

Re: Parallel port and Visual Basic?

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On Sat, 09 Apr 2005 15:36:12 GMT, "Zucker" <zuckuss@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

>I am in the process of building a circuit that will monitor the start and
>finish times for pine box derby cars. I would like to be able to catch these
>events by feeding signals, through the parallel port, to a Visual Basic
>program. I was thinking of using the eight data pins from the parallel port
>to monitor eight lanes.
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>The electronics are good to go. My problem is with Visual Basic.
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>Does anyone know how to access and capture bit patterns from the parallel
>port using Visual Basic?
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>Steve
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>PS...I have asked this same question in several programming newsgroups, but
>I have not recieved any responses.

You may want to get the lpt-vb.zip file from the below site. It has some vb source code for the parallel port. If you are using NT/2K/XP, you may also need an application called userport (google for userport.zip) to get direct hardware access to the parallel port.

<http://neil.fraser.name/software/lpt/>

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- *References:*
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