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This manual provides an overview of the System 310 Microcomputer, which combines Intel's board products, peripherals, the iRMX™ or XENIX* operating system, high-level languages, and debugging and diagnostic tools in a compact, single-chassis package. Refer to the table of contents for a list of the specific items contained in this manual.

This manual is divided into four chapters.

Chapter 1  System Overview

This chapter provides a brief overview of the System 310 hardware, software, and system specifications.

Chapter 2  Hardware Overview

This chapter describes the hardware modules available for use in the System 310 and the physical characteristics of the system.

Chapter 3  Software Overview

This chapter describes the iRMX and XENIX operating systems.

Chapter 4  System Monitor and Diagnostics

This chapter describes the diagnostic software available with the System 310.

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The System 310 (shown on the front cover of this manual) is a versatile, stand-alone microcomputer system, designed to provide low-cost 16-bit computing power and Open System versatility for original equipment manufacturer (OEM) applications. It offers a selection of operating systems, processors, and mass storage devices. The industry-standard MULTIBUS® system bus (IEEE-796) and extra board slots allow hardware to be easily added to the system to support specific applications.

OPEN SYSTEM SUPPORT

The design of the System 310 exemplifies Intel's Open System concept of allowing OEMs to add value to the system in any of the following three ways:

- Adding the most recent as well as future generations of VLSI microcomputers

- Taking advantage of industry-standard hardware and software, both from Intel and independent vendors

- Integrating OEM-designed hardware and software into the system at any level (system, board, or component)

To support this Open System concept, Intel offers the following hardware and software modules for use in the System 310.

PROCESSORS

Two processor boards are offered for use with the System 310: the iSBC® 86/30 processor board, based on the Intel 8086 microprocessor; and the iSBC 286/10 processor board, based on the Intel 80286 microprocessor. For increased processing power, you can add an 8087 or an 80287 floating-point math coprocessor to the iSBC 86/30 or the iSBC 286/10 boards, respectively.

OPERATING SYSTEMS

Intel offers a choice of two industry-standard operating systems for use with the System 310: Intel's iRMX™ Operating System and Microsoft's XENIX* Operating System. Both of these operating

* XENIX is a trademark of Microsoft Corporation.
systems are powerful vehicles for developing and supporting applications programs or for running off-the-shelf iRMX- or XENIX-compatible programs.

DISK DRIVES

The System 310 chassis provides space for two 5½-inch disk drives. These spaces can be filled with one or two double-sided, double-density diskette drives or a combination of a diskette drive and a Winchester hard disk drive.

CHASSIS

The attractive, low-profile chassis for the System 310 is 17 inches wide, 6½ inches high, and 20 inches deep, and weighs 40 pounds. It contains a power supply, cooling fans, and a seven-slot card cage.

DIAGNOSTICS

A monitor program and a set of diagnostic programs, located in PROMs, are included with the System 310. These programs provide start-up diagnostics for verifying that the system is operating correctly. An additional set of diagnostic programs, some provided on a diskette and some with the operating system, can be used for troubleshooting and fault isolation.

EXAMPLE SYSTEM 310 CONFIGURATIONS

Figure 1-1 shows three examples of System 310 applications. Example A shows a single-user system with an iSBC 86/30 processor board, 512K bytes of memory, and a single, flexible diskette drive. With the addition of an iSBC 550 Ethernet* controller (two-board set), this system can be used as part of a distributed network system.

The System 310 shown in Example B contains an iSBC 86/30 processor, 512K bytes of memory, a flexible diskette drive, a Winchester disk drive, and an iSXMTM 534 terminal controller board. This System 310 configuration can support up to four terminals.

The system shown in Example C contains an iSBC 286/10 board with an 80287 numeric coprocessor, 1M byte of memory, a flexible diskette drive, and a Winchester disk drive. This system is configured for a process control environment.

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Example A

SYSTEM 310
- iSBC® 8630 Processor
- 512K bytes Memory
- Single Flexible Diskette Drive
- iSBC® 550 Ethernet*
- Controller Board Set

Example B

SYSTEM 310
- iSBC® 8630 Processor
- Flexible Diskette Drive
- Winchester Disk Drive
- iSBC® 534 Terminal Controller
- 1M byte Memory

Example C

SYSTEM 310
- iSBC® 286/10 Processor
- Winchester Disk Drive
- Flexible Diskette Drive
- 1M byte Memory

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Figure 1-1. Example System 310 Configurations
SPECIFICATIONS

The System 310 has the following characteristics and options.

PROCESSOR

Boards

**iSBC 86/30 Single Board Computer**—Includes 8086 processor operating at 5 or 8 MHz (jumper-selected); two iSBX™ connectors for installation of MULTIMODULE™ boards; 24 programmable parallel I/O lines; one serial port; two programmable timers; nine interrupt levels; 32K bytes of ROM (monitor and start-up diagnostics); and 128K bytes of RAM.

**iSBC 286/10 Single Board Computer**—Includes 80286 processor, operating at 6 MHz; two iSBX connectors for installation of MULTIMODULE boards; Centronics®-compatible parallel interface; two serial ports; three programmable timers; and 16 interrupt levels.

**iSBC 337 Numeric Data Processor MULTIMODULE Board**—Installed on the 8086 socket on the iSBC 86/30 board, and provides both 8086 and 8087 processors for enhanced numeric processing capability. (The 80287 numeric coprocessor chip, which performs the same function, can be installed directly on the iSBC 286/10 board.)

Word Sizes

8-, 16-, or 32-bit instructions; 8- or 16-bit data words.

Instruction Cycle Time

**8086 microprocessor**—400 ns for the fastest executable instructions, when the instruction is in the queue; 1.2 µs for fastest executable instructions, when instruction is not in the queue.

**80286 microprocessor**—333 ns for the fastest executable instructions, when the instruction is in the queue; 500 ns for fastest executable instructions, when instruction is not in the queue.

Interrupts

**iSBC 86/30 board**—an eight-level, maskable, nested-priority interrupt network, and one nonmaskable interrupt.

**iSBC 286/10 board**—16 vectored requests, using two Intel 8259As and the 80286's NMI line.

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MEMORY

Boards

isBC 012B RAM Board--Provides 512K bytes of dynamic RAM on a standard MULTIBUS™ board.

isBC 056A RAM Board--Provides 256K bytes of dynamic RAM on a standard MULTIBUS board.

isBC 012C RAM Board--Provides 512K bytes of dynamic RAM and Error Checking and Correction (ECC) circuitry on a standard MULTIBUS board.

isBC 056C RAM Board--Provides 256K bytes of dynamic RAM and Error Checking and Correction (ECC) circuitry on a standard MULTIBUS board.

isBC 012CX RAM Board--Provides 512K bytes of dynamic RAM and Error Checking and Correction (ECC) circuitry on a standard MULTIBUS board. Also includes an iLBX™ Local Bus Extension interface and connector for use with the isBC 86/30 board.

isBC 056CX RAM Board--Provides 256K bytes of dynamic RAM and Error Checking and Correction (ECC) circuitry on a standard MULTIBUS board. Also includes an iLBX Local Bus Extension interface and connector for use with the isBC 286/10 board.

isBC 304 RAM MULTIMODULE Board--Provides 128K bytes of dynamic RAM on a MULTIMODULE board that fastens to the isBC 86/30 board.

ROM

32K bytes of ROM on the isBC 86/30 board; 64K bytes of ROM on the isBC 286/10 board.

DISK STORAGE

Boards

isBC 215G Generic Winchester Controller Board--Uses 8089 I/O processor for both direct memory access (DMA) and user-programmable I/O modes. Includes on-board diagnostic firmware, Error Checking and Correction (ECC) circuitry, full-sector buffering, and 1M-byte addressing. Controls up to four drives.

isBC 218A Flexible Diskette Controller Board--Attaches to the iSBX connector of an isBC 215G, isBC 86/30, or isBC 286/10 board. Transfer rate for double-density diskettes is 62.5K bytes per second. Head load time is programmable from 4 to 508 ms; unload time is programmable from 32 to 480 ms.
INTERFACES

Serial

EIA Standard RS-232C signals provided for 9600 baud (asynchronous) or 150 to 19.2 kbaud (synchronous); programmable baud rates and serial formats.

Parallel

Parallel I/O port configured for Centronics-compatible printer interface.

CHASSIS AC POWER REQUIREMENTS

Domestic Systems

5.8 A @ 90 to 132 VAC, 60Hz ±5%, single-phase. Maximum total power consumption 367 watts.

European Systems

2.6 A @ 180 to 264 VAC, 50Hz ±5%, single-phase. Maximum total power consumption 367 watts.

Japanese Systems

5.8 A @ 90 to 132 VAC, 50 Hz ±5%, single-phase. Maximum total power consumption 367 watts.

ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

Operating

Temperature—10° C to 35° C ambient (with flexible diskettes); -34° C to 60° C (without flexible diskettes).

Relative Humidity—20% to 80% noncondensing. The humidity/temperature combination cannot exceed 26° C wet bulb.

Altitude—Sea level to 8000 feet.

Nonoperating

Temperature—15° C to 60° C ambient.

Relative Humidity—5% to 95% noncondensing.

Altitude—Sea level to 40,000 feet.
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Width--17 in. (43.18 cm).

Height--6.5 in. (16.51 cm).

Depth--20 in. (51.80 cm).

Weight--40 pounds (18.16 kg).
This chapter describes the hardware available with the System 310. Both a block diagram and a physical description are provided.

**BLOCK DIAGRAM DESCRIPTION**

As shown in Figure 2-1, the System 310 provides a processor board, a memory expansion board, and a disk controller board. (For a minimum configuration of the System 310 with an iSBC 86/10 processor board, the memory and a flexible diskette controller board are both contained on the processor board.) The System 310 has seven slots in the cardcage, allowing additional MULTIBUS-compatible boards such as terminal controllers, memory, and OEM-designed boards to be added to the system. In addition, the iSBC 286/10 Single Board Computer provides an iLBX Local Bus Extension that allows the processor to access off-board memory as though it were physically located on the board.

**MULTIBUS® INTERFACE**

The Intel MULTIBUS interface (IEEE-796 standard) is a versatile bus structure for intrasystem communication and for transmission of 8- and 16-bit information among the various hardware modules of a system. It allows memory and I/O data transfers, direct memory accesses, and generation of interrupts. It also supports multiprocessor configurations.

The MULTIBUS interface supports two independent address spaces: memory and I/O. During memory cycles, the bus allows direct addressing of up to 16 megabytes using 24-bit addressing. During I/O bus cycles, the bus allows addressing of up to 64K I/O ports using 16-bit addressing. Both memory and I/O cycles can support 8-bit or 16-bit data transfers.

The bus structure is built upon the master-slave concept, where the master device in the system takes control of the bus and sends out an address to a slave device. The slave device, upon decoding its own address, acts upon the command provided by the master. This handshake (master-slave relationship) between the master and slave devices allows modules of different speeds to be interfaced via the bus. It also allows data rates of up to five million transfers per second (bytes or words) to take place across the bus.

Another important feature of the bus is the ability to connect multiple master modules for multiple-processor configurations. The bus provides control signals for connecting multiple masters in either
a serial or parallel priority fashion. With either of these arrangements, more than one master may share bus resources.

**iLBX™ LOCAL BUS EXTENSION**

The iLBX Local Bus Extension is a specialized electrical and mechanical interfacing protocol, operating within the overall MULTIBUS interfacing system. It provides a path to local memory that is physically off-board, without loss of execution speed due to MULTIBUS interface overhead. It also allows direct access to a much larger memory space than is generally available with single board computers. The iLBX bus is currently available only with the isBC 286/10, isBC 012CX, and isBC 056CX boards.

*Available only on isBC* 286/10, isBC* 012CX, and isBC* 056CX boards.
PROCESSOR BOARDS

The processor boards offered for use in the System 310 provide you with the state of the art in 16-bit computing machines. You have a choice of the industry-standard 8086 microprocessor or the advanced, high-performance 80286 microprocessor. Both processors support multiuser, multiprocessor, and multitasking systems. Their large address space, numeric data processing options, and comprehensive instruction set also provide powerful support for number crunching and process control applications.

While a single processor board provides ample computing power for most System 310 applications, you can also add additional processor boards to the system for increased computing power through parallel processing.

iSBC® 86/30 Single Board Computer

The iSBC 86/30 Single Board Computer is a complete computer system on a single board. It provides an 8086 processor, system clock, 128K bytes of RAM, four monitor and diagnostics PROMs, I/O ports and drivers, interfaces and connectors for serial and parallel communications, priority interrupt logic, and programmable timers.

The 8086 microprocessor provides the System 310 with superior data processing speed and efficiency. It can be run at 5 MHz or 8 MHz (jumper selectable). It can directly address up to 1M byte of memory. Its versatile instruction set supports a wide variety of applications and enhances throughput with such features as binary or decimal arithmetic, and multiply and divide instructions.

By adding an iSBC 337 MULTIMODULE Numeric Data Processor to the iSBC 86/30 board, you can greatly increase the numeric processing capability of the System 310. The iSBC 337 board contains an 8087 numeric data processor, which supports floating-point arithmetic and adds over 60 mathematical instructions to the 8086 instruction set.

Two iSBX connectors on the iSBC 86/30 board allow you to add functions to the board such as a flexible diskette controller.

iSBC® 286/10 Single Board Computer

The iSBC 286/10 Single Board Computer incorporates the enhanced processing capabilities of the 80286 microprocessor and the iLBX bus extension. It provides a system clock, four monitor and diagnostics PROMs, I/O ports and drivers, interfaces and connectors for two serial communications ports and one parallel communications port, priority interrupt logic, and programmable timers.

The 80286 microprocessor represents the state of the art in 16-bit microcomputers. It provides enhanced multiuser and multitasking
capabilities such as built-in memory protection that supports operating system and task isolation, and program and data privacy within tasks. It can address up to 16 megabytes of physical address space and up to 1 gigabyte per task of virtual address space.

The 80286 processor is upwardly compatible with the 8086 and 8088 processors; however, it runs 8086 and 8088 code at substantially higher speeds than is possible with an 8086 and 8088 processor. The 80286 instruction set is a superset of the 8086 and 8088 instruction set.

The numeric processing capability of the iSBC 286/10 board can be enhanced with an optional 80287 numeric processor, which is plugged into a socket on the iSBC 286/10 board. The 80287 extends the 80286 microprocessor's instruction set and supports additional data types, including the ability to perform floating-point arithmetic. The clock rates of the 80286 and the 80287 processors are independent. On the iSBC 286/10 board, the 80286 operates at a 6 MHz clock rate; the 80287 clock rate is jumper selectable for either 4 or 8 MHz.

Like the iSBC 86/30 board, the iSBC 286/10 also provides two iSBX connectors, which allow you to add functions to the board such as a flexible diskette controller.

**SYSTEM MEMORY**

As described above, system memory (RAM) can be located both on the processor board (iSBC 86/10 board only) and on separate memory boards installed on the MULTIBUS interface.

The iSBC 86/30 provides 128K bytes of on-board memory; 128K bytes of memory can be added to the board by means of an iSBC 304 RAM MULTIMODULE board. The iSBC 86/30 board can also access system memory through the MULTIBUS interface. The iSBC 056A RAM board, which is installed in a MULTIBUS slot, provides 256K bytes of RAM; the iSBC 012B RAM board provides 512K bytes of RAM.

As configured for the System 310, the iSBC 286/10 board does not have any on-board system memory. Instead, it accesses off-board memory either through the MULTIBUS interface or through its iLBX interface. The iSBC 056CX 256K RAM and the iSBC 012CX 512K RAM boards, which are installed in MULTIBUS slots, both provide iLBX bus connectors to allow the iSBC 286/10 board to access them directly.

**DISK DRIVE CONTROLLERS**

Two disk drive controller boards are offered for use with the System 310: the iSBC 215G Generic Winchester Disk Controller board and the iSBX 218A Flexible Disk Controller board.
The iSBC 215G board fits in a MULTIBUS slot. It also requires an iSBC 213A Data Separator board and a scrambler board, which are included with any System 310 that is equipped with a Winchester disk drive. The iSBC 215G can control up to four Winchester disk drives. If a System 310 is configured with multiple Winchester drives, they will normally be contained in one or more separate chassis.

The iSBX 218A board can be installed in an iSBX connector on the processor board or on the iSBC 215G board. It can control up to four flexible diskette drives; however, its use will generally be limited to one or two diskette drives mounted in the System 310 chassis.

NOTE

When the iSBX 218A board is mounted on the iSBC 86/30 or iSBC 286/10 board, you cannot perform DMA data transfers to the flexible diskette drives.

OTHER BOARDS

Intel offers a variety of other boards in the iSBC, iSBX, and iSX MX family to perform specific processing or I/O functions. For example, the iSBC 534 Four Channel Communications Controller Board and the iSBC 544 Intelligent Communications Controller Board provide interfaces for up to four terminals, modems, and other serial I/O devices. These boards are also available in iSX MX versions, which have been preconfigured for use with the XENIX operating system. Boards are also available for graphics and Ethernet communications.

PHYSICAL FEATURES

Physically, the System 310 consists of a compact chassis, power supply, fans, cardcage, back panel, one or two disk drives, reset and interrupt switches and lights, and a top cover.

OPERATING POSITIONS

The System 310 can be operated on a desk or table top, or mounted vertically (by means of a floor stand) beside or under a desk or workbench. It can also be mounted in a rack. Figure 2-2 shows examples of the different positions in which the System 310 can be operated.
Figure 2-2. Operating Positions for the System 310
CARDCAGE

Figure 2-3 provides a rear view of the system with the back panel removed to reveal the system cardeage. The cardeage has seven slots for iSBC MULTIBUS boards. The top and bottom slots allow room for smaller iSBC and iSBX boards to be attached to full-size iSBC MULTIBUS boards, without encroaching on the space of an adjacent slot. OEM boards built according to the Intel iSBC MULTIBUS form-factor and designed to communicate on the MULTIBUS interface can be installed in these slots.

Figure 2-3. Cardeage
BACK PANEL

Figure 2-4 shows the back panel, which is mounted at the rear of the system. The back panel provides an RS-232 connector and a Centronics-type connector, which are connected internally to the serial and parallel I/O interfaces, respectively, on the processor board. Knockouts for a variety of connector types are also provided on the back panel for installation of additional connectors.

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Figure 2-4. Back Panel
Both the Intel iRMX Operating System and Microsoft’s XENIX Operating System are available for use with the System 310. Although both of these operating systems provide a variety of powerful and versatile features, they each offer different advantages. This chapter describes the major features of each these operating systems and briefly describes the applications for which each is best suited.

THE iRMX™ OPERATING SYSTEM

The iRMX Operating System is a real-time, multitasking operating system. These qualities enable it to respond quickly to a number of different inputs, making it an excellent choice for applications involving process control or data capture and reduction.

A number of features are provided with the iRMX Operating System to streamline program execution and ensure data security, including multitasking, priority-based scheduling, interrupt-driven processing, device-independent I/O, and an object architecture. These and other features of the iRMX Operating System are described in the following sections.

The iRMX Operating System is currently available in two versions: the iRMX 86 Operating System, for use with the iSBC 86/30 Single Board Computer; and the iRMX 286R Operating System, for use with the iSBC 286/10 Single Board Computer. The iRMX 286R Operating System provides support only for the real address mode of the 80286 processor.

MULTITASKING

The iRMX Operating System permits multiple tasks to be executed concurrently. That is, tasks take turns running on a single processor. Tasks can communicate with each other through operating system calls, yet each task runs independently of the other tasks in the application.

PRIORITY-BASED SCHEDULING

Another feature of the iRMX Operating System is a priority-based, event-driven method of scheduling tasks for execution. Each task is assigned one of 256 priority levels, which it retains throughout its life. The operating system uses these priorities to schedule task execution.
INTERRUPT-DRIVEN PROCESSING

An iRMX-based application can, if desired, allow external interrupts to preempt the executing task so that appropriate software routines can respond to the interrupts. After handling an interrupt, such a routine surrenders the processor to normal task execution.

DEVICE-INDEPENDENT I/O

For input and output operations, the iRMX Operating System offers a single set of system calls. Consequently, iRMX application code is device-independent, because tasks always use the same I/O system calls in the same way, regardless of the nature of the I/O device.

OBJECT-ORIENTED ARCHITECTURE

The iRMX Operating System has an object-oriented architecture, which means that it is composed entirely of elements called objects. Objects can be thought of as the building blocks of the iRMX Operating System. There are seven different types of objects in the operating system, some of which are tasks, jobs, mailboxes, and semaphores.

This object-oriented architecture offers a number of benefits:

- It is easy to learn and work with.
- It allows you to conveniently configure your operating system for specific needs, thus reducing the amount of memory required to run it.
- It allows you to easily add your own features to the operating system.

CONFIGURABILITY

The iRMX Operating System also provides a selection of software modules (built from objects) to perform specific operating system functions. When configuring the operating system for a specific application, you link together only the software modules needed to meet the requirements of your application. At the highest level, you select subsystems, also known as layers, of the iRMX Operating System.

Figure 3-1 depicts the layers of the iRMX Operating System as a collection of concentric, partial rings. Layers that you do not explicitly request are not included in your system. However, for every layer in a system, all layers that lie inside that layer must also
be included. The following paragraphs briefly describe the iRMX Operating System layers:

**Nucleus**

The heart of every iRMX application system. It provides management and control facilities for processor scheduling, interrupt handling, object usage, data protection, task interaction, and error handling. It also manages the allocation and reclamation of memory and other system resources.

**Basic I/O System**

Provides the calls for device-independent I/O. It supplies system drivers for several kinds of devices, as well as drivers for three different kinds of files: named files, physical files, and stream files. The Basic I/O System offers an asynchronous interface for I/O operations, letting them execute simultaneously with internal operations.

**Extended I/O System**

Provides a synchronous interface for I/O operations. It automatically performs read-ahead and write-behind buffering. It also allows tasks to use "logical" names when referring to files.
**Application Loader**

Provides a simple mechanism for loading application code and data files from secondary storage devices into memory. It can load absolute code into fixed memory locations or relocatable code into dynamically-allocated memory locations. It can also load files containing overlays.

**Human Interface**

Supports interaction between a user and an application. It provides commands that enable the user to create, copy, rename, or delete a file; load and start an application; format or verify a secondary storage volume; back up or restore a file; read commands from a file, rather than from a terminal; and communicate with the iSDM™ 86 and iSDM 286 monitor program for debugging programs and copying files to and from an Intel® development system.

In addition to selecting layers of the operating system, you can select desired parts of the layers. Moreover, you can include or exclude features and system calls, and specify hardware port addresses so that your customized operating system can run on any 8086- or 8088-based system.

### INTERACTIVE CONFIGURATION UTILITY

A program called the Interactive Configuration Utility (ICU), supplied as part of the iRMX Operating System, guides you through the operating system configuration process. The ICU displays a series of menus that describe the available options. You make selections from the menus to define a new configuration specification or to modify an existing one.

Because the operating system is configurable, it allows you to add support for multiple processors. The MULTIBUS Message Exchange (IMMX™ 800) software package provides the software needed for communication between processor boards via the MULTIBUS interface. Using IMMX 800, each of the system's boards can act as host to the iRMX Operating System.

You can also customize your system for communication with other System 310's, System 330A's, or System 380's on an Ethernet network.

### LANGUAGE TRANSLATORS

Also included with the iRMX Operating System are translator and utility programs to assist you in developing software written in 8086 code. These programs let you compile and assemble programs (PLM86 and ASM86), link programs together (LINK86), assign absolute addresses to programs (LOC86), create libraries of programs (LIB86), and convert absolute object modules to hexadecimal format (OH86). Programs written in 8086 code can be run on the iSBC 86/30.
processor or on the iSBC 286/10 processor in the real address (8086-compatible) mode.

Optional Pascal-86 and FORTRAN-86 compilers are available from Intel. Because the iRMX Operating System supports the Universal Development Interface (UDI), a wide variety of other language products, both compilers and interpreters, are available from independent software vendors for use on the iRMX Operating System.

UTILITIES

The iRMX package contains the System Debug Monitor (SDB), which is an addition to the iSDM 86 and 286 monitors. The SDB adds commands to the monitor that let you examine iRMX objects directly. If you include the SDB in your application system, you can use the SDB commands whenever you access the iSDM 86 and 286 monitors while the operating system is in place.

The operating system package also contains a sophisticated, line-oriented editing facility called ED. You can use ED to create and modify files of text; to add, insert, move, and substitute text; to read text from or write text to a file; and to perform global editing.

THE PRECONFIGURED iRMX™ OPERATING SYSTEM

When you order the iRMX Operating System with the System 310, you receive an already configured version of the operating system called the preconfigured system. The preconfigured system provides a basic operating system for you to use for general system operation. Four PROMs on the System 310 processor board (iSBC 86/30 and iSBC 286/10 boards) contain the bootstrap loader, which can be used to boot the preconfigured system.

The principal components of the preconfigured system are the following:

- The Nucleus
- The Basic I/O System, with device drivers for a terminal, an iSBC 215G Generic Winchester Controller, an iSBX 218A Flexible Diskette Controller, and a parallel printer interface
- The Extended I/O System
- The Application Loader
- The Human Interface

Also included in the preconfigured system are the SDB and ED. (The Extended I/O System, the Application Loader, and the Human Interface layers contain the UDI.)
MEMORY REQUIREMENTS OF THE iRMX™ OPERATING SYSTEM

In order to use the preconfigured system, your System 310 must have at least 384K bytes of RAM. If you write and configure your own application system, its memory requirements depend upon the layers, parts of layers, features, and system calls that you choose for your iRMX configuration.

THE XENIX* OPERATING SYSTEM

The XENIX Operating System is a superset of the well-known UNIX** Operating System. It is a time-sharing, multiuser operating system that excels in software development and computer-aided design applications. As shown in Table 3-1, the XENIX operating system includes enhancements and utilities from a variety of sources.

One of the most appealing characteristics of XENIX is that it is easy to learn and use, while providing many powerful and sophisticated features. Some of these features include a versatile command language, a hierarchical file structure, the C programming language, and a wide assortment of editing, text processing, and software development tools.

The XENIX operating system is available in two versions: the XENIX 86 operating system, for use with the iSBC 86/30 Single Board Computer; and the XENIX 286 operating system, for use with the iSBC 286/10 Single Board Computer.

XENIX* STRUCTURE

As shown in Figure 3-2, the XENIX operating system is made up of three parts. These layers are described below:

Kernel
The kernel manages data storage, schedules tasks, and manages main memory and peripherals.

Shell
The shell is the human interface that interprets user-entered commands. It also allows you to execute XENIX utilities or user programs one at a time or concurrently in a series called a pipe.

Utility Programs
These programs perform a number of routine functions, such as compiling, editing, file maintenance, etc.

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A number of the program development and documentation features of the XENIX Operating System are described in the following sections.

**COMMAND LANGUAGE**

The XENIX command language makes it possible to perform many tasks without writing a C program. For example, you can cause the output of one process to become the input of another. This feature can be used repetitively to form a chain of processes called a "pipe,"

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with data flowing through the pipe. The links in a pipe can act as filters. In fact, XENIX contains a set of ready-to-use filters that perform such functions as spelling verification and sorting.

FILE-HANDLING FACILITIES

The XENIX Operating System has a comprehensive set of features for creating, accessing, moving, and processing files and directories. Some of these facilities are the following:

- Device-independent I/O operation. Each system device, including peripheral devices, memory, and directories, is treated like a file, allowing identical I/O operations for all files and I/O devices.

- A hierarchical file system for flexible organization of files and directories.

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• Flexible file and directory naming facilities. File and directory names can be absolute or relative to any directory in the file system hierarchy.

• A complete set of file protection modes that allows the owner of a file to assign to that file any combination of read, write, and execute attributes for three different user groups. These modes can be set and changed dynamically.

• Automatic disk recovery facilities to restore data in the event of a power failure.

THE C PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

The standard programming language for use with the XENIX operating system is C. C is a compact, structured language that combines features of both high- and low-level languages. It has a large set of powerful operators, extensive data types, facilities for handling pointers and addressing arrays, controls for structuring programs, and a substantial I/O library. Its efficiency often rivals code written in assembly language.

UTILITIES

The XENIX operating system contains an extensive set of utilities. In addition, other vendors offer many optional utilities for special-purpose applications.

Editors

Three editors, ED, VI, and SED, are included with the XENIX operating system. ED is an interactive line editor. Extensive pattern-matching capabilities allow complex global changes to be made to a program, a document, or data. VI (Visual editor) is a full-screen editor, meaning that you can edit anything you see on the screen by simply moving the cursor to the appropriate location and making the desired changes. SED is a stream editor intended for repetitive global editing functions. When using SED, you typically specify all of the changes that you want to make in a SED script. SED then makes the changes without the need for further supervision.

Text Processors

With the text processing utilities of the XENIX operating system, many types of documents can be quickly created, edited, and sent to an output device. The final output can be printed or phototypeset in a variety—or even a mixture—of type fonts. The main text formatters with the XENIX operating system are NROFF, which prepares text for output on an ASCII terminal or lineprinter, or TROFF, which prepares text for output on a phototypesetter. The
MS macro package provides a large set of command macros for use with NROFF and TROFF. Together, they can be used to produce a great variety of document characteristics.

Software Development Tools

The XENIX operating system includes several software development tools. Two of these tools, LEX and YACC, are particularly useful to compiler writers. LEX produces lexical analyzers and YACC produces parsers, both of which are important elements in structuring program input. Another useful development tool in XENIX is the Source Code Control System (SCCS). The SCCS keeps track of changes made to source code and can reconstruct previous versions of the source code at any stage in its development from these stored changes.

Communications Utilities

Several communications utilities are included in the XENIX package. MAIL enables communications from one user to one or more users of a XENIX-based system. WRITE allows two users to carry on a dialogue on a system. UUCP makes it possible for one XENIX-based system to communicate to another by means of either a modem or a direct connection.

STORAGE REQUIREMENTS OF THE XENIX* OPERATING SYSTEM

The basic version of the XENIX operating system requires 256K bytes of RAM storage. However, if you wish to customize the basic version to your own requirements, or if you plan to use the C program language, you will need 384K bytes of RAM storage.

SPECIAL HARDWARE FOR XENIX* OPERATING SYSTEM USERS

Also needed to run the XENIX operating system are the following hardware modules:

- the iSX M 101 XENIX Extension Module (not required if iSBC 286/10 board is being used)
- the iSX M 951 Terminal Communications Cable Set
- either the iSX M 534 Four-Channel Communications board or the iSX M 544 Intelligent Communications board

The iSX M 101 module consists of an iSBC 309 Memory Management MULTIMODULE board with an 8087 Numeric Data Processor onboard.

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The iSXM 534 and 544 boards are iSBC 534 and 544 boards, respectively, that have been preconfigured for use with the XENIX operating system.

The iSXM 951 package provides four cables that connect the RS-232 connectors on the iSXM 534 or 544 board to connectors on the back panel of the System 310.
PROMs in the System 310 contain a bootstrap loader, a system confidence test, and a monitor. In addition, diagnostic programs that exercise the System 310 hardware and check it for errors are provided with the system on flexible diskettes. To use these monitor and diagnostic programs, a terminal must be connected to the RS-232 connector on the back panel of the System 310, which is in turn connected to the processor board.

**iSDM** 86 and **iSDM** 286 MONITOR PROGRAMS

The iSDM 86 and iSDM 286 Interface and Execution programs are monitors that enable you to perform basic register-, memory-, and I/O-level functions without the presence of an operating system. In particular, you can:

- Examine and modify registers and memory
- Move and compare blocks of memory
- Perform I/O via 8086 or 80286 input and output ports
- Set breakpoints in programs or single-step through code

Moreover, with minor jumpering changes to the processor board, you can use the iSDM 86 or iSDM 286 monitor to transfer files between an Intellec development system and the parallel port of the ISBC 86/30 or ISBC 286/10 board, respectively, in the System 310.

**SCT 86/300 and SCT 286/300 SYSTEM CONFIDENCE TESTS**

The SCT 86/300 and SCT 286/300 system confidence tests, which reside in PROM on the ISBC 86/30 and ISBC 286/10 boards, respectively, check critical elements of the System 310 operation. They are automatically invoked when you apply power to the system or when you press the front-panel RESET pushbutton.

Upon completion of the system confidence tests, program control is passed to the bootstrap loader, which loads the operating system from disk and starts it running.

**SYSTEM ANALYSIS TEST (SAT)**

The SAT is a means of exercising both system software and system hardware by running a program for an extended period of time. The
SAT places heavy demands on the system in an attempt to produce the kinds of errors that would occur intermittently.

**SYSTEM DIAGNOSTIC TESTS (SDTs)**

The SDTs are tools to help you learn more about the location of a hardware problem when you already know that the problem exists. After you have decided, perhaps with the aid of the SCT, that a particular board is defective, the appropriate SDT helps you to identify the subassembly that contains the problem.

The System 310-compatible iSBC boards for which there are currently SDTs are the following: iSBC 86/30, iSBC 286/10, iSBC 012B, iSBC 012C, iSBC 012CX, iSBC 056A, iSBC 056C, iSBC 056CX, iSBC 215G, iSBC 309, iSBC 337, iSBC 534, and iSBC 544. SDTs are also available for the iSBX 218A and iSBX 351 MULTIMODULE boards. The SDTs are furnished on a diskette.
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