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In the November issue of BYTE we published Dan Fylstra's article "Son of Motorola," comparing the new MOS Technology 6501 and 6502 computers with the Motorola 6800. At the time the article was written (late August) he could not predict when a kit would be available for the MOS Technology processors.

The first MOS Technology 6502 kit is now available: Microcomputer Associates Inc., of Cupertino, California, have announced the JOLT computer kit. According to their news release, this kit combines hardware and software for small scale computing at a low cost.

Components of the JOLT include the central processor kit, a 4096 byte RAM kit, an IO interface kit, power supply kit, and miscellaneous items such as a universal prototyping card and an accessory kit.

The basic central processor card contains 512 bytes of programmable random access memory, 64 bytes of interrupt vector random access memory, and 16 fully programmable IO lines. The most important feature of the CPU card is its read only memory. This memory contains the DEMON (DEbugMONitor) program product, a basic software element needed to run the system from the serial terminal interface, which is immediately available when you turn on the power.

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The DEMON program includes routines to display and alter registers or memory, and control terminal interface service routines. DEMON also includes a breakpoint capability useful in debugging programs, two kinds of formatted memory read and write operations for program loading and saving, a high speed 8 bit parallel input routine and several IO service routines which may be called by a user's program.

Perhaps the most unique feature of the DEMON program is its adaptable terminal interface service routine; the software senses and automatically adapts to the speed at which the terminal operates between 10 to 30 characters per second.

A minimum system built with the JOLT components can be assembled from the CPU card kit, the accessory kit, and a Teletype or RS-232 compatible terminal. With such a system, many of the basic concepts of programming can be demonstrated within the confines of a 512 byte area of user memory. Input and output operations can take advantage of the DEMON subroutines to interact with the terminal. This would make a good initial system for a person to learn the ropes of computing.

As programming sophistication increases the owner may expand the memory by purchasing additional boards.

For users who want to breadboard their own peripherals, the universal card will come in handy as a starting point for an interface construction project.

For ordering information and prices, contact Microcomputer Associates Inc., at 10440 N Tantau, Cupertino CA 95014, 408-247-8940. Delivery is 30 days after receipt of order according to their news release.

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