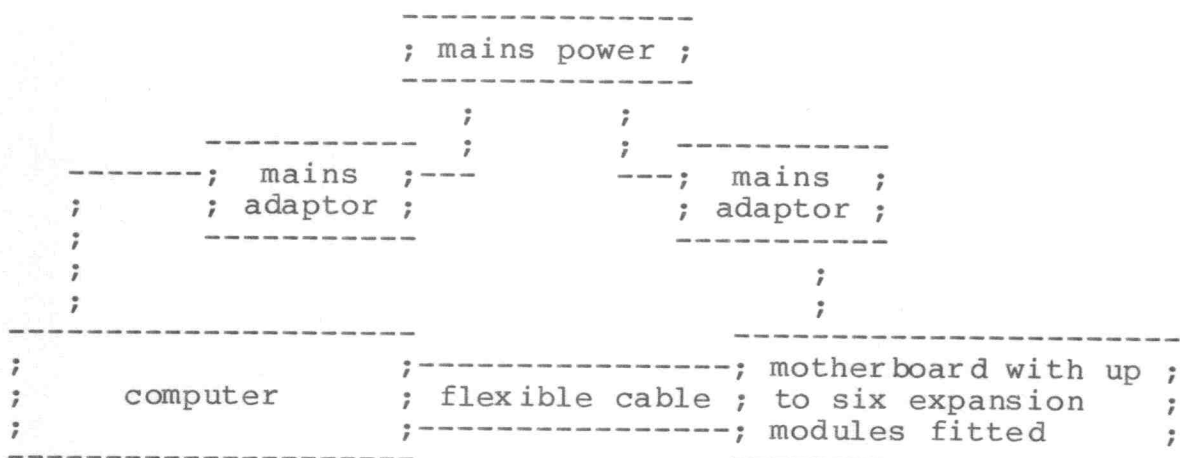


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Expansion modules may be added to the Enterprise 64/128 computers in one of two ways:-

1. A six-slot motherboard is connected to the computer expansion bus via a flexible ribbon cable with a pcb edge connector at the end. Expansion modules plug into and draw power from the motherboard, which has its own internal supply generating +5 volts, +12 volts, and -12 volts. The computer must still be powered from its original mains adaptor. Modules to be plugged into the motherboard must meet the timing and maximum load specifications given in document PER-7.



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2. A single expansion module is connected to the computer by means of a short flexible cable with an edge connector at each end. Power is supplied to the module from the computer's 9V output via a 5V regulator built into the flexible cable. A jack is also incorporated into the cable for an external 9V input in case the computer cannot supply enough current. This jack is of a different design to the one on the computer to prevent incorrect connection, and will disconnect the computer's 9V output when a booster supply is used. An expansion module connected in this way will appear in the same memory and I/O space as if it were inserted in slot 1 of a motherboard. The +/-12V supplies are not available for a module in this system configuration. The module should meet the timing and maximum load specifications given in document PER-6.

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SYSTEM EXPANSION WITHOUT MOTHERBOARD

It is important for either expansion system that power is applied to the expansion module or motherboard before the computer, as the operating system only looks for peripheral devices on a cold reset. If power is applied simultaneously, or to the computer first, the reset button will need to be pressed twice to log in the expansion modules.

If an expansion module is connected directly to the computer and the full available bus driving ability is used by the module then power should not be applied for any length of time to the expansion module without powering the computer, else there is a slight possibility of damage occurring to MOS devices in the computer. Conversely, if power is left applied to the computer without power on a directly connected expansion module, MOS devices in the expansion module which are not buffered from the bus by TTL chips may suffer damage. This is not a problem if the motherboard is used, as the ALS buffers in the motherboard are able to withstand voltage on their inputs while unpowered, and the 0.2mA maximum input current of the buffers in the low state is too small to cause damage to the unpowered devices in the computer. The only danger is the motherboard data buffer, but with no power on the computer this will be disabled.