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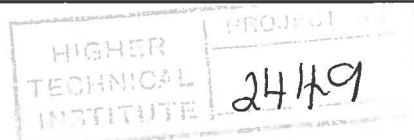
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Summary:

The main objectives of this project were to design construct and test Electronic circuit for a Map Position Indicator and an Interface Card for th processing of the data through a P.C. Also to write and test an appropriate software for the operation of the system.

The project relies on both hardware and software. The first four chapters are related to hardware. To be more specific the Computer Interfacing principle are emphasized and various signals are explained, an introduction to interfacing and decoding, the block diagram of the whole project and its explanation, and how this project will help Fire - Brigade stations.

The fifth chapter explains the software implementation, the environment and the listing of the program.

At the last chapter testing is examined and the troubleshooting of the various parts of the interfacing card. The costing and the comments and conclusions.

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INTRODUCTION

Computers are an essential tools of modern society. In the fourty or 50 years, since their beginnings in back rooms of universities and military research establishments, they have become the centre of an enormous industry. They have found a place in offices and factories, have landed on the moon, and will perhaps soon be as common as watches. A constant flow of new ideas, new devices, and new applications has kept up the development, pace which shows no signs of slowing down.

In their early days computers had the image of mysterious electronic brains with enormous power and a will of their own. With computers now being sold by the million, and more and more people working with them, much of this mystery has disappeared. Computers are seen to be reliable, fast and efficient, but, like other machines, are capable of occasional breakdown.

This familiarisation with the computers has lead to a point where everything is want to be controlled or just observed by a computer. This project is somehow a Data Acquisition System getting data from the computer and by the proper software control a map position indicator. The program as the interfacing card are the motive power of the system. The circuit is designed for indicating up to 256 points of Nicosia.

The project consists of the software the interforing card, the Latching circuit, the Decording circuit and the Map. The user will be able to understand how it works without any difficulty. On the screen, there will be a program with various suburbs, and the user can choose one of them. After

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