

Why are number keys important?

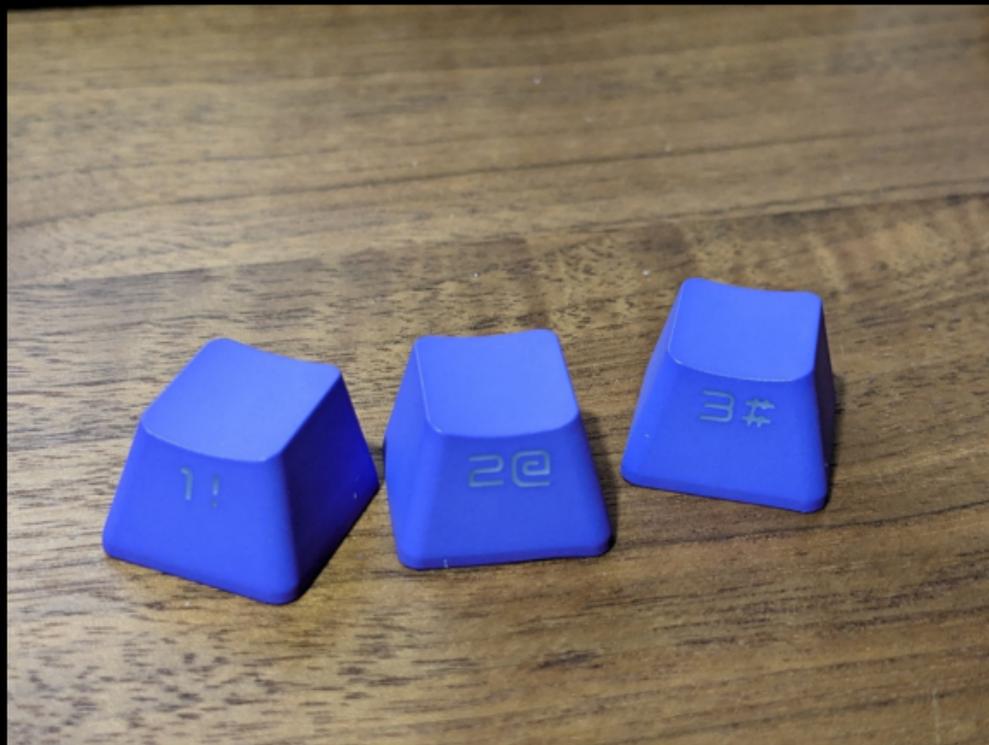
Shugo Maeda



Do you have number keys?

KEEBKaigi

2023



My keyboard

KEEBKdigi

2023



My keyboard specs



- Runner3680
- SparkFun Pro Micro RP2040
- Kailh Box Brown
- Tai-Hao Hawaii PBT double shot
- Modified PRK Firmware 0.9.20



Runner3680

- Split Ortholinear Keyboard
- Flexible layout
 - 4-5 rows x 6-8 columns
 - mine is 5 rows x 7 columns



Why SparkFun Pro Micro?



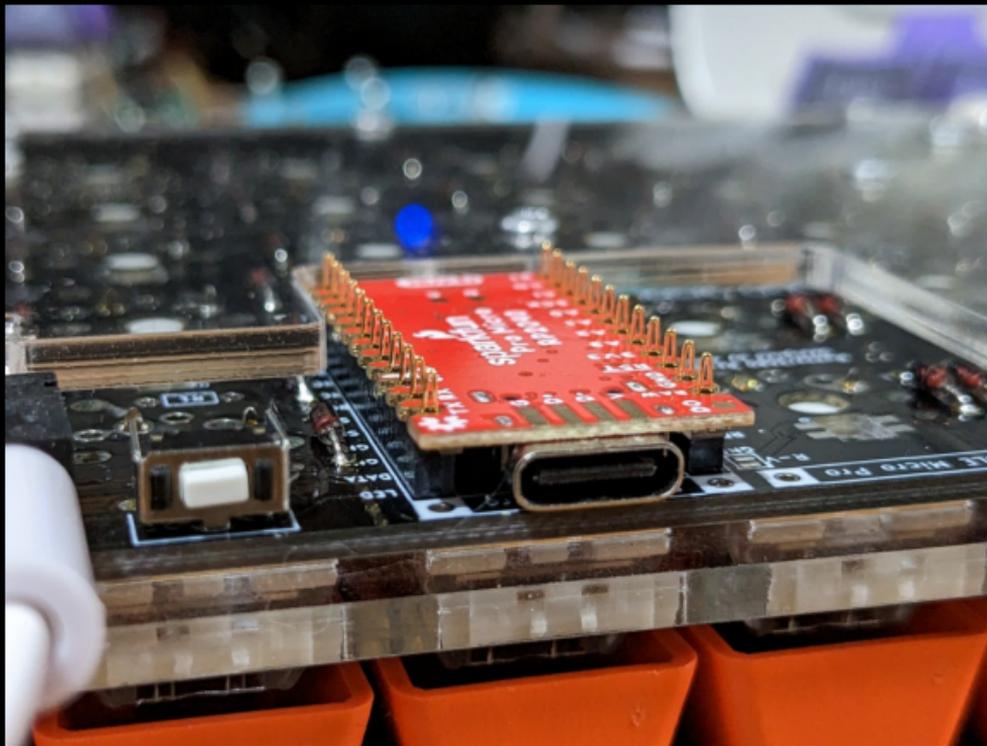
- PRK Firmware 0.9.20 doesn't work with Pico Micro
- Software UART issue



Problem of SparkFun

KEEBKaigi

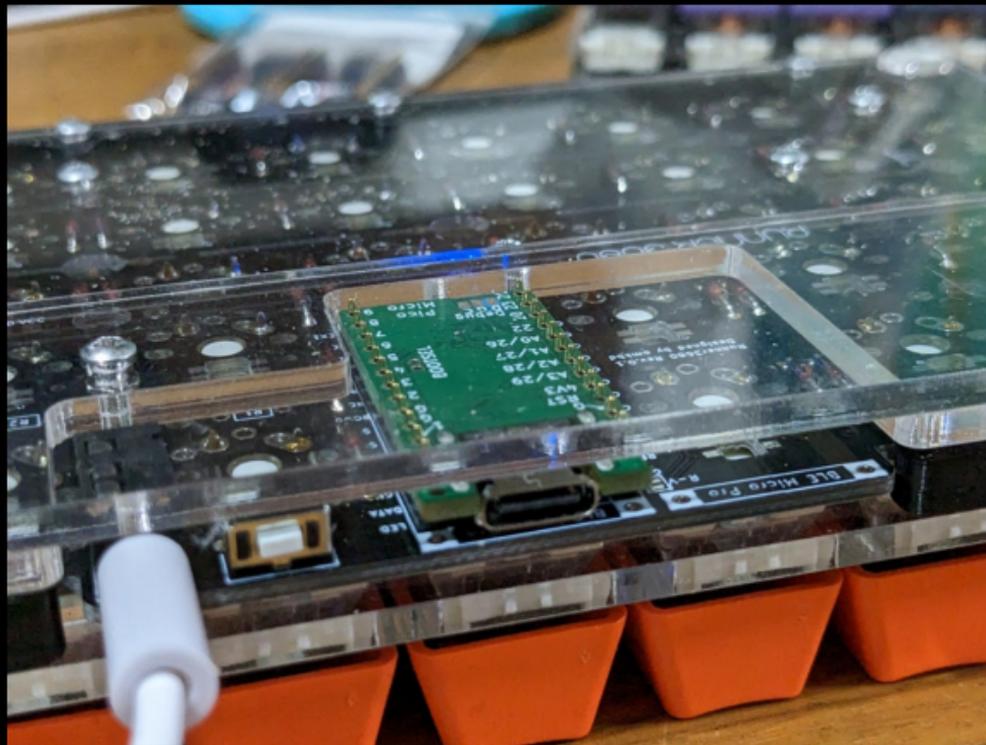
2023



Pico Micro was fine

KEEBK@IGI

2023



T-Code

- Kanji direct input method
- No kana-kanji conversion
- Two stroke points one kanji code
 - e.g., lb → 前, jb → 田
 - $40 * 40 = \text{max } 1600$ characters



40 keys for T-Code

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	O	P
A	S	D	F	G	H	J	K	L	;
Z	X	C	V	B	N	M	,	.	/



No number keys, no dream

KEEBKaigi
2023

- 31 → 夢



T-Code implementations

- tc2 for Emacs
- Custom romaji table for mozc
- TCodeInputMethod for Textbringer



T-Code on PRK Firmware

KEEBK@IGI
2023

- You can use T-Code everywhere



How to input kanji

- IBus
 - Intelligent Input Bus
 - Input method framework for Unix
- Unicode input on IBus
 - Ctrl+Shift+u 3042 Space → あ(U+3042)
 - Ctrl+Shift+u 29e3d Space → 鮎(U+29E3D)



T-Code table

- $1600 * 2 = 3200$ bytes
- Too large for keymap.rb
- Modify PRK Firmware to store the table in ROM



tcode_table

```
static const uint16_t __in_flash() tcode_table[1600] = {
    0x25A0, 0x25A0, 0x25A0, 0x25A0, ...
};
/*
 * To avoid cache because it's inefficient for random access
 * https://forums.raspberrypi.com/viewtopic.php?t=319837#p1915273
 */
static const uint16_t *tcode_table_uncached =
    (const uint16_t *)((size_t) tcode_table + 0x03000000);
```



tcode_table_aref()

```
static void
tcode_table_aref(mrbc_vm *vm, mrbc_value *v, int argc)
{
    int index = GET_INT_ARG(1);
    if (0 <= index && index < 1600) {
        uint16_t codepoint = tcode_table_uncached[index];
        char buf[4];
        for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
            buf[i] = hex_digits[codepoint >> 4 * (3 - i) & 0x000F];
        }
        mrbc_value value = mrbc_string_new(vm, buf, 4);
        SET_RETURN(value);
    }
    else {
        SET_NIL_RETURN();
    }
}
```

prk_init_TcodeTable()

```
void  
prk_init_TcodeTable(void)  
{  
    mrbc_class *mrbc_class_TcodeTable =  
        mrbc_define_class(0, "TcodeTable", mrbc_class_object);  
    mrbc_define_method(0, mrbc_class_TcodeTable, "[]", tcode_table_aref);  
}
```



T-Code layer

```
kbd.add_layer :tcode, %i[
  KC_ESCAPE KC_GRAVE KC_TC KC_TC KC_TC KC_TC KC_TC...
  KC_TAB KC_TAB KC_TC KC_TC KC_TC KC_TC KC_TC...
  KC_LCTL KC_LCTL KC_TC KC_TC KC_TC KC_TC KC_TC...
  KC_PGUP KC_LSFT KC_TC KC_TC KC_TC KC_TC KC_TC...
  KC_PGDOWN ADJUST KC_LGUI KC_LALT KC_LGUI LOWER KC_SPACE...
]
```



T-Code key indices

KEEBKaigi

2023

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39



row/column to index

```
class Keyboard
  attr_reader :switches # [[row, column], [row, column]..]
end
```

```
tc_index = nil
```

Kanji input

```
tcode = Proc.new {
  if prev_tc_index
    i = 40 * tc_index + prev_tc_index
    if codepoint = TCODE_TABLE[i]
      kbd.send_key(:KC_LCTL, :KC_LSFT, :KC_U)
      kbd.macro(codepoint + " ", [])
    end
    prev_tc_index = nil
  else
    prev_tc_index = tc_index
  end
}
kbd.define_mode_key :KC_TC, [ tcode, nil, 300, nil ]
```



Demo

KEEKKADIGI
2023



Conclusion

KEEKaigi
2023

- NO NUMBER KEYS, NO DREAM

