# 8 Input programmable messageboard with LCD \＆serial interface 

## Features：

Add an LCD display to any low－tech application and make it look high－tech ！
$\nabla$ Replace up to 9 indicators or lamps by one single backlit LCD．
$\square$ Recall messages simply by pressing a button．
$\square$ Inputs accept dry contacts，open collectors and logic levels．
$\square$ No programming skills required！
$\square$ Store up to 9 sixteen－character messages in non－volatile EEPROM memory．
$\square 4$ operating modes：
1）Display the status of all inputs simultaneously．
2）Display all active inputs．
3）Display active input with highest priority．
4）Display text messages in a＇tickertape＇－fashion．
$\square$ A default message can be entered and is displayed when no inputs are active．
$\checkmark$ Messages can be transferred to the K8045 from any PC or terminal．
V Free message transfer software and source code for the K8045 is available from www．velleman．be
$\square$ Wireless data transfer between PC／terminal and K 8045 is possible with op－ tional RX／TX433 modules．
V 1 on－board pushbutton availabble for your application．

## Specifications：

－Inputs ： 8 inputs（ 24 Vmax ）
－Display ： 16 character 1 line supertwist backlit LCD
－Communication ：RS232 2400／N／8／1 no handshaking
－Power supply ：9－12VDC／150mA adapter or 2x9VAC／150mA transformer
－Dimensions ： $124 \times 73 \times 30 \mathrm{~mm}$ max．

## 1. Assembly (Skipping this can lead to troubles!)

Ok, so we have your attention. These hints will help you to make this project successful. Read them carefully.

### 1.1 Make sure you have the right tools:

- A good quality soldering iron (25-40W) with a small tip.

- Wipe it often on a wet sponge or cloth, to keep it clean; then apply solder to the tip, to give it a wet look. This is called 'thinning' and will protect the tip, and enables you to make good connections. rolls off the tip, it needs cleaning.
- Thin raisin-core solder. Do not use any flux or grease.
- A diagonal cutter to trim excess wires. To avoid injury when cutting
excess leads, hold the lead so they cannot fly towards the eyes.
- Needle nose pliers, for bending leads, or to hold components in place.
- Small blade and phillips screwdrivers. A basic range is fine.
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 be handy


### 1.2 Assembly Hints :

$\Rightarrow$ Make sure the skill level matches your experience, to avoid disappointments.
$\Rightarrow$ Follow the instructions carefully. Read and understand the entire step before you perform each operation.
$\Rightarrow$ Perform the assembly in the correct order as stated in this manual
$\Rightarrow$ Position all parts on the PCB (Printed Circuit Board) as shown on the drawings.
$\Rightarrow$ Values on the circuit diagram are subject to changes.
$\Rightarrow$ Values in this assembly guide are correct*
$\Rightarrow$ Use the check-boxes to mark your progress.
$\Rightarrow$ Please read the included information on safety and customer service

* Typographical inaccuracies excluded. Always look for possible last minute manual updates, indicated as 'NOTE' on a separate leaflet.


### 1.3 Soldering Hints :

1- Mount the component against the PCB surface and carefully solder the leads


2- Make sure the solder joints are cone-shaped and shiny


3- Trim excess leads as close as possible to the solder joint


AXIAL COMPONENTS ARE TAPED IN THE CORRECT MOUNTING SEQUENCE!

REMOVE THEM FROM THE TAPE ONE AT A TIME!

|  | 1 | P | E | SF | S | DK | N | D | GB | F | NL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| 0 | Nero | Preto | Negro | Musta | Svart | Sort | Sort | Schwarz | Black | Noir | Zwart | 0 |
| 1 | Marrone | Castanho | Marrón | Ruskea | Brun | Brun | Brun | Braun | Brown | Brun | Bruin | 1 |
| 2 | Rosso | Encarnado | Rojo | Punainen | Röd | Rød | Rød | Rot | Red | Rouge | Rood | 2 |
| 3 | Aranciato | Laranja | Naranjado | Oranssi | Orange | Orange | Orange | Orange | Orange | Orange | Oranje | 3 |
| 4 | Giallo | Amarelo | Amarillo | Keltainen | Gul | Gul | Gul | Gelb | Yellow | Jaune | Geel | 4 |
| 5 | Verde | Verde | Verde | Vihreä | Grön | Grøn | Grønn | Grün | Green | Vert | Groen | 5 |
| 6 | Blu | Azul | Azul | Sininen | Blá | Blá | Blá | Blau | Blue | Bleu | Blauw | 6 |
| 7 | Viola | Violeta | Morado | Purppura | Lila | Violet | Violet | Violet | Purple | Violet | Paars | 7 |
| 8 | Grigio | Cinzento | Gris | Harmaa | Grá | Grå | Grá | Grau | Grey | Gris | Grijs | 8 |
| 9 | Bianco | Branco | Blanco | Valkoinen | Vit | Hvid | Hvidt | Weiss | White | Blanc | Wit | 9 |
| A | Argento | Prateado | Plata | Hopea | Silver | Sølv | Sølv | Silber | Silver | Argent | Zilver | A |
| B | Oro | Dourado | Oro | Kulta | Guld | Guld | GuldI | Gold | Gold | Or | Goud | B |



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5. Capacitors


## 6. IC socket (Watch the position of the notch)



- IC1:28p
- IC2: 8p


## 7. Push buttons



- SW2
- SW3


## 8. DIP switch



- SW1: DIP-2


## 9. Voltage regulator


10. Connector

- SK1:3p
- SK8: 12p


13. Transistors


14. Electrolytic capacitors

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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { - C6: } 10 \mu \mathrm{~F} \\ & \text { C } \mathrm{C} 1: 220 \mu \mathrm{~F} / 35 \mathrm{~V} \end{aligned}$ |

18. Quartz chrystal

19. IC's


- IC1: VK8045 (PIC16C57)
- IC2:24C02A


## 20. Shunt selection

- RS232 cable operation

- Wireless link



## 21. LCD assembling

- Cut the 20 pole connector to a 16 pole connector.



## Diagonal cutter

FIG.1.0

- Mount the 16 pole female connector. (see fig. 2.0)

- Mount $2 \times 6$ pole male connectors.

Pay attention : The four center connections of the LCD remain unused. Make sure that the longest pins aim towards the main PCB. (See Fig. 3.0)


## 22. Assembly

Fit the display at the component side of the base PCB using four M2,5 bolts together with four 15 mm spacers. Fix the display using four M2,5 bolts at the solder side of the base PCB and check that the display is at right angles to the base PCB.


Now you can solder the pinheader.


## 23. Connection

## 1. Hook-up when using an adapter :



## 24. Control options

## How to construct an RS232 cable :



2-3 meter max.

Or you can buy a pre-assembled cable. Careful : this is not a null-modem cable

## How to establish a wireless link :

Wireless data transfer between the PC/terminal and the K8045 is possible by means of optional RF transmitter/receiver modules (Velleman part\# TX433/ RX433). Transmission quality depends on your environment. Other RF sources might interfere with your signal (and will cause occasional 'garbage' on-screen).


To pc
SUBD 9 pole female
Z : 5V1 zenerdiode 0,6W
A : antenna ( $30-40 \mathrm{~cm}$ )
$\mathrm{R}: 3 \mathrm{~K} 9$ resistor (orange - white - red)

The receiver is mounted on the left hand side of the K8045 board. Watch the position, the coils point to the LCD of the K8045. If you choose wireless operation, make sure to set jumper SK3 to 'RF'

## 25. Testing

- Turn RV1 (contrast) fully anti-clockwise.
- Set dipswitches SW1 (mode) to the 'off'-position.
- Set jumper SK3 for 'cable'-operation but do not connect a serial cable
- Connect the supplied wired female connector to SK8
- Apply power (for power requirements, see pag. 10)

The LCD should initialise and the following text should appear :
K8045 Vxxxxxxxx ('x' indicates software version)
If the message 'EEPROM FAILURE' appears, check the position of IC2 and/or re-check the complete assembly
Next, the display will show: 12345678
Check input 1 by shorting the left hand brown and the black wire. An ' $x$ ' appears next to the ' 1 ' on the screen, indicating 'input active'
Check all inputs (brown to grey) in a similar fashion.

- Next, flip dipswitch 2 of SW1 to the 'ON' position.

The display should display ' 9 ' (the ninth message is displayed when no inputs are active). Repeat the input test as above, but now the display will show the active input only

## RS232 interface setup :

Hook-up a serial cable (for details, see pag. 11) between a free serial port of your computer/terminal and the K8045. You can download free software from our website www.velleman.be, which allows you to transfer messages from the PC to your K8045 and which allows you to display messages on you K8045. You can also use a terminal or terminal emulation program to manually enter messages. Terminal settings are :

Baudrate : 2400
Parity : none
Databits: 8
Stopbits: 1
No handshaking

## 26. Entering messages with a terminal program :

The K8045 can store 9 sixteen-character messages, 1 for each input and a 9th which is displayed when no inputs are active.
Briefly press SW2 'PROG' to enter program mode
The display shows 'INPUT 1... 9 / S / Q : ' and a flashing cursor
To enter a message for input 1 :
Type '1' 'ENTER'
The unit now displays 'TRIGGER (1/0):' and a flashing cursor
If you want the message to appear when the input is active (grounded), type '0' 'ENTER'
In case you want the message to appear when the input is not active (left open), Type '1' 'ENTER'
(If you do not want to change the settings for this input, press 'BACKSPACE' to return to the previous menu)
The display now show the current message for this input.
If you do not wish to change the message for this input, press 'BACKSPACE' to return to the input selection menu
If you wish to change the current message, simply type a new message and press 'ENTER'
Your message is now stored and the unit returns to the input selection menu
You can now enter messages for all inputs (1..9).
Message 9 is displayed when no input is active and does not allow you to enter a trigger setting.
To exit programming mode, type ' $Q$ ' (capital).
(Note : You can download software from our website www.velleman.be which makes it very easy to store, edit and transfer messages, without the need for a terminal program)


## 27. Operating modes :

The K8045 features 4 operating modes, selectable with dipswitch SW1.
To ensure correct operation, disconnect power before changing dipswitch position.
(Program mode can be selected at all times, no need to disconnect power)

1) Display the status of all inputs simultaneously
2) Display all active inputs
3) Display active input with highest priority
4) Display text messages in a 'tickertape'-fashion

|  | DIPSWITCH SW1 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MODE | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | OFF | OFF |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | OFF | ON |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | ON | OFF |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | ON | ON |

1) Display the status of all inputs simultaneously :

All inputs are displayed. An ' $x$ ' appears on the right hand side of an active (grounded) input.
2) Display all active inputs :

For every active input, a corresponding message is displayed. There is a delay between each message, to allow the user to read the message. Message 9 is displayed when no inputs are active.
3) Display active input with highest priority :

Message 1 has highest priority, message 8 has lowest priority.
Only one message will be displayed. Message 9 is displayed when no inputs are active.
4) Display text messages in a 'tickertape'-fashion :

This mode allows you to send messages to the K8045 from a remote location by either RS232 cable or optional wireless link (see page 11) and display them on-screen. If the message exceeds 16 characters, the message scrolls to the left.
An ID\# can be assigned to the K8045 ranging from 0 to 9 (default: 0 ). This allows you to determine which K8045 will receive and display the message, which is handy for wireless link applications. In this way, up to ten K8045 units can be individually addressed.

You can download a small program from our website www.velleman.be which allows you to set the ID \# and send messages in a simple fashion to your K8045. The source code is supplied, for users who would like to modify the code for their proper applications.


## 28. Options \& examples

## Options :

RF wireless link:
RX433/TX433
HQ supertwist LCD display LCD1601ASL

## Application examples :

1. Home alarm system : let your alarm system tell you what sensor has been triggered

2. Replace car indicator lamps

3. Application with K8023 "Two wire 10-channel remote control"


## PCB

\&
DIAGRAMS

PCB


## Diagram



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