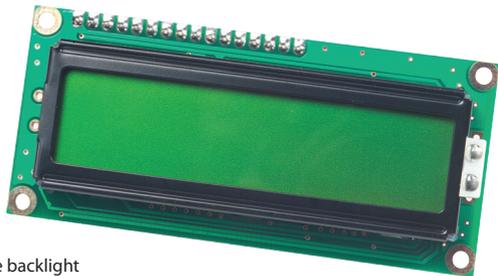


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Product Overview

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Application

- Together with an RTC Module, it can be used to display a real time clock or a simple electronic clock.
- It can be used to display the operating status at any time for various applications.
- It can display status or error messages directly on the screen without using the PC.
- With the user-defined characters, special patterns can be created to produce creative messages.

Product Features

- It can be used to display corresponding characters in ASCII code.
- The module will automatically convert and display the data according to its data type.
- 255 steps backlight control.
- For continuous inputs, the module will carriage return automatically
- Cursor position assignment and Tab function with configurable Tab steps and HOME function.
- Destructive backspace, clear to end of line or end of screen from the cursor position.
- Set the user defined characters to display various creative characters.
- Display off command to reduce power consumption.

Connection

Directly setup the ID switches to the required number, and then connect the cmd-BUS™ cable to the corresponding pins on the BASIC Commander® (shown in the following figure). Then the required operations can be performed through the BASIC Commander®. DC power (6~12V) and ground should be connected to VIN and GND pin.

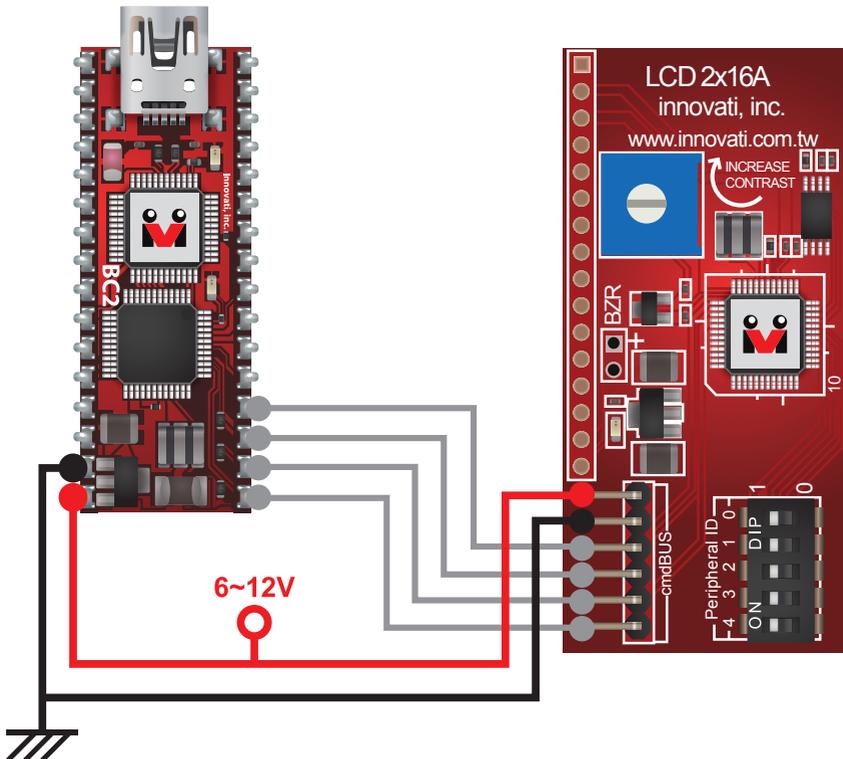
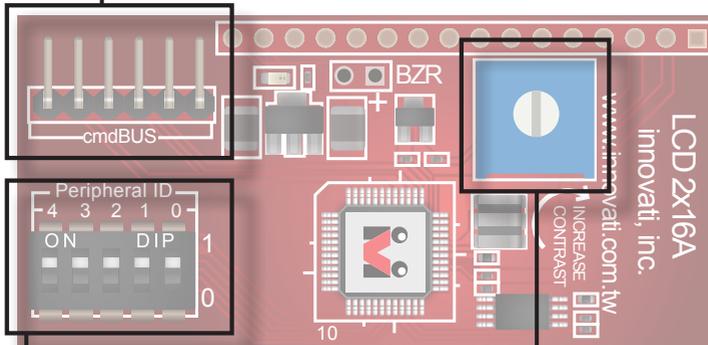


Figure 1: Connects BC2 and LCD 2x16 A.

Product Specifications

- Connect these pins to the corresponding pins on the BASIC Commander® with the cmdBUS™ cable. Then the LCD module can be controlled through the BASIC Commander®. When connecting the pin, connect Vin to the Vin pin on the BASIC Commander®. If the pins are incorrectly connected, the module may be damaged.



- The module number setting switches. Set the module number of the LCD module in the binary format in the order from right to left. The module number is used for the BASIC Commander® to determine the required module to be controlled during operations. (Refer to Appendix 2)
- Contrast adjustment screw. Adjust with a Phillips screwdriver. By rotating clockwise, the contrast can be increased. By rotating counterclockwise, the contrast can be decreased.

Figure 2: Pin assignment and module switches

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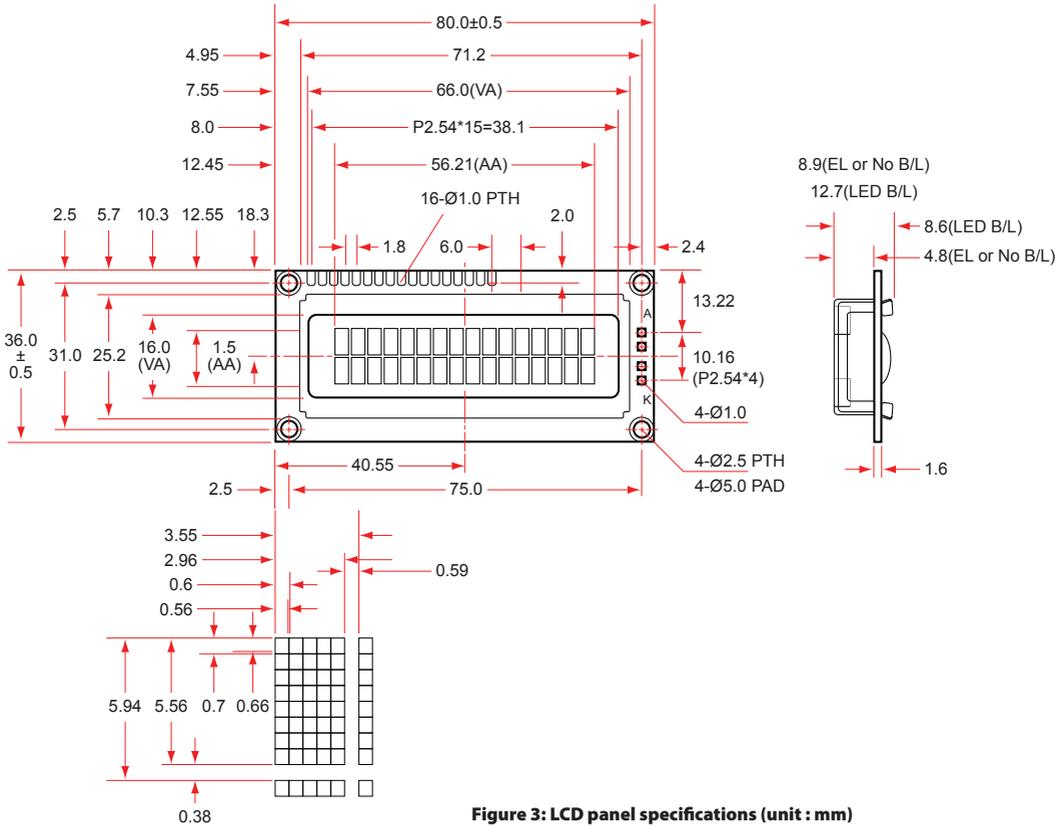


Figure 3: LCD panel specifications (unit : mm)

Item	Standard Value	Unit
Display Type	16 Characters x 2 Lines	-
Module Dimension (L x W x H)	80.0 x 36.0 x 12.7(Max) – LED array B/L STN Positive / 6 o'clock / Transflective	mm
Viewing Area	66.0 x 16.0	mm
Active Area	56.21 x 11.5	mm
Dot Size	0.56 x 0.66	mm
Dot Pitch	0.60 x 0.70	mm
Character size (L x W)	2.96 x 5.56	mm
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Table 1: LCD panel mechanical dimensions

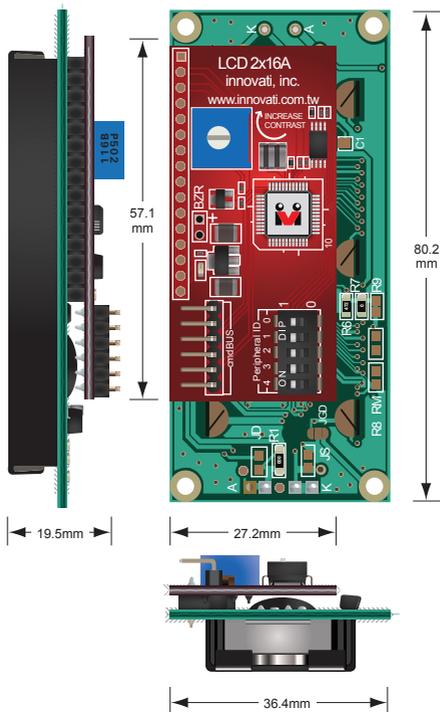


Figure 4: LCD panel mechanical dimensions

Symbol	Parameter	Test Conditions		Min	Typ	Max	Unit
		V_{DD}	Conditions				
I_{DD}	Operating Current	7.5	Backlight On	-	180	-	mA
			Backlight Off	-	5	-	mA

Table 2: Operating current characteristic (ambient temperature 25 °C)

Absolute Maximum Ratings:

Operating Temperature : 0°C ~ 70°C

Storage Temperature : -30°C ~ 80°C

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Item	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
View Angle	(V) θ	CR \geq 2	10		45	deg
	(H) ϕ	CR \geq 2	-30		30	deg
Contrast Ratio	CR	-	-	3	45	-
Response Time 25°C	T rise	-	-	100	150	ms
	T fall	-	-	150	200	ms

Table 3: LCD panel viewing angle and contrast

Commands Table

The following table lists all the unique commands provided with the LCD 2x16A Module. Note that essential words in the commands will be written in **bold type** and *italics* in bold type. The bold type word must be written exactly as shown, whereas the italic bold type words must be replaced with the user values. Note that the inno-BASIC™ language is case-insensitive.

Command Format	Description
Cursor Control Commands	
CR()	Move the cursor to the beginning of the next line as carriage return.
CursorCol(<i>Col</i>)	Move the cursor to the column specified by the byte variable <i>Col</i> .
CursorDown()	Move the cursor down to the line below.
CursorLeft()	Move the cursor to the left by one character.
CursorRC(<i>Row</i>, <i>Col</i>)	Move the cursor to the row and the column specified by the byte variable <i>Row</i> and <i>Col</i> .
CursorRight()	Move the cursor to the right by one character.
CursorRow(<i>Row</i>)	Move the cursor to the row specified by the byte variable <i>Row</i> .
CursorUp()	Move the cursor up to the line above.
Home()	Move the cursor to the first column of the first row.
Tab()	Move the cursor to the right by the number of characters specified by SetTab command.
Clear Characters Commands	
BackSpace()	Move the cursor backward by one character, and then clear the character originally displayed at the position.
Clear()	Clear all the characters shown on the display.
ClearEOL()	Clear all the characters from the cursor position to the end of the line.

Command Format	Description
ClearEOS()	Clear all the characters from the cursor position to the end of the screen.
Displaying Characters Commands	
Display(<i>Parameter</i>)	The <i>Parameter</i> will be displayed according to its type. If the type is string, the string will be displayed directly; if it is a floating point number, it will be displayed in scientific notation; other numeric values will be displayed in decimal format.
DisplayBin(<i>IntegerNum</i>)	The <i>IntegerNum</i> will be displayed in binary format. The <i>IntegerNum</i> can be one of the BYTE, SHORT, WORD, INTEGER, DWORD or LONG. type.
DisplayChar(<i>Chr</i> , ...)	Display the characters specified by the byte variable <i>Chr</i> . The values 0~7 can be used to specify the corresponding user-defined custom characters. Multiple characters separated by a comma are allowed. The input value will be displayed as characters according to its ASCII code. Please refer to Appendix 3.
DisplayFloat(<i>FloatNum</i> , <i>Digits</i>)	Set the <i>FloatNum</i> of effective digits specified by the byte variable <i>Digits</i> and displayed in scientific format.
DisplayHex(<i>IntegerNum</i>)	Display the <i>IntegerNum</i> in hexadecimal format. The <i>IntegerNum</i> can be one of the BYTE, SHORT, WORD, INTEGER, DWORD or LONG. type.
DisplayLeft(<i>Parameter</i> , <i>Width</i>)	According to the width specified by the byte value <i>Width</i> , <i>Parameter</i> is displayed in decimal format aligned to the left. If the <i>Parameter</i> length exceeds the width, it will be automatically adjusted to a proper width. The <i>Parameter</i> cannot be a string.
DisplayReal(<i>FloatNum</i> , <i>Digits</i>)	Set the <i>FloatNum</i> of effective digits specified by the byte variable <i>Digits</i> and displayed in Real number format.
DisplayRight(<i>Parameter</i> , <i>Width</i>)	According to the width specified by the byte value <i>Width</i> , <i>Parameter</i> is displayed in decimal format aligned to the right. If the <i>Parameter</i> length exceeds the width, it will be automatically adjusted to a proper width. The <i>Parameter</i> cannot be a string.
Miscellaneous Commands	
BacklightOff()	Turn off the backlight.
BacklightOn(<i>Time</i>)	Set the time interval specified by the byte value <i>Time</i> to turn on the backlight using the value of <i>Time</i> . If it is 0, the backlight will be constantly turned on.
CursorBlinkOff()	Stop the cursor blinking.
CursorBlinkOn()	Start the cursor blinking.
CursorOff()	Disable the cursor display.
CursorOn()	Enable the cursor display.
CustomChar(<i>Index</i> , <i>Arg1</i> , <i>Arg2</i> , <i>Arg3</i> , <i>Arg4</i> , <i>Arg5</i> , <i>Arg6</i> , <i>Arg7</i> , <i>Arg8</i>)	Set the character with ASCII code <i>Index</i> , ranging from 0 to 7. The byte values <i>Arg1</i> ~ <i>Arg8</i> represent the patterns to be displayed on each row of the user-defined character and the corresponding dots will be lit by the specified values in binary format on the display. (See Note 1.)
DisplayOff()	Turn off the display.

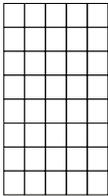
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Command Format	Description
DisplayOn()	Turn on the display.
GetTab(<i>TabCount</i>)	Get the preset Tab value and store it in the byte variable <i>TabCount</i> .
RotateLeft(<i>Line, Speed</i>)	Move the characters on the line specified by the byte value <i>Line</i> to the left cyclically. The leftmost characters will be displayed at the rightmost position in the next period. The speed of the movement is specified by the byte value <i>Speed</i> . A smaller <i>Speed</i> value represents a faster speed.
RotateOff()	Stop the automatic rotation movement to the left or to the right.
RotateRight (<i>Line, Speed</i>)	Move the characters on the line specified by the byte value <i>Line</i> to the right cyclically. The rightmost characters will be displayed at the leftmost position in the next period. The speed of the movement is specified by the byte value <i>Speed</i> . A smaller <i>Speed</i> value represents a faster speed.
SetBacklight (<i>Brightness</i>)	Set the backlight brightness with the byte value <i>Brightness</i> .
SetTab(<i>TabCount</i>)	Set the number of columns by the byte value <i>TabCount</i> for the cursor movement each time the Tab command is executed.

Table 4: Command Table

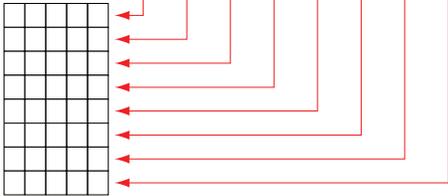
Note 1: Refer to the following example for the display of LCD characters and user-defined characters:

Each character on the LCD panel is composed of 5x8=40 dots. Different characters are formed by turning on the pixel at different positions at the same time.

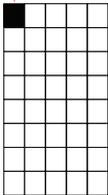


Each parameter will be mapped to a row of pixels, thus the allowed value of the parameter ranges from 0 to 31.

CustomChar(Index, Arg1, Arg2, Arg3, Arg4, Arg5, Arg6, Arg7, Arg8)



CustomChar(0, 16, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)



If only the upper left dot is required to be turned on for the user defined character, just input the parameter 16, i.e., 10000 in binary format to turn on the upper left dot only.

When CustomChar(0, 31, 0, 31, 0, 31, 0, 31, 0) is executed, the character on the left figure will be displayed. The first parameter 0 represents the number of the user defined character to be set is 0.



The first value 31 means that all the pixels are lit (in binary format, 31 is represented by 11111, so all the corresponding pixels are lit).

The last 0 means that the pixels on the last row is not lit.

Example Program

```
Peripheral myLCD As LCD2x16A @ 0      `set module number 0

Sub Main()                            `main program
myLCD.DisplayOn()                    `enable the display
myLCD.SetBacklight(255)              `set LCD brightness to the maximum value
myLCD.Backlighton(0)                 `LCD backlight on constantly
myLCD.Display("Hello World!")        `display "Hello World!" on screen
Pause 3000
myLCD.RotateRight(1, 10)             `rotate "Hello World!" from left to right
Pause 5000
myLCD.RotateOff()                    `stop rotating the message "Hello World!"
myLCD.Clear()                         `clear all the characters on the display

`Set the number 0 user defined character to be composed of 4 horizontal lines
`on row 1, 3, 5 and 7. The number 31 is represented as 11111 in binary format,
`so the value of 31 means that all the pixels on the row will be turned on
`When this character is displayed, a pattern composed of four horizontal lines
`will be shown on the display.

    myLCD.Customchar(0, 31, 0, 31, 0, 31, 0, 31,0)

`Shown as 8 repeated number 0 user defined characters on the display.

    myLCD.DisplayChar(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)
    Pause 2000

`Set number 1 user defined character to be composed of 3 vertical lines on column
`1, 3 and 5. The number 21 is represented as 10101 in binary format, so the
`pixels on the 1, 3 and 5 columns will be turned on. When this character
` is displayed, a pattern composed of 3 vertical lines will be shown on the
display.

    myLCD.Customchar(1, 21, 21, 21, 21, 21, 21, 21,21)

`Shown as 8 repeated number 0 user defined characters on the display

    myLCD.DisplayChar(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)

End Sub
```

Appendix

Module numbers and switch tables:

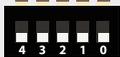
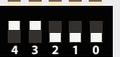
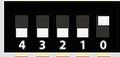
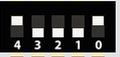
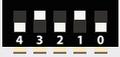
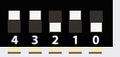
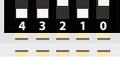
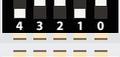
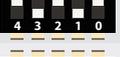
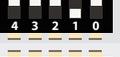
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	1		9		17		25
	2		10		18		26
	3		11		19		27
	4		12		20		28
	5		13		21		29
	6		14		22		30
	7		15		23		31

Table 5: Module ID Setting Table

