : Davis Wang in ICP Electronic
 * Compiler : TC 2.0
 * OS : DOS 6.22 or Above
 * Execute : C:\A125 String0 String1
 *           where String0 will display on LCD line 0
 *           String1 will display on LCD line 1
 *           e.g. C:\A125 ICP Electronic
 */

#include <dos.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#define COM1 0x3f8
#define COM2 0x2f8
#define IOBASE COM1

void InitUART(void){

    output(IOBASE+3, 0x80); /* Line Control Register */
    output(IOBASE+0, 0x60); /* Divisor Latch Low */
    output(IOBASE+1, 0x00); /* Divisor Latch High */
    output(IOBASE+3, 0x03);
}

void SendByte(char ch){

    while(!(inport(IOBASE+5) & 0x20));
    output(IOBASE, ch);
}

char GetByte(void){

    while(!(inport(IOBASE+5) & 0x01));
    return inport(IOBASE);
}

void Clear_LCD(void){

    SendByte(0x4D);
    SendByte(0x0D);
}
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void SendString(int line, char *s){
int i, j;

    i=strlen(s);
    SendByte(0x4D);
    SendByte(0x0C);
    SendByte(line);
    SendByte(i);
    for(j=0; j<i; j++)SendByte(*(s+j));
}
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void main(int argc, char *argv[]){

    InitUART();
    Clear_LCD();
    switch(argc){
        case 2:
            SendString(0, argv[1]);
            break;
        case 3:
            SendString(0, argv[1]);
            SendString(1, argv[2]);
            break;
    }
}
```

# Appendix E

Function Block

