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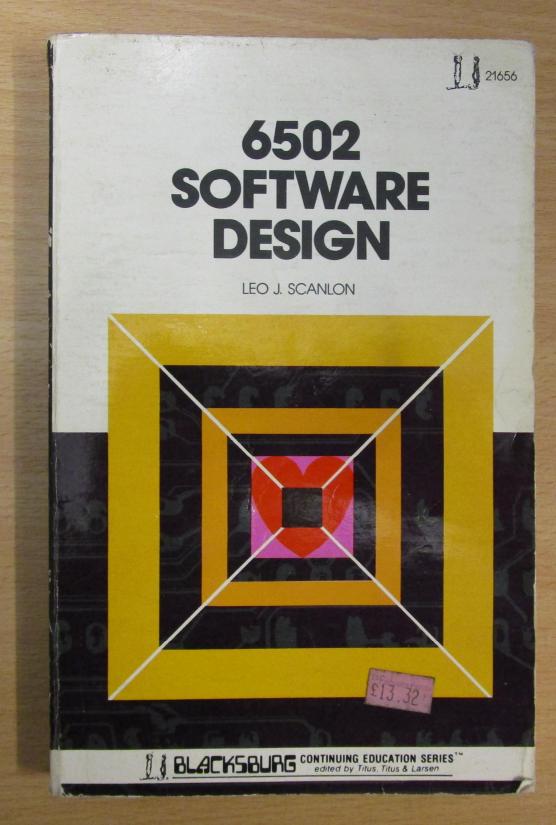


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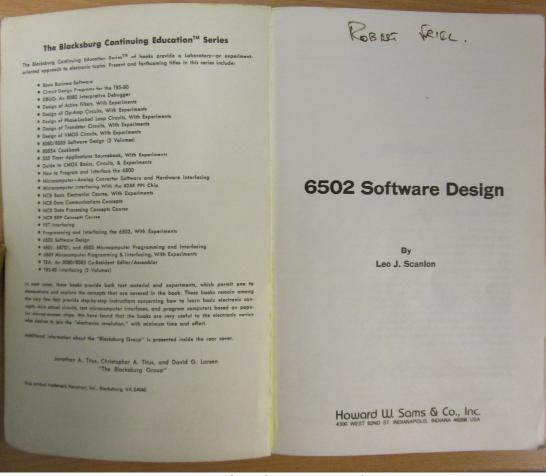


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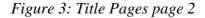
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Preface

The 6502 integrated circuit is a very popular microprocessor. It is currently used in general-purpose microcomputers, video games, and personal computers such as the Apple and the Pet 2001. Many of these microcomputers are programmed in the BASIC\* program-ming language, which makes it very easy to write programs that will perform complex calculations or play games. However, the BASIC language also has its disadvantage. It is relatively slow (only a few hundred statements can be executed every second) and it is not very suitable for controlling peripheral devices. Therefore, if you have a high-speed data-processing or peripheral-control re-quirement, assembly language programs will probably have to be write.

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Once you have decided that assembly language is the language to use, you will need a 6502-based microcomputer that you can use to generate and test your programs. The microcomputer that has been used as the basis for this book is the AIM 65. It is manufactured by Rockwell International. The AIM 65 has a 54-key keyboard, a 20-character alphanumeric LED display, a 20-column thermal printer, a teletypewriter 1/O port and two audio cassette 1/O ports. As such, it is a very powerful, inexpensive microcomputer system. Even though we have used this microcomputer in our examples, most of the programs listed in this book can be used on all 6502-based microcomputer.
This book has nine chapters. Chapter 1 discusses the characteristics of the 6502 integrated circuit and the AIM 65 microcomputer.

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#### 6502 SOFTWARE DESIGN

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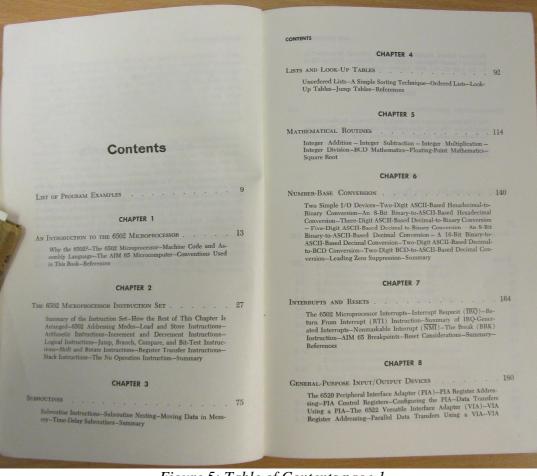


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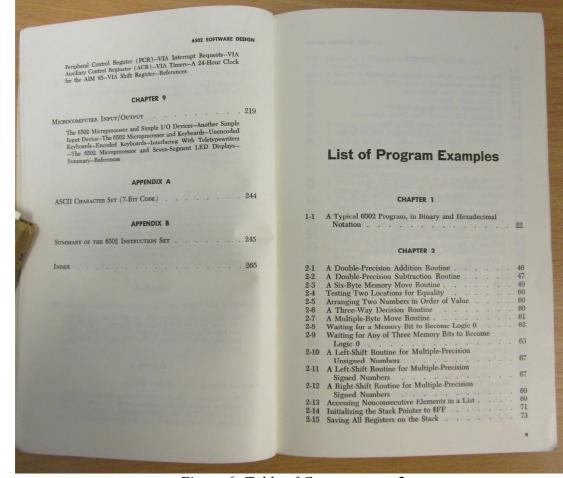


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## An Introduction to the 6502 Microprocessor

The purpose of this chapter is to introduce the 6502 microproc-essor to those readers who are unfamiliar with its operation. This introduction is sufficiently detailed so that you will gain an under-standing of the 6502 integrated circuit and how it functions in a computer system.

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