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# propellerforth

Interactive ANS-subset Forth for the Parallax Propeller microcontroller

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## EepromWords

Words for accessing serial EEPROMs.

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EEPROM quick facts:

- Like the Propeller's internal RAM, multibyte values in EEPROM are stored little-endian.
- Unaligned accesses are supported -- that is, unlike in the Propeller's internal RAM, reading a four-byte value at address 1 reads addresses 1 through 4, inclusive.
- These words support a 256KiB EEPROM address space, as used by Atmel's 24Cxxx-series chips.
- Depending on board configuration, multiple EEPROM chips may appear in this address space. There may be holes of inaccessible memory between the chips.
- Attempting to read or write into one of these memory holes will throw a File I/O Exception (code -37 decimal).

The documentation below introduces a new address type in stack comments, `e-addr`, or EEPROM address.

## High-Level Interface

### ee!

( *x* *e-addr* -- )

Stores the 32-bit value *x* in EEPROM at *e-addr* in little-endian byte order.

Waits for the write to complete before returning.

**Wordlist:** `eeaccess`

**Since:** 8.01-alpha

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### ee@

( *e-addr* -- *x* )

Reads a 32-bit value from EEPROM at *e-addr* in little-endian byte order.

**Wordlist:** `eeaccess`

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### eec!

( *c* *e-addr* -- )

Writes the byte `c` into EEPROM at address `e-addr`.

**Does not wait for the write to complete before returning.** If another EEPROM command is likely to be issued soon to the same chip, call `eewait` after `eewrite`.

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## **eec@**

( `e-addr -- c` )

Reads a single byte from EEPROM at `e-addr`.

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## **eeinit**

( `--` )

Initializes the I2C bus for the current Cog, configuring the I/O pins and attempting to reset any chips on the bus.

While it's not strictly necessary to `eeinit` before calling other EEPROM words, it's a good idea.

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## **eewait**

( `e-addr --` )

Waits for the chip that includes `e-addr` to become available after a write operation.

In the high-level interface, this is only needed after `eewrite`.

**Wordlist:** `eeaccess`

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## **eewrite64**

( `a-addr e-addr --` )

Transfers 64 bytes from main memory (starting at `a-addr`) into EEPROM (starting at `e-addr`). The EEPROM address **must** be aligned to a 64-byte boundary.

This word uses the EEPROM's internal page write capability and is currently the fastest way to write the EEPROM.

**Wordlist:** `eeaccess`

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## savemem

( -- )

Copies all of RAM into EEPROM (starting at EEPROM address 0) as a bootable image. This backs up the system's dictionary, but does not save runtime state (stacks, which Cogs are doing what, etc.).

**Wordlist:** `bootable`

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