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Manufacturer's Declaration

The following certification (shown in German, followed by an English translation) applies only to products shipped into Germany after June 1, 1985.

Herstellerbescheinigung

Hiermit wird bescheinigt, daß das Gerät/System

HP 4952A Protocol Analyzer

in Übereinstimmung mit den Bestimmungen der Postverfügung 1046/84 funkentstört ist.

Der Deutschen Bundespost wurde das Inverkehrbringen dieses Gerätes/Systems angezeigt und die Berechtigung zur Überprüfung der Serie auf Einhaltung der Bestimmungen eingeräumt.

Zusatzinformation für Meß- und Testgeräte

Werden Meß- und Testgeräte mit ungeschirrten Kabeln und/oder in offenen Meßaufbauten verwendet, so ist vom Betreiber sicherzustellen, daß die Funk-entstörbestimmungen unter Betriebsbedingungen an seiner Grundstücksgrenze eingehalten werden.

Manufacturer's Declaration

This is to certify that the equipment

HP 4952A Protocol Analyzer

is in accordance with the Radio Interference Requirements of Directive FTZ 1046/1984. The German Bundespost was notified that this equipment was put into circulation. The right to check this model type for compliance with these requirements was granted.

Additional Information for Test- and Measurement Equipment

Note

If Test and Measurement Equipment is operated with unscreened cables and/or used for measurements on open set-ups, the user has to assure that under operating conditions the Radio Interference Limits are still met at the border of his premises.
Safety

Prior to operation of the equipment you must examine the instrument and review this document to ensure you are completely familiar with all the safety markings and the operating instructions.

Warnings

The following WARNINGs define operating procedures, practices, etc., which, if not correctly followed, could result in personal injury or loss of life.

Warning

This product is a Safety Class 1 instrument with a protective earth terminal.

Warning

For protection from electric shock hazard, power cord ground must not be defeated.

Safety

The following general safety precautions must be observed during all phase of operation, service, and repair of this instrument. Failure to comply with these precautions or with specific warnings in this manual violates safety standards of design, manufacture, and intended use of this instrument. Hewlett-Packard Company assumes no liability for the customer's failure to comply with these requirements.
Grounding

To minimize shock hazard, the instrument chassis and cabinet must be connected to an electrical ground. The instrument is equipped with a three-conductor AC power cable compatible with an approved three-contact electrical outlet. The power jack and mating plug of the power cord must meet International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) safety standards.

Environment

Do not operate the instrument in the presence of flammable gases or fumes. Operation of any electrical instrument in such an environment constitutes a definite safety hazard.

Service and Adjustment

Dangerous voltages exist within this instrument. Service and adjustment of this instrument is to be performed only by trained service personnel. Operating personnel are not authorized to remove the instrument covers or to perform any internal service or adjustment procedure.

Do not replace components with the power cable connected. Dangerous voltages may be present even when the power cable is disconnected.

Do not perform internal servicing or adjustment unless another person, capable of rendering first aid and resuscitation, is present.

CRT Handling

Rough handling or jarring of the instrument can break the CRT (cathode ray tube). The resulting implosion will scatter glass fragments at high velocity. Removal or installation of the CRT is to be performed only by qualified maintenance personnel using approved safety mask and gloves.

Unauthorized Service

The installation of substitute parts or the installation of any instrument modification not authorized by Hewlett-Packard is specifically forbidden. The performance of such unauthorized service can negate the instrument warranty or any maintenance agreements.

Return the instrument to a Hewlett-Packard Sales and Service Office for authorized service and repair.
Printing History

New editions are complete revisions of the manual. Update packages (formerly known as "Manual Changes") are issued between editions. They contain additional and replacement pages to be merged into the manual by the customer. The dates on the title page change only when a new edition or a new update is published. No information is incorporated into a reprinting unless it appears as a prior update. The edition does not change when an update is incorporated.

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Syntax Conventions

The following symbols, abbreviations, and other conventions are used in this publication.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Symbol</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<tr>
<td>Setup Menu</td>
<td>A softkey.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reset</td>
<td>A keyboard command entry.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CTRL U</td>
<td>A control character entry from the keyboard where both the CTRL key and an alphanumeric key are pressed at the same time. To enter CONTROL U press CTRL and U.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shift softkey</td>
<td>A keyboard entry where both the Shift and a softkey are pressed at the same time to select an auxiliary softkey function.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FILENAME</td>
<td>Within menus or screens, a parameter that must be entered in the exact format shown.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>filename</td>
<td>Within menus or screens, a user-defined parameter.</td>
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Warning          An operating procedure, practice, etc., which, if not correctly followed, could result in personal injury or loss of life.

Caution          An operating procedure, practice, etc. which, if not strictly observed, could result in damage to, or destruction of, equipment or software.

Note             Explanatory comments or supplementary instructions.
Introducing the HP 4952A

- Initial Inspection
- Using the Manuals
- Power Up and Power Down
- Major Features
- The Front Panel
- The Rear Panel
- The Pod
- The Top Level Menu
- Using the HP 4952A
Initial Inspection

Pay close attention when opening the shipping container. Make sure you have received the entire shipment with all appropriate options and manuals.

Inspect the shipping container for damage. If the container has any apparent damage, it should be kept until the contents have been checked mechanically and electrically.

If the contents are not complete or if there is mechanical damage or defects notify the nearest Hewlett-Packard service representative. Keep all shipping materials for the carrier's inspection. The Hewlett-Packard office will arrange for immediate repair or replacement without waiting for claim settlement.

Line Voltage Selection

There is no line voltage selection: the HP 4952A may be connected to any ac power source from 90 to 264 volts; and 48 to 66 Hz (See Appendix B).

Grounding Requirements

The HP 4952A is equipped with a three-conductor power cable that grounds the analyzer when connected to an appropriate power outlet. To preserve this protection, do not operate the analyzer while connected to a line power outlet with no ground protection.

Power Cord

An appropriate power cord is packaged with each analyzer depending upon its destination (see Appendix D). If your protocol analyzer has the wrong power cord for your area, contact your Hewlett-Packard Sales and Support Office.

Shipment

If your analyzer is being returned for service, contact the nearest Hewlett-Packard Field Repair Center or Sales and Support office for complete shipping instructions. Be sure to install the transportation disc before shipping.

Transportation Disc

Always transport the HP 4952A with the yellow plastic transportation disc installed.
Using the Manuals

The HP 4952A manual set consists of two manuals, the *Getting Started* guide and the *Operating Manual*.

**Getting Started Guide**

The *Getting Started* guide contains the basic information needed to begin using the HP 4952A. It lets you get comfortable with pushing the buttons and how the menu structure has been implemented.

The *Getting Started* guide contains:

- Descriptions of front and rear panel controls, pod, and Top Level Menu.
- Short step-by-step descriptions of all the instrument functions.
- Explanation of monitoring with an optional self-demonstration.
- Explanation of simulating with an optional self-demonstration.
- Exercise on how to view buffer data with different display formats.
- Exercise on how to load and store menus and data to disc.
- How to perform Bit Error Rate Tests.
- Examples of monitor and simulate programs stressing the fundamentals.

**Operating Manual**

The *Operating Manual* is the most complete and detailed reference material available. This manual contains all the information necessary to operate, program, understand, and follow the menu structure. Use this manual as a reference guide.
Power Up and Power Down

**Turning the HP 4952A On**

The HP 4952A may be connected to any AC power source from 90 to 264 volts; and 48 to 66 Hz. Connect the AC power cord to the HP 4952A power cord connector and then to the AC line connector.

Set the power switch on the rear panel to the (1) position. If your instrument displays the Top Level Menu, 4952 displayed in large, bold numbers, after power-on, you can be confident that the internal circuits are working properly.

**Turning the HP 4952A Off**

**Caution** To save current setups and data, be sure to press EXIT and go to the Top Level Menu before turning off the instrument. Otherwise, the analyzer may reset to default parameters when you turn it back on.

Set the power switch on the rear panel to the (0) position when the analyzer is in the Top Level Menu.

**Connecting the Pod**

**Caution** Make sure that instrument power is off when installing or removing the pod.

To install the pod, connect the interface pod cable to the interface pod connector on the rear panel. Tighten the connector screws so the cable will not pull off during operation. Connect the other end of the pod cable to the front of the interface pod.
Reset

To clear the buffer and to default setup parameters:

- Press **Reset** in the Top Level Menu, and then **Reset Menus**.
- Press **Reset** in the Top Level Menu and press **Reset Appl ic** to remove any application programs that are loaded into the HP 4952A.

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Major Features

The HP 4952A is a rugged portable protocol analyzer and BERT tester. Some of the major features are:

**Monitoring**

The HP 4952A can recognize and monitor all major protocols and on all common interfaces at speeds up to 64 kbits/sec. Auto Configure can find the protocol, speed, data code, and parity of most datacommunication links. The HP 4952A will look for simultaneous triggering events, count the events or measure the time between them.

**Simulating**

You can substitute the instrument for a DTE or DCE. This allows you to exercise the datacommunication link and drive other devices on the line to isolate any malfunctions.

**Remote Testing**

The HP 4952A is capable of remote operation as either a controlling device or as a slave. The unattended operation enables you to monitor or simulate without being at the remote site.

**Asynchronous Terminal Emulation**

Terminal emulation allows you the flexibility of an extra device and eliminates the need to carry both the analyzer and a terminal in the field.

**Microfloppy Disc Drive**

The disc drive lets you store large amounts of data and setups on a 3 1/2 inch disc.
Bit Error Rate Testing (BERT)

BERT evaluates the integrity of the entire datacomm link.

Printer and Video Output

You can connect a printer for hard copy of data and menus. You can connect a video monitor for a larger display.

The Front Panel

The front panel and keyboard section makes the HP 4952A an easy-to-use protocol analyzer

Display

The five inch screen displays 16 lines of 32 characters. Softkey labels occupy the bottom two lines and correspond to the six unlabelled hardkeys on the keyboard.

Disc Drive

The floppy disc drive is located on the front for direct access and convenience.

Keyboard

The keyboard is designed similar to a conventional typewriter keyboard. The SHIFT keys are used for capitalization, the CNTL key allows you to enter control characters directly from the keyboard.

Beside the softkeys are the MORE and EXIT (HALT) keys. These keys are used for moving around in the operating system menu structure. When MORE is displayed in the lower right corner of the screen, press MORE for an extended selection of softkeys. Press EXIT to back up a level in the menu structure.

In the top right corner of the keyboard are the arrow keys. Use these keys to place the cursor in the data string or for making selections on the screen.
Figure 1-1. The Front Panel
The Rear Panel

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Line Switch</td>
<td>Press the side of the line switch labelled '1' to turn the instrument on. Press the side labelled '0' to turn the instrument off. You can connect the instrument to any ac line voltage from 90 to 264 volts; and 48 to 66 Hz.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Remote/Printer</td>
<td>Use this connector to hook up a remote analyzer or an ASCII printer. The HP 4952A acts physically as a DTE through this port.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interface Pod</td>
<td>Use this connector to hook up the interface pod.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ext Video</td>
<td>Use this connector to hook up an external video monitor. The video output follows RS-170 conventions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fuse Holder</td>
<td>Remove the power cord before replacing the fuse. Open the line switch module from the top with a small screwdriver to replace the fuse.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fan</td>
<td>The fan provides cooling for the instrument. Operation is thermostatically controlled by the temperature of the instrument so it does not need to run all of the time. The fan may not run right away upon power up. Make sure nothing obstructs the fan area.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Figure 1-2. The Rear Panel
The Pod

The HP 4952A can be used with several different interfaces, each requiring a different pod. The HP 18179A interface pod, which is used on RS-232C/V.24 interfaces is illustrated here.

LEDs
The LEDs on the left side of the pod show 3-state activity on the interface pins. The high impedance state is indicated when both the green and the red LED are off.

Disconnect Switches
Pins 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, 20, and 24 can be individually disconnected from the data link by switches. This allows you to isolate non-driven lines that cause cross-talk and noise.

RS-232C/V.24 Connectors
These connectors are for connecting the pod to the line. To include the breakout box portion of the pod in series, connect the Y-cable to the top connector. To by-pass the breakout box, connect the Y-cable to the bottom connector.

Breakout Box
Setting these switches provides cross-patching, line forcing, and monitoring capabilities for all RS-232C/V.24 lines. Use the miniature switches to isolate lines and the jumper pins for patching.

Mark/Space Indicator
Jumper any pin to this indicator to find the logical state.

+/-12 V Source Pins
Supply +12 and -12 volts. You may set any signal line on or off by jumpering that line to the source pins.

Instrument Connector
This connects the pod to the HP 4952A via the interface pod cable.

Instrument Cable
Use this cable to connect the instrument to the pod.

Y-Cable
Use this cable to connect the instrument to the line in various configurations for monitoring or simulating.
Figure 1-3. The HP 18179 Interface Pod

Learning the Controls 1 - 11
The Top Level Menu

From the Top Level Menu you can access all instrument functions. Press EXIT once or twice to get the Top Level Menu. Press MORE to see all the top level softkeys. The menus accessed by softkeys from the Top Level Menu are:

- **Auto Config**
  - Press this softkey to automatically configure the HP 4952A to line parameters.

- **Set Up**
  - Use this menu to manually configure to line parameters.

- **Mon Menu**
  - Use this menu to write programs for monitoring.

- **Sim Menu**
  - Use this menu to write programs for simulating.

- **Run Menu**
  - Use this menu to execute all tests for monitoring, simulating, or BERT. It also allows access to the data filter setup menu.

- **Exam Data**
  - Look at data in the buffer in this menu.

- **Re-set**
  - Reset all menus to their default conditions, clear buffer, or remove applications from memory in this menu.

- **BERT Menu**
  - Configure the analyzer for bit error rate tests and display results in this menu.

- **Remote&Print**
  - Use this menu to configure the analyzer for remote testing and for printing to an ASCII printer.

- **Mass Store**
  - Use this menu to load and store menus and data to or from disc.

- **Self Test**
  - Perform self-test procedures in this menu and verify proper operation of the HP 4952A and interface pod.
Using the HP 4952A

The HP 4952A Protocol Analyzer has been designed for ease-of-use with separate and distinct menus. The menus are separate and functionally independent of each other, however, selections in one menu dictate selections available in another. Because of the diverse capabilities and the interrelationships between menus, an overview of using the instrument is necessary.

There are some very basic things that need done regardless of what your intended use of the instrument is. They are:

1. Hook up the instrument to the necessary pod (unless monitoring the buffer).
2. Hook up the instrument for your desired use, e.g., monitor the line, monitor the buffer, simulate, BERT, etc.
3. Set up the HP 4952A to match the parameters of the line.
4. Access the menu you intend to use. Write a monitor or simulate program or load a program or data from memory.
5. Enter the Run menu and execute the program or activity.
6. Use the Examine Data menu to evaluate the captured data.

Instrument Hookup

Connect the appropriate Y-cable in a configuration compatible with the needs of your desired use (see the appropriate chapter for hookup details).

Pod Hookup

Connect the pod to the instrument using the cable supplied with the HP 4952A. The pod is not necessary if you already have the data in memory and you intend to monitor the buffer.
Setup

Use the Setup menu or Auto Configure menu to match the parameters of the line being tested (see Chapters 2 or 3).

Execute

Select the menu necessary to run the appropriate test or program. This may be the Monitor, Simulate, BERT, Remote, etc. You need to load a program, write a program, or run from the line.

Evaluate

Enter the Examine Data menu and evaluate the data that was previously captured.
Auto Configure

- Introduction
- Auto Configure As a Starting Point
- Auto Configure Results
- Bit Oriented Protocols (BOPs)
- Character Oriented Protocols (COPs)
- Auto Configure Messages
Introduction

Auto Configure automatically configures the HP 4952A to a line. The protocol analyzer will evaluate the data stream on the line, make the setup based on the parameters it finds and place the instrument in the monitor mode.

The Auto Configure softkey is conveniently located in the Top Level Menu, next to the Setup softkey. You can easily make the setups required to monitor and capture data using Auto Configure. If the line parameters need to be changed or if you need to make any changes to the current setup you must use the Setup Menu.

Using Auto Configure

Connect the analyzer to the line for monitoring (See Chapter 4). Press the Auto Config softkey on the Top Level Menu.

Pressing Auto Config causes the HP 4952A to evaluate the line parameters, identify the presence and speed of clocks, look for common sync characters, identify parity and character length, and put these measurement results into the setup menu.

Note

A blinking asterisk is displayed whenever Auto Configure is working. This indicates that the instrument is still checking line data.

If a good parameter match is found, the HP 4952A briefly shows the setup menu with the new parameters, goes to the monitor mode, and begins displaying data. If a good match is not found the previous setups are restored.

You may at any time press the Summary softkey to review the set-up results. To change the display format, or any other setup parameter, halt the run by pressing EXIT, and then go to the Setup Menu and modify the setup. Go back to the run menu and resume execution.

Note

When monitoring begins, Auto Configure alters the setup menu and the buffer data. If you need the present setup and buffer data save them on disc.
Auto Configure Results

The HP 4952A Auto Configure function can have several results. It will evaluate data streams and correctly determine COPs such as BSC, BOPs such as SDLC (NRZ or NRZI), HDLC (X.25) and then determines appropriate data codes, ASCII, EBCDIC, Baudot.

Note
Auto Configure cannot find IPARS or any inverted data case.

Data rates can be determined from 50 bps to 38.4 kbps for asynchronous and 1200 bps to 64 kbps synchronous.

Auto Configure Algorithm

The HP 4952A goes through a thorough examination of the data stream when Auto Config is pressed. It is important for you to understand the process so you will understand the messages that may appear (see Figure 2-1).

Note
The Auto Configure algorithm first looks for clock activity on the line. Crosstalk on the clock lines may result in the instrument thinking it has found a false clock.

The analyzer first looks for a clock to determine sync or async data. When a clock is present on the line:

1. The HP 4952A first determines the data rate.

2. The analyzer will then look for idle types. When the data idles in NRZI 7E the analyzer automatically sets up in SDLC EBCDIC.

3. When the data idles in non-NRZI 7E the analyzer sets up for synchronous BOPs.

4. When the data idles in FF the analyzer sets the data code and parity and then checks for BSC. If the data is not BSC the instrument sets up for synchronous COPs.

5. When Auto Configure does not complete within 15 seconds, the HP 4952A will repeat the process and try to auto configure again.
When there is no clock on the line:

1. The analyzer again determines the data rate.

2. The analyzer looks at idles. If the idles are NRZI the setup is immediately set at SDLC EBCDIC.

3. If the data idles in FF the analyzer determines how many bits per character. The setup is made in ASYNC COPs depending on the bits/character.

4. When Auto Configure stops at any step for 45 seconds, it will begin the auto configure process again.

Figure 2-1. Auto Configure Algorithm
Auto Configure As a Starting Point

Auto Configure works with most protocols and data codes, however, it may not find all the parameters if the protocol is nonstandard, there is insufficient information, or the data present is not random.

Auto Configure provides a starting point for setup because it always finds some of the line parameters. The setup parameters that Auto Configure finds are displayed as they are found, but you must reenter these parameters into the Setup menu if Auto Configure completes only a partial setup.

Bit Oriented Protocols (BOPs)

Auto Configure will setup synchronous, NRZ, and NRZI BOPs. BOPs are assumed to idle the line in flags (7E).

BOPs will be setup as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>BOP</th>
<th>ASCII8, no parity</th>
<th>ASCII8, no parity</th>
<th>EBCDIC, no parity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>X.25</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(including clocked NRZI)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HDLC</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SDLC</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

All BOPs will default to frame display format.

Extended Address and Control In HDLC

To observe extended address and control on HDLC lines, go to the setup menu and change the protocol to HDLC. Turn on extended address and/or extended control, and change the display format to Frame.
Character Oriented Protocols (COPs)

Auto Configure always selects Char setup for character oriented protocols, unless it finds a match with BSC setup. The sync and control characters in COPs must be standard (i.e., ASCII sync = 1616 and EBCDIC sync = 3232). COPs must idle the line in FF.

COPs will be setup as follows:

Synchronous

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>BSC</th>
<th>ASCII8, no parity, sync 1616, error check LRC or CRC16</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BSC</td>
<td>ASCII7, odd parity, sync 1616, error check LRC or CRC16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BSC</td>
<td>EBCDIC, no parity, sync 3232, error check LRC or CRC16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHAR</td>
<td>EBCDIC, odd/even parity, sync 3232</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHAR</td>
<td>EBCDIC, no parity, sync 3232</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHAR</td>
<td>ASCII8, odd/even parity, sync 1616</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHAR</td>
<td>ASCII8, no parity, sync 1616</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHAR</td>
<td>ASCII7, odd/even parity, sync 1616 or 9696</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHAR</td>
<td>ASCII7, no parity, sync 1616</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Asynchronous

| CHAR    | ASCII8, odd/even/no parity |
| CHAR    | ASCII7, odd/even/no parity |
| CHAR    | Baudot, odd/even/no parity |

All COPs will default to 2 line display format.

Auto Configure Messages

Waiting For Data

Either there is no line data, or the analyzer is still collecting sufficient data to make a determination. Both data and idle conditions must be present.

Waiting For Idles

The analyzer is waiting for idles between data. Both data and idles must be present. Character oriented protocols must have a minimum of ten idle characters between messages, and bit oriented protocols must have ten flags between frames.
Waiting for Frames

The analyzer has detected a bit-oriented protocol and is trying capture frames.

Waiting for Messages

The analyzer has detected a character-oriented protocol and is trying to capture data.

No Pod Attached

The pod is not attached. Check the interface pod connections.

Invalid Sync Characters

Could not find any of the standard sync characters (ASCII = 1616; EBCDIC = 3232).

Invalid Asynchronous Speed / Invalid Synchronous Speed

The bit rate is not within 5% of a standard selection.

Invalid Async Framing

The analyzer cannot determine the async data code.

Can’t Configure Within Time Limit

For synchronous protocols the time limit is 15 seconds; for asynchronous or NRZI protocols the time limit is 45 seconds. After the time limit, Auto Configure resets and starts over.
The Setup Menu

- Setup Introduction
- Bit-Oriented Protocols
- Character-Oriented Protocols
- Capturing Unknown Data
Setup Introduction

The Setup menu is the first step in using the HP 4952A. You must set several parameters so the instrument can understand and decode the data on the line. Before you can monitor a line, you must tell the HP 4952A what protocol, data code, data rate, and other parameters are being used. If you don’t, the analyzer may have trouble decoding data or synchronizing to the line.

Setup Controls Other Menus

Setup, whether performed manually or Auto Configure, affects the settings in the other menus. For example, error checking is performed during monitoring according to the current setup. The appropriate error checking characters are automatically appended to Send strings. Data is displayed in the Examine Data or Run Menus according to the current setup.

Using the Setup Menu

Press Setup in the Top Level Menu to access the setup menu. Move the cursor to the protocol field and select the desired protocol. Those available are:

- HDLC
- SDLC
- X.25
- BSC
- Char
- X21 HDLC
- X21 SDLC
- X21 X.25
- X21 BSC
- X21 Char

You can manually change the setup at any time and from any menu by pressing EXIT, and then Setup. This puts you in the setup menu where you can reselect.

When you select a particular protocol, the menu fields change to let you make selections which are specific only to that protocol.

The setup menu may be used when Auto Configure cannot find all the parameters. You must also use the setup menu for simulating or monitoring the buffer.

3 - 2 The Setup Menu
When To Use the Setup Menu

Auto Configure automatically configures the HP 4952A to most lines. You may, of course, use the setup menu to manually configure. Generally, however, use the setup menu for:

- Monitoring. You cannot use Auto Configure to monitor the buffer.
- Simulating. Use the setup menu to determine ‘send’ string format.
- Changing display formats. Auto Configure always uses the display format currently selected in the setup menu. Use the setup menu to change display formats.
- Supplementing Auto Configure. Use the setup menu to modify any parameters after initial setup with Auto Configure.

Saving Setups

- NONVOLATILE MEMORY. Menus are always saved in the HP 4952’s nonvolatile buffer memory if you turn off the instrument while in the Top Level Menu.
- DISC STORAGE. You can store menus, or both menus and data to disc
# Bit Oriented Protocols

## Bit-Oriented Setup Definitions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>The bit-oriented menus allow ASCII 8, EBCDIC or, using Hex 8, any 8-bit code.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Display</td>
<td>All six display formats are available for the bit oriented menus. Frame format decodes all control field bits. Packet format decodes packet information.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bits/Sec</td>
<td>Except for NRZI, all the selections are supported. NRZI will not work at 16000, 12000, 2000, or 50 bps.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Error Check</td>
<td>CRC-CCITT preset 1 or preset 0.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mode</td>
<td>All bit-oriented protocols are synchronous: the data is transmitted with a clock. In NRZI, (HDLC and SDLC) the clock is encoded within the data. When NRZI mode is selected, the HP 4952A will derive its receive clocks from the data on each channel. When external NRZI is selected, the HP 4952A will use the clock signals on RC and ETC.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DTE Clock</td>
<td>DTE data can be synchronized to either a DCE or DTE clock. If this selection is incorrect, only DCE data will be displayed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ext Addr (HDLC)</td>
<td>HDLC allows an extended address field. When an additional address octet (byte) is to follow, the first or least significant bit of the address octet is set to 0. The last address octet in a series has the LSB set to 1. Use Frame display format to see the extended address.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ext Ctrl (HDLC)</td>
<td>HDLC allows a 16-bit control field to handle larger N(S) and N(R) counts. Use Frame display format to see the extended control field.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Bit Oriented Protocol (BOP) Setup

To select bit oriented setup protocols, press [Setup] in the Top Level Menu and then the protocol of choice:

- HDLC
- SDLC
- X.25
- X21 HDLC
- X21 SDLC
- X21 X.25

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Note

Do not select the X.21 protocols unless the HP 18260A Interface pod is connected.

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In bit-oriented setups, the HP 4952A performs automatic zero bit insertion/extraction.
Some typical BOP setups are shown below:

### HDLC Setup

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Protocol</th>
<th>HDLC</th>
<th>Disp mode</th>
<th>Frame</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Code</td>
<td>ASCII</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bits/sec</td>
<td>64K</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parity</td>
<td>None</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mode</td>
<td>Sync</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Err chk</th>
<th>CCITT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DTE clock</td>
<td>DCE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bit sense</td>
<td>Norm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ext Addr</td>
<td>Off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ext Ctrl</td>
<td>Off</td>
</tr>
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</table>

### SDLC Setup

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Protocol</th>
<th>SDLC</th>
<th>Disp mode</th>
<th>Frame</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Code</td>
<td>EBCDIC</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bits/sec</td>
<td>64K</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parity</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Mode</td>
<td>Sync</td>
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<th>CCITT</th>
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<td>DCE</td>
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<td>Bit sense</td>
<td>Norm</td>
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### X.25 Setup

<table>
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<th>X.25</th>
<th>Disp mode</th>
<th>Packt</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Code</td>
<td>ASCII 8</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bits/sec</td>
<td>64K</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parity</td>
<td>None</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mode</td>
<td>Sync</td>
<td>(not selectable)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Err chk</th>
<th>CCITT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DTE clock</td>
<td>DCE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bit sense</td>
<td>Norm</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**BOP Menu Selections**

* used only in HDLC  
** used only in HDLC and SDLC  
*** 56 baud when simulating non-NRZI, non-asynchronous if the HP 4952A is generating a clock

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Protocol</th>
<th>Display</th>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Bits/sec</th>
<th>Parity</th>
<th>Mod</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[ HDLC ]</td>
<td>[ 2Line</td>
<td>[ ASCII 8 ]</td>
<td>[ 19200 ]</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>[ Sync ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[ SDLC ]</td>
<td>[ DTE Only ]</td>
<td>[ Hex 8 ]</td>
<td>[ 2400 ]</td>
<td>DTE clock</td>
<td>[ Sync NRZI ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[ X.25 ]</td>
<td>[ DCE Only ]</td>
<td>[ EBCDIC ]</td>
<td>[ 200 ]</td>
<td></td>
<td>[ Ext NRZI ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[ X21 HDLC ]</td>
<td>[ Data &amp; State]</td>
<td></td>
<td>[ 64K ]</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[ X21 SDLC ]</td>
<td>[ Frame ]</td>
<td></td>
<td>[ 14.4K ]</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[ X21 X.25 ]</td>
<td>[ Packet ]</td>
<td></td>
<td>[ 48K ]</td>
<td></td>
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<table>
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<tr>
<th>Err chk</th>
<th>[ CRC CCITT ]</th>
<th>[ CCITT Set 0 ]</th>
</tr>
</thead>
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<tr>
<td>[ 2Line ]</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>[ DTE Only ]</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>[ DCE Only ]</td>
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<th>Bits/sec</th>
<th>Parity</th>
<th>Mod</th>
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<tr>
<td>[ 19200 ]</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>[ Sync ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[ 9600 ]</td>
<td></td>
<td>[ Sync NRZI ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[ 7200 ]</td>
<td></td>
<td>[ Ext NRZI ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[ 4800 ]</td>
<td></td>
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<td>[ 3600 ]</td>
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<td>[ 3200 ]</td>
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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ext Addr *</th>
<th>[ Off ]</th>
<th>[ On ]</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ext Ctrl *</td>
<td>[ Off ]</td>
<td>[ On ]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Configure To Bit Oriented Lines

When monitoring a BOP line, the line indicators should be flashing with clock activity except in the case of monitoring an NRZI line, (when simulating NRZI, a clock is put on the interface).

Use Auto Configure

Use Auto Configure for initial setup. You will have to change setups in the following cases.

- HDLC with Extended Address or Control. Change the protocol to HDLC with the following setup:

  Ext Addr and/or Ext Ctrl: On  Display: Frame

- X.25 Packets if the address is not 0103. If the protocol is X.25, change the setup to the following. After capturing data, use the Examine Data Menu to observe packet decoding.

  Protocol: X.25  Display: Packt

Select a Display Format

In the bit-oriented menus, you can use any of the six display formats. For frame (level 2) decoding, use the Frame display. For packet (level 3) decoding, use the Packet display.
BSC Setup Definitions

Parity

The HP 4952A automatically sets correct parity for the chosen code: odd parity for ASCII 7, none for EBCDIC and Transcode. In simulate mode, BSC is sent with the correct parity. However, if "send" characters are specified in hex or binary, the parity is allowed to be different from the setup selection.

Mode

BSC is synchronous, half-duplex only. The CHAR protocol should be used for full-duplex BSC.

Sync on

The HP 4952A automatically chooses the correct sync characters for each data code. The sync characters are: 3232 (EBCDIC), 1616 (ASCII), or 3A3A (Transcode). The HP 4952A requires at least two sync characters for proper framing.

Err Chk

Select LRC or CRC-16 for ASCII or EBCDIC, and select LRC or CRC-12 for Transcode.

Bits/sec

The bit rates for BSC are from 50 bps to 64 kbps.

Disp Mode

Frame and Packt display formats are not available in BSC.

Suppress

The BSC Menu lets you suppress almost any combination of text and control characters from the display. However, suppressed characters are not deleted from the buffer.
# BSC Setup Selections

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Protocol</th>
<th>[ BSC ]</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Code</td>
<td>[ ASCII 7 ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[ Transcode ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[ EBCDIC ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[ ASCII 8 ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bits/sec</td>
<td>[ same as bit oriented protocols ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parity</td>
<td>Odd (ASCII 7)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>None (Transcode)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>None (EBCDIC, ASCII 8)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mode</td>
<td>Sync</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sync on</td>
<td>16 16 (ASCII 7)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3A 3A (Transcode)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>32 32 (EBCDIC)</td>
</tr>
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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Disp mode</th>
<th>[ 2Line ]</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Err chk</td>
<td>[ LRC ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[ CRC 12 ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[ CRC 16 ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DTE clock</td>
<td>[ DCE ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[ DTE ]</td>
</tr>
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</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Suppress</th>
<th>[ None ]</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[ Idle &amp; Ctrl ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[ Idle &amp; Txt ]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[ Null &amp; Ctrl ]</td>
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<td></td>
<td>[ Null &amp; Txt ]</td>
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<td></td>
<td>[ Text ]</td>
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<td>[ Id &amp; Nu &amp; Ctrl ]</td>
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<td></td>
<td>[ Id &amp; Nu &amp; Txt ]</td>
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</table>

# BSC Setup

Press **Setup** in the Top Level Menu, and then **BSC**.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Protocol</th>
<th>BSC</th>
<th>Disp mode</th>
<th>2 Line</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Code</td>
<td>ASCII 7</td>
<td>Err chk</td>
<td>LRC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bits/sec</td>
<td>64K</td>
<td>DTE clock</td>
<td>DCE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parity</td>
<td>Odd</td>
<td>Suppress</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mode</td>
<td>Sync</td>
<td>Bit Sense</td>
<td>Norm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sync on</td>
<td>16 16</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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3 - 10 The Setup Menu
Character-Oriented Protocols (COPs)

The Char menu is a general purpose setup menu, which can be used to capture most protocols, synchronous or asynchronous. There is a large number of codes available with this menu. You can select all the parameters to go with your data code. Of course, you can also create setups which make no sense: e.g., an 8-bit data code with a CRC-12 error check or synchronous baudot.

Note

The HP 4952A does not perform zero bit insertion or extraction for bit oriented protocols when in Char setup.

When To Use the Char Menu

For any character oriented protocol, synchronous or asynchronous, full-duplex or half-duplex. You will be able to see all line activity, including line idles, for nonstandard protocols, such as asynchronous BSC and full-duplex BSC.
Char Setup Definitions

Bit Order/Sense

In most protocols the least significant bit (LSB) is sent first, and data is not inverted. However, some protocols (e.g., IPARS) may be different, so the char menu provides bit order and bit sense selections. Hex setup menu entries are always entered in normal bit order and sense. For example, the standard IPARS, inverted, MSB first syncs would be entered as 3F3E even though they are 0020.

Start on/Stop on

Error checking starts on the character immediately after the 'start on' character, but includes the 'stop on' character. The fourth 'stop on' character is an intermediate text character (ITB). The first three 'stop on' characters normally cause sync to be dropped but the ITB character causes the channel to remain in sync. For IPARS and other 6-bit codes, setting the most significant bit in a 'stop on' character to 1 (e.g., changing 00 to 80) will cause characters which were ITBs not to be ITBs, and vise versa.

Transparent Text

This character delimits the boundaries of a field in which all control characters are to be treated as data. This is the same as the DLE character in BSC protocol.

Mode

Select synchronous, monosynchronous, or asynchronous (1, 1.5, 2 stop bits). The HP 4952A needs only one stop bit for asynchronous monitoring, even if more are present.

Sync on

Selects the sync characters for proper framing. The HP 4952A requires at least two sync characters (or one for monosync setup) to capture data when monitoring or simulating character oriented protocols. In monosync, it is very important that the sync pattern not be found in the data stream.

Drop sync after

Tells the analyzer to "drop" sync (stop bringing in data) and start looking for sync characters again.

DTE Clock

Specifies the DTE clock source. It can be DTE or DCE.
# Char Setup Selections

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Protocol</th>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Bits/sec</th>
<th>Parity</th>
<th>Transparent</th>
<th>Mode</th>
<th>Disp mode</th>
<th>Err chk</th>
<th>Start On</th>
<th>Stop On</th>
<th>Bit sense</th>
<th>Bit order</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[ Char ]</td>
<td>[ ASCII 8 ] [ Transcode ]</td>
<td>[ same as bit oriented protocols] **</td>
<td>[ None ] [ Even ] [ Odd ] [ Ignore ]</td>
<td>[ None ] * DTE clock [ type a hex or text char ]</td>
<td>[ Sync ] [ Asyn 1 ] [ Asyn 1.5 ] [ Asyn 2 ] [ Monosync ]</td>
<td>[ Idle ] [ Null ] [ Control ] [ Id &amp; Nu ]</td>
<td>[ None ] [ ID &amp; Ctl ] [ Null &amp; Ctl ] [ Null &amp; Ctl ] [ Id &amp; Nu &amp; Ctrl ]</td>
<td>[ Type hex/text] [ Type hex/text] [ Type hex/text] [ Type hex/text]</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>[ ASCII 7 ] [ IPARS Idle 0 ]</td>
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* synchronous or monosynchronous mode only

** ASYNC does not support 16K, 48K. 56K 64K are available on the Utility disc.
### Char Setup

Press **Setup** in the Top Level Menu, and then **Char**.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Protocol</th>
<th>Char</th>
<th>Disp mode</th>
<th>2Line</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Code</td>
<td>ASCII 7</td>
<td>Err chk</td>
<td>LRC</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bits/sec</td>
<td>64K</td>
<td>Start on</td>
<td>SHSX</td>
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<tr>
<td>Parity</td>
<td>Odd</td>
<td>Stop on</td>
<td>EBEXEBUS</td>
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<td>Transparent</td>
<td>DL</td>
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<td>text char</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mode</td>
<td>Sync</td>
<td>DTE clock</td>
<td>DCE</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sync on</td>
<td>1616</td>
<td>Suppress</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Drop sync after</td>
<td>10 chrs</td>
<td>Bit Sense</td>
<td>Norm</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Bit Order</td>
<td>LSB</td>
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</table>

The instrument defaults to Char Synchronous. To place HP 4952A in the asynchronous mode you must move the cursor to the Mode field (using arrow keys). See **Char Setup Selections** for more details.

### Hexadecimal Entry and Parity

There are several fields in the Char Menu which let you make hex entries: sync on, drop sync, transparent text, and start on/stop on. When you make a hexadecimal entry in one of these fields, the resulting parity bit is determined by hexadecimal entry, not the parity setup selection.

For example, when even parity is used with ASCII 7, the sync characters should be 9696, rather than 1616. Of course, your line may still use 1616, even though this would result in a parity for sync characters that is different from other characters.
Rules For Hexadecimal Entry and Parity

For hexadecimal entries, the resulting parity bit conforms to the following rules:

- For data codes of 7 bits or less (e.g., ASCII 7, Baudot) the parity bit is not automatically changed to conform with the parity setup selection.

- For 8-bit data codes (e.g., ASCII 8, EBCDIC) the parity bit always conforms to parity setup selection.

- For 8-bit data codes with parity, the selected sync characters must be the same as the last 16 bits to enter the analyzer before non-sync data. For example, in EBCDIC the normal sync pattern is 3232. With even parity, the binary pattern would be 100110010 100110010, or 18 bits. Only the last 16 bits are used as the sync pattern. Because least significant bits are sent first, the two bits in brackets are excluded from the sync pattern; 100110010100110010. Thus, you must enter 4C 99 for the analyzer to accept data. Of course, Auto Configure will find the correct sync characters if the line idles in FF.

Sync Characters

The Sync on selection determines what sync characters the analyzer looks for. Unless the sync pattern is correct, the HP 4952A will not capture data. The HP 4952A requires at least two sync characters (or one sync character in monosync setup) to capture data when monitoring and simulating.

When you do not know the sync characters, use Auto Configure. You can also select Sync on Idles. This allows you to load line data even without the correct sync characters.

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**Note**

The HP 4952A assumes that all character oriented protocols idle in FF. If your line uses some other condition, you must "sync on" that condition.
Drop Sync Characters (Synchronous mode only)

The drop sync entry determines where the analyzer drops sync and begins looking again for the sync characters. If the analyzer did not drop sync, it would bring in all activity on the line, including idles, such as when drop sync on NONE is selected.

Select seven characters on which to drop sync. The first character is the "within text" character. The analyzer only looks for this character if you have chosen "error checking". Thus, if you Start on STX and Stop on ETX, the analyzer looks for the "within text" character between STX and ETX.

To store all data, including idles, enter Drop sync 0 chrs after None. Then the analyzer never drops sync, and brings in all line data, including idles.

Drop Sync and Error Checking

The drop sync selection interacts with the error check selection in the following ways.

- The first Drop sync character specifies "within text". The analyzer looks for this character between the Start on and Stop on error checking limits. When error checking is "none", all text is outside, and the analyzer does not look for the first character.

- The first, or "within text", character takes precedence over the six "outside text" characters. If the same character occurs both inside and outside the start on and stop on limits, the analyzer drops sync outside text.

- With error checking, the analyzer always drops sync after the BCC character(s) if it cannot find a "within text" character. For example, if you select CRC-16 error checking, with Start on STX and Stop on ETX, the analyzer drops sync after the two characters following ETX.

For example, Drop sync 1 chrs after B8 FF FF FF 5D A4 B3 causes the analyzer to drop sync one character after the first B8 character within the specified error checking limits. If the analyzer does not find the specified "within text" character, it drops sync either one character after the BCC character(s) or one character after one of the six "outside text" characters, whichever appears first. A Drop sync 0 after B8 FF FF FF 5D A4 B3 causes the analyzer to drop sync immediately after the first B8 character within the specified error checking limits or 0 characters after one of the other characters.
Capturing Unknown Data

For nonstandard protocols in which Auto Configure may not work, do the following:

1. Try an 8-bit code first, no parity and no error checking.

2. To monitor line data for study when you do not know the sync character, select Sync on idles (FF).

Note

The HP 4952A assumes that all character oriented protocols idle in FF. If your line uses some other idle character, you must sync on that character.

3. To store all data for study, including idles, enter Drop sync 0 chr after None. The analyzer never drops sync and brings in all data, including idles.

Note

Normally idles are not stored to make efficient use of the buffer.

4. After making the above selections in the Char Menu, go to the Run Menu and select Monitor Line for a few moments to fill the buffer with data for study.

5. Go to the Examine Data Menu to view the data in buffer.

The buffer data will probably be meaningless because of incorrect character framing since the analyzer does not know where each character begins or ends. Now you need to find the correct sync pattern.

Finding the Correct Framing

Bit Shifting (BSC and Char only)

Even if you do succeed in bringing in data by synchronizing on idles, the displayed information will probably be meaningless because of incorrect framing. To make the data meaningful, go to the Examine Data Menu and select Bit Shift to capture the data.
Note

Bit shifting does not work when data is brought in Most Significant Bit (MSB) first or if any suppress functions are selected.

The HP 4952A does not shift through the parity bit. Unless you use a code with no parity, you must use trial and error to find the correct framing.

If part of the data still does not become meaningful while bit shifting, change the data code to one without parity. When the data becomes meaningful, you can determine the correct sync characters. Change the sync on selection to these characters.

Eliminating Superfluous Data

When you have found the correct framing you can eliminate idles so the buffer will not fill with idles. To eliminate idles in 8 or 9-bit data codes, enter drop sync 0 chars after \(FF\)F FF FF FF FF FF F. To eliminate idles in codes with frame sizes less than 8 bits, you must enter the correct number of 1's in any drop sync byte after the first byte (e.g., 7F for a 7-bit code, or 3F for a 6-bit code). In other words, you must enter the correct character and frame size for the idle character (see Table 4-1).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Data Code</th>
<th>No Parity</th>
<th>Even or Odd Parity</th>
<th>Ignore Parity</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Hex 5</td>
<td>5 bits (no parity bit)</td>
<td>6 bits (including parity bit)</td>
<td>6 bits (parity bit = 0)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Baudot</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hex 6</td>
<td>6 bits (no parity bit)</td>
<td>7 bits (including parity bit)</td>
<td>7 bits (parity bit = 0)</td>
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<td>EBCD</td>
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<td>IPARS</td>
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<td>Transcode</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hex 7</td>
<td>7 bits (no parity bit)</td>
<td>8 bits (including parity bit)</td>
<td>8 bits (parity bit = 0)</td>
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<td>ASCII 7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hex 8</td>
<td>8 bits (no parity bit)</td>
<td>9 bits (including parity bit)</td>
<td>9 bits (parity bit = odd)</td>
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<td>ASCII 8</td>
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<td>EBCDIC</td>
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</table>

(* these settings are forced in Simulate)
Unusual Protocol Settings

This is the build-your-own menu for Character oriented protocols. Select Char in the Setup menu. Use this table as reference for your given in the left column below, enter the settings given to the right of the protocol.

Table 4-2. Unusual Protocol Settings

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<tr>
<th>Protocol</th>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Parity</th>
<th>Err Chk</th>
<th>Sync Char</th>
<th>Transparent Text Char</th>
<th>Mode</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Burroughs BASIC</td>
<td>ASCII 7</td>
<td>odd</td>
<td>VRC</td>
<td>$1_{616}$</td>
<td>$d_1$</td>
<td>Sync, Async 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Burroughs Poll-Sel</td>
<td>ASCII 7</td>
<td>odd, SYNC</td>
<td>LRC</td>
<td>$1_{616}$</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Sync (or Async), Async 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HASP</td>
<td>EBCDIC</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>CRC-16</td>
<td>$3_{232}$</td>
<td>$d_1$</td>
<td>Sync</td>
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<tr>
<td>IPARS</td>
<td>IPARS</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>CRC-6</td>
<td>$3_{3E}$</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Sync Bit sense-invert</td>
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<td>Bit order-MSB first</td>
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<td>MODE 4c</td>
<td>ASCII 7</td>
<td>odd</td>
<td>LRC</td>
<td>$1_{616}$</td>
<td>$d_1$</td>
<td>Sync</td>
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<tr>
<td>UNISCOPE</td>
<td>ASCII 7</td>
<td>odd,SYNC</td>
<td>LRC</td>
<td>$1_{616}$</td>
<td>$d_1$</td>
<td>Sync, Async 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VIP7700</td>
<td>ASCII 7</td>
<td>odd,SYNC</td>
<td>LRC</td>
<td>$1_{616}$</td>
<td>$d_1$</td>
<td>Sync</td>
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</table>

IPARS Setup

The IPARS application is located on the HP 4952A Utility Disc (filename IPARS_MEC). Load the IPARS application. Only the Top Level Menu will change. Sync1 (S1 or $3_F$ Hex) characters are not captured. Triggering on the start of the message should only be made on the Sync2 (S2 or $3_E$ Hex) character.

Note

The resident HP 4952A IPARS function can be setup without the IPARS application loaded, but erroneous results will occur when monitoring or simulating.
The Character protocol IPARS has specific settings shown below.

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<th>Protocol</th>
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<td></td>
<td>IPARS0 or IPARS1. The 0 or 1 refers to the idle state transmitted for normal bit sense. IPARS0 will leave the line idling in 1's when transmitting if &quot;Bit sense = Inverted&quot;. IPARS1 will idle the line in 0's if &quot;Bit sense = Inverted&quot;.</td>
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<td>Your bit rate</td>
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<td>Transparent text char</td>
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<td>Sync on</td>
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<td>3E3E</td>
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<td>Drop sync</td>
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<td>Usually 0 after 0010373F3F3F3F for IPARS0 or 3F010373F3F3F for IPARS1. This field is used to specify conditions that will cause Drop sync and begin searching for sync.</td>
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<td>Err chk</td>
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<td>CRC 6</td>
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<td>Start on 3E3E.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Each message begins with a sequence 3F3E. The HP 4952A wants two individual start characters, not a sequence. Both characters should be 3E which is the last character of the only valid start sequence for IPARS.</td>
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<td>Stop on 01D2D3D.</td>
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<td>This field is used to specify end-of-message characters. When one of these characters is detected, it will stop accumulating CRC and will expect the total CRC count. These four characters are individual stop characters, not a sequence DTE clock.</td>
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<td>Suppress</td>
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<td>User-defined</td>
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<td>Bit sense</td>
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<td>Most commonly set to Inverted.</td>
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<td>Bit order</td>
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<td>MSB</td>
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The typical IPARS setup is:

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<th>Char</th>
<th>Disp mode</th>
<th>2Line or Data&amp;State</th>
<th>Bits/sec</th>
<th>Err chk</th>
<th>Start on</th>
<th>Stop on</th>
<th>DTE clock</th>
<th>Suppress</th>
<th>Bit Sense</th>
<th>Bit Order</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IPARS0</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>CRC6</td>
<td></td>
<td>4800</td>
<td>3E3E</td>
<td>001020BD</td>
<td>0D1D2D8D</td>
<td>DCE</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>MSB</td>
<td>Inverted</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Modified Error Check (MEC)**

The Modified Error Check (MEC) application is useful when the protocol being monitored has multiple "Start on BCC" characters before data begins, and it is not an IPARS protocol.

The Modified Error Checking application which is located on the HP 4952A Utility Disc (filename IPARS_MEC) must be loaded before being used. The Top Level Menu will change to show that Modified Error Checking (MEC) has been loaded.

The Modified Error Check application is invoked during a run when the data code is not IPARS0 or IPARS1, and both the "Start on BCC" characters are the same. The modified error calculation makes sure that CRC or LRC calculations begin only after the last "Start on BCC" character encountered. When this application is not loaded, the HP 4952A begins calculating the error check after the first "Start on BCC" character encountered.
**X.75**

X.75 is an inter-network protocol. X.75 is the protocol used by X.25 networks to talk to each other. There are two major differences between X.25 and X.75:

- **X.25** (1980 version) allows a Level 2 control field one byte long. The 1984 version of X.25 allows one or two control field bytes (Normal or Extended Control).

- **X.75** has an additional network utilities field that is inserted in the header of certain packet types.

Setup the HP 4952A for X.75 by performing the following:

1. From the Top Level Menu press **Setup**.
2. Select HDLC as the protocol.
3. Select either Normal Control or Extended Control.

In the Monitor and Simulate menus, the softkey assisted entry for Level 2 and Level 3 is available for both normal and extended control. This allows flexibility to create triggers and/or send strings that are normal control (Ext Ctrl = OFF) or extended control (Ext Ctrl = ON) in Level 2, and Modulo 8 or Modulo 128 in Level 3.

**Extended Asynchronous Baud Rates**

The extended asynchronous baud rates 56K and 64K bits per second are supported as a special application which can be loaded from the Utility Disc (filenames ASYNC_56K and ASYNC_64K) supplied with each HP 4952A instrument.

These applications provide the means to either monitor or simulate asynchronous data speeds of 56K or 64K bits per second. The HP 4952A retains its full capabilities for other data speeds when this application is loaded.
Loading the Extended Asynchronous Baud Rate Applications

1. Insert the Utility Disc into the HP 4952A disc drive.

2. From the Top Level Menu, press **MORE**, then **Mass Store**.

3. Move the cursor over the desired file, ASYNC_56K or ASYNC_64K, and press **Load**.

4. Press **Execute** to load the application. When the application is finished loading, the screen will revert back to the Top Level Menu.

Selecting the Extended Asynchronous Baud Rates

1. From the Top Level Menu, press **Setup**.

2. Cursor to the Protocol field and select **Char**.

3. Cursor to the Mode field and select **Async**.

4. Cursor to the Bits/sec field. Select either **56K** or **64K** (whichever is available). The other data speeds are accessed by pressing MORE.

Compatibility With Other HP Protocol Analyzers

The following Setup menu entries are unique to the HP 4952A and are not supported on other HP protocol analyzers:

- Ext NRZI
- CCITT set 0
- Mono Sync
- 38400, 48000, 56000 and 64000 bits per second (not supported on the HP 4951C)
- Async 12kbps, 14.4kbps

If you load an HP 4952A Setup menu into another HP protocol analyzer, either from disc or remote transfer, the entries listed above will be changed by the other analyzer into a different entry.

Before you use an HP 4952A Setup menu on another HP protocol analyzer check the entries to avoid any discrepancies.
Monitoring

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**Introduction**

Monitor means to look at. When you monitor a data link, you look at the data passing on the link. The HP 4952A makes it easy for you to look at the passing data with several different display formats.

Monitoring has no effect on the line because it is passive and non-interactive.

The HP 4952A lets you monitor data in the run menu by watching the data scroll across the screen, or you can go to the monitor menu and tell the analyzer to look for events and perform measurements on user set conditions.

**Two Types of Monitoring**

The HP 4952A enables you to do two types of monitoring:

- **Monitoring the Line**
  - Monitoring the line means that you connect the analyzer through the appropriate pod to the link under test.

- **Monitoring the Buffer**
  - After collecting the data in the buffer, either by monitoring the line or by loading from disc, you can monitor the buffer exactly as if you were monitoring the line. You can perform any monitoring tests that you might do when monitoring in real-time from the line.
Monitoring the Line

Monitoring a line is one of the most common uses for a protocol analyzer. You simply connect the analyzer to the line and watch the activity scroll across the screen.

Hookup

To monitor a line, you must connect the analyzer through its pod and Y-cable into the line as shown below.

Figure 4-1. Hookup for Monitoring the Line
Setup

Before monitoring the line, you must set up the analyzer to the parameters being used by the data link. The analyzer must know basic information, such as protocol, data code, and data rate. For example, if the link is using X.25 protocol, ASCII data code, and 9600 bits/sec, you must enter these values into the setup menu or the data may not be recognizable.

To monitor a line you can use Auto Configure. Even on nonstandard protocols Auto Configure can help you get started by finding some of the parameters.

Display Mode

Use the display mode field in the setup menu to select the type of display you wish. Each display shows the data in different ways. For example, the "two line" format shows both the DTE and DCE channels. The "DTE only" and "DCE only" formats show only one channel. The "data & state" format shows both channels, as well as lead timing information. The "Frame" and "Packet" formats decode frame and packet information.
Monitoring the Buffer

Monitoring the buffer is often called "post-processing." Post-processing is a very useful feature. Once you have captured data in the HP 4952’s buffer, you can repeatedly run monitor menu programs on the data.

Monitoring the buffer requires no connection. All you need is buffer data. You can fill the buffer with data in three ways: capture the data while monitoring the line, load the buffer from the disc, or upload/download during a remote operation.

Setup

Use the setup menu to configure the analyzer to the line parameters used when the data was collected. For example, if the data in the buffer is BSC protocol, EBCDIC data code, and 9600 bits/sec, then you must set the analyzer to those parameters. If you’re not sure what some of the parameters are, change the setup and look at the buffer in the examine data menu to see if the data is more understandable.

Collecting Data From the Line

As described on previous pages, one way of collecting data in the buffer is to monitor or simulate on-line. As you simulate or monitor the line, data is automatically stored in the HP 4952A’s 32 Kbyte (768 Kbyte with Option 02) buffer. The buffer is a first-in, first-out memory in which the oldest data is overwritten by the newest.

Another way of putting data in the buffer is to load data files from disc (see Chapter 12, "Mass Store").
The Monitor Menu

It is not necessary to use the Monitor Menu to monitor a line. It is possible to monitor a line from the Run Menu, however, you cannot write test programs that look for events and highlight or beep.

By using the Monitor Menu and writing programs giving the HP 4952A specific instructions you can increase the effectiveness of the instrument.

To access the Monitor Menu, press \textit{Mon Menu} in the Top Level Menu. The analyzer then allows you to begin writing programs (see Table 4-1).

\begin{table}[h]
\centering
\begin{tabular}{lcccc}
\textbf{Monitor} & & & & \\
\textbf{Block 1} & & & & \\
Start & Stop & Inc & If & When \\
& & Ctr & Trig & & [MORE] \\
High- & Beep & Reset & Goto & & [MORE] \\
Light & & Blk & Lead & & \\
Gosub & & & & \\
Block & & & & [MORE] \\
& Re- & Move & Message & \\
& turn & Crsr & & \\
Insert & & Delete & Print & [MORE] \\
Line & Block & Line & Block & Prg \\
& & & & Prog
\end{tabular}
\caption{The Monitor Menu}
\end{table}
Monitor Menu Softkey Commands

Most of the softkeys in the monitor and simulate menus are the same. The commands that appear in the Monitor Menu are those that only pertain to capturing data.

All of the first-level softkey commands that appear in the monitor menu are summarized below in the order they appear.

Start

The start softkey is available to start the Display, Disc, Timer. ‘Start’ and ‘Stop’ commands should be tied to the start of execution or the last preceding trigger.

Stop

The stop softkey is available to stop the Display, Disc, Timer and Tests. ‘Start’ and ‘Stop’ commands should be tied to the start of execution or the last preceding trigger.

Inc Ctr

‘Increment Counter’ uses one of the five counters to count events and select an increment value.

If

An ‘If Counter’ causes a program branch according to the condition of a counter. An ‘If Lead’ causes a branch according to the condition of a lead at the time of the last trigger. If the statement is true the program will jump to a specified block. If the statement is false the program goes to the next block.

When Trig

‘When Trig’ is the only statement that defines a trigger event. The analyzer can look for any event and then branch to a designated action. Program execution stops and waits until at least one ‘When Trig’ condition is satisfied. Triggers are the only way to provide a reference point in the data stream.
Highlight
Marks up to the last 63 trigger events in the buffer.

Beep
Audibly notifies you when the last preceding trigger is found.

Reset
Resets to zero and stops a specified \texttt{Timer} or \texttt{Counter}.

Goto Blk
Effects a branch to another block.

Message
‘Message’ statements are used for entering comments in a program.

Gosub Block
The ‘Gosub Block’ command causes a jump to a subroutine that ends in a ‘return’ statement. Without a ‘return’ statement ‘Gosub Block’ acts like a ‘Goto Block’ command.

Return
A command that terminates a subroutine and return to the command immediately following the ‘Gosub Block’ statement.

Insert Line
Inserts a new line when the cursor is at the beginning of a line.

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**Insert Block**

Inserts a new block when the cursor is at the beginning of a line.

**Delete Line**

Deletes a line when the cursor is at the beginning of a line.

**Delete Block**

Deletes a block when the cursor is at the beginning of a line.

**Delete Prg**

Deletes the entire monitor program when the cursor is at the beginning of a line.

**Print Prog**

Prints the monitor program if an ASCII printer is connected.

**Move Crsr**

Allows the cursor to be positioned at the start of a block.
Compatibility With Other HP Protocol Analyzers

The following Monitor functions are unique to the HP 4952A and are not supported on other HP protocol analyzers.

- Message statements
- Gosub Block and Return
- When triggers
- Inc Cntr by n

If you load an HP 4952A Monitor menu or program into another HP protocol analyzer, either from disc or remote, the functions listed above will be changed by the other analyzer into a different function.

Before you use an HP 4952A Monitor menu or program on another HP protocol analyzer, verify the menu program to avoid any discrepancies.

Caution

Remove all 'Message' statements before transferring programs or menus from an HP 4952A to another non-4952A protocol analyzer.
Monitor Programs

You must enter programs in the Monitor Menu to instruct the HP 4952A to look for specific events or make measurements. Programming in the Monitor Menu is softkey driven making it fast and easy.

Softkey Programming

Softkey programming is easy. Press the appropriate softkey and other choices appear leading you through the program. For example, pressing `Start` causes the new softkey choices `Display`, `Disc`, and `Timer` to appear.

Setup

Always set up the analyzer with the proper parameters before monitoring. If the setup is incorrect the monitor program may not work. For example, if the data code being monitored is EBCDIC, but your setup is ASCII, the data will be decoded incorrectly.

If you change the setup menu after entering a monitor program, the program may have blinking entry fields indicating those entries are inappropriate for the setup. If you change the setup data code or protocol after entering a character string, you must retype the string. The program will fail unless you change either the setup or the program.

Moving Through the Menu

Use the cursor keys to move around the menu and roll the display up and down. Note that the softkeys change as you move the cursor to different fields. You can change an entry at any time if the appropriate softkey appears. Press MORE whenever the word appears at the lower right corner of the screen, and more softkeys appear giving you more options. `Move Csr` can be used to position the cursor at the start of any block.
Blocks

Programs are organized in blocks. A maximum of 31 blocks is allowed per program. Blocks provide a reference for looping back or jumping ahead during program execution. When you insert and delete blocks, the numbering is automatically adjusted.

Inserting and Deleting Lines and Blocks

Use the **Insert Line/Block** and **Delete Line/Block/Prg** softkeys for editing programs. Press MORE whenever the cursor is at the beginning of a line to see these softkeys.

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**Note**

The **Insert Block** is especially useful when editing programs.

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Inserting and Deleting Characters

To trigger on characters, you must enter character strings after a ‘when DTE/DCE’ command. To insert or delete characters in a ‘when’ string, use the **Insert** and **Delete** softkeys while the cursor is positioned in the string. The **Delete** key is continuous, the **Insert** key is not. To insert more than one character the **Insert** key must be pressed for each character.

Executing Monitor Programs

You must exit the Monitor Menu and go to the Run Menu to execute a program. Press **Run Menu** and then the appropriate **-Monitor-Line/Buffer** softkey.

If you are not using a monitor program, go to the Top Level Menu, press **Run Menu**, and the appropriate **-Monitor Line/Buffer** key.

If you wrote a program in the Monitor Menu, go to the Run Menu to execute the program.
Triggering

Triggering means to look for an event. By telling the analyzer to trigger on an event, you are telling it to look for that event in the data stream.

The HP 4952A can trigger on up to 63 different events simultaneously. Once the analyzer has found an event, it can:

- notify you by beeping
- mark the event in memory
- count the event
- measure the time between events
- branch to another command

Defining Triggers

Only the 'when' statement can define a trigger. Press the \texttt{When Trig} softkey in the monitor and simulate menus to access the 'when' statement.

Triggers Provide a Reference

'When' statements provide a point of reference in the data stream. They tell the analyzer exactly when to start an action. For example, all 'highlight', 'beep', 'start' and 'stop' statements reference the last preceding 'when' statement in the program. Without a preceding 'when' statement, the analyzer cannot determine the exact point at which to start, stop, beep, or highlight.

If you put a command at the beginning of the program, action starts at the beginning of execution. But if you need to have an action start at the precise time that some event occurs, you must use a preceding trigger for that event. For example, to measure time you must tell the analyzer exactly when to start the timer.
Types Of Triggers

There are six different types of trigger statements. You can trigger on DTE or DCE characters, lead changes, errors, time-outs, and your own softkey entries.

Characters

To trigger on characters, specify "DTE" or "DCE" and type in the desired characters.

When DTE this is a character string
then goto Block 2

When DCE this is a character string
then goto Block 2

Leads

To trigger on lead changes, select the desired lead from the softkeys. The appropriate leads appear on the softkeys according to the pod attached.

When Lead RTS goes Off
then goto Block 2

Errors

Depending on the setup menu, you can trigger on FCS, BCC, parity errors, aborted frames or framing errors.

When Error FCS on DTE
then goto Block 2

Timeouts

On the HP 4952A you can specify one of five timers in 1 millisecond increments from 0 to 65534.

When Timer 1 > 100
then goto Block 2

Softkeys

You can trigger on the press of softkeys 3, 4, or 5. The softkeys are numbered from 1 to 6 from left to right.

When Softkey 3
then goto Block 2
Marking Triggers

The HP 4952A will find events that you specify as triggers. The HP 4952A can mark each event in memory, or it can beep whenever the event occurs, or it can do both.

Beep

The 'beep' statement provides an audible sound for some specified condition. The analyzer can beep anytime, and as often as desired. In the following example, the analyzer beeps every time the string "abc" occurs on the DTE channel.

Block 1:
When DTE abc
    then goto Block 2

Tell the analyzer what event to look for. Note: the 'beep' command refers to the last preceding trigger event.

Block 2:
Beep
    then goto Block 1

Highlight

Use the 'highlight' command after a 'when' statement to mark trigger events in memory. Highlighted characters appear in half-bright, inverse video both during run-time and in the examine data menu. Lead and timer transitions appear on the DCE line in the examine data menu if you are not using the Data & State display.

The HP 4952A remembers the last 64 highlights in the buffer. Only the last character of a trigger string is highlighted. Highlights are lost when the data is stored to disc.

The following example highlights the "z" in the "xyz" string whenever it occurs on the DCE line and causes a beep whenever "xyz" is found.

Block 1:
When DCE xyz
    then goto Block 2

Find the event. Note that the "when" statement must precede the "highlight" command.

Block 2:
Highlight
    and then
Beep
    and then goto Block 1

Highlight the event and beep. Then start looking for the event again.
Measuring Time

Timers are program commands that measure the time between triggers. The HP 4952A monitor and simulate menus each contain five timers identified by numbers, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Each timer can measure up to 65,535 milliseconds.

Measuring Time Between Triggers

Timers measure the time between trigger events. In the example below the ‘start timer’ and ‘stop timer’ statements refer to the last preceding trigger statement (regardless of how far back in the program). A timer must have a reference point to start it and to stop it. Triggers provide a reference because they point to real events in the data stream.

When
  Start Timer [ ]
  ...
When...
  Stop Timer [ ]

How To Access Timers

To enter a ‘start timer’ statement in the monitor or simulate menu:

- Press Start
- Press Timer
- Select the timer number from the softkeys

For example, the program statement to start timer 3 looks like this:

Start Timer 3

To stop the timer, use the same procedure, but press Stop instead of Start.

Note

There must be a preceding trigger statement in the program to provide a reference for the timer statement.

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To measure the time interval between two events, use two trigger statements to identify the events. After one trigger statement identifies the first event, start the timer. The second trigger statement identifies the second event, stop the timer.

This example shows the correct way to measure the time interval between two trigger conditions. The starting and stopping of the timer is entirely dependent upon the occurrence of the two trigger conditions.

**Block 1:**
When Lead RTS goes On then goto Block 2

**Block 2:**
Start Timer 1

**Block 3:**
When Lead CTS goes On then goto Block 4

**Block 4:**
Stop Timer 1

**Reset a Timer To Zero**

Timers are always reset to zero at the beginning of execution and can be reset during program execution with a ‘reset’ statement:

```
Reset Timer 1
```

**Stop a Timer Without Resetting**

Timers can be stopped under program control with either a ‘stop timer’ or a ‘stop tests’ statement.

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**Caution**

Do not use a ‘Stop Tests’ statement unless you want to stop program execution.
How Timers Work

Timers measure by looking at time stamps that are inserted with the data entering the analyzer. Because data is stored in a 32K first-in, first-out buffer, the time stamps are also stored. The timers measure the number of time stamps between trigger events.

Time stamps are stored in the buffer depending upon the bits/sec selection. That's why the bits/sec selection is so important, even with synchronous protocols. If bits/sec is slower than the line rate timing measurement resolution is reduced. If bits/sec is faster than the line rate the buffer is filled with more time stamps than necessary and storage efficiency is reduced.

In bit oriented protocols, the start flag and address of a string have the same time mark. This is also true of the last character, the FCS, and the end flag.

Cursor Timing

Cursor timing is available in the Examine Data menu and is a manual technique to measure time. With data in the buffer:

- Press **Exam Data** to enter the Examine Data Menu
- Move the cursor to the start point of the measurement event
- Press **Start Time**
- Move the cursor to the event where you want the measurement to end
- Press **End Time**.

The time is shown at the top of the display:

\[
\text{TIME = }
\]

The Effect Of the Data Filter On Timing

If you are filtering out certain characters with the data filter, you cannot measure the time between them because they aren't in the buffer. And if you have 'timing information' turned off in the data filter, your timing measurements will be inaccurate.

Ensure ‘timing information’ is turned on in the data filter to measure time. You cannot measure time between events if you have filtered them out.
Counting Events

Increment Counter [ ] by [ ]

The 'increment counter' statement is used for counting events. The HP 4952A has five counters that can count five different events simultaneously.

Accessing the Inc Ctr Softkey

To enter the 'increment counter' statement into a monitor or simulate program:

- Press Inc Ctr
- Select the counter number from the softkeys
- Type in the increment value

The counter can be incremented by any number up to 65,535. For example, if you increment counter 4 by 2 every time an event occurs, the statement looks like this:

Increment Counter 4 by 2

Countable Events

Countable events can be characters or character strings, lead changes, timer changes, counter changes, or program loops; almost any action the analyzer performs can be counted. To use the counters effectively, place the increment counter statement directly after the event of interest.

Maximum Count

Each counter counts to 65,535 and then starts over from zero. You can cascade counters by having one counter increment whenever a second counter overflows.
Resetting Counters

Counters are always reset to zero at the start of execution. Counters can also be reset under program control with the 'reset counter' statement. When they are reset during a program, they go to zero and do not restart unless you start them again with an "increment counter" statement.

Decrementing Counters

To decrement a counter by 1, set the increment value to 65,535 rather than 1. To decrement by 2, set the increment value to 65,534. And so on.

Example 1: Counting Parity Errors

The following example counts the number of parity errors on the DTE line.

**Block 1:**
When Error Parity on DTE then goto Block 2

This trigger finds the parity errors.

**Block 2:**
Increment Counter 1 by 1 and then goto Block 1

Count each error and continue looking.

Example 2: Counting Positive Lead Changes

The following example counts the number of times RTS goes on.

**Block 1:**
When Lead RTS goes On then goto Block 2

Look for positive RTS transitions.

**Block 2:**
Increment Counter 3 and then
Goto to Block 1

Count each positive RTS transition and continue looking.

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Conditional Branching

Using the ‘if’ statement you can cause a branch in the program, depending on the status of a counter or lead at the time of the last trigger. Counters are independent of line status. Thus, the ‘if lead’ statement requires a ‘when’ statement somewhere earlier in the program.

Accessing the If Softkey

To enter an ‘if’ program statement in the monitor or simulate menu, press If and then either Counter or Lead.

‘If Lead’

If Lead [ RTS ] is [ Off ]
[ CTS ] [ On ]
[ DSR ]
[ DTR ]
[ CD ]

then goto Block [ ]

The correct leads automatically appear on the display depending upon the pod connected to the analyzer. For example, the above leads would appear on the softkeys if an HP 18179A (RS-232C) pod were connected.

In the following example, if DSR is on when the following statement is executed, the program will jump to block 5. Otherwise, execution will continue with the next sequential statement.

If Lead DSR is On
then goto Block 5

When Is Lead Status Checked?

To test lead status, you must tell the analyzer the precise point in time using a trigger. ‘If lead’ statements always test the link at the time the last trigger was found. There should always be a trigger statement somewhere in the program before the ‘if’ statement. This preceding trigger should define the point in time of interest.
Example: ‘If Lead’

A trigger must be used to define the exact time, therefore a ‘when’ statement must appear earlier in the program when using ‘if lead’. An ‘if lead’ statement always refers to the lead condition at the time of the last trigger.

In this example, block 2 checks the status of CTS only when the trigger in block 1 is satisfied.

Block 1:
When Lead RTS goes On
then goto Block 2

Block 2:
If Lead CTS is On
then goto Block 4

‘If Counter’

If Counter  [ 1 ] > [ type a number ]
[ 2 ]
[ 3 ]
[ 4 ]
[ 5 ]
then goto Block [ ]

To use the ‘if counter’ command, press [Counter] and select the counter number from the softkeys. Then type the comparison number. You can enter any number from 0 to 65,534.

Example: ‘If Counter’

Counters run independently of line status. Therefore, ‘if counter’ statements do not need to be preceded by ‘when’ statements.
The following two examples are equivalent: they count the number of times RTS goes on. When RTS has gone on 100 times, the test stops.

```
Block 1
When RTS goes On
    then goto Block 2

Block 2
Increment Counter 1 by 1
If Counter 1 > 99
    then goto Block 4

Block 3
Goto Block 1

Block 4:
Stop Tests
```

```
Block 1
When RTS goes On
    then goto Block 2

Block 2
Increment Counter 1 by 65535
If Counter 1 > 65436
    then goto Block 1

Block 3
Stop Tests
```

**How 'If' and 'When' Are Different**

Only 'when' can define a trigger and wait for an event. 'If' tests the current status. Unlike 'if', the 'when' statement stops execution until the trigger is satisfied.

**Combining 'If' Statements**

'If' statements in the same block are 'ORed'. The analyzer looks for all the conditions at the same time. The first satisfied 'if' controls the branch.
Combining ‘If’ and ‘When’

‘If’ can be used to guarantee action. For example, if you enter:

```
When Lead RTS goes Off
    then goto Block 2
```

and RTS is already off, the program never moves. No program statements are executed until the trigger is satisfied. The ‘when’ statement requires a transition. On the other hand, if you enter:

```
If Lead RTS is Off
    then goto Block 2
```

and RTS is on when the ‘if’ statement is executed, the program will never go to block 2. Unlike the ‘when’ statement, ‘if’ does not wait for a condition to happen. To ensure that execution always moves to block 2 when RTS goes off, enter the following:

```
If Lead RTS is Off
    then goto Block 2
When Lead RTS goes Off
    then goto Block 2
```
Unconditional Branching

Goto Block [ ]

Use the 'goto block' command to branch to a different part of the monitor or simulate program. This is an unconditional branch because it forces a jump in the program.

'If' and 'When' Always Force a Branch

Both 'if' and 'when' commands automatically append a conditional 'goto block' statement. In the following example, the analyzer looks for a positive RTS transition. You can put any action you want into block 2.

Block 1:
When Lead RTS goes On
then goto Block 2

Block 2:
Start Disc

You can use 'goto block' to loop continuously. In the following example, you increment counter 1 until it reaches 200 and then jump out of the loop.

Block 1:
Increment Counter 1 by 1
If Counter 1 \( > 199 \)
then goto Block 3

Block 2:
Goto Block 1
Program Pauses

There are many times in a program you must enter a pause statement. For example, what if you want to wait 40 milliseconds for a relay to open before performing the next program command?

Using a Timer To Pause

You can use timers to delay the program for a specified time. In the following example, you may want the analyzer to beep every three seconds:

```
Block 1:
Beep
    and then
Start Timer 1

When Timer 1 > 3000
    then goto Block 2

Block 2:
Reset Timer 1
    and then
Goto Block 1
```

Using a timer to insert a delay is not always the right solution in some situations. Timer status can only be tested with a 'when' trigger. But if you tell the analyzer to trigger on an event, you are telling it to 'look for' that event. The trigger pointer must move through the data looking for the trigger event -- which is in this case a particular time stamp.

The trigger pointer cannot move backwards after it has moved through the data looking for the correct time stamp. A timer is the best way to insert a program delay if you do not use multiple triggers.
Using a Counter To Pause

You can also use a counter to delay program execution. Each increment of the counter takes about 3.6 milliseconds. You may want to experiment to find more exact delay times. Counters are tested by 'if' statements any problems are minimized with counters if the 3.6 ms delay is acceptable.

For example:

Block 1:
Beep

Block 2:
Increment Counter 1 by 1
If Counter 1 > 822
    then goto Block 4

Block 3:
Goto Block 2

Block 4:
Reset Counter 1
    and then
    Goto Block 1

Note
Do not use the 'wait' statement in the simulate menu to delay simulate programs. 'Wait' affects 'send' and 'set lead' output statements.
Starting and Stopping

Using 'start' and 'stop' commands, you can operate the display or the disc under program control. The 'stop tests' command halts program execution.

Note

Do not use the 'wait' statement in the simulate menu with these commands. 'Wait' affects 'send' and 'set lead' output statements.

'Start' and 'Stop' Need a Reference

There are two ways to provide a reference point for 'start' and 'stop' commands:

1. Start of execution. If you put a 'start' or 'stop' command at the beginning of the program, it becomes active as soon as you begin execution in the run menu.

2. Preceding trigger. The last 'when' statement in the program provides a reference. A 'start' or 'stop' becomes active at the point in the data stream when the last trigger event was found. If you insert a program pause using a timer or counter, 'start' or 'stop' is delayed by the amount of the pause.

Filtering Data With 'Start' and 'Stop'

The 'start' and 'stop' commands can filter events of interest. Define an event of interest in a 'when' statement, and then start or stop the display or disc when that event occurs.
‘Start’ and ‘Stop’ Disc

You can start and stop the disc to capture only events of interest under program control. You can start and stop the disc as often as you like.

The following rules apply to ‘start’ and ‘stop’ disc statements:

1. The disc can be started and stopped more than once.

2. The ‘start’ command tries to store the 512 bytes of the buffer preceding the event. The ‘stop’ command attempts to store the 512 bytes of the buffer after the event (512 bytes may be up to 250 characters, depending on time stamp frequency and line utility). There is no way to indicate the event on the disc because highlights are not stored to disc.

3. Timing measurements should not be made across data segments. The results could be in error.

In the following example, the analyzer captures data on disc from the time RTS goes on until RTS goes off.

Block 1:
When RTS goes On
    then goto Block 2

Block 2:
Start Disc

When RTS goes Off
    then goto Block 3

Block 3:
Stop Disc
    and then
Goto Block 1

NOTE

Commands such as ‘Start Disc’ are ignored when running from the buffer.
When you enter the Run Menu and execute a monitor or simulate program with a 'start disc' statement, the analyzer asks you to provide a file name and comment for the new disc file. The file type is always 'Menu & Data' and is not changeable.

**Function: Store**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>File Name</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Comment</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

As soon as you have entered a file name and comment, press `Execute` to begin running the program.

**'Start/Stop Display'**

The 'stop display' statement freezes the display after the occurrence of some trigger event. That trigger event and the preceding data are displayed on the screen. Execution is not stopped even though the display is turned off. The buffer is continually being filled with new data. To start the display again, use a 'start display' statement, or the `Start Display` softkey.

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**Note**

It is efficient to turn the display off if you are running a program that causes buffer overflow errors.

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The following example freezes the display if there is a frame check sequence error on the DTE line.

```
Block 1:
When Error FCS on DTE
    then goto Block 2

Block 2:
Stop Display
```
‘Stop Tests’

The ‘stop tests’ statement halts execution. No new data is loaded into the buffer, the disc stops, and any active timers stop. The following rules apply:

1. A ‘stop tests’ command is executed only after all the ‘wait’, ‘send’, and ‘set lead’ statements prior to it are performed.

2. The ‘stop tests’ statement halts execution of all other program statements.

3. If there are no ‘when’ statements in the program, the display will continue running until rule #1 is satisfied.

4. The EXIT key is the only way to halt immediately.

The following example stops execution if there is a Negative Acknowledgment (NAK) on the DTE line. Note that you enter the NAK by pressing [CNTL]U.

Block 1:
When DTE NK
    then goto Block 2

Block 2:
Stop Tests
Commenting

The HP 4952A provides the capability for commenting programs with the 'message' statement. These messages are also displayed above softkeys 3, 4, and 5 during execution. Messages are entered the same way as send strings, except that characters can only be inserted or deleted. Hex characters cannot be entered.

Uses For 'Message'

1. You can insert comments in a long program to help you remember what different parts of the program do.

2. You can have the analyzer display a message during execution for debugging programs. You can discover where program execution is locking up.

3. You can have the analyzer tell you to perform some action during execution, such as pressing a softkey.

4. You can label softkeys 3, 4, and 5, which are those used for softkey triggers.

How To Enter Messages

Press MORE twice, then Message and begin typing text after 'Message'. Messages can be up to 16 characters long (including spaces).

You must enter something in the message field, even if it is only blanks. If you do not enter anything in the field, an error message appears when you try to execute.

Note

It is a good practice to fill in all 16 characters of the message field, using spaces as necessary.

If a message is not a full 16 characters long, some characters of a previous message may still show on the display. For example, if your first message was EXIT RUN PROGRAM, and the second message was START PROGRAM, the display after the second message would be START PROGRAMRAM. Filling the rest of the second message with spaces would fix the problem.
If a message is used to label softkeys 3, 4, and 5, the problem just described becomes an advantage. A message can be sent to label the three softkeys. Later in the program, a new message can change one of the softkeys and leave the others.

How To Display Messages During Execution

Messages are identified by their block number. Whenever a block with a message, or multiple messages, is executed, the message(s) in that block are displayed. A message can therefore be displayed during execution in the following ways:

1. The message block is executed during normal sequential execution.
2. A ‘goto block’ command references the message block.
3. ‘If’ or ‘when’ statements reference the message block.
4. A ‘gosub block’ command references the message block.

Example: Using a Prompt

You can use the ‘message’ command in combination with the ‘when softkey’ trigger to tell you when to press a softkey during execution.

Block 1:
When ... then goto Block 2

When some event occurs press softkey 3.

Block 2:
Message Press Softkey 3

After pressing softkey turn off the message.

Block 3:
When Softkey 3 then goto Block 4

Block 4:
Message ____________

Note that you must actually enter the blanks with the space bar.
Subprograms

You can enter subprograms in the main monitor/simulate program using the 'gosub block' and 'return' commands. You can nest subroutines within subroutines, up to a depth of eight. Subprograms are useful if there is a sequence of statements used repeatedly in the program. You can shorten the program by entering the sequence of statements once. If you put a 'retrn' statement at the end of the sequence, you can call that sequence anytime with a 'gosub block' statement.

The 'gosub block' statement causes a jump to the designated block. The 'return' statement causes a jump back to the line immediately following the 'gosub block' statement.

Example 1: Subprograms

Let's assume there are several places in a program where one of three different error messages might need to be displayed. Instead of entering all of the different error messages in the program repeatedly (which could make the program longer) you can enter three subprograms.

Block x:
Message  This is BCC Err  
  and then
Return

Block xx:
Message  This is Par. Err  
  and then
Return

Block xxx:
Message  This is Fram Err  
  and then
Return
Example 2: Using a Delay Repeatedly

In the following example, the same five second delay is used three times.

... Block 5:
Start Display
   and then
Gosub Block 25

Block 6:
Stop Display
   and then
Gosub Block 25

Block 7:
Start Display
   and then
Gosub Block 25

...

Block 25:
Start Timer 1

When Timer 1 > 5000
   then goto Block 26

Block 26:
Reset Timer 1
   and then
Return
Monitor Error Messages

Max Length

This message appears if you attempt to specify more than 255 characters in a single string.

Max Strings

This message means that the monitor and simulate menus combined contain strings which have a total of more than 2000 characters.

Menu Full

The monitor and simulate menus combined contain 143 steps.

Invalid Mon/Sim Menu

This may occur if you enter ‘When DTE/DCE’ without completing the trigger branching instruction. This error can also occur if you leave a ‘message’ or ‘send’ statement empty. You must enter something into the message field, even if it is only blanks.

No File; Run Aborted

The menu requesting the run-time disc data file was exited prior to being executed.

File Already Exists

The menu requesting the run-time disc data file was given the name of a file already created.

DLC Error

HP 4952A hardware problem. Contact HP for service.
Monitor Status Messages

Text

Enter a single keyboard character.

Not Text

Enter a single keyboard character which should NOT be triggered on.

Hex

Enter two digits for each hex character.

Not Hex

Enter a hex character which should NOT be triggered on.

Binary

Enter eight bits from softkeys. If the Setup data code is less than eight bits, the most significant bits are ignored.

End Frame

Enter the FCS character (good, bad, abort, don’t care).

Start Flag

The cursor is over a start flag, delete this character if desired.
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Introduction

Triggering is the basis for programmability. Triggers are the events you want the analyzer to look for, such as characters, lead changes, or errors. The capability to select trigger events allows you to control the data that is captured and stored in memory.

Once the analyzer finds the designated event, it will perform any action you specify. It can beep, highlight the event in the buffer, count the event, or measure the time between events.

The HP 4952A stores all line data in its buffer. With triggering, you can selectively analyze only events of interest.

When Statements Define Triggers

Triggers must be defined to be useful. You can define triggers with ‘when’ statements in monitor or simulate programs. The ‘when’ statement is used in conjunction with the desired action the trigger will effect.

To load a trigger condition:

- Enter the desired menu to write a program, either the Monitor or Simulate menu.

- Press When Trig. As soon as you press When Trig, six softkeys appear which provide you with the choice of six types of triggers. You can trigger on DTE or DCE characters, lead changes, errors, timeouts, and your own softkey entries.

Triggers Provide a Reference

When you start or stop an action, you need to tell the analyzer precisely when to start or stop or the measurement may not be the desired data. For example, the START, STOP, BEEP, HIGHLIGHT, and IF statements all need a point of reference to be meaningful.

There are two ways to provide a reference point for measurements:

1. Start of execution. A measurement positioned at the start of a program begins when execution begins. However, this doesn’t reference any actual event because execution begins when you press the softkey in the run menu. Usually, you will want to tie measurements to actual events.

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2. Following a trigger. By pointing to an actual event in the data stream, a trigger provides a precise point of reference. Most monitor/simulate commands reference last preceding 'when' statement. If a 'when' occurs earlier in the program, the measurement starts at the time that trigger event was found.

To use a trigger event as a point of reference, action commands must follow 'when' statements. For example, to start a timer when a certain event occurs, place the 'when' statement first.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Block x:} \\
&\text{When ...} \\
\text{Block xx:} \\
&\text{Start Timer}
\end{align*}
\]

**Caution**
Place the 'when' statement first or the timer won't be tied to the trigger event and will start at some indeterminate time.

**Triggers Stop Execution**

A monitor/simulate program does not move out of a block containing 'when' statements until at least one of the 'when' statements in that block is satisfied. Program execution "locks up" (data continues to be acquired) until the trigger event is found. For example, in the following program execution will not move out of block 5 until the analyzer sees either an "abc" on the DTE channel or an "xyz" on the DCE channel:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Block 5:} \\
&\text{When DTE abc} \\
&\quad \text{then goto Block 7} \\
&\text{When DCE xyz} \\
&\quad \text{then goto Block 8}
\end{align*}
\]
Trigger Types

There are six different types of 'when' trigger statements. You can trigger on DTE or DCE characters, lead changes, errors, timeouts, and your own softkey entries.

Characters
To trigger on characters, specify "DTE" or "DCE" and type in the desired characters.

When DTE this is a character string
  then goto Block 2
When DCE this is a character string
  then goto Block 2

Leads
To trigger on lead changes, select the desired lead from the softkeys. The appropriate leads appear on the softkeys according to the pod attached.

When Lead RTS goes Off
  then goto Block 2

Errors
Depending on the setup menu, you can trigger on FCS, BCC, parity or framing errors, or aborted frames.

When Error FCS on DTE
  then goto Block 2

Timeouts
On the HP 4952A you can specify one of five timers in 1 millisecond increments from 0-65534.

When Timer 1 > 100
  then goto Block 2

Softkeys
You can trigger on the press of softkeys 3, 4, or 5. The softkeys are numbered from 1-6 from left to right.

When Softkey 3
  then goto Block 2
Multiple Triggers

You can combine triggers two ways:

- You can logically 'or' triggers by putting 'when' statements in the same block.
- You can 'sequence' triggers by putting 'when' statements in different blocks.

**ORing Triggers (When Statements In the Same Block)**

'When' statements in the same block are ORed. The analyzer looks for both events simultaneously; it looks for one event or the other event.

Therefore, to look for two or more triggers simultaneously, put the 'when' statements in the same block. Once a trigger event is found all other triggers in that block are disabled. If two 'when' statements in the same block are satisfied simultaneously, only the one appearing first in the block is recognized.

Note that in the following example, you can substitute 'or' for 'then goto block.'

**Block 1:**

```plaintext
When DTE abcd
    then goto Block 2
When Error Parity on DTE
    or
When Error Parity on DCE
    then goto Block 3
When Lead RTS goes On
    then goto Block 4
```
Sequencing Triggers (When Statements In Different Blocks)

In this example, the HP 4952A must find the string "abcd" before it can look for string "efgh". To get to block 5, the analyzer must find both strings.

**Block 1:**
When DTE abcd
    then goto Block 2

**Block 2:**
When DTE efgh
    then goto Block 5

**Overlapping and Duplicate Triggers**

For overlapping or duplicate triggers in the same block, the one found first disables the other triggers.

In the following example, if the data is "yabc", only the first 'when' statement is satisfied. If the data is "ybc" only the second 'when' statement is satisfied. If the data is "yc", only the third 'when' statement is satisfied. The first 'when' statement to be satisfied disables the others.

**Block 1:**
When DTE abc
    then goto Block 2
When DTE bc
    then goto Block 3
When DTE c
    then goto Block 4

If the data is "ybc", only the trigger "c" is found.

**Block 1:**
When DTE c
    then goto Block 2
When DTE bc
    then goto Block 3
Continuation Of Triggering

When there are multiple trigger strings in a block, some of the triggers may be partially matched at the time one of the triggers is satisfied. If the monitor or simulate program comes back to the same block for the next 'when' statement, these partial matches are remembered when triggering resumes. This is useful when looking for strings on both sides of the line. This example, counts the number of times the string "HELLO" occurs on the DTE and DCE side of the data line.

Block 1:
When DTE HELLO
    then goto Block 2
When DCE HELLO
    then goto Block 3

Block 2:
Increment counter 1 by 1
    and then
    goto Block 1

Block 3:
Increment counter 2 by 1
    and then
    goto Block 1

Suppose the word HELLO occurs on both side of the line about the same time. The two line display format might look as follows.

DTE HELLO
DCE HELLO

The HP 4952A begins matching triggers as the data comes in. When the "O" comes in on DTE, the first when statement is matched. At the same time, the first four characters of the second when statement have also been matched. Since the program returns to block 1 for the next set of triggers, the partial match is remembered. When the final character on the DCE hello is received, the match on the second when statement is completed.
Branching From a Trigger

A 'goto block' command is automatically appended to every 'when' statement (unless you substitute 'or'). Because any command can appear in the designated block, the HP 4952A can branch to any action as a result of a trigger. For example:

```
Block 2
When Lead RTS goes Off
    then goto Block 4
```

When the analyzer sees lead RTS going off, it jumps to block 4 and performs the command in block 4:

```
Block 4
Increment Counter 1 by 1
```

Every time lead RTS goes off, the analyzer increments counter 1. The analyzer is counting the off-going RTS lead changes.

After finding a trigger, you can have the HP 4952A perform any or all of the actions in its repertoire. For example, in block 4 above, you could enter:

```
Block 4
Increment Counter 1 by 1
    and then
Start Disc
    and then
Stop Timer 3
    and then
Highlight
    and then
Beep
    and then
Reset Counter 4
```
Triggering On Characters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<th>Delete</th>
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<tr>
<td>DCE</td>
<td>Insert</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Text</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Hex</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Binary</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Don’t Care</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Not</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>*Levl 2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| *End Frame --- | *Good FCS |
| *Start Flag | *Bad FCS |
| *Levl 3 | *Abort |

When Trig ----

How To Select Characters

Press **When Trig** and then press **DTE** to trigger on DTE characters, or **DCE** to trigger on DCE characters.

Text

Use the **Text** softkey for keyboard characters. The SHIFT key, when pressed with another key, accesses lower case characters.

Control

Control characters, shown in blue on the key caps, are accessed by pressing the CNTL key with another key. Unless you use hex or binary entry, this is the only way you can enter a control character. For example, you cannot type NAK as three letters; you must hold down CNTL and press the NAK key (which is on the same key as "U").

Hex

Press **Hex** to enter characters in hexadecimal. You must enter two hex digits for each character.

Binary

Press **Binary** to enter characters in binary. If the setup menu data code is less than eight bits, enter the correct binary digits, right-justified. The excess bits on the left are disregarded. Parity bits are explicitly entered. You have the choice of entering correct or incorrect parity.
Don’t Care

Press Don’t Care if you want to trigger on any character. The analyzer then places a boxed "x" in that character location.

Not

Press Not before selecting a character if you want to trigger on all characters but the selected character. The HP 4952A then places a bar over each selected character and an asterisk on the "Not" softkey until you leave the "not" mode. To leave the "not" mode, you must press Not again.

Hex or Binary Equivalent Of a Character

You can see the binary or hex value of an already entered character by positioning the cursor over that character and pressing Hex or Binary.

Edit Character Strings

Use the cursor keys or the Delete and Insert softkeys to edit a string. Press MORE to access softkeys when the cursor is positioned in the string. The Delete key is continuous. The Insert key is not continuous. It must be pressed for each character inserted.

Setup After Typing a String

If you change the data code or protocol in the setup menu after typing a character string, you must retype the string to avoid triggering on the wrong characters. Characters in one code may not have the same meaning in another code. The HP 4952A shows "?" if the newly selected code is no longer than the old code.

Character Not On the Keyboard

EBCDIC and some other data codes have control characters not on the keyboard. Go to the data code tables in the appendix and find the hexadecimal equivalent. Press Hex or Binary and enter that character from the keyboard.

Binary and Hex Characters

Use the Hex or Binary softkeys to enter hexadecimal characters or binary strings. Two hex numbers occupy each character position, requiring two keyboard entries. Hex characters are underlined to differentiate them from text control characters with the same abbreviation. When you press Binary, eight binary bits are displayed, allowing you to enter a 1, 0, or don’t care in any bit position. Once you move the cursor out of the binary string, it collapses to its hex equivalent but is double underlined to indicate it was entered in binary.

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If the data code selected in the Setup Menu is less than eight bits (e.g., Baudot or Transcode), the appropriate number of higher order bits are disregarded.

**Masking Out Characters**

Use [Don't Care] to mask out string characters or bits of no interest. "Don't Care" characters are denoted by a boxed "x". If any bit in a binary string is designated as "don't care", the compressed character is denoted by a boxed "?".

**Excluding Characters**

To trigger on anything but a particular character, press [Not] before selecting the character. Not characters are overlined. The analyzer places a bar over each character that you select from then on, until you leave the not mode by pressing [Not] again.

**Flags and Frame Check Characters**

Unlike send strings, flags and frame check characters are not automatically appended for 'when' strings. You can enter these characters with the [Start Flag] and [End Frame]. End frame characters (the FCS characters and the last flag) may be useful if you wish to trigger on Bad FCS or Abort characters. Triggers for FCS errors or abort characters can only be programmed when a bit oriented protocol is selected on the setup menu.

**Parity**

The HP 4952A ignores the parity bit when triggering. You can see this by expanding the specified trigger character in binary when the setup is ASCII 7. The MSB (left) is designated "don't care.". You can explicitly define this character by entering a 1 or 0 in binary to override the setup Menu. Parity error triggers can be entered only when a character oriented protocol is selected in the setup menu.

**Level 2 and 3 Assisted Mode**

The HP 4952A provides an assisted mode for entering level 2 or level 3 character strings. Softkey prompting allows you to enter the correct bits for frame and packet entry. When the cursor is positioned after a "when DTE/DCE" statement, press [Level 2] or [Level 3] to enter the assisted mode.

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**Note**

[Level 2] and [Level 3] appear if bit oriented protocols are selected.
Triggering On Errors

When Error---

| (*FCS DTE)               | (**Parity DTE)                | (**Parity DTE)         |
| (*FCS DCE)               | (**Parity DCE)                | (**Parity DCE)         |
| (*Abort DTE)             | (**BCC DTE)                   | (**BCC DTE)            |
| (*Abort DCE)             | (**BCC DCE)                   | (**BCC DCE)            |

(* bit oriented setups)
(** synchronous character setups)
(** asynchronous character setups)

Example: Counting Errors

Assume you have selected BSC as the protocol in the setup menu and you want to count the number of errors that occur over a one minute time period.

Block 1:
Start Timer 1

When Timer 1 > 60000
then goto Block 4
When Error Parity on DTE
    or
When Error Parity on DCE
    or
When Error BCC on DTE
    or
When Error BCC on DCE
    then goto Block 3

Block 3:
Increment Counter 1 by 1
    and then
Goto Block 1

Block 4:
Stop Tests

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Triggering On Leads

<table>
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<tr>
<th>RTS</th>
<th>CTS On</th>
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<tr>
<td>DSR</td>
<td>DTR Off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CD</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

When Lead --- goes ---

Depending on the pod being used, the appropriate leads automatically appear as softkey choices. For example, with an RS-232C/V.24 pod, the softkey selections are as shown above: RTS, CTS, DSR, DTR, and CD.

The lead trigger is satisfied when the lead goes on or off. Unlike an "if" statement, the lead trigger requires a transition.

**Example: Looking For Illegal RTS/CTS Transitions**

CTS should never go off before RTS goes off. You could use the following program to check for illegal transitions:

**Block 1:**
When Lead RTS goes Off
then goto Block 2

**Block 2:**
If Lead CTS is On
then goto Block 1
If Lead CTS is Off
then goto Block 3

**Block 3:**
Highlight
and then
Goto Block 1
Triggering On Timers

You can trigger on the timeout of one of the HP 4952’s five timers. The analyzer will trigger whenever the timer becomes greater than some specified time in milliseconds. You can select any time from 0 to 65,534 milliseconds. Timer triggers are not counted by the trigger counter. Thus, you can enter as many timer triggers as you want, and not be limited by 63.

Example: Beeping After Two Minutes

Here’s how to cause a beep every two minutes:

Block 1:
Start Timer 1

When Timer 1 > 60000
then goto Block 2

Block 2:
Increment Counter 1 by 1

If Counter 1 > 2
then goto Block 4

Block 3:
Reset Timer 1
and then goto Block 1

Block 4:
Beep
and then
Reset Timer 1
and then
Reset Counter 1
and then
Goto Block 1

60000 msec = 1 minute.

Has counter 1 counted two 60000 msec intervals?

Timer 1 now measures the second minute.

Beep and then start over
Triggering On Softkeys

When Softkey [3,4,5]

The HP 4952A can trigger on the press of softkeys 3, 4, and 5. Then, during execution, the analyzer will stop execution and wait for you to press the specified softkey.

"When Softkey" triggers can only be recognized when the program is executing the block in which they appear; they are not global.

"When Softkey" triggers can cause a character trigger in the same block to be missed, if the character trigger is more than one character long. It is a good practice to have only error, lead, or timer triggers in the same block with softkey triggers.

Example: Using a Prompt

You can use the "message" command in combination with the "when softkey" trigger to tell you when to press a softkey during execution.

**Block 1:**
When ...
then goto Block 2

**Block 2:**
Message **Press Softkey 3**

**Block 3:**
When Softkey 3
then goto Block 4

**Block 4:**
Message ______________

Note that you must actually enter the blanks with the space bar.
Level 2 and 3 Assisted Mode

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The HP 4952A can assist you in entering level 2 and level 3 "send" and "when" strings in the monitor and simulate menus. Without this capability, you would have to refer to bit pattern charts. The setup menu protocol must be bit oriented, e.g., SDLC, HDLC, or X.25 (see Appendix C).

"Send" and "When" Strings

The "send" command is available only in the simulate menu. However, the level 2 and 3 assisted mode is similar for both "when" and "send" strings. Therefore, the discussion of level 2 and 3 assisted mode for both "when" and "send" strings is presented entirely in this chapter to avoid duplication.

Accessing the \texttt{Levl 2} and \texttt{Levl 3} Softkeys -- "Send" Statements

1. The setup menu protocol selection must be either SDLC, HDLC, or X.25.

2. In the simulate menu, press \texttt{Send}.

3. Press MORE until you see the \texttt{Levl 2} and/or \texttt{Levl 3} softkeys.

Accessing the \texttt{Levl 2} and \texttt{Levl 3} Softkeys -- "When" Statements

1. The setup menu protocol selection must be either SDLC, HDLC, or X.25.

2. Press \texttt{When Trig}, and then \texttt{DCE} or \texttt{DTE}.

3. Press MORE until you see \texttt{Levl 2} and/or \texttt{Levl 3}.
Level 2 Softkeys

Frames are entered by selecting *Lev 2*. The address byte is entered followed by the control byte, which determines the frame type. In the control byte you can select type of frame, the poll/final bit (P/F), and the send and receive sequence numbers (N(S) and N(R)). You have the option of entering extended address or control fields depending on the selection in the setup menu.

Level 3 Softkeys

Packets are entered by selecting *Lev 3* and then the entry point; either general format identifier (GFI), logical channel number (LCN), or packet type. When GFI is chosen, the Q and D bits and the modulo 8 or 128 can be entered. If "packet type" is chosen, softkeys appear for 17 different packet types.

General Procedure For Level 2 and 3 Assist

As you type in each entry the cursor automatically moves to the next entry position. A prompt appears to tell you the next entry and the previous entry. The prompting message also appears when you manually move the cursor with the cursor keys. For the cursor to move automatically to the next entry position, you must actually type in an entry, even if it is the same as the present entry. Of course, you can always move the left and right cursor keys to the adjacent field.

If you move the cursor too far and drop out of assisted mode, press the *Lev 2* or *Lev 3* softkeys again. Then move the cursor to the desired field.
The **Level 2** Softkey

The **Level 2** softkey allows the entry of the Address (Extended if present), Frame bits (I, S, U - frame), Frame type (RR, SABM, etc., if present), Poll/Final bit, N(S) (if present), and N(R) (if present).

The automatic sequence in which the cursor moves in an I-frame is shown below:

1. Address Byte (hex entry -- two digits).
2. Control Byte (binary entry -- eight bits).
   - Type of frame: the first bit on the right.
   - N(S): the next three bits from the right.
   - P(F): the fifth bit from the right.
   - N(R): the last three bits from the right.
3. Information Field (one or more characters in text, hex, or binary).

The Address Field

When you press **Level 2**, you are prompted to enter (in hex notation) a value for the "address" field. This prompt is displayed at the bottom of the HP 4952A display. If the right-cursor key is pressed before entering an address, the address defaults to 00 hex.

Extended Addressing

If extended addressing is ON in the setup menu, two softkeys appear when the cursor is in the address field: **End Addr** and **Extend**. Pressing **Extend** sets the least significant bit (LSB) to 0 and then, if necessary, adds a new byte to the address field. Pressing **End Addr** ends the address field by putting a '1' in the LSB of the byte at the cursor position.

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Frame Type

After entering the address, you are prompted to enter the frame type. If you wish to enter an I-frame, read the following discussion on "I-Frame Fields". Otherwise, read the succeeding discussions on S-frames or U-frames.

I-Frame Fields

When you select I-frame, the least significant bit (right-most) becomes zero, indicating an I-frame type. Then you are prompted to fill three fields. P/F requires one bit; N(R) and N(S) require three bits each.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>N(R)</th>
<th>P/F</th>
<th>N(S)</th>
<th>0</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

The N(S) field takes on values of 0-7 if "extended control" in the setup menu is off; and 0-127 otherwise. If a number greater than the upper limit is entered, N(S) defaults to the upper limit.

Enter a 1 or 0 in the P/F field.

N(R)

Entry of this field is the same as for the N(S) field. Pressing the left-cursor key leaves the N(R) value unchanged. Entering a value for N(R) will exit you from level 2 entry.

S-Frame Fields

When you select S-frame, the least significant two bits (right-most) are set to 01. Then you are prompted to fill the next three fields from right to left. S-frame "type" is two bits; P/F is one bit; N(R) is three bits.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>N(R)</th>
<th>P/F</th>
<th>type</th>
<th>01</th>
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</table>

To select an S-frame after entering the address, select S-frame. You are then prompted to enter the S-frame type:

RR  RNR  REJ  SREJ

After entering the S-frame type, you are then prompted to enter the P/F field and then the N(R) field. After entering N(R) the HP 4952A exits from the level 2 entry mode.
U-frame Fields

When you select U-frame, the two least significant bits (right-most) are set to 11, indicating a U-frame. You are then prompted to select the type of U-frame from the following softkeys:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>SARM</th>
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<th>SNRM</th>
<th>DISC</th>
<th>RD</th>
<th>UA</th>
<th>DM</th>
<th>FRMR</th>
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<td>SARME</td>
<td>UI</td>
<td>SIM</td>
<td>UP</td>
<td>RSET</td>
<td>SABME</td>
<td>SNRME</td>
<td>RIM</td>
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</table>

The type of U-frame is defined by two 3-bit fields, which are filled at the same time when you select U-frame type from the softkeys. The default value for the U-frame type is UI. The P/F field requires one bit.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>type</th>
<th>P/F</th>
<th>type</th>
<th>11</th>
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After entering P/F the analyzer exits you from the level 2 entry mode.
The **Levl 3** Softkey

The **Levl 3** softkey enables you to enter the three fields of the packet header: GFI, LCN, and Packet Type. For most packets, these each take up one byte. Some packet types, however, require a longer packet header. The packet header normally follows the first two bytes of level 2 information, "address" and "control".

<table>
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<th>flag</th>
<th>address</th>
<th>control</th>
<th>GFI</th>
<th>LCN</th>
<th>packet type</th>
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Of course, if either "extended address" or "extended control" in the setup menu are on, there may be more than two level 2 bytes. Frame type also determines the number of level 2 fields.

**Selecting **Levl 3** Before **Levl 2**

You can select **Levl 3** without going through **Levl 2** first. In this case, zeros are automatically appended for the level 2 bytes in send strings, and "don't cares" in trigger strings. Unless "extended address" or "extended control" in the setup menu are on, the cursor is positioned on the third byte, which is 10 hex. (Flags are shown below by ""]", and a good frame check sequence by "GG").

| 00010GG |

**Three Entry Points -- GFI, LCN, Packet Type**

When you press **Levl 3**, three new softkeys appear, allowing you to enter the packet header from three different points: **GFI**, **LCN**, and **Packet Type**.

If LCN is selected before GFI (missing GFI), the Q and D bits are set to zero, modulo 8 is selected, and the LCGN is set to zero ("don't cares" for trigger strings).

If **Packet Type** is selected first (missing GFI and LCN), the GFI is set the same as above, and the LCN is also set to zeros ("don't cares" for trigger strings).
The GFI Field

The GFI byte consists of three fields from left to right: Q, D, MOD, and LCGN. Q and D consist of one bit each; Mod is a 2-bit field; and LCGN is a 4-bit field.

\[
\begin{array}{c|c|c|c}
Q & D & \text{mod} & \text{LCGN} \\
\end{array}
\]

The Q Bit

Pressing the \text{GFI} softkey prompts you to enter a 1 or 0 for the Q bit. When you enter a value for the Q bit or press the right-cursor key, the D-bit prompt appears.

The D bit

When you enter the D bit or press the right-cursor key, the D prompt appears.

Mod

Press either \text{Mod 8} or \text{Mod 128} to select either 01 or 10 for the two-bit mod field. Entering a value for the mod field or pressing the right-cursor key causes the LCGN prompt to appear. Selecting \text{Mod 128} causes the packet type field to expand to two bytes for some packet types, as described under "Data Packet Fields" below.

The LCGN Field

The LCGN is a four-bit field which you can enter with a decimal value from 0 - 15.

The LCN Field

The LCN field is the next byte to the right of the GFI byte. You can use either decimal or hex entry to select values from 0-255 or 00-FF.
The Packet-Type Field

When the last digit of the LCN is entered, the "packet-type" field appears, making the following softkeys available:

- DATA
- CALL
- CALL ACPT
- RR
- RNR
- REJ
- CLEAR
- CLR CNFM
- RSET
- RSET CONF
- INT
- INT CNFM
- RSTR
- RSTR CNFM
- DIAGNOST
- REG
- REG CNFM

The default packet type is Data. If Mod 128 was chosen in the GFI field, the packet-type field expands to two bytes for some packet types, as described below.

Data Packet Fields

The Packet-Type field for a data packet is like the control field for an I-frame. Entry of the P(S), M, and P(R) is just like the entry of N(S), P/F, and N(R) fields. When you select Data packet, the least significant bit (right-most) becomes zero, indicating a data type packet. Then you are prompted to fill three fields from right to left. P(S) and P(R) each require three bits; M requires one bit.

\[ P(R) \quad | \quad M \quad | \quad P(S) \quad | \quad 0 \]

If you selected Mod 128 in the GFI, the packet-type field consists of two bytes rather than one. P(S) and P(R) each take up seven bits:

Other Packet Types

RR, REJ, and RNR packet types have a P(R) field. All other packet types do not have any such fields except Data.
Entering a Level 2 "When" String -- An Example

The following example describes the procedure for entering a level 2 "when" string. The setup protocol must be either SDLC, HDLC, or X.25 to see the Level 2 softkey. If you don’t see the indicated softkey, press MORE until you do. In the following example flags are shown as "|".

1. Set protocol to SDLC in the Setup menu.

2. In the monitor or simulate menu, press When Trig and then DTE or DCE. Let’s select DTE.

   When DTE
   then goto Block 2

3. Press Level 2. The start flag and the address field (00) now appear:

   When DTE |00
   then goto Block 2

4. Type the address in hexadecimal. Let’s type "4A". The control field now appears in binary unless extended address is ON; and the softkeys prompt you to select the type of frame, which is determined by the least significant one or two bits (on the right).

   When DTE |4A00000000
   then goto Block 2

5. Let’s select 1-frame. The least significant bit (on the right) remains 0. The cursor now moves to the left into the three-bit N(S) field. Enter an N(S) of 5.

   When DTE |4A00001010
   then goto Block 2

6. The cursor now moves to the left into the one-bit P/F field. Let’s enter a P/F of 0. Note that even though the P/F bit is already 0, you must still enter 0 to automatically move the cursor into the next field. Of course, you can always use the cursor keys.

   When DTE |4A00001010
   then goto Block 2

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7. The cursor now moves into the three-bit N(R) field. Let's enter an N(R) of 7.

When DTE |4₁₁₁₀₁₀₁₀
then goto Block 2

As soon as you make the entry the eight-bit control field collapses to its hex equivalent to save space:

When DTE |4₆₆₆
then goto Block 2

8. The cursor now moves into the I-field, prompting you to enter text.
Entering a Level 3 "When" String -- An Example

The following example illustrates level 3 assisted entry for a "when" string. If you don’t see the indicated softkey, press MORE until you do. The setup protocol must be either SDLC, HDLC, or X.25 to see the Level 3 softkey. In the following example, "|" indicates flags, "GG" indicates a good frame check sequence, "don’t care" characters are shown as "x", and characters with no hex equivalent as "?".

1. Set the protocol to SDLC in the Setup menu.

2. In the monitor menu or simulate menu, press When Trig and then DTE.

3. Press Level 3. The flag is automatically entered and the next two bytes, address and control, are shown as "don’t care".

4. The first byte (level 2) is indicated by "x", which means "don’t care". The cursor is positioned on the third byte, where level 3 entry begins. This byte is shown as unknown (?) because some of its bits are "don’t cares".

   At any point you can change the first two bytes by moving the cursor to the left and pressing Level 2.

5. When the cursor is positioned on the third byte (?), three softkeys appear: GFI, LCN, and Packet Type. Press GFI; the third byte now expands to eight binary bits, with the last four bits being "don’t cares". The GFI consists of the first four bits on the left. The cursor now prompts you to enter the Q bit, which is the first bit on the left.

6. Now enter the Q and D bits. Press 0 to enter a Q bit of 0. The cursor now moves one bit to the right, prompting you to enter a D bit. Press the 1 softkey to enter a D bit of 1.

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7. The cursor now moves into the modulo 8 or 128 field, which consists of the third and fourth bits from the left. Press \textbf{Mod 8}, which is 01.

\textbf{When DTE} |\textbf{xx0101xxxx}|

8. The cursor now moves into the last four bits, which is the LCGN field. You can enter a maximum of 15 decimal; if you type a number higher than 15, the entry defaults to 15. Type 09 (note that you must enter leading 0's to have the cursor move automatically). The third byte collapses to its hex equivalent, and the cursor moves to the fourth byte.

\textbf{When DTE} |\textbf{xx01011001} becomes When DTE |\textbf{xx5900000000}|

9. The fourth byte is the LCN. You can enter a maximum of 255 decimal; if you type a number higher than 255, the entry defaults to 255. Type 045 or select hex entry and enter 2D (note that you must enter leading 0's for the cursor to move automatically). The fourth byte collapses to its hex equivalent, and the cursor moves to the fifth byte.

\textbf{When DTE} |\textbf{xx5900101101} becomes When DTE |\textbf{xx592000000000}|

10. The fifth byte is the packet-type identifier. The cursor moves to the least significant bit (most right). A least significant bit of 0 indicates a "data" packet. Let's select a data packet type by pressing \textbf{DATA}. The least significant bit remains 0.

11. The cursor now moves to the left into the three-bit P(S) field. Type 7.

\textbf{When DTE} |\textbf{xx592b00001110}|

12. The cursor moves to the M bit, which is the fifth bit from the right. Press \textbf{Don't Care}.

\textbf{When DTE} |\textbf{xx592b000x1110}|

13. The cursor moves to the three-bit P(R) field, which is the last three bits from the left. Type 5. The fifth byte collapses to "?" because there is no hex equivalent.

\textbf{When DTE} |\textbf{xx592b101x1110} becomes When DTE |\textbf{xx592b?}|

14. The cursor moves into the text field, allowing you to type any text you wish. Type "THIS IS TEXT".

\textbf{When DTE} |\textbf{xx592d?THIS IS TEXT}|

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15. Press **End Frame**, and then **Good FCS**.

When DTE |xx5920?THIS IS TEXT GG| then goto Block 2

The trigger counter at the bottom of the display should indicate "42 triggers left". Therefore, the entire string used up 63 - 42, or 21 triggers.

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**Note**

You may not have needed to trigger on the complete string. You can trigger on any character or characters in the string. For example, if you wish to trigger only on packets which have an LCN of 2D, you can enter the following:

When DTE |xxxx2D

This tells the analyzer to look for a 2D in the fifth byte after any start flag.
Entering a Level 2 "Send" String -- An Example

The "send" command is available in the simulate menu only (see Chapter 7, "Simulate Menu"). The discussion of level 2 and 3 assisted mode for both "when" and "send" strings is presented entirely in this chapter to avoid duplication.

The following example illustrates level 2 assisted entry for a "send" string. The setup protocol must be either SDLC, HDLC, or X.25 to see the Level 2 softkey.

In this example, "|" and "GG" indicate flags and FCS.

1. Set the protocol to SDLC in the Setup menu.

2. Press Send in the simulate menu, and then Level 2. The string should look like this.

   Send |00GG|

3. The cursor is sitting over the 00, and the message tells you to enter a hexadecimal address from the keyboard.

4. Type 01 for the address. The cursor now moves over to the control byte. The string looks like this:

   |010000000GG|

5. The cursor is on the LSB, the right-most bit of the control byte, and the softkeys prompt you to select either I-frame, S-frame, or U-frame. Select I-frame, which is denoted by a "0" in the LSB.

6. The cursor now moves to the left, prompting you to enter the N(S) number, which takes up the next three bits. You may enter any number from 0 to 7. Let's select "7". The string should now look like this:

   |01000011GG|

7. The cursor now moves to the fifth bit from the right, prompting you to enter the P/F bit. Let's enter "0". Press the 0 softkey.
8. The cursor now moves to the sixth bit from the right, prompting you to enter the N(R) number, which takes up the last three bits. You may enter any number from 0 to 7. Let’s select "5":

|0110101110GG|

9. As soon as you have selected the last control bit, the control byte is shown in hexadecimal, rather than binary:

|01AEGG|

10. The cursor is now positioned to the right of the control byte, prompting you to type in the information field. Let’s type the message "THIS IS DATA". The string should look like this:

|01AE THIS IS DATA GG|

11. Press End Frame or cursor down to end the frame.
Entering a Level 3 "Send" String -- An Example

The "send" command is available only in the simulate menu. The discussion of level 2 and 3 assisted mode for both "when" and "send" strings is presented entirely in this chapter to avoid duplication.

The following procedure illustrates level 3 entry for a "send" string. The setup protocol must be either SDLC, HDLC, or X.25 to see the Softkeys.

In the following description, "|" indicates a flag and "GG" indicates a good frame check sequence.

1. Set the protocol to SDLC in the Setup menu.

2. Press in the simulate menu. Press MORE until you see the softkey. Press ; the string should look like this.

   |00010GG|

   Note that the first two bytes are both 00. These are the level 2 address and control bytes, which default to 0. You can move the cursor back and change them if you wish. When you move the cursor back to these bytes, you drop out of the level 3 assisted mode; and you can press for assistance in entering these bytes.

   For now, make sure you are in the level 3 mode and the cursor is positioned over the right-most byte, 10. When you press , you will see the following three softkeys:

   |GFI| LCN| Packet Type|

3. Press . The right-hand byte is expanded to its binary components:

   |00000010000GG|

   The cursor is sitting over the left-most bit, prompting you to enter the Q bit. Let's enter "0". Press the 0 softkey.

4. The cursor now moves to the second bit from the left, prompting you to enter the D bit. Let's enter "1". Press the 1 softkey.
5. The cursor now moves to the two-bit "mod" field. Mod 8 is 01 binary, and mod 128 is 10 binary. Press Mod 8. The string should now look like this:

|00001010000000EE|

6. The cursor now moves to most right-hand bit, prompting you to type in a LCGN. Since this is a four-bit field, you can enter any number from 0 to 15. Let's enter "9". Type 09 (you must enter the "0" before the "9"). The GFI field collapses to 59 hex, and the next byte appears, prompting you to enter the LCN:

|0000590000000000EE|

7. You can enter any three decimal digits or any two hexadecimal digits for the eight-bit LCN field. If you enter a number greater than 255, the entry defaults to 255. Type 15 decimal. The LCN field collapses to 9B hex, and the next byte appears, prompting you to enter the packet type:

|0000599B0000000000EE|

8. Enter data for the packet type. The right-most bit remains 0 and the prompt moves left to the three-bit P(S) field. Enter 7 for the P(S):

|0000599B0000111000EE|

9. The cursor moves to the fifth bit from the right, prompting you to enter the M bit. Enter 0 for the M bit. The prompt now moves to the last three bits on the left, which is the P(R) field. Enter 5 for the P(R):

|0000599B1010111001EE|

10. The packet-type byte collapses to its hex equivalent, AE, and the cursor moves to the data field, prompting you to enter text:

|0000599B AE 00EE|

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Simulating

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Introduction

The HP 4952A can be placed in a line and substitute for an active device. In this mode the analyzer becomes an integral part of the link and actually drives leads.

The simulation menu is similar in appearance to the monitor menu because you must program the analyzer to act as a device in the link. The programs are similar but the function is much different.

Connect the HP 4952A For Simulating

1. Turn off the analyzer and connect the pod.
2. Disconnect the DTE or DCE device to be simulated.
3. Use the Y-cable supplied with the pod to connect the HP 4952A in place of the device to be simulated. You need only one branch of the Y-cable as shown below.

Figure 7-1. Hookup for Simulating
Device Selection

The first selection, before any programming can begin, tells the analyzer what device is being substituted. The selections are DTE or DCE and are selected with softkeys.

This selection is very important because it determines the interface pins the analyzer uses for sending and receiving. It also determines which clocks are supplied and expected by the analyzer. For example, on an RS-232C interface, ETC is provided when simulating a DTE; TC and RC are provided when simulating a DCE.

Setup for Simulating

If parameters such as protocol or bit rate are wrong, the other devices on the line may not respond. Use the setup menu to configure the analyzer to the link. Setup should be performed before you make entries in the simulate menu, otherwise, some simulate entries may be incorrect.

Lead Handshaking

The other devices on the link may expect leads to turn on and off at the correct times. For example, on some RS-232C interfaces the DTE raises RTS and waits for CTS from the DCE. Leads are turned on and off by ‘set lead’ statements in the simulate program.
The Simulate Menu

The simulate menu is used for telling the analyzer how to simulate. After entering a simulate program in the simulate menu, you must go to the run menu to execute the program.

The simulate menu is similar to the monitor menu, with the addition of three softkeys: Send, Set Lead, and Wait. Simulation requires the sending of data and the setting of leads, and this is done with softkey commands in the simulate menu.

Table 6-1. The Simulate Menu

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Simulate Softkeys

Most of the softkeys in the monitor and simulate menus are the same. All of the first-level softkey commands that appear in the monitor and simulate menus are summarized below in the order they appear. Softkeys available only in the simulate menu are shown with an asterisk.

Start

The start softkey is available to start the Display, Disc, Timer. ‘Start’ and ‘Stop’ commands should be tied to the start of execution or the last preceding trigger.

Stop

The stop softkey is available to stop the Display, Disc, Timer. ‘Start’ and ‘Stop’ commands should be tied to the start of execution or the last preceding trigger.

Inc Ctr

'Increment Counter' uses one of the five counters to count events.

If

An 'If Counter' causes a program branch according to the condition of a counter. An 'If Lead' causes a branch according to the condition of a lead at the time of the last trigger.

When Trig

'When Trig' is the only statement that defines a trigger event. The analyzer can look for any event and then branch to a designated action. Triggers are the only way to provide a reference point in the data stream.

* Send

The 'Send' command tells the analyzer to send characters. You can enter the characters in text, hexadecimal, or binary. Level 2 or 3 assisted mode makes entry of frame and packet headers available.
Highlight
Marks trigger events in the buffer.

Beep
Audibly notifies you when the last preceding trigger is found.

Reset
Resets to zero and stops a specified Timer or Counter.

Goto Blk
Effects a branch to another block.

* Set Lead
Sets interface leads on or off.

* Wait
`Wait` statements are used to delay `Send` or `Set Lead` commands by a specified number of milliseconds.

Message
`Message` statements are used for entering comments in a program.

Gosub Block
The `Gosub Block` command causes a jump to a subroutine that ends in a `return` statement. Without a `return` statement `Gosub Block` acts like a `Goto Block` command.
Return
A command that terminates a subroutine and return to the command immediately following the ‘Gosub Block’ statement.

Insert Line
Inserts a new line when the cursor is at the beginning of a line.

Insert Block
Inserts a new block when the cursor is at the beginning of a line.

Delete Line
Deletes a line when the cursor is at the beginning of a line.

Delete Block
Deletes a block when the cursor is at the beginning of a line.

Delete Prg
Deletes the entire simulate program when the cursor is at the beginning of a line.

Print Prog
Prints the simulate program if an ASCII printer is connected.

Move Crsr
Allows the cursor to be positioned at the start of a block.
Compatibility With Other HP Protocol Analyzers

The following Simulate functions are unique to the HP 4952A and are not supported on other HP protocol analyzers.

- Message statements
- Gosub Block and Return
- When triggers
- Inc Cntr by n

If you load an HP 4952A Simulate menu or program into another HP protocol analyzer, either from disc or remote, the functions listed above will be changed by the other analyzer into a different function.

Before you use an HP 4952A Simulate menu or program another HP protocol analyzer, verify the menu program to avoid any discrepancies.

Caution: Remove all 'Message' statements before transferring programs or menus from an HP 4952A to another non-4952A protocol analyzer.
Simulate Functions -- **Send**, **Set Lead**, **Wait**

In addition to the regular monitoring commands, the simulate menu contains three other statements -- **Send**, **Set Lead**, and **Wait**.

The following three functions are described in more detail on the following pages.

**Sending Characters -- **Send**

To simulate a DTE or DCE, you must be able to send characters to the other devices on the link. **Send** allows you to enter characters to be sent by the analyzer.

**Controlling the Interface -- **Set Lead**

A simulating device must be able to change the leads on the interface. The HP 4952A lets you turn leads on and off with **Set Lead**. Of course, the analyzer can only drive the leads controlled by the device it is simulating.

**Delaying Output -- **Wait**

Sometimes it is necessary to delay sending or setting leads by a certain number of milliseconds. The **Wait** can be used before ‘send’ or ‘set lead’ statements.
Send Characters --  

Using **Send**, you can simulate a DTE or DCE by sending any bit or character sequence in any of the codes supported by the HP 4952A. Maximum length for each string is 251 characters.

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<th>Hex</th>
<th>Binary</th>
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**Send** ----------- | -----------  | [input from the keyboard] |
| [MORE] |       |        |
| Delete |       |        |
| Insert |       |        |

**Handshaking Requirements**

The receiving equipment may require a handshaking sequence before accepting the data you are sending.

**Note**

Determine which interface leads must be set on or off before sending data. Otherwise, the receiving equipment may not accept the data.

**How To Select**  **Send** Characters

**Text** enters characters in the data code selected in the setup menu. The SHIFT key accesses lower-case characters and the CNTL key accesses control characters. You can see the binary or hex value of any entered character by positioning the cursor over that character and pressing **Hex** or **Binary**.
Control Characters

Control characters, such as SYN appear in blue at the top of the keys. To enter sync, or other control characters, press CNTL while pressing the key with the desired control character.

Note

You must use the CNTL key to enter control characters. For example, you cannot just type "SYN". Of course, you can always enter the hex or binary equivalent.

You must explicitly enter sync characters at the beginning of "send" strings for character oriented protocols. Otherwise, the receiving device cannot synchronize to the message. For example:

Send $\text{SY}$ $\text{SY}$ this is a message

Note

In character oriented protocols you must explicitly enter sync characters such as $\text{SY}$. Otherwise, the receiving device does not recognize the message.

When a Character Is Not On the Keyboard

EBCDIC and some other data codes have control characters which are not on the keyboard. Go to the data code tables in the appendix to find the hexadecimal equivalent. Press Hex or Binary and enter that character from the keyboard.
Binary and Hex Characters

Use either Hex or Binary to enter hexadecimal characters or binary strings. Two numbers occupy each hex character position, requiring two keyboard entries. When you press Binary, eight binary bits are displayed, this lets you enter a 1 or 0 in any bit position from the softkeys. Once you move the cursor out of the binary string, it collapses to its hex equivalent.

How To Edit Character Strings

Use Delete and Insert to edit a string. Press MORE to access these softkeys when the cursor is positioned in the string.

Sending Idles

The HP 4952A can be set up to capture data and idles monitored on a line. When simulating, the line will not display idles, or store idles in the buffer, unless they are explicitly placed in the send string.

Block Check Characters (BCC)

In character oriented protocols, the HP 4952A automatically appends the correct block check character to "send" strings. You can see this character at run-time or in the buffer after a run. In "char" protocol setup you can select the characters on which error checking is to start and stop.

In the setup menu, the "start on" selection begins error checking following the designated character. The "stop on" character selection includes the designated character in the error check.

The BCC is automatically generated only for the first required BCC. The BCC for subsequent blocks of text or data must be entered manually into the string.
Flags and Frame Check Characters

Flags and frame check sequence (FCS) characters are automatically added whenever a bit oriented protocol (HDLC, SDLC, X.25) is selected in the setup menu. The HP 4952A does not show you the actual frame check character.

For received data, GG, BB, or AA are displayed to indicate ‘good FCS’, ‘bad FCS’, or ‘abort’. For ‘send’ strings, good FCS characters (GG) are automatically selected; but you may choose bad FCS (BB) characters or abort (AA) characters either by explicitly entering the frame check characters, or by using End Frame.

Flags and frame check characters disappear if you change the setup to a character oriented protocol and again move the cursor into the string.

Parity Bits

In Text mode the current setup determines the parity bit. In Hex or Binary mode the current setup also determines the parity for 8-bit data codes (e.g., ASCII 8, EBCDIC). For data codes less than 8-bits (e.g., ASCII 7, Baudot), the parity bit is determined by the hex or binary entry.

For example, assume the setup is ASCII 7 with odd parity. In the Text mode, if you enter an "E" in the send string, the binary code sent will be 01000101. The parity is 0 (left-most bit). To change the parity bit to 1, use Binary or Hex and enter 11000101 or §.

Note

The run-time and examine data displays ignore the parity bit on transmitted data. In the above example, the run-time and examine data displays show an "E" even when you send c5. However, parity errors are detected on received data. When receiving a c5 with odd parity, the c5 appears as a blinking "E" in both displays and the parity bit indicated in the examine data menu is 1.
Zero Bit Insertion

In bit oriented protocols, the HP 4952A automatically inserts a 0 (invisible to the user) after five consecutive 1’s before transmitting non-flag characters (invisible to the user). When receiving, it automatically removes any 0 bits inserted by the transmitter. Zero Insertion is not done in the case of char protocol setup.

Changing the Setup After Typing the String

If the data code or protocol are changed in the Setup Menu after typing a character string, you must retype the string. Characters in one code may not have the same meaning in another code. This is especially important for sync characters, which when typed as $\text{SY}$ usually mean different things in different data codes, and can cause incorrect sync-up of the receive channel.

Level 2 and 3 Assisted Mode

Just as with ‘when’ strings, $\text{Levl 2}$ and $\text{Levl 3}$ provide an assisted mode for entering level 2 and 3 information. Chapter 6 provides detailed information on level 2 and 3 assisted mode.
Using Timers With **Send**

Timers measure intervals between trigger events. Each line event is time stamped as it is placed in the buffer. Timers are always referenced to the last preceding 'when' statement. The following example shows the correct way to measure the time it takes to send the string:

```plaintext
Block 1:
Send SySySy abcdefghijk Ex
and then goto Block 2

Block 2:
When DTE a
    then goto Block 3

Block 3:
Start Timer 1

When DTE k
    then goto Block 4

Block 4:
Stop Timer 1
```

The next example is incorrect because the start of the timer is not tied to a preceding "when" trigger statement. The timer starts when execution starts.

```plaintext
Block 1:
Start Timer 1
    and then
Send SySySy abcdefghijk Ex
    and then
Stop Timer 1
```
Controlling Interface Leads -- *Set Lead*

The 'set lead' command turns on or off a selected interface lead. The HP 4952A always knows which pod is attached and displays the correct softkeys.

**When Are Leads On or Off?**

With a RS-232C/V.24 interface, a lead is "on" when the voltage is high; it is "off" when the voltage is low. This may be different for other interfaces.

**Which Leads Can Be Controlled?**

When simulating a DTE, you cannot control DCE leads, and vice versa; only the appropriate lead softkeys are displayed, as shown below ( * indicates RS 449-leads ). See Chapter 15 "Interface Pods" for more information.

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**HP 4952A Lead Status During Simulation**

At the beginning of simulate execution, the HP 4952A sets all the leads it can drive off. You must use "set lead" statements in the simulate menu to perform handshaking with the receiving device.

**Note**

Determine which interface leads must be set on or off before sending data. Otherwise, the receiving equipment may not accept the data.
HP 4952A Lead Status When Not Simulating

Lead status is independent of the HP 4952A, except when it is simulating. Remember this when you use ‘if lead’ statement in a monitor program.

Example: Simulating a DTE

Because the HP 4952A always sets the appropriate DTE or DCE leads off at the beginning of the simulation run, ‘set lead’ statements are needed to turn the appropriate leads back on before sending data. If this is not done, the receiving device might not accept data from the HP 4952A. You must know the handshaking requirements on your system in order to simulate correctly.

Simulate DTE

Block 1:
Set Lead DTR On
and then
Wait 1000
and then
Set Lead RTS On
If Lead CTS is On then goto Block 2
When Lead CTS goes On
then goto Block 2

Block 2:
Send abcd
and then
Set Lead RTS Off
Delaying Output -- \texttt{Wait}

\texttt{Wait} Controls Output Only

\textbf{Note} \quad The ‘wait’ statement controls output only.

Use \texttt{Wait} only with \texttt{Send} and \texttt{Set Lead} statements. \texttt{Wait} has no effect on program flow or timers. If you need to insert program pauses, use timers or counters.

\textbf{Note} \quad The shortest ‘wait’ possible is 3 milliseconds. Thus, ‘waits’ of 1 or 2 milliseconds are actually 3 milliseconds.

\textbf{Delaying Characters or Leads}

The ‘wait’ command can be set in 1 millisecond increments to cause delays of up to 65,535 milliseconds. In combination with counters, very long delays can be set up. The following example repeatedly sends a string of numbers and then waits 50 milliseconds.

\begin{verbatim}
Block 1:
Send 1234567
    and then
Wait 50 msec
    and then goto Block 1
\end{verbatim}
Simulate Error Messages

Max Length

This message appears if you attempt to specify more than 255 characters in a single string.

Max Strings

This message appears if monitor and simulate programs combined contain strings totalling more than 1750 characters.

Menu Full

The monitor and simulate menus combined contain 143 program statements.

Invalid Mon/Sim Menu

This may occur if you enter ‘When DTE/DCE’ without completing the trigger branching instruction. This error can also occur if you leave a ‘message’ or ‘send’ statement empty. You must enter something into the message field, even if it is only blanks.

No File; Run Aborted

The menu requesting the run-time disc data file was exited prior to being executed.

File Already Exists

The menu requesting the run-time disc data file was given the name of a file already created.

DLC Error

HP 4952A hardware problem. Contact HP for service.
Simulate Status Messages

Text

Enter a single keyboard character.

Not Text

Enter a single keyboard character which should NOT be triggered on.

Hex

Enter two digits for each hex character.

Not Hex

Enter a hex character which should NOT be triggered on.

Binary

Enter eight bits from softkeys. If the Setup data code is less than eight bits, the most significant bits are ignored.

End Frame

Enter the FCS character (good, bad, abort, don’t care).

Start Flag

The cursor is over a start flag, delete this character if desired.
The Run Menu

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Introduction

The Run mode is used to execute all tests. When all setups and hookups are complete, you must go into the Run Menu and execute the tests. An exception to this rule is in Auto Configure when the HP 4952A automatically goes to the run mode.

Run Menu Softkeys

After pressing Run Menu, the following softkey choices appear.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monitor</th>
<th>Simulate</th>
<th>Data</th>
<th>BERT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Line</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Buffer</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See the monitoring, simulate, or BERT sections for detailed information on the correct hookup and setup.

Monitor Line

To monitor the line, perform the correct hookup and setup (see Chapter 4) and then press Monitor Line in the run menu to execute.

Monitor Buffer

To monitor the buffer, make sure there is data present in the buffer, perform the correct setup, and press Monitor Buffer in the run menu to execute.
Simulate

To simulate, perform the correct hookup and setup, ensure that lead handshaking is correct in the simulate menu (see Chapter 7) and press Simulate in the run menu to execute.

Data Filter

The data filter enables you to use the buffer more efficiently and eliminate characters of no interest.

Data filtering affects only the data being acquired, not data already in the buffer. When any form of data filtering is in effect, the following message appears continuously in the run menu: ‘DATA FILTER ACTIVE’.

If an asynchronous protocol is selected, a ‘character counting inactive’ message is displayed since flags or syncs are required for the skip/capture portion of the data filter.

The Data Filter Setup Menu

The data filter setup menu is shown below. Entry options are shown in brackets.

```
Data Filter [ On ] [ Off ]
Capture Data On
[X21 Idles (*,Sy, Bf)]
[ On ] [ Off ]

Timing Information
[ On ] [ Off ]
(Not available with X21)

Lead Changes Turned
[ On ] [ Off ]
(Not available with X21)

[ Skip ] [ Capture ] the First [ use keyboard ] Chars
```
Data Filter Definitions

Data Filter On/Off

With this selection you can turn the entire data filter off, regardless of any other selections.

Capture Data On

The ‘Capture Data On’ selection determines whether you capture data on the DTE, DCE, or both, or whether you capture only errors on either channel. Filtering does not turn off errors, even on a channel that is turned off. If you are capturing data on DTE only, errors will be seen on the DCE channel. Error conditions are always stored in the buffer.

X21 Idles [Off] will filter out X21 idle characters to use the buffer more efficiently.

Timing Information (Not available when X21 is selected)

Normally, a time stamp is stored periodically in the buffer. By turning off ‘Timing Information’ you eliminate the time stamps and store more characters. Of course, you can’t make timing measurements in the monitor or examine data menus. When ‘timing information’ is turned off, you cannot store lead changes.

If you try to make timing measurements on data that had timing information turned off, erroneous results will occur. If you store data to disc that had timing information turned off, use the comment field to indicate this condition.

Note

To measure time in the monitor, simulate, examine data menus, you must have selected ‘timing information’ On in the data filter. Also, if you want to trigger on an event in the monitor or simulate menu, then you must not have filtered that event out in the data filter.
**Lead Changes** (Not available when X21 is selected)

You have more room for characters if lead changes are turned off. This is useful on lines where the leads are changing rapidly or on noisy lines. You can make more efficient use of the buffer by turning off 'lead changes.'

If the data and state display format was selected when 'lead changes' was turned off, the two-line display is automatically selected.

**Skip the First N Chars**

'Skip the first N chars' tells the analyzer not to store the first ‘N’ characters of frames or blocks, regardless of their size. The value for ‘N’ can be 0 to 255. Skip is for synchronous protocols only.

Frames or blocks that are less than N + 1 (not including the FCS or BCC) are not stored. You can select ‘N’ so that all frames or blocks without information above a certain protocol level are suppressed. For example, setting N = 2 when the protocol is X.25 filters out frames containing only level 2 information. When frames are longer than ‘N’ bytes, end flags are stored but not start flags.

**Capture the First N Chars**

'Capture the first N chars' tells the analyzer to store only the first ‘N’ characters of a frame or block. The value for ‘N’ can be 1 to 255. Error information on all frames is always stored. Capture is for synchronous protocols only.

**BERT**

To execute BERT tests, perform the correct hookup and setup, and then press **BERT** in the run menu to execute (see Chapter 10, "The BERT Menu").
Displaying Data

Use the ‘Display’ field in the setup menu to change the display format. The six display formats are:

- **DTE**: DTE data only. Displayed in regular video.
- **DCE**: DCE data only. Displayed in inverse video.
- **Two Line**: DTE over DCE. DCE data is displayed in inverse video.
- **Data & State**: DTE over DCE data, and timing diagrams of four interface leads.
- **Packet**: Decodes X.25 level 3 information.
- **Frame**: Decodes the frames of bit-oriented protocols.

Full Duplex and Half Duplex Data

On half duplex data, the HP 4952A displays complete DTE messages alternating with complete DCE messages. On full duplex data, the HP 4952A displays the individual characters in the order which corresponds closely to the timing order in which they are received. To see the actual order, use cursor timing in the examine data menu.

Blinking Characters

Blinking characters indicate failed error checks: BCC, FCS, parity, or framing errors resulting from incorrect setup or loss of synchronization.
Run-Time Messages

Messages shown at the bottom of the display during run-time are:

- **Hex**: converts all subsequent displayed data to hex format. The softkey label then changes to **Text** for changing the display back to the current data code.

Hex/Text

Pressing **Hex** converts all subsequent displayed data to hex format. The softkey label then changes to **Text** for changing the display back to the current data code.

Stop Display/Start Display

The **Stop Disp** alternates with **Start Disp**. **Stop Disp** freezes the display, and **Start Disp** causes the most recent incoming data to be displayed. These do not affect the run, but the continuity of the run-time display may be lost. This softkey works identically to the ‘start/stop display’ statements in the monitor and simulate menus.

**Buf = n**

Message indicating which 2 kbyte block of memory (1 to 16) is being displayed. When memory wraparound occurs, the next 2 kbyte block to be loaded becomes Block 1. When viewing the buffer after run-time with examine data, the oldest data becomes Block 1. In the examine data menu, block numbers may go as high as 304 if the buffer data has been loaded from disc (or 384 if loaded from the extended capture buffer).

**Prg = n**

Message indicating which monitor or simulate menu block is currently executing. This can tell you when the program is locked up or when the analyzer is looking for a trigger event. It may flash very rapidly.

Summary/Data Display

These alternate to show either the data display or the setup summary. Press **Summary** without affecting the run, to review the current setup and observe the counters and timers. The summary tracks the current setup menu. Press **Data Disp** to return to the data screen.

The timers and counters display is updated at least twice per second.
Exploding Diamond (<>)

Symbol indicating data is being processed.

No Pod Attached

An interface pod must be attached in order to run BERT, Auto Configure, Simulation, and Monitor on-line. No pod is necessary to Monitor the Buffer.

Buffer Overflow

Data has filled the buffer (16 blocks or optionally 384 blocks) and will begin to overwrite data that has not yet been processed.

Receiver Overrun

The hardware capability to process serial input is being exceeded.

Invalid Monitor/Simulate Menu

This occurs because of incomplete ‘when’, ‘if’, ‘send’ or ‘message’ statements. For example, if you do not finish the statement ‘When DTE’.
The Examine Data Menu

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Introduction

The HP 4952A is equipped with internal memory. This 32 Kbyte memory buffer loads continually when monitoring a line. When the memory capacity is reached the new data overwrites the oldest data.

An optional 768 Kbytes extended memory board is also available.

Viewing the Buffer

Press Exam Data on the Top Level Menu to look at the buffer contents. Notice how this is different from viewing while in the run mode, monitoring on-line, monitoring from the buffer, or simulating. In all of these, you are looking at the buffer during run-time. You can stop the display, but you cannot go backward. The Examine Data Menu lets you scroll through the entire buffer.

Most line activity is stored in the buffer. This is what makes it possible for the HP 4952A to post-process data from the buffer. The following items are stored:

- DTE and DCE characters
- Lead changes on the five interface leads. Select Data and State display format or use the highlight feature in the Monitor and Simulate Menus
- Errors, such as parity, BCC, and FCS
- Time marks and lead status

How the Buffer is Loaded

The buffer is continually being loaded with data when monitoring on-line or simulating. The buffer can also be loaded from a 3 1/2 inch microfloppy disc or by remote. If it is a controller it can download data or as a slave upload data. This gives you several alternatives on storing data and recalling it later or capturing new data and evaluating it in great detail.
Examine Data Menu Features

Viewing Timers and Counters After a Run

The examine data menu lets you look at the final state of the timers and counters after a run by pressing the Timer&Cnt softkey. The timers and counters are reset if another run is started, if Reset and Reset Menus are pressed, or if data is loaded from disc or remote.

Viewing the Entire Buffer

During run time you can stop the display and view the contents of the display buffer, but you can't go back and look at what you've missed. The examine data menu lets you go back after a run and scroll through the buffer.

Bit Shifting

If the framing is off because the sync characters are unknown, press Bit Shift in the Examine Data menu and realign the bits until the data becomes meaningful. Bit shifting is only available when Character or Bisync protocols are selected.

Bit shifting is not available when:

- Parity is selected; the softkey does not appear.
- Suppressing any display data.
- Data is selected to be MSB first.

Decoding Characters

Move the cursor to any character on the screen data. Look at the top border of the display and observe the binary, hex, and octal equivalents of the data at the cursor. You can also see the parity bit for any character and the number of positions the bits have been shifted.

Cursor Timing

Move the cursor to the starting event and press Start Time. Move the cursor to the ending event and press End Time. The time between the two events is shown at the top of the display. You can make both positive and negative timing measurements.
Decoding High Level Protocols

If the data contains other higher level protocol information (e.g., ISO levels 4-7, or SNA), the relevant fields can be read from the hex/octal/binary decoding at the top of the display.

Cursor Memory

The HP 4952A is equipped with a smart cursor. It remembers the location in data that it represents. When the cursor has been placed in data it will remain in that position even if you change menus and display formats.

Extended Memory Board (Option 02)

If your HP 4952A has the extended memory board, Option 02, the buffer is increased from 32 Kbytes to 768 Kbytes. During monitor or simulate execution, data is continuously loaded into the entire 768 Kbyte buffer memory.

The standard 32 Kbyte buffer is a window into the 768 Kbyte extended buffer. You can view only 32 Kbytes with the Roll Up, Roll Down, Next Page, and Prev Page key.

Use the Next Segmt and Prev Segmt to see a different 32 Kbytes of the 768 Kbyte extended buffer. When you use these keys, a bar at the bottom of the display shows approximately where you are in the buffer.

You can also go to a specific block by pressing Spec. Block.

The 768 Kbytes on the extended capture buffer is volatile, so current data is lost when the power is turned off. The standard 32 Kbyte buffer is nonvolatile.
Examine Data Menu Softkeys

The Examine Data Menu is a very versatile function within the HP 4952A. To accommodate the extensive function set three layers of softkeys are embedded under the MORE key. If the softkey function is not visible on the screen press MORE.

Hex/Text

The Hex and Text softkeys toggle between the two. If the current display is in text (Text is default) the available softkey is Hex. Press Text to display the data in the code selected in the setup menu. Press Hex to display the data in hexadecimal.

When one of the selections has been made, it will not change until the softkey is pressed again.

Roll Up and Roll Down

Press Roll Up or Roll Down to move the displayed data up or down one line at a time. You can view up to 32 Kbytes, the current contents of the display buffer.

Next Page and Prev Page

The Next Page and Prev Page softkeys move from one screen-full of data to the next immediate screen, either previous or successive. A page is one full screen of information.

Timer and Cntr

With the Timer&Cntr softkey you can at any time look at a summary of the setup parameters, as well as the status of the timers and counters at the end of the last run.

Specify Block

The Spec. Block softkey lets you specify a particular 2 Kbyte block. The block number indicates the first character’s position in the buffer. Some buffer information, like time marks, is not displayed, so Next Page may cause the block number to jump by several numbers. Buffer data loaded from disc may have block numbers as high as 308 (384 with the Extended Capture Buffer).
Next Hilit

The Highlight softkey in the monitor or simulate menus lets you mark trigger events. The Next Hilit softkey lets you move to the next highlighted event.

You may have to press next segment in frame and in packet displays to get to the remaining highlights.

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**Note**

Highlights are not retained when data is stored to disc.

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Next Segment and Prev Segment

The Next Segment and Prev Segment softkeys appear when you have loaded a data file from disc that is too large to be entirely contained in the buffer. With this feature you can examine the disc like the buffer. These softkeys load either the next or the previous 16 Kbytes of data from disc into the buffer for examination.

They also appear when the option memory is installed and greater than 32 Kbytes of data has been captured.

Bit Shift

Press the Bit Shift softkey and the entire data stream is shifted. If the displayed data is unrecognizable you may have to use this softkey to find the correct framing of unknown protocols.

This softkey appears only in character oriented setups. When either Character or Bisync protocols are selected in the Setup Menu a field appears to suppress specific data, i.e., idles, nulls, control character, etc. When any of the suppress options are turned on, bit shifting is not available.

Bit shifting is not available if bit order is MSB first.

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9 - 6 The Examine Data Menu
Start Time and End Time

The Start Time and End Time softkeys are used for cursor timing. To find the time interval between two events in the buffer, move the cursor to the first event and press Start Time. Then move the cursor to the second event and press End Time. The time between the two events is displayed at the top of the screen border.

Note
To measure time with cursor timing or with ‘start’ and ‘stop’ timer statements in the monitor and simulate menus, do not filter out timing information in the run menu when collecting data.

Change Display

Press the Chang Dsply softkey to change the display format.

Print Summary and Data

If you have an ASCII printer connected (see Chapter 13), you can print either the data display or the setup summary by pressing the Print Sum. or Print Data softkeys.

To print data from the Examine Data Menu:

- Place the cursor on the page you wish to begin printing.
- Enter the number of pages you wish to print (up to 9999).
- Press Print Data.

To stop printing in the middle of the print cycle press EXIT.
Displaying Data

The same six display formats available during run-time are available in examine data. You can change the display either by moving to the "display" field in the setup menu, or by pressing the [Chang Dsply] in the examine data menu.

Two Line

DTE over DCE. DCE data is displayed in inverse video (see Figure 9-1).

DTE

DTE data only. Displayed in regular video (see Figure 9-2).

DCE

DCE data only, Displayed in inverse video (see Figure 9-3).

Data and State

DTE over DCE data, and timing diagrams of four interface leads (see Figure 9-4).

The Data & State display format does not show absolute timing relationships of activity occurring on different lines. Simultaneous events are not shown directly over each other but are staggered across the display screen.

For example, in Figure 9-4, the top half of the display shows CTS and DSR transitioning from low to high. CTS appears to change before DSR. These transitions could be simultaneous.

Use cursor timing to verify the time relationship of events on different lines.

Frame

Decodes the frames of bit oriented protocols. X.25 packets are also decoded at the top of the display when present. To decode a particular packet, move the cursor up or down to that particular frame. See the appendix for level 2 and 3 definitions (see Figure 9-5).

Packt

Decodes X.25 Level 3 packets. See the appendix for definitions (see Figure 9-6).
How Setup Affects Display

The display formats let you look at the data in different ways. Use the format which best shows the aspect of interest.

Sometimes, you may need to change the display format in order to see the buffer data. For example, if the buffer data consists entirely of lead transitions, you must use data and state display format.
Blinking Characters

Blinking characters indicate failed error checks: BCC, FCS, parity, or framing errors resulting from incorrect setup or loss of synchronization.

Figure 9-2. DTE Only
Figure 9-3. DCE Only

Figure 9-4. Data And State Format
### Figure 9-5. Frame Only

<table>
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<tr>
<th>TYPE</th>
<th>OD MOD LCN</th>
<th>PS M PR</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Call Accept</td>
<td>00 8 001</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data</td>
<td>00 8 001 00 0</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>pad 255</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>Data</td>
<td>00 8 001 00 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>50K pad</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>P</td>
<td>00 8 001</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Clear Ind</td>
<td>00 8 001</td>
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<td>%</td>
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Hex Up Down Page Page & Ctrl

### Figure 9-6. Packet Format

<table>
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<tr>
<th>ODCE:</th>
<th>OD Mod LCN</th>
<th>PS M PR</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>00 8 07F 40 4</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DATA</td>
<td>TYPE</td>
<td>NS F</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>INFO</td>
<td>0 0 7</td>
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<td>RR</td>
<td>0 1</td>
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<td>G</td>
<td>INFO</td>
<td>7 0 1</td>
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<td>0 3</td>
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<td>G</td>
<td>INFO</td>
<td>1 0 3</td>
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</table>

Hex Up Down Page Page & Ctrl

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More On Cursor Timing

Lead Changes

Timing on lead changes is exact to the resolution provided by the speed rate selection in the setup menu.

Lead changes on the T and R lines (when an X.21 protocol is selected) are exceptions to the above rule. Timing information for the T and R lines is delayed 16 bit times from the beginning of a steady state "1" or "0". Timing on these signals represents when the lead should be recognized as a steady state "1" or "0", and not when the steady state signal began.

COP Send Strings

Data sent by the HP 4952A in character-oriented protocols (using send strings) has a two-bit offset in the timing information. Each transmitted character actually begins two bit times after the time reported by a cursor timing measurement.

Received COPs

Data received by the HP 4952A in character-oriented protocols is time stamped two bit times after each character is completed. So the delay from the start of each character to its time stamp is one character time plus two bit times.

The last character in a sync pattern has an added delay of one more character time. So the delay from the start of the last sync character to its time stamp is two character times plus two bit times.

The first character in a two character sync pattern has an added delay of still another character time.
Bit-Oriented Protocols

Data in bit-oriented protocols is time stamped in the same way regardless of whether it is sent or received by the HP 4952A.

The start flag time stamp has a delay equal to 26 bit times plus one bit time for each zero automatically inserted in the bit stream of the first two characters following the start flag. A zero is automatically inserted after a series of five consecutive ones.

The first byte (address) has a time stamp delay of 18 bit times plus one bit time for each zero inserted during its own transmission or during the following byte. The result is that a cursor timing measurement from the start flag to the first byte shows "time = 0.0 ms".

All other bytes, except the Frame Check Sequence (FCS), are time stamped 34 bit times after they begin, plus one bit time for each zero inserted after any of these 34 bits.

The first byte of the FCS is time stamped 24 bit times after it begins plus one bit time for each inserted zero. The second FCS character is time stamped 16 bit times after it begins plus one bit time for each inserted zero.

The end flag time stamp has a delay of eight bit times.

Timing Resolution

Timing resolution is the smallest unit of measurement that can be timed at a given speed. The following table gives the resolution for speed ranges, and a correction factor for exact measurements. To get a more exact measurement, multiply the time measured by the corresponding correction factor.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Speed</th>
<th>Resolution</th>
<th>Factor</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>50 - 2400</td>
<td>1.0 msec</td>
<td>1.0107</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3200 - 4800</td>
<td>0.5 msec</td>
<td>1.0113</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7200 - 9600</td>
<td>0.2 msec</td>
<td>1.0132</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12 k - 64 kbps</td>
<td>0.1 msec</td>
<td>1.0164</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Cursor Timing Limits

The maximum cursor time that can be measured before an overflow will occur is given in the table below. To determine the maximum cursor time that can be measured, select the speed (Bits/sec) and the corresponding maximum cursor time is given to the right in the table.

If an overflow does occur, you will have to use the Monitor menu timers and run from buffer data.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bits/sec</th>
<th>Maximum Cursor Time</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>50 - 2400</td>
<td>66.24 seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3200 - 4800</td>
<td>33.14 seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7200 - 9600</td>
<td>13.28 seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12 k - 64 kbps</td>
<td>6.66 seconds</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note

At 64 kbps, full duplex data may be time stamped such that occasional groups of two or three sequential characters appear to be simultaneous. This has no accumulative effect.

The Effect Of the Data Filter Upon Timing

If the timing information is disabled (turned "off") in the data filter menu, then the cursor timing feature operates normally with three exceptions.

1. The range within which measurements can be made is no longer 65,536 times the time stamp resolution but, instead, is only 64 times the time stamp resolution.
2. The range in item 1 above is absolute, not relative. So for any given start point, the total time before and after the start point is 64 times the resolution of the time stamps. For example, if the speed rate is 2400 bps, then the resolution is 1 millisecond. If a measurement is started at point B (see figure below), then you can only measure time up to point C or back to point A. The time between points A and C would be 64 milliseconds. Note that if the start point is D, you can still only measure time up to point C and back to point A.

```
SySySySyX This is sample data ExSySySyX . . .
   ^     ^     ^
   A     D     B     C
```

This is only an example. The actual points A and C are best determined in practice by moving the end time, one cursor position at a time, until the resulting measurement differs greatly from the previous result.

3. When the maximum range is exceeded, the result usually does not flash. Note that long time intervals can still be calculated by knowing how many times the range or boundary is crossed and then adjusting the result accordingly.

In any case, cursor timing is meant to be used only when timing information is enabled. Timers in Monitor and Simulate menus do not work at all if the timing information is disabled when data is captured.

Timing information should be disabled to retain the maximum amount of data in the capture buffer, specially in low line use situations.
Examine Data Error Messages

No data in buffer -- Use EXIT key to exit

This occurs if the buffer is empty when you go to the Examine Data Menu. Monitor On-Line, or load from the disc to fill the buffer.

No displayable data in buffer for the selected display format

This indicates that the buffer contains non-displayable data for the selected display format, such as lead transitions in a format other than Data and State, or DTE data only with DCE only format selected, or vice versa.

Disc removed during a read operation

When you remove the disc during a load operation, the buffer data is invalid. Use the EXIT key to exit. Try loading the data again.

Disc read error: buffer data invalid

This may be caused by a broken disc controller, or by a worn out disc. Use the EXIT key to exit. Try another disc to help isolate the problem.

End of valid data

When you scroll to the end of buffer data.

Start of valid data

When you scroll to the beginning of buffer data.

No more highlights

When you press the Next Hilit and there are no more highlights.

End of disc file

When you specify a block number beyond the last block on disc.
End of Data Segment

End of the current 16 blocks (32 Kbytes) of data.

Start of Data Segment

Start of the current 16 blocks (32 Kbytes) of data.
Bit Error Rate Tests (BERT)

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Definitions

Bit Error Rate Tests (BERT) measure digital noise. Through the use of BERT tests you can determine how often highs are erroneously changed to lows and vice versa. When in the BERT menu the HP 4952A is configured as a DTE.

PRBS (Pseudo Random Bit Sequence)

A BERT tester generates pseudo random bit sequences from a shift register of length L, where the sequence length equals $2^L - 1$ bits. A PRBS may be of any length but certain pattern lengths have become standard. The HP 4952A uses PRBS lengths of 63, 511, 2047, or 4095.

Bit Error Rate

The number of bit errors divided by the number of bits received.

Blocks

Bit error rate does not give any indication of error distribution. For example, if most errors occur within a few moments of each other, it might indicate that the line was all right, but had perhaps been affected by a lightning hit or path switch. For this reason, bits are grouped in blocks for measuring block error rate, sometimes referred to as BLERT.

Note

BERT blocks are not to be confused with blocks used in other HP 4952A menus.

Block Error Rate

The number of block errors divided by the number of blocks received. Whether there is one error or ten errors in a block, it is still counted as one block error.

Block Sizes

The Bell system uses a block size of 1000 bits. CCITT, the world-wide standard, uses a block size equal to the pattern size. For example, if the PRBS pattern is 511 bits, then the block size would also be 511 bits.

10 - 2 Bit Error Rate Tests (BERT)
BERT Menu Softkeys

Press **BERT Menu** on the Top Level Menu. The BERT Menu selections are shown on the next page.

**Pattern**

Four PRBS pattern lengths are available: 4095, 2047, 511, and 63 bits.

**Block Size**

The 1000-bit block size is used in the U.S.A. CCITT, the world wide standard, uses 511 and 2047-bit block sizes.

**Duration**

You can select the length of the test either as a time interval or as the number of bits sent. For later comparison, test durations must be the same.

**Bits/Sec**

Notice the Bits/Sec selections are different from the other menus.

If the network clock is being supplied by the network or modem, select EXT for the speed.

**Framing**

Framing means that you send standard asynchronous characters with one start bit and two stop bits. The frame size is equal to the start and stop bits plus an optional parity bit plus the selected character size. To select framing, choose the size of the data character (5, 6, 7, or 8 bits). An optional parity bit may be added immediately after the data character, before the two stop bits. Each frame alternates with an idle (high) time which is the same length as the frame. If you don’t want framing, press **None**.

**Parity**

If you select framing, three new softkey choices appear. You can select odd, even, or none.
### BERT Menu Selections

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### Compatibility With the HP 4951 Protocol Analyzer

The following BERT menu entries are unique to the HP 4952A and are not supported on the HP 4951 Protocol Analyzer.

- 4095 PRBS pattern length
- 38400, 4800, 56000, and 64000 bit per second

If you load an HP 4952A BERT menu into an HP 4951, either from disc or remote transfer, the entries listed above will be changed by the HP 4951 into different entries. These different entries are unpredictable.
Running a BERT Test

After you have entered the test parameters in the BERT Menu, press Run Menu. In the Run Menu press BERT.

Data Screen

When you press BERT in the Run Menu, a run-time data screen continuously displays test progress. The data screen shows:

- Elapsed seconds (since synchronization)
- Number of bits and blocks sent
- Number of errors found
- Number of errored seconds

Completion of a Test

When a receiving BERT tester receives all the bits required for the test, or when you press EXIT, the receiver stops the test. The transmitter continues to transmit, ensuring that the other receiver gets all needed test bits.

% Error-free Seconds

When the receiver is finished, or when you press EXIT, the % error-free seconds is computed.

Exit Key

EXIT halts reception. Press EXIT again to return to the Top Level Menu.

Setup Summary

During a test, press Summary to look at the setup parameters without stopping the test. To change any of the setup parameters, stop the test by pressing EXIT twice and reenter the BERT Menu.
Data Screen Definitions

Elapsed Seconds

Elapsed time since receiver synchronization.

Errored Seconds

Tells how many of the elapsed seconds had error occurrences.

% Error-Free Seconds

Errored Seconds divided by Elapsed Seconds. Displayed at the end of the test.

Block Count

Tells how many blocks have been sent thus far in the test.

Block Errors

Tells how many blocks had at least one error. Divide block errors by block count to get Block Error Rate.

Bit Count

The number of actual data bits sent since synchronization (excluding framing, start, stop, and parity bits).

Bit Errors

Divide bit errors by bit count to get Bit Error Rate.
Inject Error

Press [Inject Error] at any time during the test. The receiver at the other end should indicate one bit error. This function can be used at the beginning of the test to check for proper hookup.

Inject 10 Errors

Press [Inject 10 Err] to send a burst of errors. The receiver at the other end should have counted ten bit errors, one or two block errors, and one or two errored seconds.

Compatiblity With Other BERT Testers

Synchronization

Unless the BERT receiver is synchronized to the transmitter at the other end, the receiver has no way of knowing whether the next bit in the received PRBS pattern is correct. You should use BERT testers equivalent to the HP 4925B which have the following characteristics:

1. For unframed patterns, the speed of the clock generating the transmitter pattern must be within 1% of the clock generating the receiver pattern.

2. With framing, the clocks should be within 5% of each other.

Handshaking

For BERT testing, the HP 4952A simulates a DTE. At the beginning of the test the HP 4952A sets the RTS and DTR interface leads on. For RS-449 interfaces, it sets RS and DS on.
DCE BERT

This application enables the HP 4952A to function as a DCE while running Bit Error Rate Tests. The standard instrument can function as a DTE, but not a DCE. With this application loaded the HP 4952A emulates a DCE by transmitting and receiving PRBS patterns and appropriate clocks for asynchronous, synchronous, and isochronous links.

This application is supplied on the Utility disc that was shipped with the standard instrument.

Loading The Application

Note

This application cannot be used concurrently with other applications.

Load the Utility Disc into the HP 4952A Protocol Analyzer.

1. From the Top Level Menu, press MORE, and then press Mass Store.

2. Move the cursor to the DCE_BERT selection, press Load and then press Execute.

The DCE BERT application will be loaded.
DCE BERT Setup

The DCE BERT Setup menu is in the second level softkeys.

- Press MORE in the Top Level Menu; a new softkey appears.
- Press [DCE BERT] and use the setup menu to make the proper settings to run the DCE BERT application.

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Note

Do not use the BERT Menu in the Top Level Menu to make setups for DCE BERT operation. The BERT menu on the standard instrument is for DTE BERT operation.

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DCE BERT can be run in three modes:

- Asynchronous
- Synchronous
- Isochronous

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Note

The HP 4952A may be set in either an end-to-end or a single unit loopback configuration.
Asynchronous

DCE BERT Setup Menu

Mode: ASYNC

Bits/sec: 1200
Framing: 7 bits
Parity: Odd
PRBS Pattern: 511
Block Size: 1000
Test Duration: 15 MIN

The asynchronous menu selections are:

Bits/sec
[ 19200 ] [ 9600 ] [ 7200 ] [ 4800 ] [ 3600 ] [ 3200 ]
[ 2400 ] [ 2000 ] [ 1800 ] [ 1200 ] [ 600 ] [ 300 ]
[ 200 ] [ 150 ] [ 134.5 ] [ 110 ] [ 75 ] [ 50 ]
[ 64K ] [ 56K ] [ 48K ] [ 38.4K ] [ 14.4K ]

Framing
[ 5 bit ] [ 6 bit ] [ 7 bit ] [ 8 bit ] [ None ]

Parity
[ None ] [ Even ] [ Odd ]

PRBS Pattern
[ 4095 ] [ 2047 ] [ 511 ] [ 63 ]

Block Size
[ 1000 ] [ 511 ] [ 2047 ]

Test Duration
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Figure 10-1. Asynchronous Screen Selections

10 - 10 Bit Error Rate Tests (BERT)
The Synchronous Menu Selections are:

**DTE data clocked by:**
- [DCE INTERNAL]
- [DTE EXTERNAL]

**Bits/sec**
- [19200]  [9600]  [7200]  [4800]  [3600]  [3200]
- [2400]  [2000]  [1800]  [1200]  [ 600]  [ 300]
- [200]  [150]  [134.5]  [110]  [ 75]  [ 50]
- [64K]  [56K]  [48K]  [38.4K]  [14.4K]

**PRBS Pattern**
- [4095]  [2047]  [511]  [63]

**Block Size**
- [1000]  [511]  [2047]

**Test Duration**
- [10^4]  [10^5]  [10^6]  [10^7]  [10^8]  [10^9]
- [5 Min]  [10 Min]  [15 Min]  [Cont]
Isochronous

Isochronous transmission is asynchronous data with an internal X1 clock.

![DCE BERT Setup Menu]

Figure 10-3. Isochronous Screen Selections

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10 - 12 Bit Error Rate Tests (BERT)
BERT Error Messages

Bad Data - Cannot Sync

Indicates that incoming data does not match selected pattern. Could be either lots of line errors, wrong speed selected, or wrong pattern selected.

Data Error - Sync Lost

Indicated that sync was lost after start of text. Could be either line going bad, or tester changed on other end of the line.

No Data Present

Non framed cases - indicates all 1’s coming in. Framed cases - indicates no character being received.

Clock Slipped During Run

Corrupt data received. A portion of the bit stream was lost.

Sync Lost One or More Times

A Data Error - Sync Lost error has occurred more than once.
Examples

Example 1: End-to-End Testing

Two BERT testers are connected to opposite ends of the line. Each BERT tester contains both a transmitter and a receiver, making it possible to check both send and receive channels simultaneously. The transmitter at each end is essentially a PRBS generator; the receivers are pattern checkers.

Figure 10-4. End-to-End Testing
Example 2: Loopback Testing

If you have only one BERT tester, you can loop back at the other end. The BERT tester sends on one channel, and receive its own transmission on the other channel. Remember, if you loop back, you will be adding together the errors on both the send and receive channels: one channel may contain many more errors than the other channel.

Figure 10-5. Loopback Testing
Other Tests

Some BERT testers (such as the HP 4925B) perform the following character error checking besides BERT tests.

Quick Brown Fox Tests

The 'Quick Brown Fox' message (or any message) tests the ability of terminals to receive messages. Use the Simulate Menu in the HP 4952A to run this test.

Startup Tests

The HP 4952A does many types of start-up tests, such as RTS - CTS delay (see Chapter 16, examples 9 and 10 for more on End-to-End testing).
The Remote Menu

- Introduction
- Remote Setup
- Remote Operations
- Remote Menu
- Modem Operations
- Tape To Disc File Transfer
- Remote Status Messages
Introduction

The HP 4952A can be used on a remote site and is capable of unattended operation. This capability enables unmanned data gathering or control. Once a remote analyzer is set up a controlling instrument, an HP 4952A or any other HP protocol analyzer, can send instructions, applications, and menus and receive data for later evaluation.

The Remote Menu is used to configure two Hewlett-Packard protocol analyzers together to communicate and test a remote data line. Within the menu are submenus to configure one analyzer as a controller and one as a slave.

Remote Setup

Remote operation demands that two protocol analyzers be physically linked together. This can be accomplished through asynchronous modems or, without modems, using a modem eliminator cable. Each connection is made using the REMOTE/PRINTER connector on the rear panel.

When the two analyzers are connected:

- Configure each analyzer, one as the controller and one as the slave.

Note

Make sure the instrument designated as the slave is configured in the slave menu. If it was mistakenly configured in the controller menu no remote communication is possible.

- Set the data rate of each instrument the same and slave address if the slave is an HP 4953A.

- Press EXIT two times to place the slave in the Top Level Menu.

- Proceed with remote operation.

11 - 2 The Remote Menu
Remote Operations

The HP 4952A can receive and transmit menus, applications, and buffer data remotely to another HP protocol analyzer. When used as a slave at a remote site the HP 4952A is capable of unattended operation.

Resetting To Top Level

Many operations cannot be executed unless the slave is in the Top Level Menu. To put the slave in the Top Level Menu you must reset the slave:

- Execute the Reset Slave command from the controller while it is connected to the Slave.
- Or press EXIT on the slave keyboard until the Top Level Menu screen appears on the Slave.

Lockout Slave's Keyboard

Keyboard locking is automatic with an HP 4952A as a slave. All operations except ‘slave’s status’, ‘identify slave’, and ‘reset slave’ require the keyboard to be locked. To lockout the keyboard, the slave must be in the Top Level Menu.

Ending Remote Operations

To stop execution of any remote operation, press EXIT on the controller to return to the remote menu. This will abort the current slave operation immediately. The operation may not complete.

Remote Restrictions

The slave HP 4952A cannot be in the Setup menu when it is uploading menus to a controller.

Monitor and Simulate programs with ‘message’ statements cannot be uploaded to an HP 4951, HP 4953 or HP 4955 without corrupting the controller menus.
Uploading Monitor and Simulate programs with 'when softkey', 'gosub', and 'return' statements will cause a non-HP 4952A controller to see trigger in and trigger out statements. These can be transferred back to the HP 4952A without losing the original statements (except to an HP 4953A).

"CCITT Set 0s" error check selection can only be transferred to another HP 4952A.

X.21 menus can only be transferred to another HP 4952A.

The monosync mode selection can only be transferred to another HP 4952A.

Controller operations without a valid slave response will abort:

- After 24 seconds above 300 baud (three retries of eight seconds each).
- After 48 seconds at or below 300 baud (three retries of sixteen seconds each).
- After three CRC errors.

Extended menus lets you save remote and printer setup menus as well as BERT test results. Extended menus can not be transferred by remote. X.21 menus (or externally clocked NRZI) must be saved by extended menus.

**Remote Data Transfer**

There are two basic data transfer operations:

- Transfer from controller to slave (download)
- Transfer from slave to controller (upload)

As a Controller, the HP 4952A can download menus, applications, and data to the slave or receive uploaded information from the slave.

Data transfer can be accomplished with or without an extended capture buffer. Either the controller or the slave may or may not have an ECB and the data flow will be performed.
Download Applications

A controller displays the current block number being transferred. The size of an application is listed in sectors in the directory. To equate the two, one block equals 8 sectors.

To download an application from a controller:

1. Load the application you want to transfer and return to the Top Level Menu.
3. Configure the controller menu by setting the Bits/sec, Modem String, and select an operation.
4. Configure the slave menu by setting the slave address, Bits/sec and Modem String and return the slave to the Top Level Menu.
5. Press [Dnld Appl] (download application).

Note: Every time a command is selected in the Remote Menu you must press [Execute] telling the controller to begin the operation.
6. Press \textbf{Execute}. The analyzer will display the results of the command, e.g., \textit{Operation successful}.

\section*{Download Menu}

To download a menu from a controller:

1. Load the menu you want to transfer and return to the Top Level Menu.

2. Go to the Run Menu and select the operation that you will be doing by Remote. Execute Run Monitor or Run Simulate and return to the Top Level Menu. This will set an internal flag that dictates the operation when \textbf{Exec Run} is pressed in the controller menu.

3. Press \textbf{MORE} and press \textbf{Remote&Print} to access the Remote Menu.

4. Configure the controller menu by setting the Bits/sec, Modem String (if desired), and select an operation.

5. Configure the slave menu by setting the slave address, Bits/sec and Modem String.

6. Return the slave to the Top Level Menu. Press the EXIT key on the slave keyboard until the Top Level Menu screen appears.

7. Press \textbf{Dnld Menu} (download menu).

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8. Press \textbf{Execute}. The analyzer will display the results, e.g., \textit{Operation successful}.

\section*{Download Data}

A controller displays the current block number being transferred. The size of a data block is listed in sectors. To equate the two, one block equals 8 sectors.
To download data from a controller:

1. Load the data you want to transfer and return to the Top Level Menu.

2. Press MORE and press Remote&Print to access the Remote Menu.

3. Configure the controller menu by setting the Bits/sec, Modem String (if desired), and select an operation.

4. Configure the slave menu by setting the slave address, Bits/sec and Modem String.

5. Return the slave to the Top Level Menu.

6. Press Dnld Data (download data).

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**Note**

Every time a command is selected in the Remote Menu you must press Execute telling the controller to begin the operation.

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7. Press Execute. The analyzer will display the results, e.g., Operation successful.

**Upload to Controller**

When operating protocol analyzers in the remote mode, a logical sequence is download a menu to a slave, instruct the slave analyzer to capture data, tell the slave to transmit all captured data up to the controller for evaluation.

A slave can upload applications, menus, and data. The most common occurrence will be uploading data to the controller for evaluation in the Examine Data menu.

When data is uploaded you must specify the slave’s blocks to be transferred. The slave will reject transfer requests that are not within the range of its buffer, 384 blocks with an ECB and 16 blocks without an ECB. The slave will also reject requests for negative or 0 blocks.

The controller will place the received blocks of data in the corresponding controller blocks.

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**Caution**

Data in the controller buffer is overwritten when uploading data from a slave.
If the currently displayed block of data is not within the range of specified uploaded blocks, you will not be viewing the new data. Use the **Spec. Block** softkey to specify a block within the range of uploaded data to view.

To upload data from a slave:

1. Press the desired upload operation from the controller menu. The available upload selections are **Upld Appl** (upload application), **Upld Menu** (upload menu), and **Upld Data** (upload data).

2. Select the desired blocks to upload. The menu field is a three digit field, you must enter all three digits. For example: enter 0,0,1.

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**Note**

Every time a command is selected in the Remote Menu you must press **Execute** telling the controller to perform the function.

3. Press **Execute**. The analyzer will display the results, e.g., Operation successful.

4. Press EXIT two times and then press **Exam Data**. If you are not viewing uploaded data, use **Spec. Block** to go to the correct data.
Controller Softkeys

The controller sends the commands to the slave. Each command is softkey driven.

ID Slave

The slave transmits its model number. This is often performed to test for proper remote communication.

Slave Status

Requests the slave to transmit its current menu and error status to the controller. Tells what the slave is doing.

Execute Run

Executes the slave's run menu. The operation executed is the last operation that was run on the slave or the last operation set up on the slave.

Reset Slave

Stops slave execution and resets the slave to its Top Level Menu.

Timers and Counter

The slave transmits the status of its timers and counters. This is an upload function only.

Lock Keyboard

The slave's keyboard becomes inoperable. This is necessary before executing all operations except 'slave status', 'identify slave', and 'reset slave'. Lock keyboard is performed automatically on HP 4952As functioning as a slave.

Enable Keyboard

After a 'lock keyboard' operation, this operation is necessary to restore the slave’s keyboard. This may be necessary if a menu, data, or application transfer is aborted by the controller.
Run Application

Loads the application that is currently resident in the slave into application memory. Use Execute Run to execute the application.

Download Application

Transmits the currently active application program from the controller's application memory to the slave. To execute the application on the slave, use Run Appl.

Upload Application

Receives the current application program from the slave's application memory and executes it on the controller.

Download Menu

Transmits the setup, monitor, simulate, and run menus to the slave.

Delete Application

Deletes the current application in the slave's application memory.

Download Data

Transmits test results from the controller buffer to the slave.

Upload Data

Receives buffer data from the slave. You must specify the correct block limits in the slave.

Remote BERT

When Exec BERT (Execute BERT menu) is selected as the operation, the slave's BERT menu is executed. Use 'download menus' to change the slave's BERT menu. The slave must be in the Top Level Menu and must be an HP 4952A.

When BERT stat (Upload BERT stats) is selected as the operation, the BERT statistics are sent from the slave to the controller. Either the current statistics if BERT is running, or the last statistics if the slave is in the Top Level Menu. After the statistics have been uploaded you can print them from the BERT menu. It is not possible to view percent error free seconds, but it can still be calculated.

11 - 10  The Remote Menu
Remote Menu – Controller Configuration

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Modem String  [ Use keyboard to enter hex or text characters ]

Operation

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Remote Menu -- Slave Configuration

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(00-15)

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Modem String  [ Use keyboard to enter hex or text characters ]
Modem Operations

Note
Only asynchronous modems can be used for remote transfers.

Modem Strings

The modem string field in the controller and slave menus enables you to configure the modem. For example, with a Hayes Smart Modem, you might enter ATDT9,,5551212. Press Send Config to send the controlling string to the modem.

Modem Handshaking

In remote operations, the HP 4952A is configured as a DTE. The following handshaking convention is used.

1. DTR is turned on when you press Execute. The HP 4952A then waits for DSR to go on.

2. The HP 4952A then sets RTS on and waits for CTS and CD to go on.

3. The "modem string" field is for configuring the modem.

Operations Without Modems

The HP 4952A is configured as a DTE for remote operations. If two units are connected directly without modems, one unit must be configured as a DCE.

For applications with no modem, use a modem eliminator cable such as the RS-232C/V.24 printer cable M/M (HP 13242G). You may also open all the breakout switches except pin 7 on one of the pods, and jumper the following pins: 2 to 3, 4 to 8, and 5 to 6 to 20.
Remote X.25 Packet Switched Network

An X.25 Packet Switched Network can be used to transmit data instead of modems. The restrictions on this operation are:

- X.25 PADs are configured to be transparent to data, i.e., no additional processing of data, no messages sent back to the HP 4952A. You must establish a Permanent Virtual Circuit between the two analyzers for the duration of the data transfer. When the network connection is established you can upload data from the slave.

- The controller must receive a response from the slave for each operation within 24 seconds or it will abort. Excessive propagation will prohibit remote communications due to the instrument timeout.

Tape To Disc File Transfer

If you have menus or data files that are stored on tape cassette from an HP 4951A or HP 4951B, you can remotely transfer these file to the HP 4952A and store them on disc.

General Procedure

To transfer files from tape to disc:

- Connect the tape-based and disc-based analyzers together through the remote ports or interface pods.

- On the tape-based analyzer load the desired file from tape into the buffer.

- Remotely transfer the data or menus to the disc-based analyzer using the Remote menu.

- On the disc-based analyzer store the file to disc.
Remote Status Messages

Application Cannot be Run on 4952

Invalid application for the HP 4952. Select another model protocol analyzer and proceed.

Application Already Loaded

The application is already loaded in slave memory.

Invalid Application for 4952

Application cannot be run on the HP 4952.

Menus Incompatible with 4952

Communication between different protocol analyzers cannot be accomplished.

Must Reset Slave First

Press \texttt{Reset Slav} before continuing.

Must Reset Slave to Top Level

Slave must be in the Top Level to continue operation.

No Data in Buffer

There is no data in the buffer to be transferred.

No Application Resident

The desired application cannot be run. Load application and continue.

Reset Slave and Retry Operation

Slave must be reset to continue.
Mass Storage

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Introduction

The HP 4952A has two mass storage devices: a disc drive and a 32 Kbyte buffer. Also available is an optional 768 Kbyte Extended Memory Plus memory board (Option 002).

The Disc Drive

The disc drive provides 613 Kbytes of usable storage per disc.

- You can load (read) data and menus from the disc.
- You can store (write) data and menus to the disc.
- Several types of files are possible: data only, menus only, extended menus only, menus and data, or application programs. Thus, you can load or store the menu setups that were originally used to capture the data right along with the data.
- The 3 1/2 inch flexible disc provides a convenient method of saving and transporting information.
- Use ‘start’ and ‘stop’ disc commands in the monitor and simulate menus to continuously and selectively store data on the disc while running.
- If you don’t have the optional memory board, you can use the Next Segm and Prev Segm in the examine data menu to scroll through data files that are too large to be completely loaded into the 32 Kbyte buffer.

The Optional Extended Memory Plus Memory Board (Option 002)

The optional memory board significantly increases the capability of the HP 4952A.

- The optional memory board contains 768 Kbytes of volatile data storage. Operation is essentially transparent to the user.
- In addition to the 768 Kbyte extended capture buffer, the optional memory board also contains 128 Kbytes of nonvolatile RAM disc for storing menus, extended menus, and application programs. The RAM disc is selected with the MSD = RAM. Operation is then essentially the same as using microfloppy discs.
The Mass Store Menu

The Mass Store Menu is used for operations with the disc and optional memory board. The following softkeys appear when you press Mass Store in the Top Level Menu:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MSD=RAM</th>
<th>Dir</th>
<th>Load</th>
<th>Store</th>
<th>Del-</th>
<th>Re-</th>
<th>MORE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MSD=Disc</td>
<td>Pack</td>
<td>Disc</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**MSD=RAM**

The MSD=RAM and MSD=Disc softkeys alternate. Press this softkey to select the mass store device, either the microfloppy disc or the 128 Kbyte RAM disc on the optional memory board. When the selected mass store device is the RAM disc, the MSD=Disc softkey is available. MSD=RAM appears only when the Optional Memory Board is present. Space available on the option memory board will show 126 Kbytes when empty.

**Directory**

The directory Dir operation lists the disc contents, giving File Name, File Type, and a Comment field. Six file types are possible.

- **Data** Buffer data only.
- **Menu** Consists of menus only (setup, monitor, simulate, BERT).
- **Menu & Data** Both buffer data and menus (setup, monitor, simulate, BERT).
- **Ext Menu** Consists of the same menus as the "menu" type, plus remote, printer, filter, and BERT results. Also stores menus which have External NRZI or X.21 protocols selected.
- **Appli Progm** Only HP 4952A application files can be loaded.
- **Undefined** This type of file indicates either that the application supporting this filetype is not loaded on the HP 4952A, or that the undefined file is from some other non-supported instrument.
Note

Identical file names may coexist if the file types are different. Undefined files cannot be restored or renamed once they have been deleted.

The cursor keys can be used to scroll through the files on the directory.

Format

Pressing the \texttt{Format} key and \texttt{Execute} key initializes the disc, erases the disc directory, and places a new format on every track of the disc. Use this softkey to erase an entire disc and initialize new discs. The formatting process takes about 45 seconds.

The discs can be read by an HP series 200 computer but discs formatted in a series 200 cannot be written to during run-time on an HP 4952A.

Load

Pressing the \texttt{Load} key and key and \texttt{Execute} key effects a read-from-disc and write-to-RAM action. When the disc drive is being accessed the yellow indicator light is on.

File names may be entered from the keyboard or by moving the cursor to the file name before pressing the \texttt{Load} softkey.

Store

Pressing the \texttt{Store} key and then \texttt{Execute} causes a read-from-RAM write-to-disc action. When the disc drive is being accessed the yellow indicator light is on.

File names may be entered from the keyboard or by moving the cursor to a file in the directory before pressing \texttt{Store} and then modifying the name. File type must be specified. An optional comment field is provided to aid identification of the file.

Caution

Any file marked DEL in the directory can be overwritten by the store function and is therefore not recoverable.
Delete

Pressing the **Delete** key and **Execute** key marks files for removal from the disc. The file is marked for deletion in the directory (a Del in the right most columns) but is actually not deleted until **Pack Disc** and **Execute** is pressed.

To delete all files on a disc, mark each file for deletion and press **Pack Disc** and **Execute** or press **Format** **Execute** and reinitialize the disc. If a disc is full with one (or few) files the fastest way to delete the contents of the disc is press **Delete**, **Execute**, **Pack Disc**, **Execute**.

File names may be entered from the keyboard or by scrolling to the file name using the cursor arrow keys before pressing the **Delete** key and then modifying the name.

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**Caution**

Undefined files can not be restored or renamed once they have been deleted.

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Recover

Pressing the **Recover** and **Execute** softkeys allows files marked for removal from the disc to be ‘restored’ as valid active files in the directory. Only files created on a HP 4951C or HP 4952A disc series protocol analyzer may be recovered.

Enter each filename from the keyboard or by scrolling to the filename using the cursor arrow keys before pressing the **Recover** key and then the **Execute** key and modifying the name. This can only be done before the disc has been packed. Undefined files cannot be recovered.

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Pack Disc

Pressing the **Pack Disc** softkey and then **Execute** rearranges the files on the disc to accommodate lost space due to deleted files or when run-time files are created.

This process allows you to regain disc space and use the disc more efficiently.

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**Caution**

Once the pack disc operation has been completed there is no way to recover the purged files.
Rename

Pressing the Rename and Execute softkeys allow you to rename a file or change the comment associated with a file. Undefined files cannot be renamed.

Print Directory

Pressing the Print Dir and Execute softkeys allow you to print the directory if an ASCII printer is connected.

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Note

When a Mass Store operation results in an error message, remove the disc and reinsert it before attempting additional disc operations.
Loading From Disc

To load data from the disc:

- Insert the disc into the disc slot.
- Press `Dir` in the Mass Store menu to see how the file is listed on the disc.
- Move the cursor to the file name (as it is listed in the directory).
- Press the `Load` key.
- Press `Execute` to load the file into the buffer.

Menus May Be Changed After Loading

If the file type is 'menu', 'menu & data', or 'extended menu', the current analyzer menu setups will be changed by the load operation. The setup, monitor, simulate, and BERT setups are all modified to the new values. When you load 'extended menu' types, the remote, printer, and data filter menus are also changed. Any menus which you wish to save must be stored to disc before the load operation.

Caution
Do not perform the load operation if you want to save present menu setups.

Loading Files Larger Than the Buffer

When loading a disc file that is too large for the buffer the softkeys `Next Segmt` and `Prev Segmt` are automatically displayed in the Exam Data menu. You can scroll through the rest of the file by using these softkeys. These softkeys scroll through the file in 16 Kbyte segments (1/2 the buffer size). Use these softkeys when running monitor programs on data files that are too large for the buffer.
Autostart Files

Autostart is a feature that uses a disc file called ‘AUTOSTART.’ When the HP 4952A is turned on with a disc installed, the first file on the disc called AUTOSTART is loaded and executed if possible. You can turn on the HP 4952A and have it automatically monitor a line, simulate, or execute an application.

The run mode (i.e., monitor, simulate) used by the AUTOSTART file will be the last run mode operation performed before storing the AUTOSTART file. To make the autostart program execute correctly, run it first and then store it to a disc with the name AUTOSTART. For example, to automatically monitor a line, write the monitor menu, execute Monitor Line in the Run menu and then store the monitor menu to disc with the file name AUTOSTART.

Do not use a run mode of Monitor Buffer (there is no data in the buffer at power-up) and do not use the file name AUTOSTART for data files (data files are not executable). The following file types can be used with the autostart feature:

- Menus
- Extended Menus
- Menus & Data
- Application

Load and execute the menu
Load and execute the extended menu
Load and execute the menu, load the last data
Load and execute the application

Some things to consider when using AUTOSTART:

- Buffer data may be lost when autostart executions begins.
- To prevent the HP 4952A from autostarting, remove the disc before turning it on.
- Remote slave operations will fail until the autostart operation is complete.
- Disc errors when attempting an autostart are displayed at the bottom of the display.
- Autostart cannot be used from RAM files.
Storing To Disc

To write data and store to disc:

- Insert and format the disc if it is blank (do not format if the disc contains files you wish to save).
- Press \textit{Store}.
- Enter the filename, the file type, and an optional comment.
- Press \textit{Execute}. If the disc has insufficient room for a file, ‘Disc Full’ is displayed.

What You Can Store To Disc

You can store the following type of files:

- Data
- Menu
- Menu & Data
- Application Program
- Extended Menu

When you select ‘menu’ or ‘menu & data’ as the file type, the menus saved are setup, monitor, simulate, and BERT setup. When you select ‘extended menu’ as the file type, the remote, printer, and data filter menus are also stored. ‘Extended menu’ also stores menus which have External NRZI or X.21 protocols selected. Highlights are not saved on disc.
**Storing Data Directly From the Line**

To store directly to disc while monitoring on line, use ‘start disc’ and ‘stop disc’ instructions in the monitor and simulate menus.

For example:

```
Monitor

Block 1
Start Disc
```

If the disc becomes full, it will stop and the message ‘Disc Full’ appears. If the disc cannot keep up, ‘Buffer Overflow’ is displayed.

The Store to disc operation will reclaim space from files that have been deleted. The HP 4952A will try to store to empty sectors at the end of the disc. If there is not enough space at the end of the disc it will look for deleted file space. If there is a large enough hole it will store, if not the message disc is full message will appear. The overwritten file can no longer be recovered.
The Extended Memory Board (Option 002)

If $\text{MSD = RAM}$ appears in the mass store menu, your HP 4952A has the Extended Memory Board (option 002). The extended memory board consists of:

- Extended Capture Buffer
- Ram Disc

The Extended Capture Buffer (ECB)

The extended capture buffer increases buffer size to 768 Kbytes. You can look at the extended capture buffer in the examine data menu with the $\text{Roll Up}$, $\text{Roll Down}$, $\text{Next Page}$, and $\text{Prev Page}$ softkeys that move you through a displayed 32 Kbyte portion of the ECB.

The 32 Kbyte part of the buffer viewed in the examine data menu acts like a movable window. You can move the window and look at different 32 Kbyte parts of the ECB with the $\text{Next Segmt}$ and $\text{Prev Segmt}$ keys in the examine data menu. The current 32 Kbyte part of the ECB is nonvolatile and is the only part of the buffer saved after power-off.

The RAM Disc

You can select the RAM disc, rather than the microfloppy disc, by using $\text{MSD = RAM}$ in the mass store menu.

The RAM Disc consists of 128 Kbytes of nonvolatile memory you can use in the same way as you would the microfloppy disc to load and store applications, menus, and extended menus. Operation of the RAM disc is essentially the same as it is for the microfloppy disc.

Applications that are too large to fit in the normal application space automatically overflow into the RAM Disc area.
The RAM Disc

The RAM disc is the 128 Kbyte nonvolatile portion of the optional extended memory board. The RAM disc is activated when you press MSD = RAM in the mass store menu. Operation of the RAM disc is the same as operation of the disc drive.

By saving commonly used menus and applications on the RAM disc, rather than on microfloppy discs, the information is instantly available.

Select the RAM Disc

MSD = RAM appears in the mass store menu when an extended memory board is present. This softkey selects the ‘mass store device’ to be used. To use the disc drive, select MSD = Disc. To use the RAM disc, select MSD = RAM.

Using the RAM Disc

Operation of the RAM Disc is the same as operation of the disc drive. You can load and store menus, applications, and extended menus. Like flexible disc storage, the RAM Disc is also nonvolatile and stored information remains after power-off. Space available is given in sectors for the disc drive; space available on the RAM disc is shown in Kbytes.
The Extended Capture Buffer

The extended capture buffer is the portion of the optional extended memory board that provides 768 Kbytes of buffer data storage. Operation of the ECB is mostly transparent to the user. During monitoring on-line or simulating, data is continuously loaded into the extended capture buffer the same way it is loaded with the standard 32 Kbyte buffer.

Summary Of Facts About the ECB

- Like the standard 32 Kbyte buffer, the ECB stores only data.
- Total buffer storage is 768 Kbytes.
- Of the total 768 Kbytes, 736 Kbytes is volatile, data is lost at power-off. The remaining 32 Kbytes is nonvolatile, data is retained after power-off.
- The non-volatile 32 Kbyte portion of buffer is movable. You can select which part of the total 768 Kbytes is saved after power-off. This 32 Kbyte window can be moved with `Next Segmt`, `Prev Segmt`, `Specify Block`, and `Next Hilit` in the examine data menu. After power-off, all data in the 768 Kbyte buffer is lost except for that contained in the current 32 Kbyte window.

Loading the ECB

There are two ways to load data into the ECB:

1. Monitor on-line or simulate. Operation is the same as for the standard 32 Kbyte buffer.

2. Load the ECB from a disc file. Operation is the same as the standard 32 Kbyte buffer except data files that take up an entire microfloppy disc, 613 Kbytes, can now be loaded entirely into the ECB.
Storing To Disc From the ECB

Operation is the same, whether the mass store device (MSD) is micro floppy disc or RAM:

1. In the mass store menu, press Store and type in a file name.
2. Select Data or Menu & Data as the file type.
3. Press Execute.
4. Press either Current Segment or Until End. Pressing Current Segment loads the present 32 Kbyte window onto disc. Pressing Until End loads the everything from the beginning of the current 32 Kbyte window until the end of the 768 Kbyte buffer, or until the end of the disc is reached. To store from the start of the buffer, position at block 1 in the Examine Data Menu.

Remember, the 32 Kbyte window can be moved with the Next Segmt, Prev Segmt, Specify Block, or Next Hilit in the examine data menu.

Printing from the ECB or Disc

The entire contents, up to 9999 pages, of the ECB or a disc data file can be printed if an ASCII printer is attached to the analyzer. With the ECB full, or partially full, you can print the entire contents, or partial contents, of the buffer (see Chapter 13, "ASCII Printer Output").
Memory Blocks and Disc Sectors

Memory in the HP 4952A is divided into blocks. Two Kbytes of data can be stored in each block.

Storage on your disc is divided into sectors. A blank initialized disc has 2452 sectors. Each sector holds 256 bytes. Each block of data you store on disc takes eight sectors.

A header is appended to everything that is stored to disc. A header takes one sector.

Here is a summary of how many sectors are taken up when things are stored.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>item</th>
<th>number of sectors</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Menus</td>
<td>33 Sectors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extended Menus</td>
<td>37 Sectors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Run Data</td>
<td>33 Sectors (header &amp; menu), plus data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data</td>
<td>1 Sector for header, plus data</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The Disc Drive

Caution
Always install the transportation disc in the disc drive when transporting or shipping the HP 4952A. The transportation disc prevents damage to the disc drive from bumps and vibration that may occur. The warranty may be voided if the transportation disc is not used during transit.

Type Of Discs
The HP 4952A disc drive uses 3 1/2 inch, double-sided, double density flexible discs. Specify part number HP 92192A to order a set of ten discs.

Care and Handling Of Discs
Discs require a clean, dust-free environment. To avoid damaging your discs and losing information, follow these rules for handling and caring for your flexible discs.

1. Make certain the shutter (the metal guard) is closed when the disc is not in use. The shutter protects the disc from dirt, fingerprints, and scratches.

2. Use discs in a clean environment. Avoid getting smoke, dust, eraser particles, salt air, food crumbs, hair, or fingerprints on your discs.

3. Keep discs stored upright in a cool, dry place. The storage temperature range for discs is 4°C to 53°C (39.2°F to 127.4°F) with a relative humidity between 8% and 90%. Heat and moisture can damage your discs.

4. To avoid losing important information, copy and backup your discs frequently.

5. Do not put discs near anything that generates a magnetic field, such as a telephone, magnetic paper clip holders, or appliances with motors.

6. Do not touch the disc surface.

7. Do not try to clean the disc. The plastic jacket contains its own cleaning device.
Cleaning the Disc Drive

The disc drive does not need routine preventive maintenance, however, as with any mechanical device it can get dirty. A dirty disc drive usually means dirty heads that can cause excessive read errors from a disc.

To clean the heads of the HP 4952A use a head cleaning disc (HP part number 09122-89415) as follows:

- Turn the analyzer off and remove any floppy discs that are in the disc drive.
- Turn the analyzer on and reset the menus.
- Press MORE and then Mass Store.

Note

The message Disc out will blink on the screen indicating there is no disc in the drive.

- Insert the cleaning disc in the disc drive.
- Press Dir to activate the cleaning process.

An on-screen message indicates the cleaning disc is a single-sided disc. The disc drive light will be on during the process.
Inserting a Disc

Hold the disc, label side up and the metal shutter pointing toward the drive. Insert the disc firmly but gently into the disc slot until the disc touches the back of the slot. Continue pressing until you hear a click and the disc is pulled down into the drive (see Figure 12-1).

Removing a Disc

To remove a disc from the disc drive, press the gray button just below the drive. The disc will pop out part of the way. Pull the disc straight out. Check to see that the metal shutter is closed before you put the disc away.
Write-Protecting a Disc

You can protect data on a disc to ensure that no one can inadvertently write over or delete the information on the disc. To write-protect a disc (see Figure 12-2):

1. Turn the disc over so you are looking at the back.
2. Place the tip of a pen in the small hole at the top of the write protect tab.
3. Slide the tab until it locks into place. The tab will no longer be visible.

You may load (read) from the disc with the protect tab in either position.

Figure 12-2. Write Protecting Your Disc
Copy Disc Utility

The Copy Disc utility is a file on the Utility Disc that is supplied standard with the HP 4952A. If the Utility Disc does not have this application, order one through your HP sales and service office. You must load this utility onto the HP 4952A before you can access the Copy Disc menu. See "Loading from Disc" section in this chapter for software installation instructions. After loading the Copy Disc utility, the Top Level Menu will look like Figure 12-3.

Note

The Copy Disc utility requires that you have the optional Extended Memory Plus memory board (Option 002) installed.

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Figure 12-3. Utility Disc Main Level Display

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**Figure 12-4. Copy Disc Utility Keys**

### Copying Discs

Press the new key called **Copy Disc** to get the display shown in Figure 12-5. The Copy Disc command allows you to duplicate your flexible discs. This utility creates an image copy of the source disc to the destination disc(s).

### Note

Some software applications are not reproducible. They will appear to be copied, but will be non-executable. When you try to load this type of application, the HP 4952A will display the error message 'Application Denied'.
Caution  

Any previous information on the destination flexible disc will be destroyed during the Copy Disc operation.

Before starting the Copy Disc utility, make sure you are copying to a formatted empty disc. If the disc is formatted and contains information, it will be overwritten by the copy disc utility command.

Press the Read Disc key and the display prompts you to install a source flexible disc. After installing the source disc, press the Execute key. This will take approximately one minute to read the disc. Then remove the source disc and install the destination disc. Press the Write Disc key, and then press the Execute key to complete copying the disc. The copy will take approximately one and a half minutes to complete if there are no applications already on the disc, or two and a half minutes if there are applications on the disc.

Once the source disc has been loaded, you can make many copies of the source disc. Just insert each destination disc in the disc drive and press the Write Disc key, and then the Execute key.

Archiving All Contents Of RAM Disc To Flexible Disc

The RAM disc is part of option 002. It is 128 Kbytes of non-volatile memory space used for menus, setups, and applications.

You may perform an Archive (disc image) to backup your RAM disc to a flexible disc. A disc image is a full reproduction of the RAM disc contents.

The file created on the flexible disc will be a unique file type labeled 4952A Archive. This file type consists of a header sector and an image copy of the RAM disc. This file will only be restoreable using the Copy Disc utility command because of its unique file type.

Press the Archive key and the display prompts you to specify a file name and optional comment. Then press Execute to perform the Archive function.
Restoring the Archive File on Flexible Disc to RAM Disc

The **Restore** command copies the archive contents on your flexible disc to the RAM disc. All existing files in the RAM disc memory will be deleted and replaced with the archive contents. The entire 2 bytes of RAM disc directory space will be overwritten, regardless of the number of files actually stored in the archive file.

Press the **Restore** key and the display prompts you to specify the archive file name to be restored. Press **Execute** to perform the Restore function.

**Directory**

Press the **Dir** softkey and display the directory for the installed flexible disc. This item is identical to the Mass Storage utility Directory command.

**Delete**

Press the **Delete** softkey allows files to be marked for removal from the flexible disc. Files to be deleted may be entered from the keyboard or by scrolling to the file name with the arrow keys and pressing **Delete**. The file is marked for deletion in the directory (a Del in the right-most column) but actually is not deleted until a **Pack Disc** or **Store** command writes over the data.

This function is identical to the Mass Store utility Delete command.

Deleted files can be recovered in the Mass Store menu using the **Recover** key if the Pack Disc command was not invoked.
Format

Pressing the Format softkey invokes a format function on the installed flexible disc. Reformatting a flexible disc will destroy any contents on that disc.

This function is identical to the Mass Store utility Format command.

Pack Disc

Pressing the Pack Disc softkey deletes all files that have been marked by the Delete key, and increases the available disc space. Files deleted using the Pack Disc command are not recoverable.

This command is identical to the Mass Store utility Pack Disc command.

Print Directory

Press the Print Dir softkey to print the directory contents displayed on the screen if there is an ASCII printer attached to the analyzer.
ASCII Printer Output

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- Hookup
- Setup
- Getting Things Printed
- Printed Output
- How the Printer Displays Characters
- Print Error Messages
Introduction

The ASCII printer output lets you print buffer data, monitor and simulate menus, timer and counter results, remote and print menus, and disc directories. HP 4952A display information can be sent to a printer via the Remote/Printer (RS-232C/V.24) connector on the rear panel.

To use this feature, you need an ASCII Printer such as the HP 2601A, HP 2934A or ThinkJet Printer (HP 2225D), and possibly a properly wired modem eliminator cable depending on your printer's needs (HP 13242G).

Hookup

Connect the ASCII printer to the Printer/Remote connector on the rear panel using the HP 13242G cable (see Figure 13-1).

Figure 13-1. Connecting the Printer
Setup

To setup your 4952A for printing, press Remote & Print in the Top Level Menu and then press Print Setup. Place the cursor at the point where you want to begin printing and set the correct parameters for the printer. You must know the correct settings for your ASCII printer.

Note

If you are using an HP 2225A ThinkJet printer, set all switches to 0 to get a complete copy of a lengthy printout. If the switches are not set to 0, some blocks of data will not be printed.

Character Code

Select either ASCII 8 or ASCII 7.

Parity

Select none, even, or odd.

Bits/sec

You can send data to the printer at any one of the speeds shown on the softkeys.

Handshake

You must set the Handshaking method. You can specify ENQ/ACK, XON/XOFF, or Control Lead. Set the characters by typing in the characters from the keyboard. Type in control characters, shown on the keycaps, by pressing CNTL simultaneously with the control character.

Line Terminators

Type in the line termination characters expected by the printer. Two characters may be specified, blanks are ignored. The standard sequence of a carriage return and line feed is the default.
Carriage Return Delay

Sets the delay after a carriage return in milliseconds. This field defaults to zero, but some printers require a delay to avoid a loss of characters.

Enquire/Acknowledge (ENQ/ACK) Hand Shaking

In ENQ/ACK handshaking the HP 4952A inquires whether the printer is ready to receive characters. The HP 4952A sends an ENQ character (usually 05 hex) to the printer after each block of 33 characters. The printer must acknowledge the enquiry in order for printing to proceed. The printer does not respond to an ENQ until it is able to accept more characters into its buffer. When it is ready, the printer responds by sending an ACK character (usually 06 hex) to the HP 4952A. The ENQ and ACK characters may be different for various printers. You can specify the characters to be used in the Printer Menu. The ACK must occur within 60 seconds of the ENQ or the HP 4952A reports a hand shake error.

XOn/XOff Hand Shaking

XOn/XOff handshaking is initiated by the printer. When the printer is unable to continue receiving characters, it sends an XOff character (usually 13 hex) to the HP 4952A. The HP 4952A then suspends transmission until the printer sends an XOn character (usually 11 hex). Some printers use a second XOff character (usually 15 hex). One XOn character and two Off characters can be specified in the printer menu. The XOn must occur within 60 seconds after the XOff or an error occurs and displays the message ‘Hand Shake Error.’

Control Lead Hand Shaking

The HP 4952A waits for CTS to become active for 60 seconds after it causes RTS. If CTS does not change an error occurs with a hand shaking error.
Getting Things Printed

When the print setup menu has been properly filled out, you can get printouts by pressing the keys that are found in most of the HP 4952A menus. Here is a summary of where the print keys are and what they do.

Setup Menu Prints all setup parameters from the setup menu (13 lines).
Monitor Menu Prints the entire monitor program.
Simulate Menu Prints the entire simulate program.
Data Filter Menu Prints the data filter menu (first 13 lines).
Examine Data Menu Prints the Timers and Counters summary page (first 14 lines).
Examine Data Menu Prints the selected number of pages (screenfuls of data) of data beginning at the current page.
BERT Menu Prints the BERT setup menu (first 13 lines).
BERT Results Prints the BERT test results display (first 13 lines).
Remote Menu Prints the slave, controller or print setup menus (first 13 lines).
Mass Store Menu Prints the file directory with the comments.

You can manually terminate a print cycle by pressing EXIT.
Printed Output

The printed output reflects the display exactly. No extra spaces are inserted and no abbreviations are expanded. Lines are 32 characters long unless the displayed line is completely in inverse video, in which case an asterisk is appended to the end of the line (DCE). It is not possible to print inverse video or half-bright video.

Figure 13-2. Printed Output in Data & State Format

Data is printed in ‘display’ pages or screen size. At the top of each page, the block number and the ‘display’ print page number are printed (see Figure 13-2).

Note

Sometimes displayed data overlaps with data on the previous screen. This data is removed before being printed.
Printing the Entire ECB

You can print the entire contents or partial contents of the ECB or disc files. You must specify the number of pages up to 9999.

To print the contents of the ECB:

1. Press **Examine Data** and enter the Examine Data menu.

2. Press MORE two times and locate the **Print Data** softkey.

3. Using the arrow movement keys, position the beginning data on the top line of the screen.
4. Enter the number of pages you want printed. If you want to print the entire buffer contents enter 9999.

5. Press **Execute**. As the data is being printed, sent to the printer buffer, the display will show the current print page.

**Note**

If printing from disc without an ECB, do not remove the disc during the print operation.

6. Press EXIT at any time to stop printing.

There is a delay from the time data is displayed until it is actually printed. If you see the data you want printed scroll across the screen, you can press EXIT to stop print execution. By the time the print cycle stops, your desired data will have been printed.

Data segments with no data to print will be printed as blank pages to verify that no data was missed.

**How the Printer Displays Characters**

The output format for the ASCII printer is the same as for the HP 4952A display except:

- All hex codes are in upper case. All ASCII control characters are in lower case. All other sequences are: top character upper case, and lower character lower case.

- All characters that have no ASCII representation are printed in hexadecimal mode.
**Hexadecimal Characters**

Hexadecimal characters are printed in upper case, with the most significant digit over the least significant digit. For example, B7 hex is printed as:

```
B
7
```

**ASCII Control Characters**

ASCII control characters are printed in lower case with the same mnemonics as displayed except they are printed on two lines. For example, an ASCII acknowledge is printed as:

```
a
k
```

Lines that are in total inverse video on the display have an asterisk printed at the end of the line. This is useful for differentiating between DCE and DTE data.

**Special Characters**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Don’t Care</th>
<th>x</th>
<th>Undefined Character</th>
<th>?</th>
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<td>x</td>
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<th>Start Flag</th>
<th>S</th>
<th>End Flag</th>
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<tr>
<th>Abort</th>
<th>AA</th>
<th>Don’t Care FCS</th>
<th>XX</th>
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<td>aa</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>xx</td>
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<tr>
<th>Highlighted Timer</th>
<th>H</th>
<th>Discontinuity</th>
<th>D</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>t</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>c</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Lead Levels

Lead levels that are displayed are printed as follows:

High = 1  Low = 0

Transition (rising or indeterminate)  /

Transition (falling or indeterminate)  \n
Print Error Messages

The following print error messages may appear at the bottom of the display. When printing data or a program the error messages may only be displayed briefly (minimum of two seconds). Press the EXIT key to return to the printer menu and halt printing.

Handshake Error

The proper handshake responses were not present.

Printer Error

Other printer problems. Verify connections and printer setup.

Remote Timeout

The print operation has timed out due possibly to an internal error. If the problem persists, contact your HP Sales/Service Office.

To return to the printer menu after one of the above messages, press the EXIT key. Check the printer if handshaking is not acknowledged.
Async Terminal Emulator

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- Terminal Setup
- Terminal Operation
Introduction

The Asynchronous Terminal Emulator application lets you use the HP 4952A as an asynchronous terminal. When the application is loaded, the new softkey VT-100 appears. This softkey accesses the Terminal Setup menu.

Equipment Supplied

The terminal emulator application is on the HP 4952A Utility disc. A second disc is provided so that the master copy of the Utility disc can be backed-up.

Applications

The terminal emulator application is very useful in the field service environment where a terminal is needed.

Often intelligent devices must be configured with an asynchronous terminal. For example, some statistical multiplexers must be configured through an asynchronous terminal connected to them. The terminal emulator application is very useful for this purpose. The terminal emulator application can also be used to pinpoint problems to a terminal. Simulate menus can be run from the terminal emulator to troubleshoot and pinpoint the problem.

There are cases where the terminal emulator is used to establish a connection, and then perform a test over that connection. In some cases, if the DTR/DSR lines drop, the connection is lost. These lines are maintained while going between terminal mode and running a Simulate menu.
**Specifications**

Specifications are as follows:

<table>
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<th>Specification</th>
<th>Details</th>
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<tr>
<td>Physical Interface</td>
<td>RS-232C/V.24 (DTE or DCE)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data Codes</td>
<td>ASCII 7, ASCII 8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parity</td>
<td>None, Odd, Even, Space, Mark, Ignore</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data Rates</td>
<td>up to 19.2 kbps</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Handshake</td>
<td>None, Enq/Ack</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Error Handling</td>
<td>None (Parity errors flash)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stop Bits</td>
<td>Transmit - 2, Receive - at least 1 bit</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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**Loading the Terminal Emulator Application**

To load the application:

1. Insert the HP 4952A Utility disc in the disc drive.
2. Press MORE, then Mass Store.
3. Place the cursor over the file name VT100, then press Load.
4. Press Execute to load the terminal emulator application program. When the application is loaded, it will revert back to the Top Level Menu.
Terminal Setup

When the application is loaded, a new softkey appears in the second level of the Top Level Menu called VT-100.

By pressing VT-100, the Terminal Emulator menu is accessed. The Terminal Emulator menu has four softkey choices: Setup Menu, Setup=Sim, Simulate, Execute.

Setup Menu

Press the Setup Menu softkey to access the Terminal Setup menu. Shown below are the default parameters.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>Data code</td>
<td>ASCII 8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parity</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bits/sec</td>
<td>1200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mode</td>
<td>DTE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Handshake</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Echo</td>
<td>On</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bell</td>
<td>On</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Display Functions</td>
<td>Off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Auto LF after CR</td>
<td>On</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The above setup parameters must be known before the terminal emulator can be used effectively.

Note

Incorrect parameter choices will not result in damage to the system, only the inability to use the terminal emulator.

Use the cursor arrow keys to move to the appropriate parameter field and select the desired parameter softkeys.

Data Code Field

The softkey selections for the Data Code field are ASCII 8 and ASCII 7.
Parity Field

The softkey selections for the Parity field are None, Odd, Even, ASCII 7 space, ASCII 7 mark, and Ignore.

Bits/sec Field

The softkey selections for the Bits/sec field are:

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<td>300</td>
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<tr>
<td>1200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2400</td>
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<tr>
<td>4800</td>
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<td>9600</td>
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<td>19200</td>
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<td>110</td>
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<td>600</td>
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<td>800</td>
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<td>3200</td>
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<td>3600</td>
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<td>50</td>
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<td>75</td>
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<tr>
<td>2000</td>
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<td>134</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>150</td>
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<tr>
<td>7200</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Mode Field

The HP 4952A can be put into the DTE (Data Terminal Equipment) or DCE (Data Communication Equipment) mode. This removes the need for a modem eliminator. If running a Simulate menu, the menu must be the same, i.e., Simulate DTE or Simulate DCE.

Handshake Field

You can select either ENQ/ACK, or none. For more information on handshaking, refer to the "Software Handshake" section.

Echo Field

The HP 4952A can be configured with local or remote echo. If the main computer in the system echoes back each character received (remote echo), the local echo should be turned Off or double characters will appear on the HP 4952A display.

Bell Field

When the system CPU sends a Bell character (BELL) the HP 4952A can be set to beep or disregard the character.

Display Functions Field

Displays control characters.

Auto Line Feed after CR

Automatically inserts a line feed character after a carriage return.
Setup = Simulate

The parameters from the Monitor/Simulate Setup and Simulate menus can be imported to the Terminal Emulator menu with the Setup = Sim softkey. The following terminal setup parameters are overwritten by this function:

- **Terminal Parameter**
  - **Source**
  - Data Code
    - Source: Data Code of Monitor/Simulate Setup menu
  - Parity
    - Source: of Monitor/Simulate Setup menu
  - Bits/sec
    - Source: Bits/sec of Monitor/Simulate Setup menu
  - Mode
    - Source: DCE or DTE (first line of Simulate menu)

Simulate

The Simulate softkey executes the Simulate menu over the terminal emulator connection. To stop the execution of the Simulate menu press EXIT. To return to the Terminal Emulator menu press EXIT.
Execute

Pressing the **Execute** softkey causes the HP 4952A to go into the terminal mode. When terminal mode is entered for the first time, the display is cleared and the cursor is placed in the top row, far left column.

The terminal emulator softkeys appear at the bottom of the display.

Caps Lock

The first softkey is **Cap Lock**. An "*" in the softkey label indicates that the softkey is ON.

Clear Screen

Pressing the second softkey, **Clr Scrn** clears both the top and bottom halves of the screen.

Display Top

Press the **Display Top** softkey to display the top half of the screen. The display is divided into two half screens. A half page symbol in the lower left corner of the display indicates which half is being displayed. If the symbol is up you are viewing the top half of the display (row 1 through 13).

Display Bottom

Press the **Display Bottom** to display the bottom half of the screen. The display is divided into two half screen. A half page symbol in the lower left corner of the display indicates which half is being displayed. If the symbol is down you are displaying the bottom half of the display (row 12 through 24). Note the overlap of halves.

Hex Entry

Press the **Hex Entry** softkey and enter hexadecimal characters through the terminal emulator. An "*" in the softkey label indicates that the softkey is ON.

Break

Press the sixth softkey, **Break** to signal an interrupt of computer operations. It is a space condition (logical 0). A break is sent for 500 milliseconds. The shortest break possible is 6 milliseconds.
Terminal Operation

If local echo or remote echo (echo from main office computer) is in effect, characters appear on the display as they are typed.

The VT-100 display is 24 rows by 128 columns, of which 32 columns are displayed in a window at one time. The display window is 13 rows by 32 columns. To move the cursor backward (a \texttt{CNTL} \texttt{H} also results in a backspace) and up and down in the window use the arrow keys. To move the cursor forward, press \texttt{Shift} \texttt{D} on the HP 4952A keyboard. The window will move in the screen when you come to the end of a displayed row, this will be reflected in the window location in the below the softkeys. The cursor cannot be moved any further to the right when you have reached column 128. The location of the currently displayed portion of the entire screen is depicted in the lower left corner of the HP 4952A screen. When a line exceeds 128 columns it wraps around to the next line.

Control characters can be sent by simultaneously holding down the Control (CNTL) key and striking the desired character key. The terminal ignores most control characters and does not display them. Control characters that the terminal does respond to are as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ASCII</th>
<th>Hex</th>
<th>Response</th>
<th>Keystroke</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>BELL</td>
<td>07</td>
<td>Beep</td>
<td>CNTL S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BS</td>
<td>08</td>
<td>Backspace</td>
<td>CNTL H</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HT</td>
<td>09</td>
<td>Tab one space</td>
<td>CNTL I</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LF</td>
<td>0A</td>
<td>Line feed</td>
<td>CNTL J</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CR</td>
<td>0D</td>
<td>Carriage return</td>
<td>CNTL M</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENQ</td>
<td>05</td>
<td>Transmit ACK</td>
<td>CNTL E</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

When operating in the terminal mode, the HP 4952A functions as a "dumb" terminal, meaning that when a character is typed, it is immediately transmitted. The terminal is designed to receive one or more stop bits and to transmit two stop bits, making it compatible with all asynchronous devices.

Pressing EXIT in the terminal mode returns the HP 4952A to the Terminal Emulate menu where you can select \texttt{Setup Menu} to change any of the parameters.

Pressing \texttt{Execute} puts the HP 4952A back in the terminal mode of operation and the last terminal session appears on the display. This arrangement lets you switch to the Terminal Setup menu for a quick parameter change and then return to the terminal mode to continue the current terminal mode session.
Pressing EXIT in the Terminal Emulate menu returns the HP 4952A to the Top Level Menu. All normal HP 4952A menus remain as they were before the terminal session was entered.

**VT-100 Terminal Emulation**

Special escape codes are used to perform the VT-100 terminal operations. The HP 4952A can perform the following VT-100 terminal operations:

- `<ESC>[p1 A` move up by p1 lines (no scroll)
- `<ESC>[p1 B` move down by p1 lines (no scroll)
- `<ESC>[p1 C` move right by p1 spaces (no wrap)
- `<ESC>[p1 D` move left by p1 spaces (no wrap)
- `<ESC>[p1;p2 H` move to row p1 and column p2
- `<ESC>[p1 J` blank screen according to p1
  - p1 = 0 from cursor to end
  - p1 = 1 from cursor to start
  - p1 = 2 entire screen
- `<ESC>[p1 K` blank line according to p1
  - p1 = 0 from cursor to end
  - p1 = 1 from cursor to start
  - p1 = 2 entire line
- `<ESC>[p1;p2 f` same as `<ESC>[p1;p2 H`
- `<ESC>[p1;...;pn m` set graphic parameters according to:
  - p = 0 all attributes off
  - p = 1 bold
  - p = 4 underline
  - p = 5 blink
  - p = 7 inverse video
- `<ESC>7` save position, graphic parameters, and character set
- `<ESC>8` restore parameters saved by `<ESC>7`
- `<ESC>D` move down 1 line with scroll
- `<ESC>E` move to the left margin, down 1 line with scroll
- `<ESC>M` move up 1 line with scroll
- `<ESC>c` reset to saved/power-on state and self test

For example: `<ESC>10;1;4;5;7 m` will turn on all the graphic parameters.
Lead Control

The leads (lines) which are controlled by the terminal emulator are summarized below.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Lead</th>
<th>Pin</th>
<th>Mode = DTE</th>
<th>Mode = DCE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TD</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>output = data</td>
<td>input = data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RD</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>input = data</td>
<td>output = data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RTS</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>output = on</td>
<td>input</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CTS</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>input</td>
<td>output = On</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DSR</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>input</td>
<td>output = On</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CD</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>input</td>
<td>output = On</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DTR</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>output = On</td>
<td>input</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Once the leads are set, they are not dropped until the user exits from the Terminal Emulator menu, or the Mode is changed in the Terminal Setup Menu (DCE to DTE or DTE to DCE). The leads are set the first time the user either executes the terminal emulator mode or runs the Simulate menu from the Terminal Emulator Setup menu. The leads that are set depend on what the Mode is selected as in the Terminal Setup menu (either DCE or DTE).

While running the Simulate menu from the Terminal Emulator menu, the leads will be in the state listed above unless the Simulate menu executes a Set Lead command. Upon exiting from the run or by encountering a Stop Test command, the leads will be restored to the state listed.

The Simulate menu must be DTE if the Terminal Setup menu is selected as a DTE and the Simulate menu must be DCE if the Terminal Setup menu is selected as a DCE.

All parameters except the Mode parameter in the Terminal Setup menu can be changed without dropping the leads. This is handy for changing the parity or data code parameters, as well as echo and display functions.
Hardware Handshake

The hardware handshake is the electronic handshake that occurs at the physical level (Level 1) of the communications link before data is transferred across the link.

When using the application in DTE mode, the Data Terminal Ready (DTR) and the Request To Send (RTS) leads are set ON to ensure communications, however, the terminal emulator application will transmit despite the state of Data Set Ready (DSR), Clear To Send (CTS), and Carrier Detect (CD) from the other device. When using the application in DCE mode, the DSR, CTS, and CD leads are set ON but the terminal emulator application will transmit despite the state of DTR and RTS from the other device.

Software Handshake

The software handshake is different than the hardware handshake. It controls the flow of data between devices so that overflows do not occur. Although very few dumb terminals are designed to handle software handshaking, the terminal emulator application supports ENQ/ACK (for HP Computers).

ENQ/ACK Handshake

ENQ/ACK is initiated by the main office computer in the system. The computer is set up to send a specified number of characters (e.g., 80) followed by an ENQ character (usually 05H). When the terminal has processed all the received characters and is ready to receive more, it sends an ACK character (usually 06H). To handle this type of software handshake choose ENQ/ACK in the Terminal Setup menu.

Manual Flow Control

In the terminal mode of operation, if a main office computer downloads a file of data which is larger than can be displayed on the HP 4952A, you can manually control the data flow using the Xon and Xoff characters. To stop the flow of data, transmit an Xoff signal (usually press CNTL S). To resume the flow of data, transmit an Xon signal (usually press CNTL Q). This method of flow control can be used with either ENQ/ACK or NONE handshaking.

Note

The Manual Flow Control is provided by the central CPU, and may not be provided by all CPU's.
Interface Pods

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- The HP 18260A Interface
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- The HP 18160A Interface
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Introduction

An interface pod is required to connect the HP 4952A to the data line. The interface pod also forms the cover of the instrument. Interface pods are available for the RS-232C/V.24, RS-449, and V.35 interfaces.

RS-232C/V.24 Interfaces

HP 18179A
This interface pod uses LEDs for showing all three conditions of the line: marks, spaces, and high impedance. Because it has a complete breakout box, this pod is useful for level 1 troubleshooting.

HP 18180A
This interface pod contains both an EIA RS-232C/CCITT V.24 interface and an RS-449/422A/423A interface.

The RS-232C is compatible with MIL-188C. Ten switches are provided for line isolation. LCD indicators indicate only line activity on: TD, RD, TC, RC, DTR, DSR, RTS, CTS, CD. A manually connected MARK/SPACE monitor is available.

The RS-449 interface utilizes balanced RS-422A drivers. LCD indicators indicate only line activity on: SD, RD, ST, RT, RS, CS, TR, DM, RR.

HP 18260A
This interface pod contains both an RS-232C/V.24 interface and an X.21 interface. The RS-232C portion of the interface is the same as the HP 18180A. The X.21 portion lets you monitor and simulate all phases of the CCITT X.21 protocol.
RS-449 Interfaces

HP 18174A

This interface pod contains a RS-449/422A/423A interface. The RS-449 interface utilizes balanced RS-422A drivers. LCD indicators indicate only line activity on: SD, RD, ST, RT, RS, CS, TR, DM, RR.

HP 18180A

This interface pod contains both a EIA RS-232C / CCITT V.24 interface and an RS-449/422A/423A interface. The RS-449 interface utilizes balanced RS-422A drivers. LCD indicators indicate only line activity on: SD, RD, ST, RT, RS, CS, TR, DM, RR.

The RS-232C is compatible with MIL-188C. Ten switches are provided for line isolation. LCD indicators indicate only line activity on: TD, RD, TC, RC, DTR, DSR, RTS, CTS, CD. A manually connected MARK/SPACE monitor is available.

V.35 Interfaces

HP 18177A/G

This pod contains hardware for the V.35 interface. This interface pod uses LEDs for showing all three conditions of the line: marks, spaces, and high impedance. The lines monitored are: DTE, DCE, SCE, SCT, SCR, RS, DTR, CS, DSR, CD.

HP 18160A

This pod contains hardware for both the V.35 and RS-232C/V.24 interfaces. This interface pod uses LEDs for showing all three conditions of the line: marks, spaces, and high impedance.
Interface Pod Installation

To connect the Interface Pod to the HP 4952A Protocol Analyzer, set the power switch on the HP 4954A to OFF and attach the interface pod cable to the Interface Pod connector on the rear panel. Tighten the connector screws to ensure that the cable will not pull off during operation.

**Caution**

Turn OFF the Protocol Analyzer before connecting or disconnecting any Interface Pod.

The pod can be secured to the top of the analyzer’s pouch by using the strap provided on the pouch.

![Diagram of Interface Pod Connection](image)

**Figure 15-1. Interface Pod Connection**
The HP 18179A Interface

RS-232C/V.24

The HP 18179A is an RS-232C/V.24 interface pod which connects the HP 4952A to the DTE or DCE. The HP 18179A is compatible with CCITT V.24 and EIA RS-232C electrical, mechanical, functional, and procedural specifications.

The HP 18179A can be used for complete level 1 troubleshooting on RS-232C/V.24 interfaces. It contains 10 pairs of real-time LEDs which monitor data, clocks, and major control line activity.

The LEDs show all three possible line states. The green LEDs indicate "on" states, or valid spaces. The red LEDs indicate "OFF" states, or valid marks. The high impedance state is indicated when both the red and the green LEDs on a line are not lit. The LEDs also indicate real-time activity; that is they show actual transitions.

Figure 15-2. The HP 18179A Interface
The HP 18179A also contains a complete breakout with switches for interrupting each of the 25 conductors. Access to all 25 pins is provided by a complete set of 25 pins on each side of the switches, allowing you to connect any interface pin to any other.

In the DTE and DCE simulate modes RS-232C/V.24 drivers are switched into the appropriate lead by latching relays. If monitor mode is selected all RS-232C/V.24 drivers are disconnected from the line.

**LEDs**

The 3-state indicators indicate activity on the interface pins. The high impedance state is indicated when both LEDs are OFF.

Green: Space (logic '0', positive voltage) turns on at > 2.75 V, turns OFF at < 0.25 V

Red: Mark (logic '1', negative voltage) turns on at < -3.0 V, turns OFF at > -3.0 V

**Disconnect Switches**

Pins 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, 17, 20, and 24 may be individually disconnected from the data link by switches. This lets you isolate non-driven interface lines from the HP 4952A. Non-driven lines may develop cross talk noise which can be mistaken by the analyzer for transitions.

**Connectors For RS-232C/V.24 Y-Cable**

These connectors connect the Interface Pod to the line for monitoring or simulation. Connect the Y-cable to the top connector to include the breakout box in series with the line. Connect the Y-cable to the bottom connector to by-pass the breakout box.

**Full Breakout Box**

The Breakout Box provides cross-patching, line-forcing, and monitoring capabilities for all of the RS-232C/V.24 lines. The miniature switches isolate lines. Connect the Y-cable to the top connector to use the breakout box.

**Jumper Pins**

All 25 pins of the RS-232C/V.24 connector are brought out for jumpering on both sides of the breakout switches. If your network cable has different pin assignments from the interface standard, you can use the supplied jumper wires to connect the interface lines to the desired pin on your cable.

**15 - 6 Interface Pods**
**+/-12 V Source Pins**

The Source Pins supply +12 volts and -12 volts. You may set any signal line ON or OFF by jumpering that line to the Source Pins.

**Mark/Space Indicator**

The Mark/Space Indicator lets you check the level of any signal line. Jumper any pin to this indicator to find its state.

**Instrument Cable Connector**

This connector connects the Interface Pod to the HP 4952A via the Pod-Instrument cable supplied with the instrument.

**Table 15-1. The RS-232/V.24 Interface (18179A, and 18180A)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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The HP 18180A Interface

(Combination RS-232C/V.24 and RS-449 Interface)

The HP 18180A is an RS-232C/V.24 interface pod as well as RS-449/422A/423A. The HP 18180A has slightly less capability than the HP 18179A pod. Its LCD indicators show only "on" or space states. Also, unlike the HP 18179A, the HP 18180A does not contain a full breakout box.

Connectors

The top connector, labeled PROTOCOL ANALYZER, connects the interface pod to the HP 4952A via the Pod-Instrument cable supplied with the instrument. The bottom connector, labeled RS-232C/V.24 connects the Interface to the line for monitoring or simulation.

Jumper Pins

All 25 pins of the bottom connector are brought out for jumpering. If your network cable has different pin assignments from the interface standard, you can use the supplied jumper wires to connect the interface lines to the desired pin on your cable. Pins 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, 17, 20, and 24 are also brought out on the other side of the breakout switches for jumpering.

LCD Indicators

The LCD indicator for a signal line is dark when that line is On or Spacing. The LCD indicator is blank when a line is OFF, Marking, or in tri-state. For the indicator to be dark the voltage on that line must be greater than +2.75 volts. Once the indicator is dark, it will not go blank until the voltage becomes less than +0.25 volts. Therefore, the LCD for individual lines do not distinguish Marking and tri-state. Use the Mark/Space Monitor to do this.

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Source Pins

The six Source Pins supply +12 volts and -12 volts. You may set any signal line ON or OFF by jumpering that line to the Source Pins.

Disconnect (breakout) Switches

Pins 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, 17, 20, and 24 may be individually disconnected from the data link by means of switches. This lets you isolate non-driven interface lines from the HP 4952A.

Mark/Space Monitor

Use Mark/Space Monitor Pin to check the level of any signal line. Jumper this line to any signal pin and observe the ON/OFF LCD indicators. The ON indicator is darkened for levels greater than +3 volts; the OFF indicator is darkened for levels less than -3 volts. The other LCD indicators do not distinguish between Marking and tri-state conditions (they are blank below +0.25 volts). The Mark/Space Monitor lets you check these lines, or any other signal lines for Mark/Space levels.

Figure 15-3. The HP 18180A Interface
The HP 18260A Interface

(Combination RS-232C/V.24 and X.21 Interface)

This interface pod contains both an RS-232C/V.24 interface and an X.21 interface.

RS-232C Portion

Connectors

The top connector, labeled PROTOCOL ANALYZER, connects the interface pod to the HP 4952A via the Pod-Instrument cable supplied with the instrument. The bottom connector, labeled RS-232C/V.24 connects the Interface to the line for monitoring or simulation.

Jumper Pins

All 25 pins of the bottom connector are brought out for jumpering. If your network cable has different pin assignments from the interface standard, you can use the supplied jumper wires to connect the interface lines to the desired pin on your cable. Pins 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, 17, 20, and 24 are also brought out on the other side of the breakout switches for jumpering.

Source Pins

The six Source Pins supply +12 volts and -12 volts. You may set any signal line ON or OFF by jumpering that line to the Source Pins.

Disconnect (breakout) Switches

Pins 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, 17, 20, and 24 may be individually disconnected from the data link by means of switches. This lets you isolate non-driven interface lines from the HP 4952A.
LCD Indicators

The LCD indicator for a signal line is dark when that line is On or Spacing. The LCD indicator is blank when a line is OFF, Marking, or in tri-state. For the indicator to be dark the voltage on that line must be greater than +2.75 volts. Once the indicator is dark, it will not go blank until the voltage becomes less than +0.25 volts. Therefore, the LCD for individual lines do not distinguish Marking and tri-state. Use the Mark/Space Monitor to do this.

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Use the Mark/Space Monitor Pin to check the level of any signal line. Jumper this pin to any signal pin and observe the ON/OFF LCD indicators. The On indicator is darkened for levels greater than +3 volts; the Off indicator is darkened for levels less than -3 volts. The other LCD indicators do not distinguish between Marking and tri-state conditions (they are blank below +0.25 volts). The Mark/Space Monitor lets you check these lines, or any other signal lines for mark/space levels.

X.21 Portion

Connectors

The top connector labeled PROTOCOL ANALYZER connects the interface pod to the HP 4952A via the Pod-Instrument cable supplied with the instrument. The bottom connector labeled X.21 connects the X.21 Y-cable to the X.21 network.

LED Indicators

The LED indicators show the conditions of the R, T, C, I, and S circuits. A red LED is lit when a circuit is a logical 1 or Off. A green LED is lit when a circuit is a logical 0 or On.
The HP 18174A Interface (RS-449)

The HP 18174A follows the EIA RS-449/422A/423A standard. The RS-449 was intended by the Standards Committees as a replacement and enhancement for the RS-232C/V.24 interface and can be used for both low and high-speed applications. RS-449 is made up of two electrical standards, RS-423A and RS-422A.

The RS-422A uses a balanced signal lead configuration for data and clocks to enable high speed operation. RS-423A uses an unbalanced signal lead configuration. Because the HP 4952A implements RS-422A electrical standards for all category I circuits, it can also support RS-423A circuits.

The 18174A interface does not have an integral breakout box for disconnecting and jumpering lines. Selected pins are, however, monitored by LCD indicators. For the LCD indicators to transition, the unbalanced or differential A-B voltage must be greater than 0.2 volts.

Figure 15-4. The HP 18174A Interface
### Table 15-2. The RS-449 Interface

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The HP 18177A/G Interface (V.35 Interface)

This pod is a V.35 interface. The HP 18177A/G follows V.28/V.35 electrical specifications, V.24 functional specifications, and ISO 2593 mechanical specifications.

The mark/space LEDs can indicate a Mark or a Space. If both are Off at the same time the indication is that no signal is present on the line. The HP 18177A/G specifies a differential voltage resolution on Mark/Space detect of .55 volts ±30% for Data and Clock lines.

The V.28 control lines are specified as follows:

- **OFF** LED on indicates < -2.8 volts on that line.
- **ON** LED on indicates > .25 volts on the line.
- Neither LED on indicates -2.8 < volts < .25 on the line.

The outputs of the control lines RS, DTR, CS, DSR, RLSD conform to the CCITT V.28 electrical standard meaning -12 volts for a mark (1, OFF) and +12 volts for a space (0, on).

![Figure 15-5. The HP 18177A Interface.](image-url)
The HP 18160A (V.35 and RS 232C Interface)

The HP 18160A is a combination RS 232C and V.35 interface pod. The HP 18160A lets you monitor and send data to V.35 and RS-232C/V.24 equipment.

The interface contains 10 pairs of real-time LEDs which monitor data, clocks, and major control line activity.

The LEDs show three possible line states. The green LEDs indicate "on" states, or spaces. The red LEDs indicate "off" states, or marks. The undefined state is indicated when both the red and green LEDs on a line are not lit. The LEDs also indicate real-time activity; that is, they show actual transitions.

Either the RS-232C/V.24 or V.35 portion of the interface must be selected with the select switch located on the right-side of the pod front panel.

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**Note**

Only connect one type of network (either RS-232C or V.35) at a time, because the lines on the unused (unselected) interface connector(s) are still driven in Simulate mode.

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**Monitor, DCE Simulate, and DTE Simulate Modes**

The pod can be configured to one of three desired modes of operation: either monitor, DCE simulation, or DTE simulation mode. You can select these three modes from the HP 4952A Monitor and Simulate menus.

**LEDs**

The 3-state indicators indicate activity on the interface pins. The undefined state is indicated when both LEDs are off.

**During V.35 operation,** these LEDs indicate the following condition on the V.35 data and clock lines:

- **Red** (mark) is ON when a logic 1 is present at the V.35 interface.
- **Green** (space) is ON when a logic 0 is present at the V.35 interface.
During RS-232C/V.24 operation, these LEDs indicate the following condition on the RS-232C/V.24 data and clock lines:

- **Red (mark)** is ON when a logic 1 is present at the RS-232C/V.24 interface.
- **Green (space)** is ON when a logic 0 is present at the RS-232C/V.24 interface.

**Jumper Pins**

All 25 pins of the RS-232C/V.24 connector are brought out for jumpering to 10 pins (above 25 jumper pins). The HP 4952A Protocol Analyzer displays 4 control leads along with the data leads in Data and State display format. These are RTS, CTS, DSR, and CD.

The HP 18160A Interface Pod has LED displays for 10 of the interface leads. In order to display different leads other than the 4 in the Data and State display, or the 10 LEDs, or to reassign pins in a non-standard interface, use the supplied jumper wires to connect interface lines from your network to the desired pin that will be displayed on the protocol analyzer. When jumpering pins to new pin assignments, remember to open the corresponding disconnect switch.

**Source Pins**

The six Source Pins supply +12 volts and -12 volts. You may set any line on or off by jumpering that line to the Source Pins.

**Disconnect (breakout) Switches**

Pins 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, 17, 20, and 24 may be individually disconnected from the data link by means of switches. This lets you isolate non-driven interface lines from the protocol analyzer.

**Mark/Space Indicator**

The Mark/Space Indicator lets you check the level of any signal line. Jumper any pin to this indicator to find its state.
Figure 15-6. The HP 18160A Interface

Figure 15-7. RS-232C/V.24 Pod Configuration - Monitor Mode
To Protocol Analyzer

HP 18160A Interface Pod

V.35 Connector

RS-232C/V.24 Connector

DCE

DTE

Figure 15-8 RS-232C/V.24 Pod Configuration - Simulating a DTE

To Protocol Analyzer

HP 18160A Interface Pod

V.35 Connector

RS-232C/V.24 Connector

DTE

DCE

Figure 15-9 RS-232C/V.24 Pod Configuration - Simulating a DCE

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Figure 15-10. V.35 Pod Configuration - Monitor Mode

Figure 15-11. V.35 Pod Configuration - Simulating a DCE
The HP 18270A ISDN Interface and Analysis

The HP 18270A ISDN Interface Module, in conjunction with the HP 18268A software, makes ISDN troubleshooting easier.

The ISDN product can be used where ISDN data travels over a LAPD link using the Basic Rate S/T physical interface. In addition, the HP 18268A ISDN software can be used with any of the HP interface pods covered in this chapter and provide Q.921/Q.931 analysis in cases where the D channel has already been broken out from the S/T interface.

The major enhancements to the standard HP 4952A Protocol Analyzer made by the ISDN products are included below.

**HP 18270A ISDN Interface Module Hardware Only**

- Basic Rate S/T Interface Access
- INFO State LEDs
- TEI and SAPI filtering
- Handset support

**HP 18268A ISDN Software Only**

- Q.921 (LAPD) softkey assisted entry
- Q.921/Q.931 monitor/decode and simulate
- X.25 monitor/decode and simulate on D channel
- User definable display formats
- Expand decode of Information elements
Examples
Example 1: Measuring a Single RTS-CTS Delay

This test measures the time from when RTS goes on until CTS goes on. Use the Monitor menu for this example.

To view the timers and counters, press Summary during run-time, or Timer & Cntr in the Examine Data Menu after run-time.

Note that timer measurements must be referenced to a preceding trigger for accurate measurements.

Program                                           Description

Block 1:
When Lead RTS goes On                             Timer 1 indicates RTS-CTS delay.
    then goto Block 2

Block 2:
Start Timer 1

When Lead CTS goes On                             Note that Start and Stop statements must be preceded by
    then goto Block 3                              When statements for accurate timing.

Block 3:
Stop Tests

16 - 2 Examples
Example 2: Monitoring a DCE

In this example, you monitor a DCE by simulating the DTE through the [Simulate] menu. When simulating a DTE, the HP 4952A supplies the ETC clock. Upon receiving the proper clocks and lead commands, the DCE begins sending data, which the HP 4952A automatically stores and displays while in the simulate mode.

Simulate DTE

Block 1:
Set Lead DTR On
and then
Set Lead RTS On
Example 3: Monitoring a DTE

In this example, you monitor a DTE by simulating a DCE. When simulating a DCE, the HP 4952A automatically supplies both the TC and RC clocks. Upon receiving the proper clocks and lead commands, the DTE begins sending data, which the HP 4952A automatically stores and displays while in the simulate mode.

Simulate DCE

Block 1:
Set Lead DSR On
and then
Set Lead CD On
and then
Set Lead CTS On
Example 4: FOX Message

This test checks the ability of asynchronous terminals and printers to receive and display data. The "FOX" message is transmitted to the terminal using the Simulate menu and then the echo from the terminal is checked for parity errors.

Simulate DCE

Block 1:
Send THE QUICK BROWN FOX
JUMPS OVER A LAZY DOG 012
3456789.

Block 2:
When Error Parity on DTE
    then goto Block 3
When DCE
    then goto Block 1

Block 3:
Increment Counter 1
    and then
Goto Block 2
Example 5: Counting Parity Errors

This program uses the Monitor menu to count the number of parity errors on both the DTE and DCE lines and keep track of the number of minutes of the test.

Program

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<td>Block 1</td>
<td>When DTE $X$ or When DCE $X$ then goto Block 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Block 2</td>
<td>Start Timer 5. Timer 5 starts when any character is sent on the DTE or DCE line. (&quot;$X$&quot; = don't care.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Block 3</td>
<td>When Error Parity on DTE then goto Block 4</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When Error Parity on DCE then goto Block 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When Timer 5 is $&gt; 59999$ then goto Block 6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Block 4</td>
<td>Increment Counter 1 and then Goto Block 3. Counter 1 indicates DTE errors.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Block 5</td>
<td>Increment Counter 2 and then Goto Block 3. Counter 2 indicates DCE errors.</td>
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</table>
Block 6:
Increment Counter 5
and then
Reset Timer 5
and then
Goto Block 2

Counter 5 keeps track of the number of minutes into the test.
Example 6: Measuring More than One RTS-CTS Delay

This test measures RTS-CTS delays until stopped. Use the Monitor Menu for this example.

Timer 1 and Timer 2 measure alternate delays. If only one timer were used, you would not have had enough time to see the timer before it was reset.

To view the timers and counters press Summary in the Run Menu during run-time. After run-time press Timer & Counter in the Examine Data Menu.

### Program

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<td>When Lead RTS goes On then goto Block 2</td>
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<td><strong>Block 2:</strong></td>
<td>Reset Timer 1 and then Start Timer 1</td>
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<td></td>
<td>When Lead CTS goes On then goto Block 3</td>
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<td></td>
<td>When Lead RTS goes Off then goto Block 6</td>
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<td><strong>Block 3:</strong></td>
<td>Stop Timer 1</td>
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<td>When Lead RTS goes On then goto Block 4</td>
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<td><strong>Block 4:</strong></td>
<td>Reset Timer 2 and then Start Timer 2</td>
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</table>

Blocks 3-5 duplicate blocks 1-2.

Timer 2 now measures the next RTS-CTS delay. Thus, the user has time to view timer 1 before it is reset.
When Lead CTS goes On
    then goto Block 5

When Lead RTS goes Off
    then goto Block 6

Block 5:
Stop Timer 2
    and then
Goto Block 1

Block 6:
Reset Timer 1
    and then
Reset Timer 2
    and then
Beep
    and then
Goto Block 1

The two "When" statements are ORed.

Control is looped back to Block 1.

If RTS goes off before CTS goes on the timers are reset and an alarm "beep" occurs.
Example 7: Simulating RTS-CTS Delay

In this test, you substitute the HP 4952A for the DTE. Thus, you can test the modem in isolation.

Timer 1 measures the time it takes for the modem to respond with CTS on.

**Program**

Simulate DTE

**Block 1:**
Set Lead RTS On

When Lead RTS goes On
then goto Block 2

**Block 2:**
Reset Timer 1
and then
Start Timer 1
and then
Start Timer 5
When Lead CTS goes On
then goto Block 3
When Timer 5 > 2000
then goto Block 4

**Block 3:**
Reset Timer 5
and then
Stop Timer 1
and then
Set Lead RTS Off
and then
Wait 29999
and then
Goto Block 1

**Description**

Timer 1 is reset because the program later loops back to this block.

Timer 1 shows CTS response time.

Timer 5 causes the instrument to beep if CTS does not go on within 2 seconds.

RTS is now turned off and the test begun again after 30 seconds. (You can change this delay.)
Block 4:
Reset Timer 5
   and then
Reset Timer 1
   and then
Beep
   and then
Set Lead RTS Off
   and then
Wait 250
   and then
Goto Block 1

Block 4 is the error block. If CTS does not go on two seconds after RTS goes on, the analyzer beeps and restarts the test.
Example 8: Loopback

In this test, the local modem is looped back. The HP 4952A is substituted for the DTE and sends the "Quick Brown Fox" message 100 times. The modem is checked for proper handshaking and echo response.

Program

Simulate DTE

Block 1:
Set Lead RTS On
and then
Start Timer 5

When Lead CTS goes On
then goto Block 2

When Timer 5 is > 2000
then goto Block 8

Block 2:
Reset Timer 5
and then
Send THE QUICK BROWN FOX
JUMPS OVER A LAZY DOG
0123456789,
and then
Set lead RTS Off

Block 3:
When DCE THE QUICK BROWN
FOX JUMPS OVER A LAZY DOG
0123456789
then goto Block 5
When Lead CTS goes Off
then goto Block 4

Description

The modem is checked for correct handshaking response.
The modem is reset for the next loop.
The message is sent to the modem.
The modem is checked to see whether it echoes back each character.
Because the two 'when' statements are ORed, every character must be received before CTS goes off.
Block 4:
Increment Counter 2

Counter 2 indicates the number of times this does not happen.

Block 5:
Increment Counter 1
If Counter 1 is > 99
    then goto Block 7

Counter 1 shows the number of transactions up to 100.

Block 6:
Goto Block 1

The test starts over.

Block 7:
Stop Tests

Block 8:
Reset Timer 5
    and then
Beep
    and then
Goto Block 1

An alarm 'beep' indicates a lack of modem response.

Counter 2 indicates the number of times this does not happen.

Counter 1 shows the number of transactions up to 100.

The test starts over.

An alarm 'beep' indicates a lack of modem response.
Example 9: END-TO-END: Transmit First  (HP 4925B Compatible)

The End-to-End test consists of the two programs described in Examples 9 and 10.

In the End-to-End Test, two HP 4952's (or an HP 4952A and an HP 4925B) are substituted for the DTEs at both ends of a line. Handshaking and messages are performed and checked 100 times. Except for the fact that one DTE transmits first, and the other DTE receives first, both programs are identical. There are two sections to this program: In blocks 5-6 this DTE is transmitting; in blocks 1-4 this DTE is receiving. Counter 1 indicates how many times the test failed. Counter 2 indicates the total number of transactions.

Note  The ‘receive first’ unit must be started first.

The proper setup is necessary for this test. Use the Char Async/Sync Menu with all the default selections (Chapter 12) except the following:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Data Code</th>
<th>Hex</th>
<th>Drop sync 4 chrs after</th>
<th>18 18 18 18 18 18 18</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sync on</td>
<td>FF 93</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Program

Simulate DTE

Block 1:
Goto Block 6

Block 2:
Set Lead DTR On
If Lead CD is On
then goto Block 3
When Lead CD goes On
then goto Block 3

Description

The program immediately jumps to the transmit section.

The If and When statements are ORed.
Block 3:
When Lead CD goes Off
    then goto Block 4
When DCE 76 B3 FA 41
    then goto Block 5

The two When statements are ORed: If CD goes off before
the message is received, then the error counter is
incremented. The DCE characters are the same as those
sent by the HP 4925B

Block 4:
Beep
    and then
Increment Counter 1

Block 5:
Increment Counter 2

Counter 2 tells total transactions.

Block 6:
Wait 100 msec
    and then
Set Lead RTS On
If Lead CTS is On
    then goto Block 7
When Lead CTS goes On
    then goto Block 7

Block 7:
Send FF 93 76 B3 FA 41 18
When DTE 18
    then goto Block 8

This is the same message sent by a HP 4925B

Block 8:
Set Lead RTS Off
If Counter 2 > 99
    then goto Block 10

When Counter 2 reaches 100, the test is ended.

Block 9:
Goto Block 2

Block 10:
Stop Tests
Example 10: END-TO-END: Receive First  (HP 4925B Compatible)

This is the part of the END-TO-END TEST for the DTE which receives first. There are two sections to the program: In blocks 1-4 the DTE is transmitting; in blocks 5-6 the DTE is receiving. Counter 2 tells how many times the test failed. Counter 1 keeps track of the total number of transactions.

Note  The ‘receive first’ unit must be started first.

Use the Char Async/Sync Menu for the setup. Use all the default selections except the following:

- Data Code  Hex 8  Drop sync 4 chrs after  18 18 18 18 18 18 18
- Sync on  Ff 93

Program

Simulate DTE

Block 1:
- Set Lead DTR On
- If Lead CD is On
  - then goto Block 2
- When Lead CD goes On
  - then goto Block 2

Block 2:
- When Lead CD goes Off
  - then goto Block 3
- When DCE 76 B3 FA 41
  - then goto Block 4

Block 3:
- Beep
  - and then
- Increment Counter 1

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Block 4:
Increment Counter 2

Counter 2 indicates another transaction.

Block 5:
Wait 100 msec
and then
Set Lead RTS On
If Lead CTS is On
then goto Block 6
When Lead CTS goes On
then goto Block 6

The transmit section of the program begins.

Block 6:
Send FF 93 76 B3 FA 41 18
When DTE 18
then goto Block 7

Block 7:
Set Lead RTS Off
If Counter 2 > 99
then goto Block 9

When the total transactions = 100 the test is ended.

Block 8:
Goto Block 1

Block 9:
Stop Tests

Examples 16 - 17
Application Denied

Cause
This occurs when an attempt is made to load or rename an illegal application. This might be an application copied on another device other than another HP 4952A.

Action
Check the application and ensure that it is correct.

Application Not Compatible

Cause
This occurs when an attempt is made to store an application that is not compatible.

Action
Check the application and ensure that it is not copy protected.

Bad Data - Cannot Sync

Cause
Indicates that incoming data does not match selected pattern.

Action
Check for line errors, wrong speed selected, or wrong pattern selected.

Bad Disc

Cause
The disc will not format due to having too many bad tracks.

Action
A disc having one or more bad tracks is considered not usable.
### Buffer Empty

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>The slave buffer is empty.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>Check the content of the slave buffer with examine data. Retry the upload.</td>
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</table>

### Buffer Overflow

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>Not processing data as fast as it comes in. Caused by disc or monitor program which have triggers found too often.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>Decrease number of triggers in setup.</td>
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</table>

### Can’t Configure Within the Time Limit

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>For synchronous protocols the time limit is 15 seconds; for asynchronous or NRZI protocols the time limit is 45 seconds.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>After the time limit, Auto Configure resets and starts over.</td>
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</table>

### Checksum Error

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>Bit errors have occurred. A bad CRC check occurred when attempting to read or write a file on the disc. Data is assumed to be corrupt when this error occurs.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>Retry the operation. Disc may no longer be usable. Try another disc to help isolate the problem.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Clock Slipped During Run</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<td>----------------------------</td>
<td>---------------------------------------------------------------</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cause</strong></td>
<td>Corrupt data received. A portion of the bit stream was lost.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Action</strong></td>
<td>Either BERT detected error in line indicating bad line, or the line is configured wrong.</td>
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<tr>
<th><strong>Controller Error</strong></th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cause</strong></td>
<td>The disc controller is not working properly.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Action</strong></td>
<td>Run disc self test to verify disc controller error.</td>
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<tr>
<th><strong>Conversion Error: Menus Reset</strong></th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cause</strong></td>
<td>This might occur if the menus being transferred are invalid on the destination analyzer.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Action</strong></td>
<td>Check menu compatibility. Retry menu transfer.</td>
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<thead>
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<th><strong>Data Error - Sync Lost</strong></th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cause</strong></td>
<td>Indicates that sync was lost after start of test.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Action</strong></td>
<td>Check either line going bad, or if tester was changed on the other end of line.</td>
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</table>
### Drive Error

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<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>The disc drive is not working properly, a hardware failure has occurred.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>Run disc self test to verify disc controller error.</td>
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</table>

### Directory Full

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>The directory on the disc is full, and no other files can be written onto the disc. The directory can contain eighty files maximum.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>Reduce the number of file names.</td>
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### Disc Full

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<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>The disc is full of data and no more will fit. This error occurs during write operations.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>You can &quot;pack&quot; the disc using the Pack Disc softkey to possibly make enough space for the new file to fit.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

### Disc Not Formatted

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>The disc has not been formatted.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>The disc must be formatted before you can use it in the HP 4952A.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Disc Out

Cause: The disc is out at the beginning of a disc operation, or the disc is taken out during a disc operation.

Action: Make sure a disc is properly installed in the disc drive. Press [Dir].

Disc Removed During a Read Operation

Cause: When you remove the disc during a load operation, the buffer data is invalid.

Action: Use the EXIT key to exit. Try loading the data again.

Disc Read Error: Buffer Data Invalid

Cause: This may be caused by, checksum error, a record not found, a corrupt file on disc, a broken disc controller, or by a worn out disc.

Action: Use the EXIT key to exit. Try another disc to help isolate the problem.

Directory too Large

Cause: The disc has a directory that is too large. We format ten sectors for 80 entries for the directory.

Action: Reduce the number of files by deleting files not needed.
### DLC Error

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<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>HP 4952A hardware problem.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>Contact HP for service.</td>
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</table>

### End of Data Segment

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<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>End of the current 16 blocks (32 Kbytes) of data.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>Use next data segment key.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

### EOF error

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>An attempt was made to read more records than exist in the file. The End Of File was found before the read completed.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>RETRY, if it fails again - retry on a different disc. If the error persists, suspect a disc controller failure.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

### End of Disc File

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>When you specify a block number beyond the last block on disc.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>Correct the block number specified so as to specify a block number on the disc.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
End of Valid Data

Cause
When you scroll to the end of buffer data.

Action
Scroll backward.

File Does Not Exist

Cause
Attempt to load a file that does not exist or has been deleted.

Action
Recheck the directory for the file name or use the [Recover] function of mass store menu to try to replace the file into the directory so that it may be accessed.

File is Not Recoverable

Cause
Attempt to recover a file that is not recoverable. Probably a file created on an instrument other than an HP 4952A.

Action
Recheck the file and ensure it's compatibility to the HP 4952A.

File Already Exists

Cause
Attempt to store a file with a name and type that already exists.

Action
Recheck the name and/or type to ensure either the name or the type is different from existing files.
**File Not Compatible**

**Cause**
Attempt to load a file that is not compatible with the HP 4951. This file could have the correct type but perhaps might be an application not compatible with the HP 4952A.

**Action**
Recheck the file and ensure it’s compatibility to the HP 4952A.

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**Framing Error**

**Cause**
Could not find a "1" stop bit in an asynchronous protocol during autoconfigure. This error may occur because a transmit clock (TC or ETC) is missing in a synchronous protocol. The HP 4952A assumes an asynchronous protocol, but cannot then find the stop bit.

**Action**
Check transmit clock indicators on the pod. Check protocol setup. Retry the transmission.

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**Handshake Error**

**Cause**
The proper handshake responses were not present during printer operation.

**Action**
Check handshake line for correct responses.
### Improper Format

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<th>Cause</th>
<th>Action</th>
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<tr>
<td>The disc format is not compatible with the HP 4952A for runtime use. The disc format is LIF but not formatted on an HP 4952A and will not work at runtime for writing to the disc.</td>
<td>Format the disc in an HP 4952A or an HP 4951C.</td>
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### Insufficient Data to Configure

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<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>Action</th>
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<tr>
<td>The analyzer cannot detect a clock or idles.</td>
<td>Check the data stream. Go to the setup menu and check for non-standard protocols or data codes.</td>
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### Invalid Async Framing

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>Action</th>
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<tr>
<td>The analyzer cannot determine the async data code.</td>
<td>Go to the setup menu and check for a non-standard data code.</td>
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### Invalid File Name

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>Action</th>
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<tr>
<td>Attempt to enter an invalid file name.</td>
<td>Correct the file name. Allowable characters are A - Z, numbers, and the underscore character. The file name must start with a capitol alpha-numeric character.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Invalid File Type

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>Attempt to load or store a file with a file type that is not valid on an HP 4952A.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>Correct the file type to match with a compatible file type on the HP 4952A.</td>
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## Invalid Mon/Sim menu

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>This may occur if you enter &quot;When DTE/DCE&quot; without completing the trigger branching instruction, or if there are other incomplete program statements.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>Examine monitor/simulate menu for incorrect parameter. Correct the error and retry</td>
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</table>

## Invalid Sync Characters

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>Could not find any of the standard sync characters (ASCII = 1616; EBCDIC = 3232; IPARS = 3F3E).</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>Try syncing on different characters. The Auto Configure syncs on a selected set of sync characters. The data stream does not contain one of these sync characters.</td>
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</table>

## Invalid asynchronous speed / Invalid synchronous speed

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>The bit rate is not within 5% of those listed under &quot;Assumptions&quot;.</th>
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</table>
Issue ID Request to Enable Slave

Cause          Failure to issue ID request to enable an HP 4951 slave.
Action         You must always [Execute] this operation immediately after establishing phone communication in order to synchronize remote transfers. Required by the HP 4951A as a slave.

Max Length

Cause          This message appears if you attempt to specify more than 255 characters in a single string.
Action         Reduce the number of characters in the string.

Max Strings

Cause          Appears if the Monitor and Simulate Menus combined contain strings which have a total of more than 2750 characters.
Action         Reduce the number of characters in the string.

Media Wear Protected

Cause          The disc is write protected because of excess wear on the disc. This prevents you from writing on a disc surface that is marginal.
Action         Use another disc and copy this to that new disc as soon as possible.
Menu Full

Cause  Appears if the Monitor and Simulate Menus combined contain more than 143 steps.

Action  Reduce the number of steps.

Menus Incompatible with HP 4952A

Cause  This might occur for certain menus created by a HP 4955A or HP 4953A.

Action  It may be possible to modify the existing menu to run on the HP 4952A. Examine the menu for any illegal parameters, correct and retry.

New Name Already Exists

Cause  Attempt to rename a file with a name and type that already exists.

Action  Recheck the name and/or type to ensure either the name or the type is different from existing files.

No Application Loaded

Cause  Attempt to store an application when no application was loaded in the application portion of ram.

Action  Load the application desired into the HP 4952A before trying to store it.
No Data in Buffer -- Use EXIT Key to Exit

Cause
This occurs if the buffer is empty when you go to the Examine Data Menu.

Action
Monitor On-Line, or load from the disc to fill the buffer.

No Data in Capture Buffer

Cause
This occurs if the buffer is empty when you try to store a menus & data file or a data file.

Action
Monitor On-Line, or load from the disc to fill the buffer.

No displayable data in buffer for the selected display format

Cause
This indicates that the buffer contains non-displayable data, such as lead transitions, or if in the Packet display there are no packets.

Action
Use Data & State display format to see the lead transitions, and all other data, if any.

No Data Present

Cause
There is no line data.

Action
Both data and idle conditions must be present.
No File; Run Aborted

Cause  The menu requesting the run-time disc data file was exited prior to being executed.
Action None - Message informs you that the run-time disc data file was exited prior to being executed.

No Idles

Cause  There are insufficient idles on the line.
Action Both data and idles must be present. Asynchronous protocols must have a minimum of two idle characters between messages.

No Pod Attached

Cause  The pod is not attached or the connection has come loose.
Action Be sure to turn off the power before connecting the interface pod.

No Sync Characters

Cause  Could not find any sync characters.
Action Try to sync on idles to capture all the data on the line and then check the data with examine data menu for the presence of sync characters.
Non LIF Format

Cause
The disc has been formatted, but the format is not the LIF format used by the HP 4952A.

Action
Format the disc in/on a HP 4952A.

Nonstandard Baud Rate

Cause
The bit rate is not within 5% of the selected value.

Action
Adjust bit rate of system the HP 4952A is attached to monitoring/simulating.

No More Highlights

Cause
When you press the Next Hilit key and there are no more highlights.

Action
View highlights again by returning to start of buffer (use Spec Block) and then Next Hilit. For frame packet displays, try Next Segment then Next Hilit.

Operation Not Valid for HP 4952A

Cause
The remote operation is one that only an HP 4955A or HP 4953A can perform.

Action
Amend operation to comply with HP 4952A capabilities.
Print Error

Cause: Other printer problems.
Action: Verify connections and printer setup.

Receiver Overrun

Cause: Line data too fast.
Action: Check configuration of line. May be noise on data or clock.

Record Not Found

Cause: A track or sector was not found during a disc operation which could indicate a corrupt format on the disc or a worn disc.
Action: Re-try the read or write operation.

Remote Timeout

Cause: The print operation timed out.
Action: If persistent, contact your HP Sales/Service Office.

Single Sided Disc

Cause: The disc has been formatted as a single-sided disc.
Action: The HP 4952A uses a double-sided format. Use a double-sided disc.
### Seek Error

**Cause**  
The disc controller can not find a location on the disc that it expects to find.

**Action**  
Retry the operation. Retry the operation on another disc.

### Start of Valid Data

**Cause**  
When you scroll to the beginning of buffer data.

**Action**  
Scroll forward.

### Sync Lost One or More Times

**Cause**  
A "Data Error - Sync Lost" error has occurred at least once.

**Action**  
Check either line going bad, or if tester was changed on the other end of the line. Waiting for data.

### Trying Again to Capture Data

**Cause**  
The analyzer does not capture data and cannot find a clock.

**Action**  
Press **Auto Cnfg** again. If that does not work go to the Setup Menu and manually set up the instrument.
### Waiting for Data

**Cause**
Either there is no line data, or the analyzer is still collecting sufficient data to make a determination.

**Action**
Both data and idle conditions must be present.

### Waiting for Frames

**Cause**
The analyzer has detected a bit-oriented protocol but cannot capture frames.

**Action**
Press `Auto Cnfg` and try to capture frames or go to the setup menu and manually configure the analyzer.

### Waiting for Idles

**Cause**
There are insufficient idles on the line. Both data and idles must be present.

**Action**
Character oriented protocols must have a minimum of ten idle characters between messages, and bit oriented protocols must have ten flags between frames.

### Waiting for Messages

**Cause**
The analyzer has detected a character-oriented protocol but cannot find the sync characters.

**Action**
Press `Auto Cnfg` or go to the Setup Menu and manually configure the analyzer.
### Write Protected

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>The disc &quot;write protect&quot; tab is in the &quot;protect&quot; position. The tab will not be visible and a physical hole will exist in that portion of the disc case.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Action</td>
<td>To store information on a write protected disc, slide the protect tab to the opposite position.</td>
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Specifications and Accessories

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Specifications

Weight (including interface pod and cables)

Net Wt: 7.0 kg. (15.4 lbs.)
Shipping: 12.5 kg. (27.6 lbs.)

Size

Height: 16.0 cm, width 27.9 cm, depth 34.3 cm. (6.3 x 11.0 x 13.5 in.)

Temperature

Operating: 0 °C to +40 °C (+32 °F to +104 °F) **
Storage: -40 °C to +75 °C (-40 °F to +167 °F)

** The disc drive and optional extended memory should only be operated at temperatures of +5 °C to +40 °C (+41 °F to +104 °F) and stored at +4 °C to +53 °C (+39 °F to +127 °F).

Power Requirements

90 to 264 Vac: 48 to 66 Hz single phase, or 125 to 375 VDC.
Typical less than 20 VA, maximum less than 35 VA.

Electromagnetic Capability

Complies with VDE 0871/6.78 Limit B, and is licensed per FTZ 1046/84.
Operating Characteristics

Operating characteristics are features and capabilities that the protocol analyzer exhibits. They are not specifications.

Protocols

X.25, SNA (opt.), SDLC, BSC, HDLC, IPARS, X.21 (opt), DDCMP and most character asynchronous or synchronous protocols.

Data Transmission Modes

Synchronous, asynchronous, NRZI, and externally clocked NRZI.

Data Transfer Rates (bps)

50, 75, 110, 134.5, 150, 200, 300, 600, 1200, 1800, 2000, 400, 800, 3200, 3600, 4800, 7200, 9600, 12000, 14400, 16000, 19200, 38400, 48000, 56000, 64000 and EXTERNAL for synchronous data lines.

COPs will have different maximum transfer rates depending on the protocol.

Not Supported: Asynchronous (bps): 12000, 14000, 16000, > NRZI (bps): 50, 12000, 16000 Async BERT (bps): 12000, 16000, teletext 1200/75

Data Codes

ASCII, EBCDIC, Baudot, Six Bit Transcode, IPARS, EBCD, and Hex. Also JIS-7, JIS-8, and EBCDIK (with Katakana option).

Capture Memory

32 Kbytes of nonvolatile RAM (768K Kbytes of optional volatile extended memory) for storing data characters, timing and lead status.

Mass Storage

Microfloppy disc stores 613 Kbytes of data, timing information, setups, and programs.
Lead Status

The status of five control leads are stored for each interface. They are RTS, CTS, DTR, DSR, and CD for RS-232C/V.24 and V.35 interfaces; CS, RS, RR, TR, and DM for RS-449 interface; T, R, I, and C for X.21 interface.

Highlights

Most recent 63 trigger events.

Character Framing

5, 6, 7, or 8 information bits, plus parity. For asynchronous systems select 1, 1.5, or 2 stop bits per character.

Error Checking

CRC-CCITT, CRC-CCITT preset 0, CRC-16, CRC-12, CRC-6, LRC, and parity.

Triggers

63 triggers for characters, errors, interface lead transitions and softkeys.

Timers

Five, each with a maximum count of 65535 msec. Resolution 1 msec.

Counters

Five, maximum count 65535.

Keyboard

Full ASCII keyboard with six softkeys and cursor control.

Parity

Odd, even, none, ignore.

Display

High resolution 13 cm (5 in) diagonal with 16 lines and 32 characters per line.

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Display Formats

DTE data over DCE data, Data and Lead Status, DTE data only, DCE data only, Frame and Packet decode, Packet only decode, and X.21 data and state.

Send Strings

255 characters per string maximum, 1750 characters total.

Remote Capability

Complete unattended remote control. Can be controlled by another HP protocol analyzer or computer to transfer data, setups, and test programs.

Bit Error Rate Testing

Simultaneously measures bit errors, block errors, errored seconds, and percent error free seconds for synchronous, asynchronous or isochronous data links.

Block Size: 511, 1000, 2047.
Patterns: 63, 511, 2047 or 4095 pseudo random sequence.
Character Framing: Select 5,6,7, or 8 bit per character and parity.
Inject Errors Function: Single errors or bursts of errors.

Clock Speed Accuracy

For BERT operation, clocks provided on the physical interface are accurate to 0.01%.

For other operations, the following clock speeds provided on the physical interface are accurate to 0.01%: 75, 110, 134.5, 150, 200, 300, 600, 1200, 1800, 2400, 3200, 3600, 4800, 7200, 9600, 14400, 19200, 38400, 48000, 56000, and 64000.

For your convenience, the following additional clock speeds have been provided, however the clock accuracy is not specified: 50, 2000, 12000, and 16000.
Accessories

Accessories Supplied

Power Cord
Pod-Instrument Cable (for all pods)
Operating Manual
Getting Started
Transportation Disc
Extra Fuse
Utility Disc

Accessories Available

Data tracker breakout box
Soft vinyl carrying case
Hard cover transit case
ThinkJet printer for ASCII printouts
(Box of 10 3.5-inch double-sided discs)
Extended memory plus retrofit kit
Rack mount for 4952A instrument (7" vert)
Rack mount for 4952A pod (7" vert)
Video Print Interface
Extra HP 4952A Operating Manual
Extra HP 4952A Getting Started Manual
Disc Drive Cleaning Kit

See Appendix D
HP 5062-2144
HP 04952-90082
HP 04952-90083
HP 5060-7177
HP 2110-0758
HP 92204N
HP 18190A
HP 9211-1291
HP 2225D
HP 92192A
HP 04952-69501
HP 18195A
HP 18196A
HP 18340A
HP 04952-90082
HP 04952-90083
HP 09122-89415

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Problem Solving Accessories:
HP 18160A: Combination RS-232/V.24 and V.35 Interface Pod
HP 18174A: RS-449/422A/423A Interface Pod
HP 18177A/G: V.35 Interface Pod
HP 18179A: RS-232/V.24 Interface Pod with complete breakout box
HP 18180A: Combination RS-232/V.24 and RS-449/422A/423A Interface Pod
HP 18260A: X.21 and RS-232/V.24 Interface Kit
HP 18261A: SNA Analysis software
HP 18263A: 3270 Installation and Maintenance Software
HP 18264A: X.25 and SNA Level Link Level Statistics
HP 18265A: DDCMP Analysis
HP 18266A: Enhanced X.25 Analysis
HP 18267A: X.25 Test Library and Emulator
HP 18268A: ISDN Basic Rate Analysis
HP 18269A: G.821 BERT
HP 18270A: ISDN Basic Rate Channel Access and Analysis

One of the cables listed below is included in the appropriate interface pod.

RS-232/V.24 Y-ribbon cable  HP 18173-61602
RS-449 Y-ribbon cable  HP 18174-61601
V.35 Y-ribbon cable  HP 18177-61601
## Options

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<td>Option 002</td>
<td>Extended Memory Plus&lt;br&gt;3/4 Mbyte extended capture buffer&lt;br&gt;128 Kbyte non-volatile program RAM</td>
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<td>Option 101</td>
<td>Adds accessory 18174A (RS-449/422A/423A)</td>
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<td>Adds accessory 18179A (RS232C/V.24 with complete breakout box)</td>
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<td>Adds HP 18260A (Combination X.21 and RS-232C/V.24).</td>
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<td>Adds HP 18177A/G (V.35).</td>
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<td>Option 106</td>
<td>Adds HP 18160A (V.35 and RS-232C/V.24)</td>
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<td>Option 107</td>
<td>Adds HP 18270A ISDN Basic Rate Channel Access and Analysis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Option 501</td>
<td>French Manual</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Option 502</td>
<td>German Manual</td>
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<tr>
<td>Option 908</td>
<td>Rack Mount Kit (14&quot; vert.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Option W30</td>
<td>3 year extended hardware support. Provides 2 additional years of return-to-HP hardware support (for 2nd and 3rd years).</td>
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</table>
Interface Accessories

HP 18160A (RS-232C/V.24 and V.35)

Interface contains both RS-232C/V.24 and V.35 interfaces.

HP 18174A (RS-449/422A/423A)


HP 18177A/G (V.35)

Interface activity indicators: DTE, DCE, SCE, SCT, SCR, RS, DTR, CS, DSR, and CD.

HP 18179A (RS-232C/V.24)

Full breakout box with 25 switches. Interface Activity Indicators: DTE, DCE, TC, RC, RTS, CTS, DTR, DSR, CD, ETC.

HP 18180A (RS-232/V.24 and RS-449/422A/423A)

Activity indicators are the same leads as HP 18179A and HP 18174A.

HP 18260A (RS-232/V.24 and X.21)


HP 18270A ISDN Basic Rate Channel Access and Analysis

Interface kit includes HP 18268A ISDN software as well as the Interface Module.
OSI Level 2 and 3 Tables

- Level 2: The Data Link Interface
- Level 3
Level 2: The Data Link Interface

Character Oriented Protocols: BSC

| SYN | SYN | SOH | Header | STX | Text | ETX | BCC | BCC | ETB |

Bit Oriented Protocols

| Flag | Address | Control | Data | FCS | FCS | Flag |

Flags: Flags (7E) act as frame delimiters

Address Field: Command frames contain receiving station’s address. Response frames contain sending station’s address.

Control Field: Identifies function and purpose of the frame. Contains commands, responses, and sequence numbers.

Information Field: Any number of bits, typically in multiples of 8 (octets).

FCS: Frame Checking Sequence for Error Detection.
Types Of BOP Frames  (Indicated by the following control fields)

1. Information (I) Frames: For transferring information.

   | N(R) | P/F | N(S) | 0 |

2. Supervisory (S) Frames: To acknowledge I frames, request re-transmission of I frames, and to communicate status (busy, ready).

   Receive Ready (RR)

   | N(R) | P/F | 0 0 | 0 1 |

   Reject (REJ)

   | N(R) | P/F | 0 1 | 0 1 |

   Receive Not Ready (RNR)

   | N(R) | P/F | 1 0 | 0 1 |

   Selective Reject (SREJ)

   | N(R) | P/F | 1 1 | 0 1 |

3. Unnumbered (U) Frames: To issue commands and responses.

   | Type | P/F | Type | 1 1 |
## Unnumbered Format Commands  \((P=\text{Poll}, F=\text{Final})\)

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<tr>
<th>Control Field Bits</th>
<th>Mnemonic</th>
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<td>msb lsb</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 0 0 P 0 0 1 1</td>
<td>SNRM</td>
<td>Set Normal Response Mode</td>
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<tr>
<td>0 0 0 P 1 1 1 1</td>
<td>SARM</td>
<td>Set Asynchronous Response Mode</td>
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<tr>
<td>0 0 1 P 1 1 1 1</td>
<td>SABM</td>
<td>Set Asynchronous Balanced Mode</td>
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<td>1 1 0 P 1 1 1 1</td>
<td>SNRME</td>
<td>Set Normal Response Mode Extended</td>
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<td>0 1 0 P 1 1 1 1</td>
<td>SARME</td>
<td>Set Asynchronous Response Mode Extended</td>
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<td>0 1 1 P 1 1 1 1</td>
<td>SABME</td>
<td>Set Asynchronous Balanced Mode Extended</td>
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<td>0 0 0 P 0 1 1 1</td>
<td>SIM</td>
<td>Set Initialization Mode</td>
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<td>0 1 0 P 0 0 1 1</td>
<td>DISC</td>
<td>Disconnect</td>
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<td>0 0 0 P 0 0 1 1</td>
<td>UI</td>
<td>Unnumbered Information</td>
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<td>0 0 1 P 0 0 1 1</td>
<td>UP</td>
<td>Unnumbered Poll</td>
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<td>1 0 0 P 1 1 1 1</td>
<td>RSET</td>
<td>Reset</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 0 1 P 1 1 1 1</td>
<td>XID</td>
<td>Exchange Identification</td>
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### Unnumbered Format Responses

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<td>UA</td>
<td>Unnumbered Acknowledgement</td>
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<td>0 0 0 F 1 1 1 1</td>
<td>DM</td>
<td>Disconnected Mode</td>
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<td>0 0 0 F 0 1 1 1</td>
<td>RIM</td>
<td>Request Initialization Mode</td>
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<td>0 0 0 F 0 0 1 1</td>
<td>UI</td>
<td>Unnumbered Information</td>
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<td>1 0 0 F 0 1 1 1</td>
<td>FRMR</td>
<td>Frame Reject</td>
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<td>1 0 1 F 1 1 1 1</td>
<td>XID</td>
<td>Exchange Identification</td>
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<td>0 1 0 F 0 0 1 1</td>
<td>RD</td>
<td>Request Disconnect</td>
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Sample Monitor Menu Triggers (*"x" = don't care*)

When DTE

Trigger on data from the DTE

When DTE (flag) 0₁

Address (second byte)

When DTE (flag) 0₁ xxxxxxxx

Control Field, don’t cares (3rd byte)

When DTE (flag) 0₁ xxxxx11

U-Frame

When DTE (flag) 0₁ 100x0011

Type of U-Frame = SNRM

When DTE (flag) 0₁ 10010011

Poll bit set to 1

When DTE (flag) 0₃ xxx0001

S-Frame

When DTE (flag) 0₃ 10110001

S-Frame, Type=RR, N(R)=5, P/F=1

When DTE (flag) 0₃ 00100010

I-Frame, N(R)=1, N(S)=1, P/F=0

(This is an I-Frame)
# Level 3

## Packet Construction (MODULO 8)

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**User Data**

### LCGN = Logical Channel Group Number

**LCN = Logical Channel Number**

**Logical Channel Identifier = LCN + LCGN**

**P(R) = Next Receive Packet Expected**

**P(S) = Packet Send Sequence Number**

**M-bit = More Data Bit**

**Q-bit = Data Qualifier Bit**

**D-bit = Delivery Confirmation Bit**

### Packet Types

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<td>Call Request</td>
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<td>Call Accepted</td>
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<td>Clear Request</td>
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Data Packets

Modulo 8

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Octet 1

Octet 2

Octet 3

Octet 4

Modulo 128

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### Call Request/Incoming Call Packet

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- **Calling DTE Address**
- **Called DTE Address**
- **Facility**
- **Field Length**
- **Facility Codes and Parameters**
- **Call User Data**

### Call Accepted/Call Connected Packet

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- **Calling DTE Address**
- **Called DTE Address**
- **Facility**
- **Field Length**
- **Facilities**
Service Information

- Power Requirements
- Adjustments
- Performance Verification
- Packaging
Power Requirements

Warning
Before connecting the HP 4952A to any line voltage, be sure the proper fuse is installed. Damage to the instrument may occur if the wrong fuse is installed. See procedures which follow to replace the fuse.

Warning
Before connecting the HP 4952A to any line voltage, the protective earth terminal of the instrument must be connected to the protective conductor of the line power cable. The line plug must be inserted in an outlet provided with a protective earth contact. The protective conductor must not be negated by the use of an extension cord without a protective grounding conductor. Grounding one conductor of a two-conductor outlet does not provide an instrument ground.

Power Cable
The HP 4952A power cable has three wires. When connected to an appropriate power receptacle, this cable grounds the instrument chassis. The type of power cable shipped with each instrument depends on the country of destination (see Table D-1). If the appropriate power cable is not included with the instrument, notify the nearest Hewlett-Packard Sales and Service office for a replacement.

Line Voltage Selection
The line voltage selector is not available on the HP 4952A as the line voltage is not selectable.
Changing Fuses

The fuse is located behind the cover that surrounds the power switch. The fuse (HP #2110-0758) is rated at .6A, 250V.

To change the fuse:

1. Unplug the instrument and remove the line cord from the instrument.
2. Insert a small screwdriver into the slot at the top of the cover. Pry out the cover from the top.
3. Pull out the light gray fuse holder located under the line switch. Replace the fuse.
4. Re-insert the fuse holder with the arrow facing in the same direction as the two arrows on the cover.
5. Close the cover.

Adjustments

There are no operator adjustments for the HP 4952A. Any internal adjustments must be made by a qualified service person.
Table D-1. Power Cable Part Numbers

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<th>Plug Type</th>
<th>Cable HP Part Number</th>
<th>C D</th>
<th>Plug Description</th>
<th>Cable Length (inches)</th>
<th>Cable Color</th>
<th>For Use In Country</th>
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<tr>
<td>250V</td>
<td>8120-1351 8120-1703</td>
<td>0 6</td>
<td>Straight *BS1363A 90°</td>
<td>90 90</td>
<td>Mint Gray Mint Gray</td>
<td>United Kingdom, Cyprus, Nigeria, Rhodesia, Singapore</td>
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<tr>
<td>250V</td>
<td>8120-1369 8120-0696</td>
<td>0 4</td>
<td>Straight *NZSS198'/ASC112 90°</td>
<td>79 87</td>
<td>Gray Gray</td>
<td>Australia, New Zealand</td>
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<td>250V</td>
<td>8120-1689 8120-1692</td>
<td>7 2</td>
<td>Straight *CEE7-Y11 90°</td>
<td>79 79</td>
<td>Mint Gray Mint Gray</td>
<td>East and West Europe, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, So. Africa, India (unpolarized in many nations)</td>
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<tr>
<td>125V</td>
<td>8120-1348 8120-1399 8120-1754 8120-1378 8120-1521 8120-1676</td>
<td>5 5 7 1 6 2</td>
<td>Straight *NEMA5-15P 90°</td>
<td>80 80 36 80 80 80</td>
<td>Black Black Black Jade Gray Jade Gray Jade Gray</td>
<td>United States, Canada, Japan 100V or 200V, Mexico, Philippines, Taiwan</td>
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<td>Straight *SEVI011 1959-24507 Type 12</td>
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<td>8120-0698</td>
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<td>8120-1860</td>
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<td>Straight *CEE22-VI (Systems Cabinet use)</td>
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<td>8120-4600 8120-4211</td>
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*Part number shown for plug is industry identifier for plug only. Number shown for cable is HP Part Number for complete cable including plug.
E = Earth Ground, L = Line, N = Neutral
Performance Verification

When you turn the instrument on, self tests are automatically performed. These tests are completed in about 10 seconds. When the self tests are complete, the Top Level Menu is displayed. If the instrument comes up in the Top Level Menu, the basic operation of the analyzer is verified. If there is a failure, the instrument does not come up in the Top Level Menu; instead it displays the failures that occurred during the self-test sequence.

Besides the automatic turn-on self test checks, use the following procedures to test your HP 4952A more completely.

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Caution

All data and menus will be lost if you execute the Loop Tests. This includes the contents of the Option 002 Memory.

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Loop Tests

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Note

An interface pod MUST be attached before executing the Loop Test. If the pod is not attached, the DLC field will indicate an error, and display the status message FF.

The loop tests do more in depth testing of the HP 4952A. The loop tests run the basic power-on PV tests plus expanded versions of these tests. You do not need to have a disc installed in the disc drive.

To run the loop tests, press Self Test in the Top Level Menu and then press loop. A test display appears listing the tests that are performed. Press Execute to start the loop tests. Press EXIT to stop the tests. The disc drive indicator lights once during each loop so you can tell that the tests are being performed. Errors are recorded on the display. In most cases, an error means that repair is necessary.

DLC errors can possibly indicate problems with the interface pod instead of the main instrument. If DLC errors are indicated, try another interface pod to isolate the problem.
Disc Drive Checks

If files can be loaded and stored correctly, the proper operation of the disc mechanism is verified. To detect a disc failure, merely store data or menus onto disc, press Reset to re-initialize the menus and clear memory, and then load the same file back into the instrument. The menus and data should be the same as when they were stored. A typical procedure would be like the following two checks.

Disc Format Check

1. Insert a blank disc into the disc slot.
2. Press Mass Store on the Top Level Menu
3. You should be using a blank disc, or one that does not contain files you wish to keep. In the mass store menu, press Format and then Execute.
4. The disc should initialize properly. Use this disc for the next check.

Disc Read/Write Check

To check the disc read/write circuits, install a blank, formatted disc in the disc drive and follow the procedure below.

1. In the Setup menu, use the default conditions, except set the bits/sec to 64 k and set the display mode to DCE.
2. In the simulate menu, simulate a DCE, and enter the following program.

Block 1:
Start Display
   and then
Start Disc

Press Next Block

Block 2:
Send DISC TEST GG
   and then
GOTO Block 2
3. In the Run menu, press Simulate, type in the file name "DTEST", and press Execute. When the disc is full, a "Disc Full" message is displayed.

4. Next, read the file that you just stored on disc. In the mass store menu, press Load, type in the file name you used when storing, and press Execute. Notice that the file size should be 2449 sectors.

5. EXIT the Mass Store menu and press Examine Data to view the data.

**Keyboard Test**

The keyboard test verifies that the HP 4952A correctly identifies each key pressed.

1. Turn on the HP 4952A

2. Press MORE

3. Press the Self Test softkey in the Top Level Menu.

4. Press any key on the keyboard.

5. The display should read: LAST KEY PRESSED: "(name of key is displayed)". The RETURN key effectively performs the same operation as "cursor down".

6. Press EXIT to end the test and display the self-test menu.
Display Test

Press **Self Test** in the Top Level Menu and then select **CRT Tests**. There are five different display patterns you can select to verify your display.

**Align Pattern**

Use this pattern to check all display attributes.

![Align Pattern Image]

**Figure D-1. Char Set 1 Test Pattern**

**Video Pattern**

Gives you alternating character cells of inverse video, blank, and half-bright video. The following pattern is repeated over the entire display.

**Inv Video**

This pattern is a full, inverse-video display.
Extended Tests

The **Ext Tests** softkey is used by trained service personnel when servicing or repairing your instrument. Do not use the **Cal FDC**, **Disc BERT**, or **Ext RAM** softkeys.

Packaging

If the instrument is returned to Hewlett-Packard for service, complete one of the blue repair tags located in the pouch and attach it to the instrument.

**Caution**

Always install the transportation disc in the disc drive when transporting or shipping the HP 4952A.
Original Packaging

Containers and materials identical to those used in factory packaging are available through Hewlett-Packard offices. If the instrument is being returned to Hewlett-Packard for service, attach a tag indicating the type of service required, return address, model number, and full serial number. Mark the container FRAGILE to ensure careful handling. In correspondence, refer to the instrument by model number and full serial number.

Other Packaging

Wrap the instrument in heavy paper or plastic. Use a strong shipping container: a double-walled carton made of 350-pound test material is suitable. Use a layer of shock-absorbing material 70-to 100mm (3 to 4 inches) thick around the sides of the instrument to provide firm cushioning and to prevent movement inside the container. Seal the container securely. Mark shipping container FRAGILE to ensure careful handling. In any correspondence, refer to the instrument by model number and full serial number.
External Video Output
Introduction

The external video output is located on the rear panel of the HP 4952A. It is used for displaying the internal CRT monitor on an external monitor.

RS-170 is the electrical characteristic for the video signal on monochrome video monitors. The HP 4952A utilizes this specification to display the internal CRT monitor on an external monitor. An example monitor is the HP 82913A which utilizes this standard.

RS-170 specifies the following: 525 lines per frame, 60 Hz refresh rate, a horizontal scan rate of 15.75 kHz.

Usage

The HP 4952A does not work well with standard television monitors because standard television monitors are designed to overscan the picture/frame displayed. This means that standard television monitors are not designed to display the edges of the frame received (approximately 10% of the frame is not shown). The HP 4952A does display 100% of the frame and therefore the frame displayed on a standard television would not show the 10% of the edges of the frame shown on the internal HP 4952A monitor screen.

The physical connector on the back of the HP 4952A is a 75 ohm BNC type connector.

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