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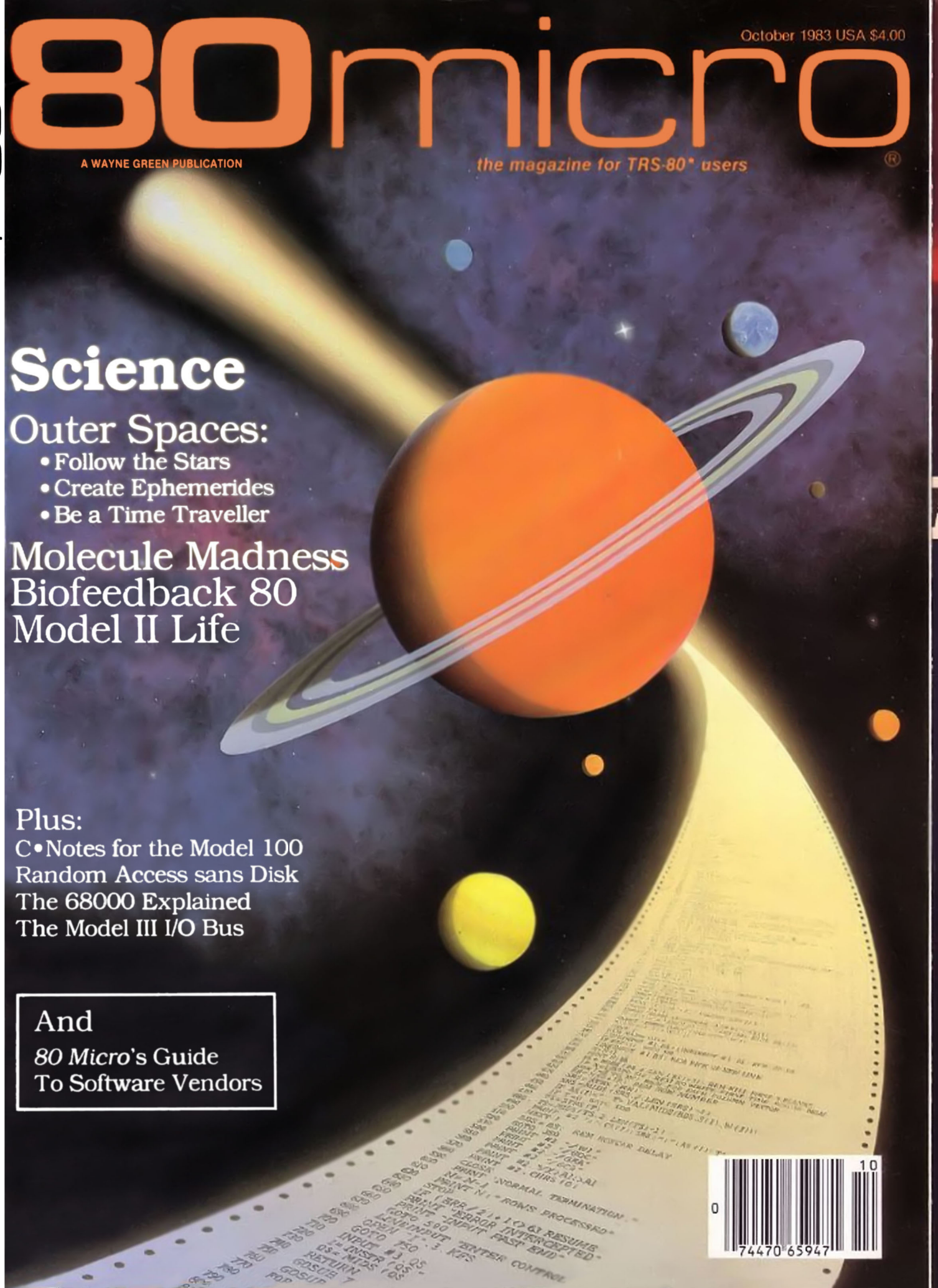

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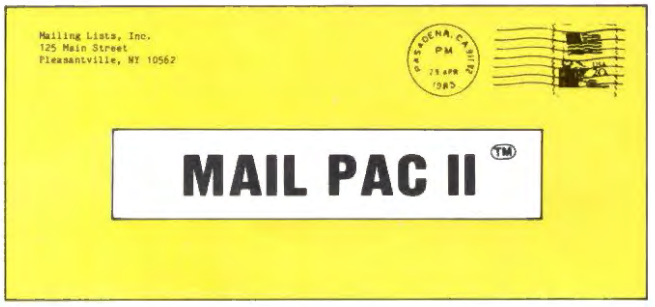

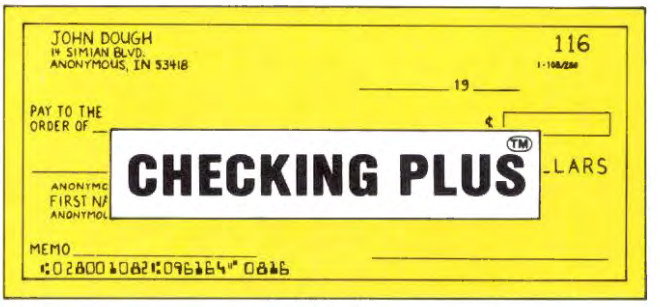

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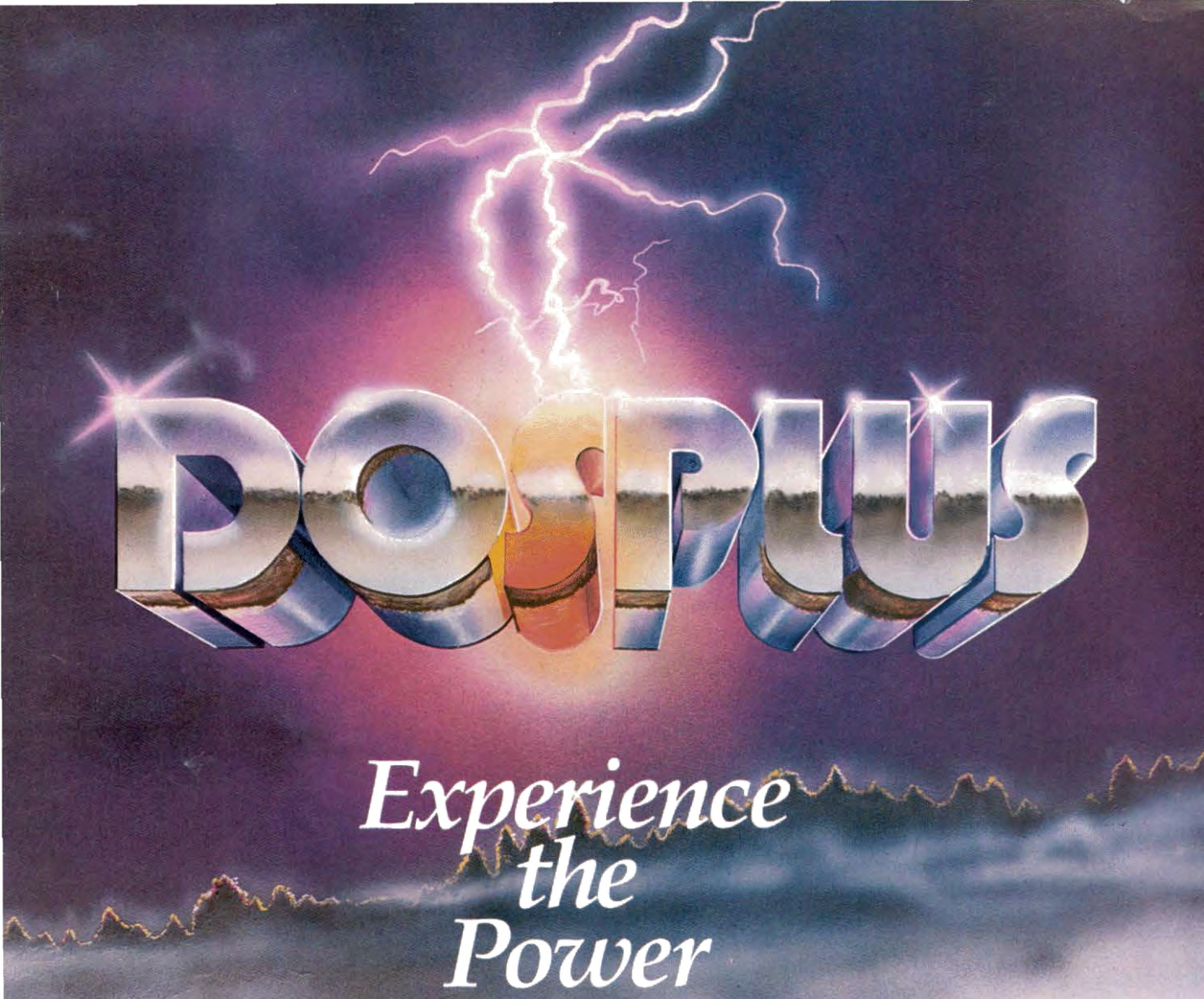

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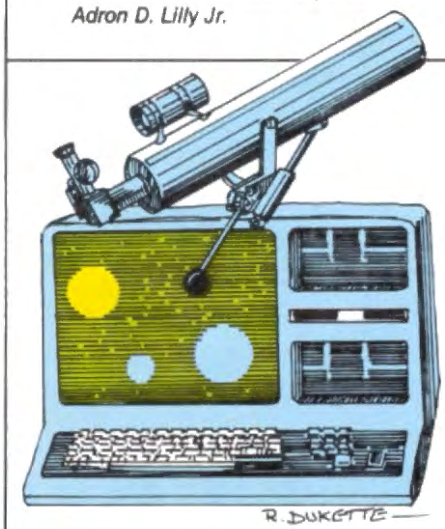

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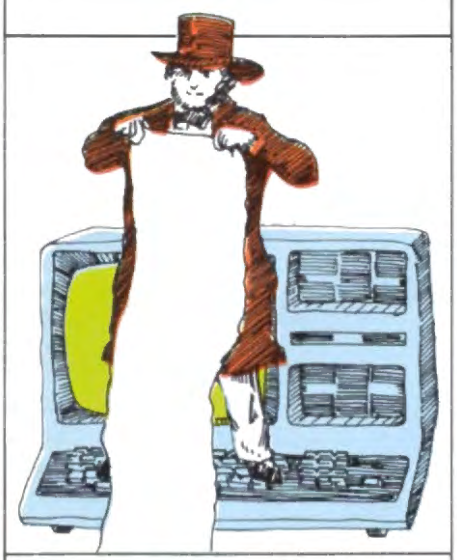

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SIDE TRACKS

by Eric Maloney

Don't blame piracy

I've heard several software manufacturers claim recently that piracy is primarily responsible for TRS-80-related companies going out of business or moving to other machines. This may be true in isolated cases, but it's simply not fair to blame the TRS-80 consumer for the industry's current sense of malaise.

We recently included a question on our reader service card that asked people where they acquired most of their software. The results:

From software houses	45.6 percent
From magazines	28.7
Self-written	17.9
Friends, other programmers	6.0
Copy it	1.8

While these figures are open to a lot of interpretation, they seem to show that few people use piracy as the primary means of building their software libraries. Three out of four of the respondents get most of their programs from legitimate commercial outlets, either software houses or magazines.

Piracy is a convenient explanation for the slump in the TRS-80 software market over the last year. But let's not overlook other, far more important, factors.

To begin with, the TRS-80 market has matured to the point where software houses release few fresh, original packages. We've entered a period in which the major software manufacturers are concentrating on revising and improving proven winners. The market for such products is inherently more restricted than it would be for something new.

Second, most consumers have already bought most of the software they need. They've gotten comfortable with their data-base managers and word processors, and are not inclined to spend $150 on a new package.

Third, many TRS-80 users have moved beyond the novice stage, and can write software they previously might have bought.

Finally, the new Radio Shack computers are not designed to encourage a great deal of new and innovative third-party software. The Model 100, for instance, is pretty much a self-contained machine; Radio Shack and the various TRS-80 magazines will provide much of the supplemental software. The Model 4 is an updated Model III, at least until the CP/M market develops, and enhanced Model III packages will constitute much of its software.

In short, then, software manufacturers are selling less because people are buying less, not because pirates are eating up all of their sales.

In a way, I wish piracy were the cause of the software industry's woes. Such a concrete problem could be handled in concrete terms. But the reasons are much more complex. It will take more than better protection schemes and stricter piracy laws to rejuvenate the market.

Property Rights

Speaking of piracy, I got a phone call the other day from the librarian of a computer club out on the West Coast. He wanted to know whether *80 Micro*'s programs are in the public domain, and whether he could therefore add them to his club's library.

Such questions have been on the rise lately. They indicate the consumers' increasing awareness of the software piracy problem. But they also show that many computerists don't have a clear idea of what piracy is.

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I don't believe for a minute that people deliberately or maliciously try to rip us off. Mostly, they just want to share programs they've found useful. But the programs belong to us and our readers, not to the public at large. ■

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Below is a glossary of acronyms frequently used in *80 Micro*.

ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange. Character code that refers to the computer's internal recognition of letters, numbers, and symbols.
CP/M	Control Program/Monitor or Control Program for Microcomputers. A disk operating system produced by Digital Research.
CPU	Central Processing Unit. Computer module that retrieves, decodes, and executes instructions.
CRT	Cathode Ray Tube. The television tube used to display pictures or characters.
DIP	Dual In-line Package. A standard integrated circuit package with two rows of pins at 1/10-inch intervals.
DOS	Disk Operating System, such as DOSPLUS, NEWDOS80, TRSDOS, and LDOS.
EPROM	Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory. Usually refers to a PROM that can be reused several times. It's erased with ultraviolet light and then programmed with a special PROM programmer.
K	Kilobytes. 1K = 1024 bytes. Used in referring to computer storage capacity.
RAM	Random Access Memory. This is the primary storage area of a computer. The information in RAM is lost when power is disconnected.
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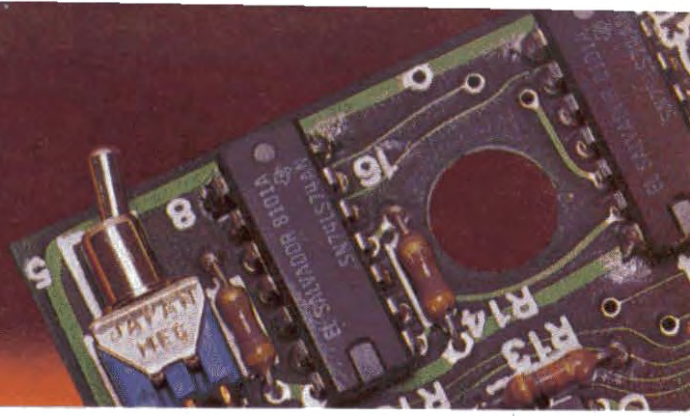

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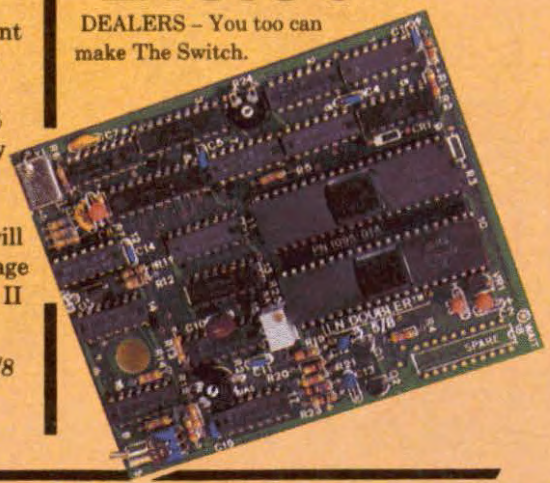

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Even though *80*'s readers tend to be more technically oriented than other magazines', your interest in science seems out of proportion: Most of you don't wear lab coats to work. Few of you need a tachistoscope for short-term memory experiments, and few are astronomers who have to keep track of the sun's altitude and azimuth.

The reason you appreciate scientific applications, we suspect, has to do with a broader interest: You appreciate the impact of microcomputers. The micro has done what Jacob Bronowski did in *The Ascent of Man* and Carl Sagan did in his *Cosmos* television series; it has promoted the democratization of science.

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Speedin' It Up

You ran an informative article by Karl Andreassen on counting and graphing cipher letter frequencies (June 1983, p. 190). He included a good program but one section of it runs so slowly that it may be discouraging to readers interested in experimenting with decipherment.

Andreassen generates an A–Z alphabet as a string and then compares each letter of the cipher text to each letter of the string with a MID$ function. There's a faster way to count letter frequencies.

After generating 200 random letters, Program Listing 1 shows that the Andreassen double loop takes about 15 seconds to find the frequency of each letter, whereas a simple single loop (line 100) does it in five seconds.

The listing is written in Basic, but cassette-based programmers can try it by eliminating the references to TIME$ and timing the loops as the dots proceed across the screen.

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```
10 'ANDREASSEN/LEEDHAM LETTER-FREQUENCY COUNTING LOOPS
20 CLS:CLEAR2000:DEFINTA-Z:DIMC$(1000),A$(26),B(26),D(26)
30 N=200
40 PRINT"GENERATING RANDOM LETTERS";:FORX=1TON:C$(X)=CHR$(RND(26
)+64):PRINT".";:NEXTX:PRINT""
50 PRINT"ANDREASSEN METHOD";:AN$=TIME$
60 FORX=1TO26:A$=A$+CHR$(X+64):NEXTX
70 FORI=1TON:PRINT".";:FORJ=1TO26
80 IFC$(I)=MID$(A$,J,1)THENB(J)=B(J)+1
90 NEXTJ,I:PRINT"":PRINTAN$:PRINTTIME$
100 PRINT:PRINT"LEEDHAM METHOD";:LE$=TIME$
110 FORX=1TON:L=ASC(C$(X))-64:D(L)=D(L)+1:PRINT".";:NEXT
120 PRINT"":PRINTLE$:PRINTTIME$
130 END
```

Program Listing 1. Deciphering made quicker.

```
                    00110 ;          DIREC/CMD
                    00120 ;          FROM 'TRSDOS READY'TYPE:
                    00130 ;          DIREC :D
                    00140 ;          WHERE D=DRIVE
                    00150 ;
                    00160 ;          FROM THE MOD III VERSION
                    00170 ;          BY CARL ANDERSON
                    00180 ;          80 MICRO 12/82 P.32
                    00190 ;
FFF0                00200 ;          ORG     0FFF0H
44A9                00210 ; DSPDIR   DEFL    44A9H
402D                00220 ; JP2DOS   DEFL    402DH
FFF0   3AE144       00230 ;          LD      A,(44DAH+7H)
FFF3   DD212B44     00240 ;          LD      IX,442BH
FFF7   DD7700       00250 ; LD     (IX),A
FFFA   CDA944       00260 ;          CALL    DSPDIR
FFFD   C32D40       00270 ;          JP      JP2DOS
FFF0                00280 ;          END     OFFFOH
00000   TOTAL ERRORS
DSPDIR   44A9 00210        00260
JP2DOS   402D 00220        00270
;FOR 32K USE 0BFF0H
;DISPLAY DIRECTORY CALL
;TRSDOS READY ADDRESS
;GET 7TH BYTE
;THESE TWO LINES PUT A
;INTO 442BH FOR DSPDIR
;DISPLAY DIRECTORY
;BACK TO TRSDOS
;FOR 32K USE 0BFF0H
```

Program Listing 2. Robot Reader in color.

StickSHIFT

This is a request to software authors—especially those who write games in Assembly language. Since the Model I/III/4 uses SHIFT@ to pause the execution of a Basic program, please stick to that convention to put a pause function in games instead of S (for stop) or P (for pause).

Also, please put a zero in 14308 decimal (37E4 hexadecimal (hex)) to select cassette drive 1 on the Model I for sound output.

Dave McGlumphy
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CoCo Conversion

I was disappointed to learn that Charles Gillen's "Robot Reader" (June 1983, p. 302) doesn't run on my Color Computer. Program Listing 2 includes modifications so the program runs on a 16K Basic CoCo.

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Model 16 Program Flaws?

"Programming the Model 16" by Dan Keen and Dave Dischert (June 1983, p. 244) was badly flawed by inaccuracies and typographical errors.

The address registers are numbered A0–A7 and the data registers D0–D7, rather than as explained in the article.

In explaining the power of the instruction set compared to the Z80, the authors came up with a routine to move

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1 byte worthy of the Intel 8008 chip of late memory. Even an 8080 can load the accumulator directly from a memory address, and the Z80 does it like this:

```
LD      A, (source address)
LD      (destination of address), A
```

The HL or DE pairs can be loaded in the same way, giving a 2-byte, two-instruction move. A block move of any length can be implemented in four instructions using the LDIR instruction.

Of course the 68000 is more powerful, flexible, and faster than the Z80. But let's be accurate in our comparisons and fair to the Z80. For its day it was a good chip and for nonbusiness it's still a valid method of computing.

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Authors' Answer

Mr. Granzeau is correct that the address registers are A0–A7 and the data registers are D0–D7. Somewhere between our typewritten page and the printed page, words were accidentally changed.

Regarding our Z80 comparison, there are certainly many ways to get the same result. We could pick up any issue of any magazine and rewrite every program in it a dozen different ways. However, we used a comparison which conformed to our Z80 programming practices. Your way, while the shortest and quickest method, is rigid. It moves one source to one destination. Ours is flexible in that you can move HL and DE to different places.

We did not intend to take away any pride from the Z80, which is a fantastic microprocessor, but wanted to present a simple layman's contrast between the two devices.

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Tail Wagging the Dog

Kudos to Jake Commander for his musings on structured programming (February 1983, p. 37). That hot air balloon needed a pin stuck in it. Pascal is highly structured because it was designed that way, so it's easy to show that writing structured code with it produces better code. Such demonstrations are mere tautological, self-referential word games. As long as a Z80 calls or jumps to numbered addresses moving upstream and downstream in the code, the structuralist believes in a fiction.

Anyway, why should we let the tail (language) wag the dog (us)?

I'm writing this with the new Model 100 on my lap while sitting in an easy chair. The future is here.

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Memory Map Memo

I am a new Model 100 owner and the article by John Berman (July 1983, p. 158) was very informative. I'm curious about the memory map on p. 163, particularly address 63897. Is "Suzuki Hayashki" a new Microsoft Basic command?

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That's a good question. Berman says he has no idea what it means and that it's just an idiosyncracy of the machine that was in the directory. The memory map was written in Japan by Microsoft so it could be anything, including a copyright trap. Any guesses out there?—Eds.

Basic Dispute

I just finished reading the first article of the series, "Basic, Faster and Readable," by John Corbani (June 1983, p. 104).

I am an advocate of structured programming, and I see the need for clearer and more understandable programs. I agree with Mr. Corbani concerning the need to make Basic more readable, but he makes several statements that I feel must be corrected for the sake of proper Basic program structure.

Mr. Corbani states that TRS-80 Microsoft Basic does not require the use of an argument with a Next statement. This is correct, but failure to use an argument with each Next statement makes the program unnecessarily hard to understand, especially when you use complex program looping structures. Also, this makes programs harder to convert among systems because this isn't a standard feature in all interpreters.

Mr. Corbani explains that remark statements are important in programs to document major blocks of subroutines or code. An important aspect of any program is the proper documentation of the written code. I disagree that placing remark statements in Basic code immediately in front of executed line numbers results in no system overhead.

The Basic interpreter stores all programs in tokenized or prescanned format, leaving each of the characters following the remark token as 1 byte in the computer's memory. To execute any program, the interpreter must scan the entire program store looking for the appropriate line numbers to execute.

Remark statements written in a block of executable code require "skipping" to determine the location of the following line. Any remark statement added to a Basic program adds to the system overhead while executing the program. Remarks written using the single apostrophe in place of the remark token require 3 bytes of storage as opposed to the 2 stated by Mr. Corbani.

Mr. Corbani advocates the use of POKE statements to set the system cursor at location 4020 hex to the appropriate value versus the use of the Basic "PRINT @" statement. The simple statement he provides as an example,

```
POKE 16417, 60: POKE 16416, 0
```

requires 28 bytes of storage, two calls to the command interpreter and four calls to the ASCII-to-binary number conversion for each Basic execution versus the one call to the command interpreter, one call to the number conversion routine, and 11 bytes of memory required by the equivalent statement: PRINT@,; used in the program.

Mr. Corbani also incorrectly uses the CHR$ command in place of the STRING$ command to demonstrate screen positioning by cursor control characters. The correct statement should be:

```
PRINT CHR$(28);STRING$(2,26); STRING$;
```

The technique he uses is valid but it's much faster to assign cursor movement strings to a string variable, such as

```
A$ = CHR$(28) + STRING$(2,26) + STRING$
(2,25): PRINT A$;
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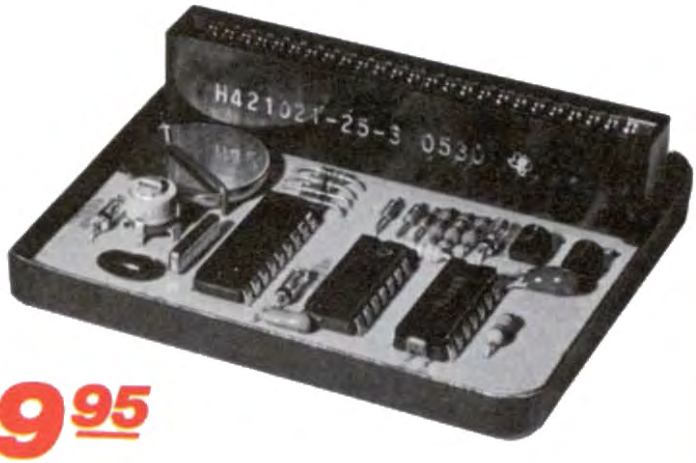

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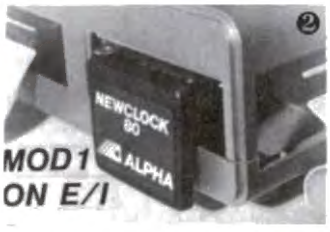

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0-40  No changes
50  G$=RIGHT(B$,4):IFG$="DED" or G$="DED." or G$="TED" or
G$="TED." THEN90
60  G$=RIGHT$(B$,3):IFG$="LE" or G$="LE." THEN90
70  IFG$="ED" or G$="ED." THENS=S-1:GOTO90
80  G$=RIGHT$(B$,2):IFG$="E" or G$="E." THENS=S-1
90  IFA$=D$ THENN=N+1:IFS>2 THENL=L+1
100 IFA$=C$ THENW=W+1:IFS>2 THENL=L+1
110 IFA$=C$ or A$=D$ THENT=T+S:S=0
120 IFA$=E$ or W>QANDA$=D$ THEN140ELSEA$="":GOTO20
130 REM
140 No change
150 Change TAB(20) to TAB(10)
160-260 Change ALL TAB(13) to TAB(5) and USINGF to
USING"###.#"
300-310 Change USINGF to USING"###.#"
320 PRINT"<ENTER> to TESTANOTHERSAMPLE"
330 Change E to E$
340 No change
350 REM
370 C$=CHR$(32)
380 D$=CHR$(46)
390 E$=CHR$(13)
400 REM
410-460 No changes
470 Print "PRESS ENTER"
480 IFINKEY$<>E$ THEN480
490-520 No changes
```

Program Listing 3. Scripsit patch.

If this positioning is used in the program, then all that's required is a simple PRINT A$; statement.

Corbani's use of the tab characters in the decimal range of 192–255 is incorrect. The cursor tab functions begin with zero spaces tabbed with a value of 192 and tab spaces for additional value. For example, the value of 202 (192 + 10) causes a tab over of 10 spaces.

I am glad to see an interest in the structuring and neat formatting of Basic programs to increase user comprehension.

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Corbani Responds

Constructive criticism does a lot of good, and I would like to comment on the subjects in the order presented.

Next: MBASIC is the standard Z80 Basic, and doesn't require the variable after Next. Use options only where readability is improved.

Remark statements: I agree, all code not necessary to the execution of a program is overhead. But a single remark statement at the beginning of a routine is better than five remark statements scattered throughout the routine.

Jumping over a remark statement saves one line of interpretation. Scanning is fast and interpretation is slow. Remark statements using a single quote add a leading colon in addition to the 2 bytes I mentioned. This can add 2 bytes to the program rather than the 1 byte I indicated. It depends on the context.

POKE: Harrell missed the point in the example. I was trying to show an alternate way to position the cursor. POKEing a variable into a DCB is faster than some other ways of changing location.

CHR$ vs STRING$: Guilty as charged. Sorry.

Composite strings are faster: agreed. I stressed that point in the article's last paragraph.

TAB (192–255): The typo gremlin got to Harrell too. I was referring to CHR$(192–255), but he is right about the count: 192 = 0 spaces and 255 = 63 spaces.

I hope other readers with constructive comments help out with other articles in the series.

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AIDS III Improvement

I have used AIDS III (Version 1) for two years, and while it is an excellent program, its disadvantages are annoying. Although the sort routine is fast, the characters are processed slowly, the garbage collection process stops the cursor for periods of time, and loading a file from disk is also delayed by the process.

The preliminary Version 2 is now out and my response is WOW! Keyboard input is accepted at the fastest rate I can type, loading from disk and saving to disk are very fast and the sort is now literally instantaneous.

The machine-language Version 2 meets all of my objections to Version 1, and AIDS III users who have not ordered the update should do so.

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Patching Scripsit

I enjoyed Carl Oppedahl's review on the Model I Radio Shack Double-Density Disk Kit (May 1983, p. 282), but there is a simpler 2-byte patch for Scripsit 1.0 that returns the computer to TRSDOS Ready:

PATCH SCRIPSIT/LC (R = 20, B = 230, F = 0000, C = 2D40)

Using the FILFIX utility, you can make another patch to Scripsit. Beginning at byte 63 hex of the first record, the code reads:

7C 21 FF 00 25 7E 2F 77 AE 20 F9 22

but should be changed to read:

7C 2A 49 40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 22

This is a patch from Apparat which sets Scripsit's high memory address equal to the DOS HIGH$ stored at locations 4049–404A hex. It is needed since TRSDOS 2.7 double density (DD) uses a high memory keyboard and video driver.

I wrote Program Listing 3 to work under 2.7DD. It is a modified version of one you printed for the Model II in December 1982 (p. 130). Users of 2.7DD should check with Radio Shack about version 2.8.0. This is the latest version of the DOS and includes fixes

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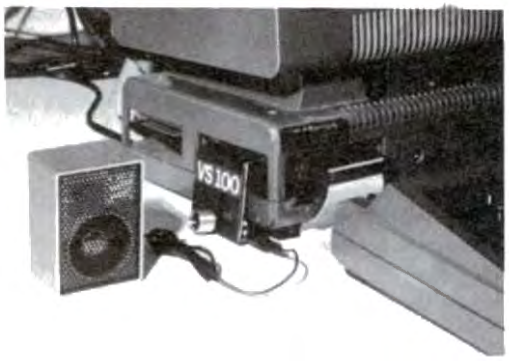

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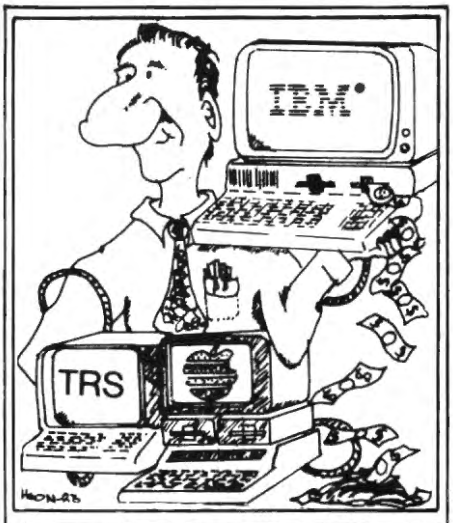

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Zeroing In

If Pencil Plus users wish to send the graphics code for zero (which the TRS-80 tries to reject), there is a patch to the Pencil Plus module that does the trick. This takes care of Epson problems with underlines, scripts, and so on. Since many have already keyed it in, here is the change in Superzap format:

PENCIL07/SYS, Sector 7:

	CHANGE:	TO:
Byte A2:	FEFF 28F2	FE3F 20F2
Byte B2:	CD3B 00	32E8 37
	(Model III = D3F8 00)	

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Load 80 Bulletin Board?

I own a Model 100 and in the past I subscribed to Load 80. I felt it was of good value, but dropped the service because I wasn't interested in most of the programs on the tape/disk and wasted some of the material.

I suggest that you offer software on an *80 Micro* bulletin board. The consumer could selectively download programs of interest and be billed at a fee for each program downloaded or based on connect time. The bulletin board could include other features such as Computer News.

The bulletin board could also serve as a way for authors to electronically submit articles and programs for consideration for publication. The Model 100 is a natural for communications and many owners would like a way to download programs individually rather than type them in.

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Judging from the clicks, buzzes, and whirrs coming from Techville these days, the 80 Micro *Bulletin Board is well underway. We plan to make available programs for the whole TRS-80 lineup.*

In the meantime, CompuServe is putting our Load 80 programs onto Soft-Ex, their software exchange area.—Eds.

Novice Request

I would like to see an article that advises us Basic novices on how to use PEEK and POKE for the Model III. I have yet to see anything that helps me with this.

I have several programs that could be enhanced if I could figure out what the programmer is POKEing and PEEKing at.

If somebody decides to write about this, be sure to write from a beginner's viewpoint. I often find hints in the magazine from the letters and articles, but in many cases the authors assume everyone is on their level of expertise.

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Logo Language

In "La Plume de Ma Tante" (July 1983, p. 78) Phillip Martel and Robert Nicholas assert that "Since Logo is a graphics language...you wouldn't use it for numeric computations."

This comment applies to the Radio Shack Color Computer version of Logo, which (as noted by the authors) is not a full implementation of Logo and is mostly a graphics language. Molly Watt's article, "Logo on the CoCo" (July 1983, p. 220), describes Color

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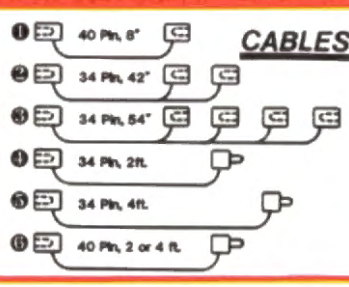

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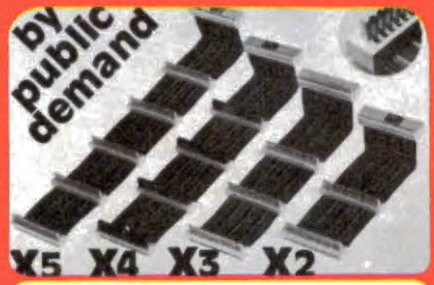

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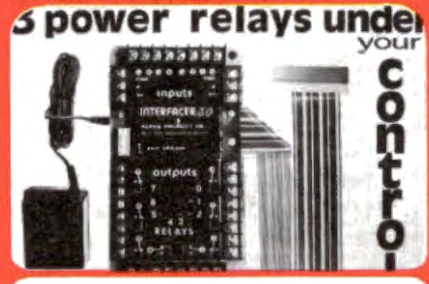

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IF :NUMBER = 0 OUTPUT 1
OUPUT :NUMBER*FACT :NUMBER -
END
```

Logo is neither just a graphics language nor simply a language for children. Its interpretive, procedural approach to programming is easily grasped.

Since Logo is derived from Lisp, included is a Lisp program written in the same recursive style as the above Logo program:

```
(define (fact number)
(cond ((= number 0)1)
(else (* number(fact (- number 1))))))
```

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Pascal-80 Cribbage

In preparing my article, "A Pascal Primer" (July 1983, p. 94), the emphasis was on the language Pascal, and I forgot to give instructions for Pascal-80 users to load, compile, and run the cribbage game in the article.

To ready the game for Pascal-80, you should enter the source code in segments and stop at any convenient point using the editor's Save command to write each segment to a disk file.

Once you create the source file, write a smaller source file containing the compiler. Include statements for each segment. For instance, using the file names above, this file should contain these statements:

```
($ CRIBBAGE/P1 )
($ CRIBBAGE/P2 )
($ CRIBBAGE/P3 )
($ CRIBBAGE/P4 )
($ CRIBBAGE/P5 )
```

You can save this in another file and then compile it using the Compile or Run commands.

To use the source code file contained on the Load-80 disk, you must use one of the utilities provided with the Pascal-80 system. The source code file I sent was written in ASCII character format to simplify printing. The Pascal-80 compiler requires a compressed file format. Use the following format to convert the file:

```
TEXT CRIB/PAS TO CRIB/SRC
```

When the file is converted to compressed format, enter the Include statement in the Pascal text buffer using the editor and use the Compile or Run commands to compile cribbage.

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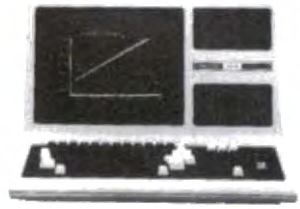

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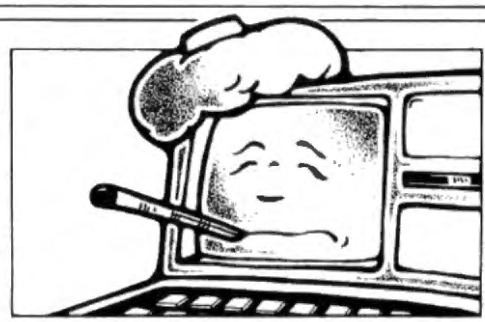

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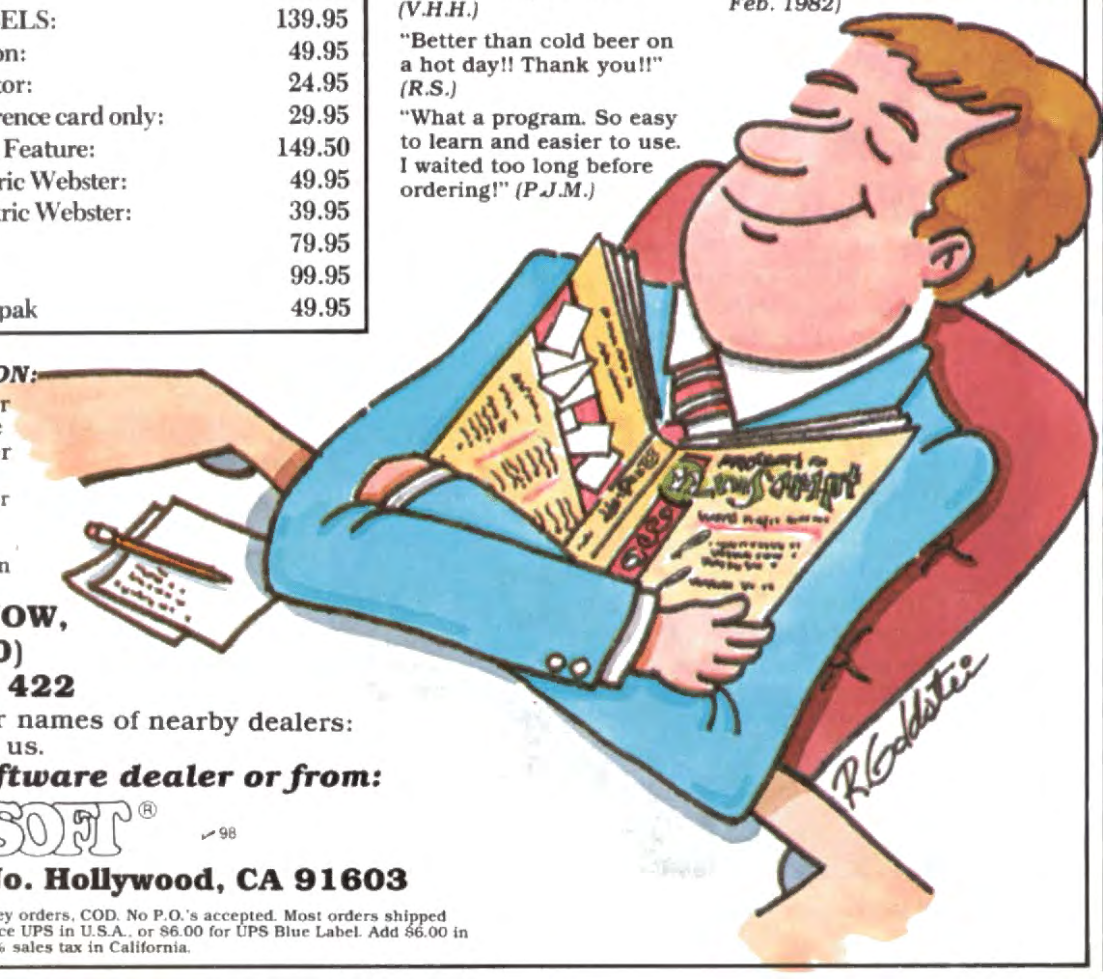

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There is a correction to Stephen Mills' "Strip Blackjack" article (August 1983, p. 256). Under System Modifications (p. 257), the line change to provide multiple USR functions should be made to line 130 in Program Listing 2, not to line 30 as mentioned.—*Eds.*

Profile Corrections

There are several problems with the program listing in my "Profile File Transfer" article (July 1983, p. 290). To make the program operational, add K(32), J(32), DL(32), and LD(32) to the list of dimensioned variables in line 110, and then insert line 190 to read:

```
190 IF (CL + (NF - 1)*32)> = 700 -
(LEN(NM$(NF)) + 10)THENCL = 0:CLS
```

If the number of fields the program displays from both the old and new records exceeds the available screen space, only the "new" fields will remain on the screen.

Also, if the number of fields exceeds 20, I suggest you substitute LPRINTS for the PRINT@ commands found in lines 166 and 200, and skip the screen altogether. In line 200, however, change only the first two PRINT@ commands. The third remains as a screen prompt.

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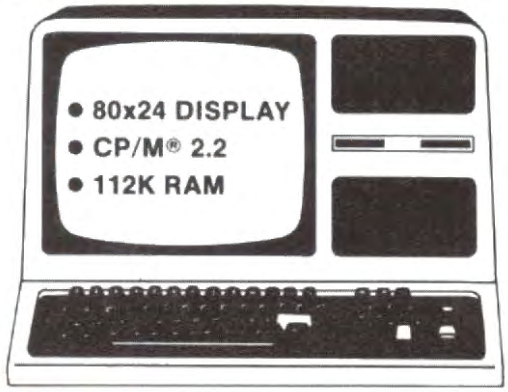

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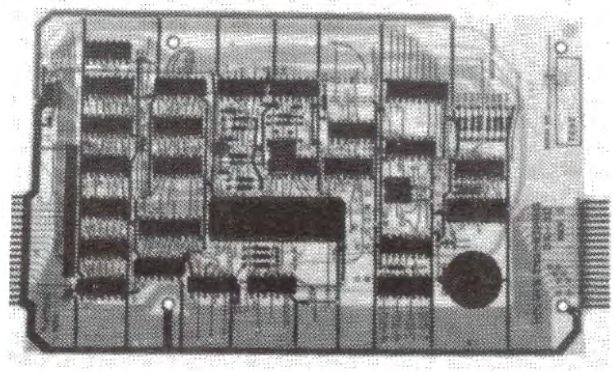

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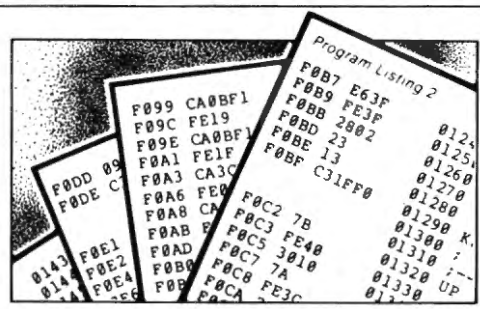

Restore patch revisited

Oops! It looks like I owe many Model III users an apology.

In my June column (p. 24), I presented a Basic patch that altered the Restore command so you could restore a specific line number. I included a stand-alone program as well as a patch to Model I NEWDOS80 2.0 and to TRSDOS 1.3 that automatically included the new command. Since I haven't heard any complaints from Model I users, I assume the NEWDOS patch works flawlessly (I have been using it myself for several months). But the TRSDOS patch has caused problems.

As I explained in June, I had only a limited amount of time to test the TRSDOS patch since I didn't have a Model III. Unfortunately, the patch loaded somewhere in the middle of Basic that only *looked* unused; it wasn't the free space that I had hoped. As many readers pointed out, every time they tried to load or save a program, their computer reset.

The "free space" was actually a buffer used by TRSDOS to hold sectors of Basic programs for loading or saving. I apologize to all those who had trouble. I hope a mistake of that magnitude won't happen again; I now have a Model 4, which can operate as a Model III, on which to try new programs.

To those who wrote to question or complain, I promised to present a repaired, workable solution to the problem. After much thought and correspondence with several people, I present the following new, improved Restore patch.

The Criteria

A software project should begin with a list of specifications and goals for the project. Here are mine:

- Restore should be altered so that RESTORE nnnnn will alter the Read/Data pointer to point at any line in Basic.
- The patch should load automatically and keep off the toes of any other program in memory. In other words, it should be transparent to you until a program calls for it.
- The patch should allow all normal entries to Basic, such as "BASIC," TRSDOS 1.3's "BASIC –M:44000 –F:2V," and NEWDOS's "BASIC 2."
- The patch should use as little memory as possible; however, it can use more memory if it returns the memory to the system before it initializes Basic.
- The patch should work with as many DOS systems as possible, not just with TRSDOS.

At first, I hoped to find another place inside TRSDOS 1.3 for the patch to reside. I thought about the hidden copyright notice, but the space isn't long enough to hold the entire patch. (If you've never seen the notice, from Disk Basic's READY prompt enter CMD"&"&.)

I also considered using a do-file to load first the patch and then Basic. But that would defeat the use of the –F: and –M: switches on entry to Basic. Also, as two readers pointed out, do-files under TRSDOS operate slowly and take up excess disk space.

The solution I'm presenting was suggested, in a somewhat different form, by Michael Callahan of Ardmore, OK. The idea is simple in concept, though its implementation raises some interesting points.

The Solution

Program Listing 1 shows the Restore patch in a form that meets most of my criteria. Assemble the program as BASICP/CMD (no other filespec will work). When you wish to go into Basic with the Restore patch operative, enter, from DOS READY, BASICP followed by any of the optional switches your DOS allows (BASIC * is a special case; I'll discuss it below). The patch loads, moves itself to high memory and protects itself there, then returns you to DOS. Instead of requiring you to type in BASIC again, the program does it for you, and Basic boots normally.

For example, in TRSDOS 1.3 you might enter

```
BASICP –F:2V
```

You will then see on the screen, in quick succession,

```
TRSDOS READY
BASIC –F:2V
```

followed by a screen clear and Basic's copyright and opening messages. The only difference between using the Restore patch and normal Basic is remembering to add the P (for patch) at the end of Basic.

How It Works

Listing 1 is written in four modules that each perform a specific function.

Program Listing 1. Revised Restore patch.

```
00100 ;************************************
00110 ;*                                  *
00120 ;*  RESTORE PATCH with automatic    *
00130 ;*   booting of Basic               *
00140 ;*                                  *
00150 ;*     Assemble as BASICP/CMD       *
00160 ;*                                  *
00170 ;************************************
00180 ;
00190 ;
00200 ;**********************************
00210 ;Module 1 -- Save Entry Command  *
00220 ;**********************************
```

Listing 1 continued

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00230 ;
00240          ORG     6000H           ;BASIC WILL OVERLAY THIS
00250 ;
00260 ;lst, backspace to "B" of "BASICP"
00270 ;
00280 BEGIN    LD      A,(HL)          ;GET CURRENT CHARACTER
00290          CP      'B'             ;ARE WE THERE?
00300          JR      Z,FOUND         ;GO IF YES
00310          DEC     HL              ;ELSE DECREMENT HL
00320          JR      BEGIN           ;AND LOOK AGAIN
00330 ;
00340 ;Now transfer entry command to buffer
00350 ;
00360 FOUND    LD      DE,BUFFER       ;DE==>CAPTURE BUFFER
00370 F10      LD      A,(HL)          ;GET CHARACTER
00380          CP      0DH             ;CARRIAGE RETURN?
00390          JR      Z,DONE          ;GO IF YES
00400          LD      (DE),A          ;ELSE SAVE IT
00410          INC     HL              ;BUMP BOTH
00420          INC     DE              ;  POINTERS
00430          JR      F10             ;AND LOOP
00440 ;
00450 DONE     LD      (DE),A          ;SAVE CAR. RET. CHAR.
00460 ;
00470 ;
00480 ;*****************************************
00490 ;Module 2 -- Relocate patch to high memory,
00500 ;  protect, and link patch to RST 10H vector
00510 ;*****************************************
00520 ;
00530 ;
00540 HIMEM    EQU     4411H           ;TOP OF MEM POINTER
00550 ;        This value is for MOD III Disk
00560 ;        Use 4049H for MOD I Disk
00570 ;        or 40B1H for Level II
00580 LENGTH   EQU     30H             ;SET TO PROGRAM LENGTH
00600 ;
00610          LD      HL,(HIMEM)      ;GET CURRENT HIMEM ADDR.
00615          DEC     HL              ;DROP ONE BYTE IN MEMORY
00620          LD      BC,LENGTH       ;BC=LENGTH PROGRAM
00630          XOR     A               ;RESET CARRY FLAG
00640          SBC     HL,BC           ;HL=PROGRAM DESTINATION
00650          PUSH    HL              ;TRANSFER IT TO
00660          POP     DE              ;  DE REGISTER
00670          LD      (4004H),HL      ;PATCH IN NEW START ADDR.
00680          DEC     HL              ;HL==> HIGHEST FREE ADDR.
00690          LD      (HIMEM),HL      ;SET NEW MEM. TOP
00750          LD      HL,START        ;HL==>START OF PROGRAM
00760          LDIR                    ;TRANSFER TO HIGH MEMORY
00770 ;
00780 ;
00790 ;*****************************************
00800 ;Module 3 -- Feed Entry Command Back to DOS
00810 ;   but without "P" on BASICP
00820 ;*****************************************
00830 ;
00840 ;
00850          LD      HL,(4016H)      ;CURRENT KB DRIVER ADDR.
00860          LD      (KB),HL         ;AND SAVE IT
00870          LD      HL,FEED         ;HL==>FEED ROUTINE
00880          LD      (4016H),HL      ;NEW KB DRIVER
00890          LD      HL,BUFFER       ;GET BUFFER ADDR.
00900          LD      (PTR),HL        ;SAVE AS POINTER
00910          JP      402DH           ;JUMP TO DOS
00920 ;
00930 ; Routine to feed command to DOS
00940 ;
00950 FEED     PUSH    HL              ;SAVE HL REGISTER
00960          LD      HL,(PTR)        ;GET POINTER
00970 FEED10   LD      A,(HL)          ;GET CURRENT CHAR.
00980          CP      0DH             ;CARRIAGE RETURN?
00990          JR      Z,QUIT          ;GO IF YES
01000          CP      'P'             ;IS IT A P?
01010          JR      NZ,FEED20       ;GO IF NOT
01020          INC     HL              ;ELSE BUMP PTR
01030          JR      FEED10          ;AND GET NEXT CHAR.
01040 FEED20   INC     HL              ;POINT TO NEXT CHAR.
01050          LD      (PTR),HL        ;SAVE POINTER
01060          POP     HL              ;GET ORIG. VALUE
01070          RET                     ;RETURN TO DOS
01080 ;                On return, character is in A register
01090 ;
01100 ;On last time through, tidy things up and return to DOS
```

Listing 1 continued

Module 4 is the Restore patch I presented in June, so I won't explain it here. The other three modules show some interesting programming ideas.

Module 1's purpose is to record the entry command (BASICP plus any optional switches) into a separate buffer in the program for later processing. Upon entering any /CMD program, the HL register pair points to the end of the first word of the entry command in a DOS command buffer. Your DOS manual may define the address of that buffer, or you can find it with Debug, but your program can pick up parameters from the entry command without even knowing where the buffer is. All you must do is use the value of HL as it passes to the program (or Push it on the stack for later use).

The logic in Module 1 backspaces HL until it points to the B at the beginning of Basic, then loads the entire command, up to the carriage return or [ENTER] byte (0D hexadecimal (hex)), to a buffer defined in line 1190. Note that the buffer is one screen line (64 characters) long and that there is no error-checking for a longer entry command. If that presents a problem on your system, either increase the buffer size or include the error-checking in Module 1.

Module 2 moves the patch to high memory, protects it there, and links it to the RST 10 hex vector at 4004 hex (I discussed that vector and its use in my July column (p. 24)). Different DOSes handle the necessary pointers differently—writing a routine that meets all requirements is difficult. You have to be aware of three pointers:

- DOS's HIMEM or MEMTOP pointer, stored at 4049 hex in most Model I DOSes and at 4411 hex in most Model III DOSes. This byte defines the highest unprotected byte available for a new program in NEWDOS, but the lowest currently protected byte in TRSDOS.
- 40B1 hex. This is Basic's pointer to the highest available byte and also to the top byte of the string variable storage area. NEWDOS sets this byte equal to HIMEM; TRSDOS sets it 1 byte less than HIMEM.
- 40A0 hex. Basic uses this byte to define the lower bounds of the variable string storage area. Unless your Basic program changes it with CLEAR, it sets the area 50 bytes lower than the pointer at 40B1 hex.

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Disk Basic, on entry, uses the HIMEM pointer to calculate the pointers at 40B1 hex and 40A0 hex. However, a Basic * command from DOS assumes that the program correctly set the pointers. To use the command BASICP *, you must first find out how your DOS handles the values in the pointers (enter Basic with protected memory and use Debug to check the values in the three locations). Then add code to Module 2 to set the pointers accordingly.

The rest of Module 2 merely relocates the patch program to high memory by knowing the patch's length and by performing an LDIR block move. This move-and-protect routine works for all relocatable programs. If you wish to perform a similar move-and-protect with a nonrelocatable program (one that includes CALLs or JPs to internal addresses), your program must calculate how far to move the routine and then add that offset to the absolute addresses before the LDIR instruction.

The third module is the most interesting. It is designed to feed the original command to DOS with the P at the end of BASICP removed. You write this module in two parts.

The first part of Module 3 finds the current keyboard driver's address and stores it at KB. Then, it replaces the keyboard driver address in the keyboard DCB with the address of the routine called Feed. Finally, it stores the address of the command buffer in the pointer PTR and returns to DOS. By changing the address of the keyboard driver at 4016 hex, each time DOS looks for a keystroke, the Feed routine provides that keystroke instead of the keyboard. (That is also how programs feed a do-file to the computer.)

The Feed routine first saves the HL register and then uses the value stored at PTR to find the next byte in the buffer to send back to DOS. Notice that the routine skips any byte of P that it finds and jumps down to the Quit routine when it encounters the 0D hex/carriage return byte. After it places the required byte in the A register (normal drivers always return values in the A register), the routine stores the HL pointer back to PTR and recovers the original value of HL from the stack. Control then returns to DOS to process the ersatz keystroke.

The Quit routine, before it returns control to DOS, links the normal keyboard driver back into the system. If it didn't, DOS would call up Disk Basic, but you'd be unable to type anything else into the system. When the 0D hex byte is received by DOS, it processes the command it has received, loading and executing Basic normally. Because Listing 1 is assembled at 6000 hex, Basic overwrites all of it and essentially disappears from memory, leaving only the patch protected in high memory to process RESTORE nnnnn commands.

As I explained above, I have tested this program with TRSDOS and NEWDOS. I don't use LDOS or DOSPLUS, but it should work with either of those. No patch to the RST 10 hex vector is completely compatible with MULTIDOS, which resets the value at 4004 hex to 1D78 hex after Basic commands such as CMD"DIR" (it probably uses that vector itself during either CMD or DIR processing).

If you use a tape system, you can ignore Modules 1 and 3 but you must add the few required lines in Module 2 to calculate and reset the 40A0 hex and 40B1 hex pointers. Just add −50 to the new value you will store in HIMEM (40B1 hex), and load that at 40A0 hex. You will be able to assemble the program with any name you wish, and load it in using the system command. However, you must add a JP 1A19 hex instruction after the LDIR in order to return to Basic.

Listing 1 continued

```
01110 ;
01120 QUIT    LD      HL,(KB)          ;ADDR. OF ORIG KB DRIVER
01130         LD      (4016H),HL       ;SET IT BACK UP
01140         POP     HL               ;RESTORE HL REGISTER
01150         RET                      ;RETURN TO DOS
01160 ;
01170 KB      DEFS    2                ;STORAGE SPACE
01180 PTR     DEFS    2                ;
01190 BUFFER  DEFS    64               ;ONE FULL LINE
01200 ;
01210 ;
01220 ;************************************
01230 ;Module 4 -- Patch for RESTORE Command
01240 ;************************************
01250 ;
01260 ;
01270 EXIT    EQU     1D78H            ;NORMAL RST 10H ROUTINE
01280 ;
01290 START   EX      (SP),HL          ;GET TOP OF STACK
01300         LD      A,L              ;GET LSB OF STACK VALUE
01310         CP      5BH              ;  AND TEST IT
01320         JR      NZ,NO            ;GO IF NOT 5BH
01330         LD      A,H              ;GET MSB OF STACK VALUE
01340         CP      1DH              ;AND TEST IT ALSO
01350 NO      EX      (SP),HL          ;STACK & HL RESTORED
01360         JP      NZ,EXIT          ;GO IF NOT CORRECT CALLER
01370 ;
01380 ;Now test for RESTORE token
01390 ;
01400         CALL    1D78H            ;GET NEXT VALUE IN A
01410         CP      90H              ;RESTORE TOKEN?
01420         JR      Z,YES            ;GO IF TOKEN FOUND
01430         DEC     HL               ;ELSE CORRECT POINTER
01440         JP      EXIT             ;AND LET BASIC WORK
01450 ;
01460 ;RESTORE token found -- now check for line
01470 ;                      number following it
01480 ;
01490 YES     CALL    1D78H            ;IS NEXT VALUE NUMERIC?
01500         JR      C,YES2           ;GO IF IT IS
01510         JP      1D91H            ;ELSE TO NORMAL RESTORE
01520 ;
01530 ;RESTORE token followed by a numeral -- assume it is
01540 ;        a line number, otherwise UNDEFINED LINE# error
01550 ;
01560 YES2    CALL    1E5AH            ;GET LINE # IN DE
01570         PUSH    HL               ;SAVE POINTER
01580         CALL    1EC8H            ;GET LINE ADDR. IN HL
01590         DEC     HL               ;GO BACK ONE SPACE
01600         LD      (40FFH),HL       ;PUT INTO READ POINTER
01610         POP     HL               ;RECOVER POINTER
01620         DEC     HL               ;  AND CORRECT IT
01630         JP      EXIT             ;BACK TO BASIC
01640 ;
01650         END     BEGIN
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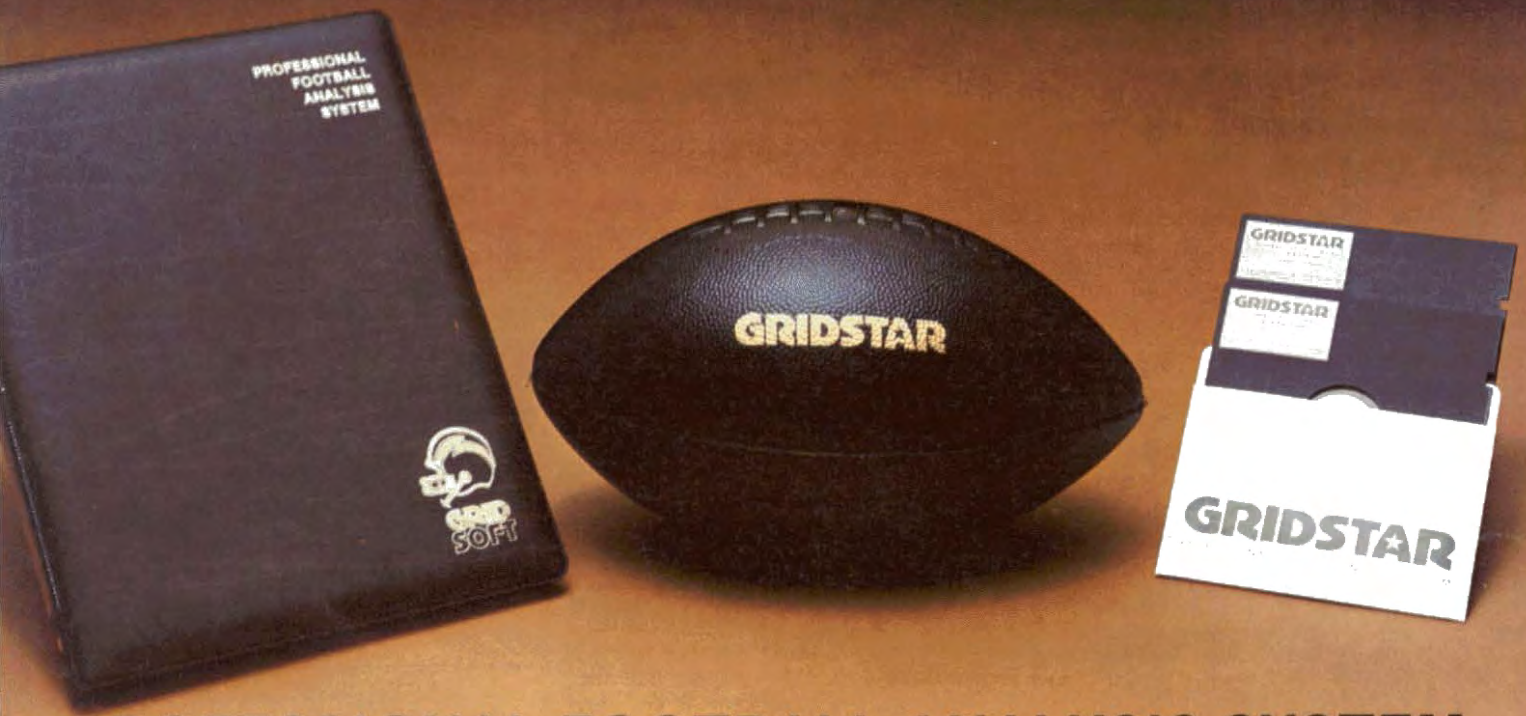

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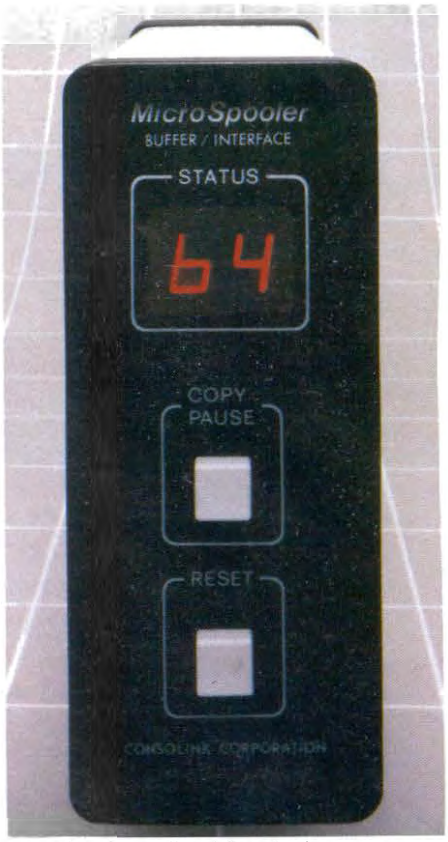

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Other Mail

While I'm at it, I would like to answer and acknowledge some of the other mail I've received.

In addition to the Restore patch, Michael Callahan sent a technique for using TRSDOS 1.3 Debug to scroll through and modify any sector on a disk. His technique works on a Model III with dual drives.

First, format a new disk in drive 1 and then use the Purge command to delete all files on the disk (including system files). Next use FREE :1 to verify that the disk contains nothing except the directory on track 17 and the boot sector in the first gran of track zero. You should have 233 free grans of space on the disk.

Then, use Create to open a file on that disk with a logical record length of 256 and 699 records:

```
CREATE TEST:1 (LRL = 256, REC = 699)
```

Use another FREE :1 to verify that the entire disk is allocated to your new file.

Enter Debug, press the F key, and answer the prompt with the name of your newly created file (TEST:1 in the example above). Remove the disk from drive 1 and replace it with any disk you want to examine. You can scroll through the entire disk except for the boot sector and directory. Callahan reports that he used this technique to change DOS library commands to shorter abbreviations and to personalize the initial start-up display to one he liked better.

Several readers have asked how their programs can tell whether they are running on a Model I or Model III. If you use pointers such as the HIMEM or call the ROM routines that are different in the two models, you can still write a program that works on both if it can branch to separate routines for the different models at critical times.

The answer is to examine the ROMs of both machines, find the differences, and use a dissimilar byte as a test. My favorite test byte is located at 54 hex. This byte is a 01 hex on the Model I, and a 0BE hex on the Model III. The test looks like this:

```
LD   A,(54H) ;get the byte
DEC  A       ;A = A - 1
JR   Z,mod1  ; goto Mod. I routine on zero
             ; else do Mod. III routine
```

The test is especially easy because you can use a single-byte DEC instead of a CP to test the byte at 54 hex in ROM.

John DeRegnaucourt wrote to complain about the length of the screen-white routine I used in May (p. 28) for demonstration purposes. The routine I used is shown in Program Listing 2a.

Though it would not have served the purpose of demonstrating the multiple parameters techniques I was discussing in May, DeRegnaucourt insisted that his routine (Program Listing 2b) is better because it is shorter. His program is 2 bytes shorter than mine and would be the one to choose if memory conservation was a major programming concern.

"You must consider criteria other than memory length when writing programs. . ."

You must consider criteria other than memory length when writing programs, though. For example, you may have need for the fastest program possible. If you check the time states (T states) required by each program, you'll find a startling difference. The routine in Listing 2a takes 21549 T states, or about .01 seconds on a Model III (ignoring interrupts). Listing 2b, on the other hand, requires 39951 T states, or nearly twice as much time. Often, a longer program runs faster than a shorter one. If timing is critical, calculate T states for your programs as you go along, and keep track of what types of instructions seem to take longer than they are worth.

What is the fastest and shortest screen-white subroutine possible? Program Listing 2c is 12 bytes long and takes 29718 T states, better than DeRegnaucourt's routine, but still slower than my original one. So, here is the first, official "Next Step" contest—come up with the shortest (less than 12 bytes) or fastest (less than 21549 T states) screen-white subroutine. Send it to me (not to *80 Micro*) by Oct. 10. The best entries will win a suitable prize.

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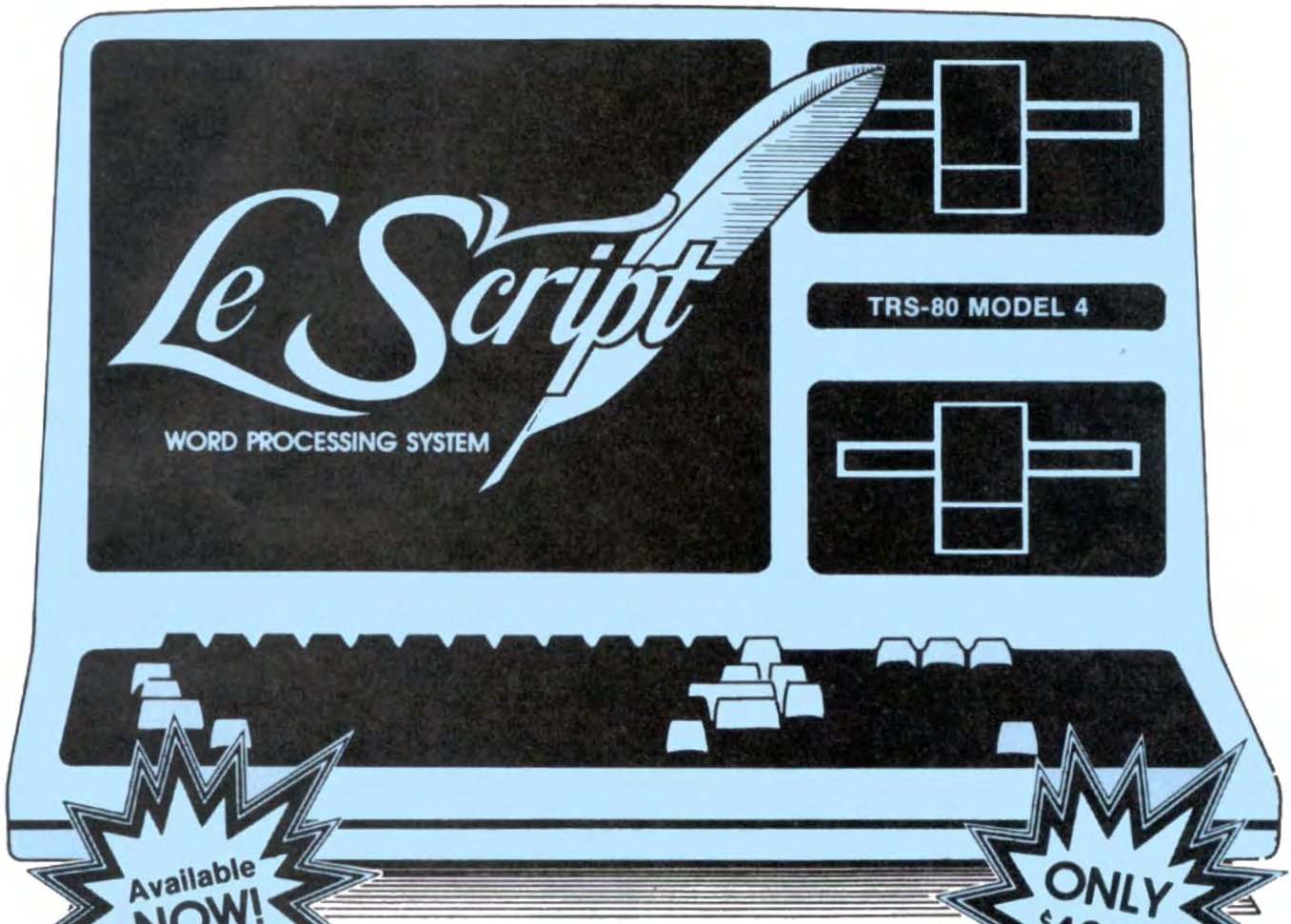

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number of registers used. In some applications, the fewer registers a subroutine uses, the better—fewer Pushes and Pops are needed to restore the register before exiting from the routine.

If you're writing general purpose routines to add to several programs, you should include a list of registers each routine uses in the opening remarks. That way, you won't have to reread the entire routine a year later to see how it handles the DE or IX register pairs.

A fourth criterion, one which too many amateur programmers forget, is clarity of code, especially if you do not heavily comment your Assembly-language code. Will you be able to understand the purpose of each instruction a year after you wrote it? Would another programmer, charged with modifying your work, be able to? Though clarity is somewhat subjective, certainly some programs are easier to understand than others.

Of course, if your aim is to keep people with disassemblers from understanding what you wrote, you should make the code as convoluted as possible. I recently needed to disassemble one of my self-booting game disks. The boot sector of the disk was a remarkable collection of JPs, JRs, CALLs, overlapping code, and unused code—all designed, I'm sure, to keep the nosy, and the would-be pirates, from deciphering it.

One more set of letters needs to be answered this month. Some of you have written to complain that my programs on the Load 80 disks, as well as other /SRC files on those disks, will not work with your disk-based Series 1 Editor/As-

Program Listing 2. Three versions of the screen-white routine.

```
00100 ;************************************
00110 ;  LISTING 2A                       *
00120 ; 14-byte screen white-out          *
00130 ;  subroutine -- uses AF,BC,DE,HL   *
00140 ; requires 21549 T-states          *
00150 ;************************************
00160 ;
00170         ORG     7F00H
00180         LD      HL,3C00H        ;HL==> TOP OF SCREEN
00190         LD      DE,3C01H        ;DE==> 2ND SCREEN POS'N
00200         LD      BC,03FFH        ;BC=# OF SCREEN POS'NS -1
00210         LD      (HL),0BFH       ;WHITE TO 1ST POSITION
00220         LDIR                    ;WHITE TO ALL OTHERS
00230         RET                     ;RETURN TO CALLER
00235 ;
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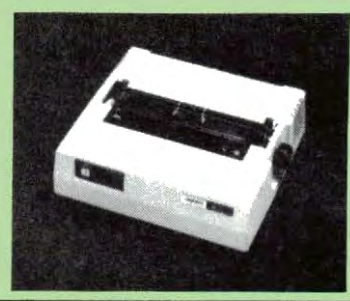

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00250 ;  LISTING 2B                       *
00260 ; 12-byte screen white-out          *
00270 ;  subroutine -- uses AF,HL         *
00280 ; Requires 39951 T-states           *
00290 ;************************************
00300 ;
00310         ORG     7F00H
00320         LD      HL,3C00H        ;HL==> TOP OF SCREEN
00330 LOOP2B  LD      (HL),0BFH       ;MAKE IT WHITE
00340         INC     HL              ;HL==> NEXT POS'N
00350         LD      A,H             ;GET MSB OF POS'N
00360         CP      40H             ;OFF SCREEN YET?
00370         JR      C,LOOP2B        ;RETURN IF NOT
00380         RET                     ;RETURN TO CALLER
00385 ;
00390 ;************************************
00400 ;   LISTING 2C                     *
00410 ; 12-byte screen white-out          *
00420 ;  subroutine -- Uses A,HL          *
00430 ; Requires 29718 T-states           *
00440 ;************************************
00450 ;
00460         LD      A,40H           ;FOR CHECKING HL
00470         LD      HL,3C00H        ;HL==>TOP OF SCREEN
00480 LOOP2C  LD      (HL),0BFH       ;MAKE THIS POS'N WHITE
00490         INC     HL              ;HL==> NEXT POSITION
00500         CP      H               ;DONE YET?
00510         JR      NZ,LOOP2C       ;GO BACK UNTIL H=40H
00520         RET                     ;RETURN WHEN DONE
00530 ;
00540         END
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sembler from Radio Shack. You're right; they won't work, because the Series I EDTASM demands an unusual disk format for source files.

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THE COLOR KEY

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Advanced math on the Color Computer

Have you ever worked with software that you wish you had written yourself? I've recently used two such programs, both packages for handling advanced mathematical operations.

This Science issue gives me the opportunity to indulge a passion for math that I usually hide, out of respect for my lack of corresponding talent.

I've tried to minimize the mathematical jargon in this column, but I don't know how to discuss the topic without using the appropriate vocabulary. The Color Key isn't the place to explain all the mathematical concepts, so if your interests lie elsewhere you might find this month's column obscure.

Mathmenu

Computers don't do mathematics—just arithmetic, and a pared-down variety at that. (I'm ignoring the big-machine symbolic manipulators like MACSYM.)

Of course, machines do their computational thing so quickly and so accurately that they let you investigate topics that would be drudgery if you tackled them with pencil, paper, and a thirst for closed-form solutions.

Where does this leave the Color Computer user? Rather well off, judging by my subjects for this month: Mathmenu and Calculus Math Module. Both provide a number of useful mathematical tools and make good use of Extended Color Basic's graphics.

Mathmenu (Inter + Action, 113 Ward St., New Haven, CT 06519) is a collection of 15 programs available in two formats: a $44.95 cassette requiring 16K, and a $49.95 disk for 32K machines.

The disk edition offers one-keystroke selection of functions from a master menu, while cassette users have to position the tape to the routine they want. Outside of that and the occasional need for a PCLEAR 1 instruction for the smaller RAMs, the two are operationally identical.

The disk contains the Mathmenu driver program plus 17 Basic routines and two data files. The jobs they perform include finding the real and complex roots of quadratic equations, numerical differentiation and integration, matrix operations on two-dimensional arrays, least squares curve fitting, and evaluation and plotting of functions with one or two variables.

I personally need graphs to appreciate what is going on in most mathematical discussions, but I know how tough it is to draw them accurately.

I've often thought that a personal computer could give students a real feeling for analytical geometry, Fourier synthesis, and a host of other graphically oriented topics. This might help the practicing scientist or engineer, too—at least in the early stages of forming ideas.

Mathmenu's two graph programs work similarly; they require you to furnish a closed form for the function you want to plot, together with limits on the region of interest. The program handles only regions, including the origin of coordinates.

Take the 2D PLOT routine first. When you select the Enter New Equation menu option, Mathmenu prompts for the function you want graphed in the guise of line 10 of a Basic program. The independent and dependent variables are X and Y, respectively, and you can use all functions available under Extended Color Basic.

For example, you can specify an exponentially damped sine wave by:

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10 Y = EXP(-X)*SIN(X)
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After entering the equation, type GOTO 45 to return to Mathmenu's control.

Before you can get a graph, you must use 2D PLOT's Enter New Limits option. Specify an upper limit for the X axis (the point at which the right screen border cuts the axis), together with upper and lower plotting boundaries. These are the ends of the range over which the program evaluates and graphs the function itself.

Unless a Special Features command instructs otherwise, Mathmenu sets the upper limit of the Y axis equal to whatever you select for the X axis. You need to exercise a certain amount of care to keep the plot from running off-scale; you can't rely on the program to generate consistent results once that happens. You can erase the plot and make necessary corrections interactively.

Once you enter the equation and limits, a single keystroke calls up the actual plotting routine. The program moves fairly quickly, especially considering that it's written in Basic.

Once the graph is finished, you can return to 2D PLOT's menu and continue. You might want to enter a new equation and superimpose its graph on the old one. You can even change plotting boundaries before doing so. It's best to keep the same upper limit on the X axis, though.

Figure 1 is the result of this sort of exercise, obtained with the Radio Shack Screen Print routine. The two superimposed functions are the elementary curve Y = SIN(X), and the sum of this curve and its first five odd harmonics, each divided by its argument. That's the sum of six terms of the form:

$$(\mathrm{SIN}(2N-1)X)/(2N-1)$$

with N running from one to six.

The last expression is the general term in the Fourier analysis of a square wave.

2D PLOT could be a tremendous help to a student first learning the concept of adding up sinusoids to generate arbitrary functions. It's also one of the easiest ways I know to make mathematical experiments and get a feel for analytic functions.

The principal drawback is the lack of scales along the X and Y axes. Tick marks would be handy. On the plus side, 2D PLOT has options to save graphs to tape or disk for later recall, and is completely compatible with standard screen print software.

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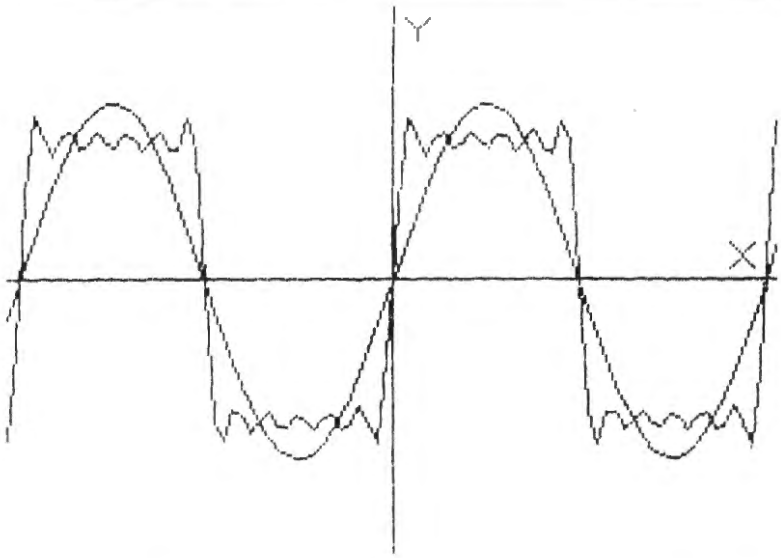

Figure 1. A sine wave and a Fourier synthesis of a square wave, plotted with Mathmenu's 2D PLOT routine.

The 3D PLOT routine works similarly to generate 45-degree oblique projections of functions with two independent variables, Y = F(X,Z). In this case, you can use program lines 10–14 to define the function.

It is tricky keeping everything on the screen, and you can expect to spend a little time playing with scale factors for the Y and Z axes before getting things right. I think the results are worth it, though.

Figure 2 shows an example: the hyperbolic paraboloid Y = X*X – Z*Z. Even though 3D PLOT lacks a hidden lines routine, the plot gives a good sense of this saddle-shaped surface's appearance.

I confess to spending a lot of time with the graphics routines, but I do use some of Mathmenu's other features. LSTSQRS, for instance, takes up to 100 pairs of data values and computes a best-fit curve, in the sense of minimizing the sum of the squared deviations. You must specify whether you're using a linear, quadratic, or cubic expression.

MATRIXOP remedies Color Basic's lack of matrix handling routines. It handles matrices up to eight by eight in size, and carries out the elementary operations as well as computing the inverse, transpose, and determinant. You can use it to find the solutions to systems of up to eight linear equations in eight unknowns.

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NUMDIFN and NUMINTEG perform numerical differentiation and integration of analytic functions. In each case, you enter the function of interest as line 10 of a Basic program, using the DEF FN command:

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10 DEF FN F(X) = EXP(-X)*SIN(X)
```

in the case of the damped sine wave. You reenter the actual Mathmenu routines by following this with GOTO 100.

NUMDIFN asks for the point X at which it is to evaluate the derivative, and does so by a finite difference method:

$$dF/dX = (F(X + h) - F(X))/h$$

where h = 0.00001*X.

NUMINTEG uses Simpson's rule, an old standby for this sort of work. It's at its best over small ranges of X, and a little experimentation with the number of subintervals chosen might be necessary, but it's nice to have.

Those are my favorites among Mathmenu's offerings. What I should stress is how easy the program is to run.

Author David Hamel must have spent a lot of time on the screen displays; I found it easy to do almost everything I wanted without cracking the manual. I don't recommend that, but the Mathmenu documentation is necessary only for the matrix operations and graphing routines. The menus and Help screens take care of almost everything else.

Calculus Math Module

My second goody is narrower, but deeper. Calculus Math Module (Calcsoft, P.O. Box 401, St. Ann, MI 63074)

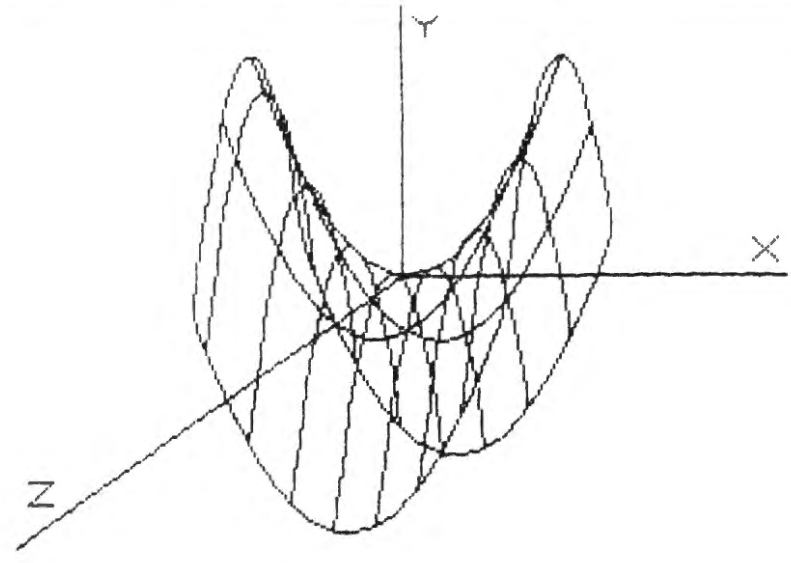

*Figure 2. The hyperbolic paraboloid Y = X*X – Z*Z, plotted with the 3D PLOT routine.*

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concentrates on graphing, differentiating, integrating, and finding the extrema of piecewise continuous functions of one variable.

Calcsoft is actually two products: the Function Graphing Module for 16K computers, and the Calculus Math Module that incorporates the first module, adds the calculus capability, and requires 32K.

The programs are available only on cassette (unplug your disk controller, if you have one), and cost $19.95 and $34.95, respectively.

The Function Graphing Module features five types of automatic scaling routines to optimize the size of a graph, including a total autoscaling option that requires you to enter only the function's definition and the choice of X interval.

It handles up to four predefined functions—nine, when combined with the Calculus Module—and finds the value of any one of them for any independent variable setting. It also approximates the zeros of a function. To do the other tricks I'll talk about, you'll need the Calculus Math Module.

Assuming that you eventually want a printout, you must first load your screen print routine relocated to high memory. Unfortunately, my old Radio Shack routine is for a 16K computer and doesn't take to relocation, so I don't have printouts from the Calculus Math Module in this column.

You can now load the main program, which uses the Sugar Software Auto-Run Loader to autoexecute. Next use DEF FN statements to define the functions you want graphed.

The modules include a Basic routine with lines 161–164 or 161–169 set aside for this purpose. Using the Edit command, break into the appropriate line and enter an expression you'll want to work with. Be careful, because the Calcsoft programs won't let you edit the functions later.

One handy feature: Calcsoft principals S. M. Handley and C. L. Siebert have given you the ability to enter pi for the constant 3.14159... in functions. Unfortunately, this doesn't work when you specify the range over which you want a function graphed.

Once you are set up, a Run command engages the module. You specify the number of functions defined, and receive the first of many lists of available options.

You call numerous options, not all of which are active at any given time, by single letters or other keyboard symbols. At this early stage, you can only terminate the program or select a major mode of operation: plot a graph, find minima and maxima, find a function's values or zeros, or find the area under a curve by Romberg integration (the Romberg method has certain advantages over Simpson's rule).

Normal procedure, at least for us graphics freaks, is to get a plot on the screen first. Plotting has its own options, including the autoscaling mode. After you specify the function and interval of interest, this mode positions the origin, selects scale factors for the X and F(X) axes, and sets the size of the steps in which the function will be evaluated.

You give up little by letting this routine do your dirty work. Once you examine the graph, you can always go back and expand the scale, change the graphed interval, or call for more or fewer plotted points. Tick marks appear on both axes, although you have to flip back to a text screen to see what they represent. It's possible to get a printout of the text and graphics screens with one command, however.

"You give up little by letting this routine do your dirty work."

Once the graph is available, you can specify search intervals in which the program finds either a zero, a maximum, or a minimum of the function under study. A little savvy is necessary, though. If you want to find the value of X for which F(X) = 0, be sure that the interval you specify includes a zero crossing; that's why you have to examine the graph first.

You must also specify a tolerance, in this case the limit which F(X) can differ from zero before the routine declares X to be a zero of the function. Values like 1E-9 are commonly used.

In the same vein, before using the Calculus Math Module to find a maximum or minimum you should check to see that one exists within the search interval.

It's possible to flag a zero or extremum with a vertical line on the graph. You can also draw a line between a function and the horizontal axis at any value of the independent variable.

The Calculus Math Module's Romberg integration routine is a rather powerful tool for the student, scientist, or engineer. In addition to straightforward definite integrals, it handles piecewise continuous functions or those that approach infinity at one end of the integration range.

The trick is to use a suboption that lets you keep a running total of successive integrations of a given function, taken over different intervals. This lets you remove infinities or other embarrassments from the region to be integrated.

You can start by leaving a generous margin around such points, and later add integrals taken over successively narrower regions to sneak up on the singularities. This only works if the integral does indeed converge.

The Calcsoft documentation contains many useful examples: finding the area bounded by two intersecting functions, solving problems in mechanics, maximizing the profit of a hypothetical business, and so on. Another nice touch is the stiff paper reference card for the various options.

My only regret is that the Calculus Math Module isn't available on disk. A 32K machine with the disk controller installed might not have enough room, but that doesn't keep me from hoping. As it is, the program runs from five to 45 on the tape counter of my CTR-80A, a fairly long loading time—especially if I have to quit and define new functions in the middle of a session.

Outside of that, I enjoy the Calculus Math Module. I like Mathmenu, too. One of these days I'm going to spruce up the axes by breaking into those Basic plotting routines and adding high-resolution numerals and tick marks. Then I'll be even happier.

It's nice to see the Color Computer applied to real math. I can hardly wait to tell my grandchildren how I used to multiply numbers by rubbing two notched sticks together. ■

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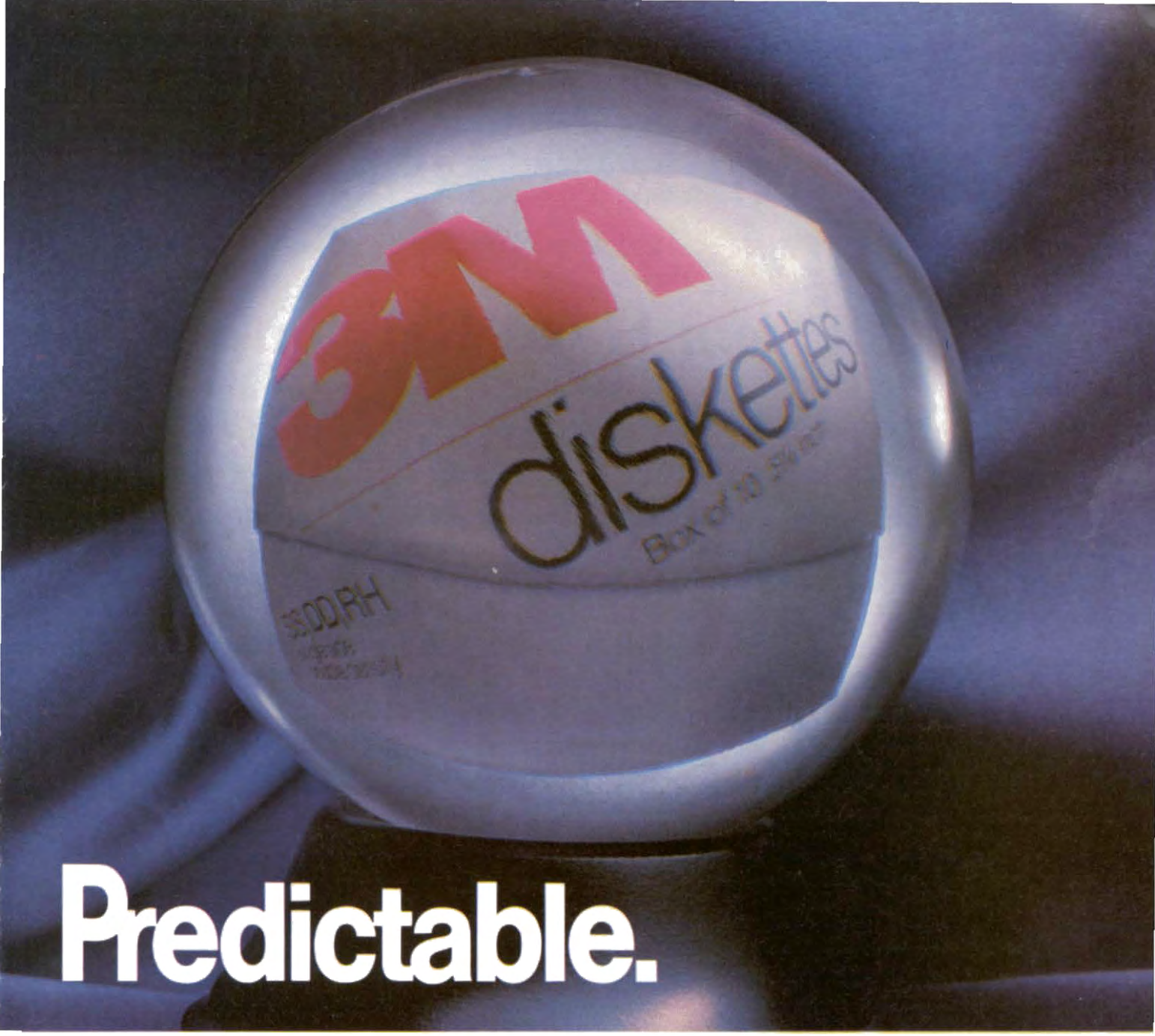

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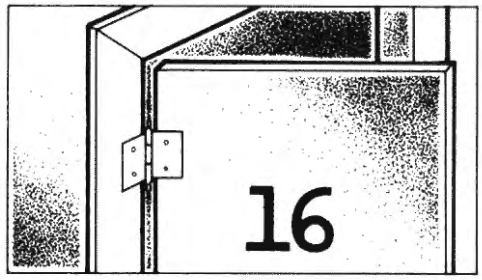
by Dan Keen and Dave Dischert



It's all in the oscillator

You probably already know that the Model 16 offers more computing power and runs programs faster than any 8-bit micro. But why is this so? And what applications are people finding for these powerful machines?

There's no question that the 16-bit machines, the Models II, 12, and 16, offer more computing power than any other TRS-80 on the market. The MC68000 seems to be one of the best 16-bit microprocessors.

The Model 16 Advantage

You might think that a 16-bit computer executes programs in half the time it takes a Z80-based, 8-bit machine. Although the instruction set for the MC68000 contains opcodes that perform tasks requiring several lines of Z80 programming to accomplish, the most influential factor in operating speed is the frequency of the master oscillator.

Typically, the frequency of the oscillator is very high—higher than the frequency used to run the system's components. Several stages of electronic circuits are employed to divide that rate in half or even in quarters. Thus, a 24-megahertz (MHz) oscillator, as used in the Model 16, has its signal divided in half and the resulting waveform is again divided. The end product is a pulse of 6 MHz used as the operating frequency that controls the machine. This signal is called the clock.

The oscillator is designed to run at this high frequency for accuracy and stability. If the master oscillator drifts off center, the resulting change is not as great a deviation as if the oscillator's output is scaled down to a lower frequency through divider circuitry. This technique is standard practice in electronics. It's employed in devices like citizens band radios and electronic music synthesizers.

Table 1 lists the clock speed for Radio Shack computers. These figures indicate the frequency delivered to the integrated circuits, not the main oscillator.

Reader Applications

Because of this increase in speed and power, users are finding applications for the Model 16 that are either impossible or less convenient to run on 8-bit processors. We have heard from many *80 Micro* readers and how they use their Model 16s.

One reader uses his computer to organize a mailing list of 75,000 names for his mail-order jewelry business. Another upgraded his Model II to a II/16 and plans to use it as a training device for 68000 Assembly-language programming.

Several authors have written in praise of their systems as word processors. The machine's double-sided drive capabilities are handy for book authors who require a vast amount of storage for text.

One Model 16 owner created and is marketing a CP/M software package for the construction industry. IBM is marketing one module of his system for its machines.

We heard from one person who bought a Model 16 as a personal computer, although it's not intended for that purpose.

The real advantage to the Model 16 is its multi-user and multi-tasking abilities. We are sure to see more systems take advantage of this application. One firm just bought a Model 16 to make it the hub of a data system. By placing the company's Model II in a branch office, employees can access data on a hard disk connected to the 16 located in the central office.

This is a sample of some of the applications we have heard about. We didn't intend to sound like a commercial for the Model 16, but owners are very enthusiastic. ■

Model	Clock Frequency
Color Computer	0.895 MHz
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Model 12	4 MHz (Z80 board)
Model 16	6 MHz (MC68000 board)

Table 1. Clock frequencies.

Assembly-Language Corner

The disk operating system of a computer is a series of machine-language programs and short routines that determine how the microprocessor communicates with floppy and hard disks, the video display, the keyboard, printers, and modems. Some of these machine-language programs perform disk functions such as making backups, copying a file from one drive to another, and killing a disk file.

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area, use a label to define the first memory location in the block. To be consistent with the owner's manual, use the label SVC BLOCK.

The buffer area is defined and filled with zeros by using the pseudo-opcode RDATAB 32,0. This is repeat data for 32 bytes. The supervisor block must be 32 bytes long, although not every call uses all 32 addresses. Use the buffer to select the desired routine and to pass values to and from the routine.

So far you have:

```
SVC BLOCK
        RDATAB 32,0
```

Place values within the block by using the move or store mnemonics.

Identify every byte position within the block by assigning each with a number that shows how many bytes a particular location is from the first buffer location. These are referred to as offset numbers. The first byte in the block has a byte offset of zero. The second byte in the block is identified as byte offset one, the third as byte offset two, and so on. An SVC BLOCK contains 32 addresses. The byte offset numbers range from zero to 31.

Figure 1 graphically depicts a typical SVC BLOCK buffer. The byte offset positions are shown across the top.

Each supervisor call has its own machine-identifiable number. Place this number in the first two positions in the buffer.

During typical programming, load the buffer area starting address into a register like A0. You can then move values into the various byte offset positions within the block. Use the Move command to load a number directly into a position. The @ symbol placed in front of a register indicates an indirect addressing mode. A number preceding the @ symbol identifies the byte offset position.

Let's assume you have established a buffer area (SVC BLOCK) and want to store its memory location in register A0. Handle this with:

```
LDA   .A0,SVC BLOCK
```

Use the Move command to place numbers within that block. Move a zero into the seventh byte (byte offset six) of the SVC BLOCK.

```
MOVB  6@A0,#0
```

To load a register-stored value into the SVC BLOCK, you must use the store opcode. Take the number currently stored in register A2 and move it into byte offset six of the supervisor buffer area. Again, assume that address register A0 points to the memory location of the buffer:

"...the SVC BLOCK returns the ASCII value of the key selected or points to a memory address where a line of text is stored."

```
STW   .A2,6@A0
```

Note the W tagged onto the store mnemonic. This indicates 2 bytes, or a word, is to be acted upon. If the number in A2 requires only 1 byte of storage, the upper byte in the block is filled with a zero.

Byte positions in the SVC BLOCK have a meaning for each supervisor routine. However, the first three words of the buffer have the same meaning regardless of the supervisor routine called. The first 2 bytes always contain the TRSDOS-identifying SVC call number. Offset four and five must always contain a zero. You must set up these items and other parameters before calling or jumping to an SVC routine.

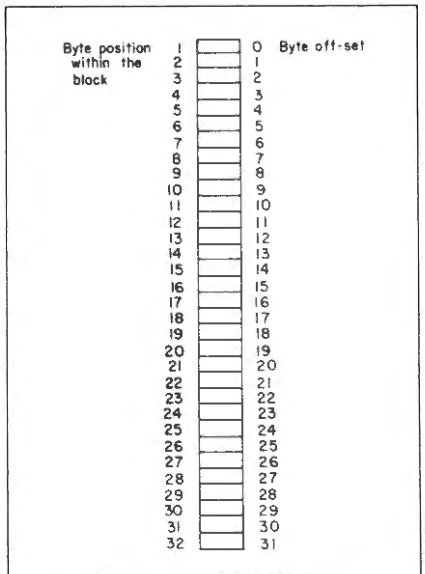

Figure 1. SVC BLOCK layout.

If an error occurs during the routine, byte offset two and three contain a TRSDOS error code upon return.

Put this together and you have a simple program that calls supervisor routine number 264 which returns execution to the TRSDOS READY mode. Once the supervisor block is set up with the proper entry conditions, the instruction BRK #0 calls the SVC routine.

```
BEGIN     LDA     .A0,SVC BLOCK
          MOVW    @A0,#264
          BRK     #0
SVC
BLOCK
          RDATAB  32,0
          END     BEGIN
```

As mentioned, zeros must always be placed in the fourth and fifth byte offsets prior to calling the SVC routine. Use the instruction RDATAB 32,0 to automatically put zeros in the entire block. It is not necessary to use an instruction to move zeros into those areas.

Remember to put an end statement in your program. Failure to do so often makes your program fail, even though this omission doesn't generate an error message by the assembler or the linker.

In this program it is simple to set up the SVC BLOCK. However, this becomes more involved when you place many parameters into the buffer before calling a routine. Many times you need to get information out of the buffer after a routine is called. For example, the keyboard calls retrieve data from the keyboard. In such cases, the SVC BLOCK either returns the ASCII value of the key selected or points to a memory address where a line of text is stored. Naturally, this involves a little more programming.

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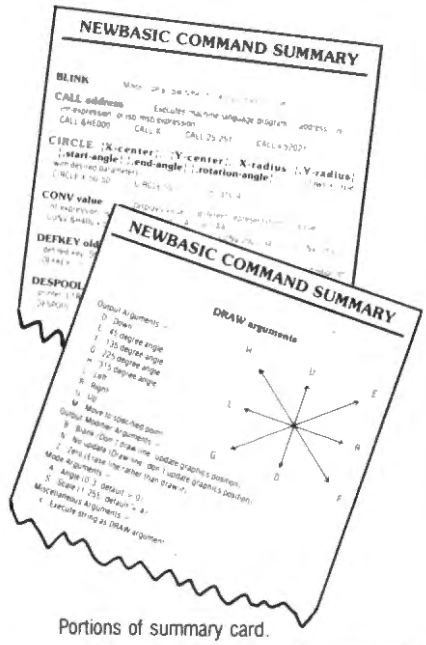

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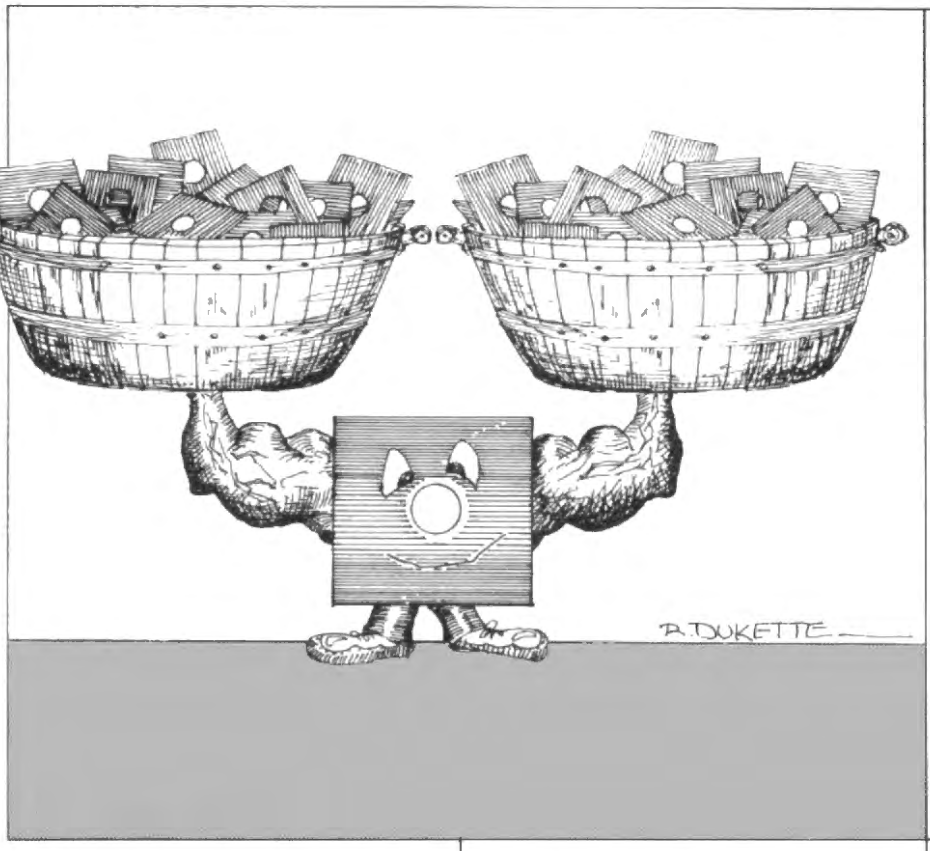

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This file-handling utility uses only one normal directory entry and for each library file and dynamically allocates and deallocates files so that file manipulation is invisible to the user.

The LSO program comes on a non-system disk that you can back up. You would normally include it on the system disk of each program with which you'll use it. It appears to be compatible with all TRS-80 DOSes. The distribution disk contains a standard version of LSO/CMD, a special hard disk version, and several LSO utility programs.

Overview

The LSO program contains its own relocating loader module that discards itself after it moves the operating LSO module into high memory. LSO occupies about 4K. The program intercepts all input/output (I/O) calls except Rename, which is not a vectored call.

Two utilities, LDIR and LNAME, replace DIR and Rename, respectively. These are part of the LSO utility set. As a result of I/O call interception, all DOS library commands work with the packed files as they normally would. In other words, you can use Copy, Kill, Load, List, and so on on a packed file just as on a normal file.

LSO defines a library as a file containing smaller files, or members. Just as a disk holds a number of files and a directory to reference them, a library file holds several files and its own directory. A library file shows up in the disk directory as a regular file, but DOSes treat its members as regular files.

Suppose I decide to group some files with the /BAS extension in a library. This involves creating a file named BAS/LIB and copying the desired files into it.

Now when LSO intercepts an I/O call for a file with the /BAS extension, it first looks for a library file with the file extension name. If such a library file exists, LSO searches its directory for the required member and opens the member file.

If I give the command LIST "MYPROG/BAS" from Basic, LSO picks up the I/O call and searches the directory of library BAS/LIB. The program isn't there so LSO passes the request back to DOS, which processes the call as usual.

You can have packed and unpacked files on the same disk. An example of this is the LSO distribution disk. The disk directory shows a couple of files with the CMD extension plus a file named CMD/LIB. The latter contains the standard utility programs for LSO, including the LDIR utility that displays a directory of the library to which it belongs.

In creating library files, you can specify the file size up to a maximum of 255 sectors, and the directory size up to 255 entries with the LCREATE command (LCREATE/CMD utility). If you find at some future time that the specified size is too small, you can increase it to a maximum of 255 sectors by using the LXTEND command (LXTEND/CMD utility). You can't change the directory size, however.

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The final utility, LSET/CMD, sets and resets (turns on and off) two additional options. The first is the Permanent Open option that opens all resident library files until you reboot the system.

When you activate LSO, you can specify the number of files that can be open at the same time. The default is five files and each open library file requires 40 bytes. This option reduces file access time.

The second option is the Compress option. This compresses every string of characters repeated four or more times to a 3-byte group on a write to file. On a read, decompression takes place automatically.

This is primarily for use with text files. It has rather limited value since most word processing programs incorporate their own compression techniques.

The LDIR/CMD utility provides an informative display of the library directory. The first line shows an error indicator if errors exist in the directory, flags if you set either or both of the library options, library name, library size in sectors, number of available sectors, number of permissible directory entries, and number of entries still free. The names of the library members are listed alphabetically.

The LSO documentation is 17 pages of sparse, terse, clear information with letter-quality printing in a loose-leaf notebook. A technical section describes the library file organization and control blocks.

A helpful table suggests file/directory sizes depending on the number and average size of the intended member files. It's based on single-density granule size and should be refigured for those using double-density systems. For example, a 20-sector library file takes up exactly 4 grans in single density; in double density, the allocated 4 grans contain 24 sectors in most DOSes.

LSO is so easy to use that extensive documentation is unnecessary. However, the latest version of the manual has a couple of omissions. XYZT rewrote the manual after correcting some minor DOS incompatibilities. But the revision omits mention of specifying the number of permissible open files, the default value, or memory requirements.

Also, the manual doesn't mention the hard disk version of LSO or its use. Occasionally the English grammar is a little unusual but this doesn't diminish the clarity of the information. I understand that the omissions, as well as some typographical errors, will be corrected shortly.

Features and Benefits

LSO works so automatically and transparently that I doubt I'd be aware of its operation except for the ampersand that flashes in the upper right corner of the monitor during I/O to let you know it's working.

"I haven't found the perfect program yet, but including my observations on the documentation, the imperfections in LSO are minor."

The standard LSO program is compatible as is with many hard disk systems, including DOSPLUS 4.0. The special hard disk version is apparently required only with those systems like DOSPLUS 3.5 that use a configurable drivespec table. The LSOHARD/CMD program contains a similar table that you can configure to the system requirements.

Only the size of the disk directory limits the total number of library files. With DOSPLUS 3.5, LSO allows 128 directory entries for a double-sided, double-density, 40- or 80-track disk. With 720K of storage available on 80-track disks, the directory space doesn't go very far.

LSO allocates space in the library files on the basis of sectors rather than grans. You can store small files much more efficiently in a library file than in a regular file. This is particularly true of those files that are only a few hundred bytes long, such as utility /CMD files, do-files, or Job Control Language (XYZT's ICL) files.

XYZT first conceived LSO as support for their Interactive Control Language (ICL) program. ICL procedures are typically small files for which a full granule is allocated in normal disk processing.

My experience illustrates the value of the program. The system disk I use for scripting/formatting text with the G.E.A.P. Dotprint program contains a large number of letterset files ranging in size from five sectors to 55 sectors.

By loading these into libraries, I saved about 15K of storage space after subtracting the LSO storage requirement. This is on a 40-track double-sided disk. The space savings and the added convenience are considerable.

No two library files on the same disk can have the same name. You can use a bit of creativity in naming files, such as the extension /TXA for the first 255 text files, and /TXB for the next 255.

Varying one character in the extension and using the alphabet and single-digit numbers results in 36 library files with a possible 9,180 directory entries.

You create the libraries, load LSO, and everything else is automatic—no set of new commands to learn and simple command syntax for what is new. You can load LSO with a do-file or with the Auto command so even these functions are automatic.

You can force LSO to process a file as a conventional file by adding a pound sign to the beginning of the file name. Some DOSes reject this, but it works nicely with DOSPLUS 3.5, probably because that DOS has expanded legal file name characters. Most application programs and Basic permit this technique.

I haven't found the perfect program yet, but including my observations on the documentation, the imperfections in LSO are minor. First is the maximum library file size of 255 sectors, or 64K bytes.

The huge, changing data files are just what the large capacity floppy and hard disk systems are best suited for and these files can coexist with libraries containing the small files they handle best. You should use LSO to expand your file-handling capabilities rather than as a substitute system.

The other limitation, the inability to obtain a library directory display from Basic, is due to the way DOS systems are structured and it's doubtful anyone can overcome this.

The LSO program is excellent software. Like any good investment, the longer you use it the more it's worth.

The price is fair, and for large-capacity floppy and hard disk system users it appears downright inexpensive. If you've ever seen DIRECTORY FULL when you have plenty of disk space, LSO is for you. ■

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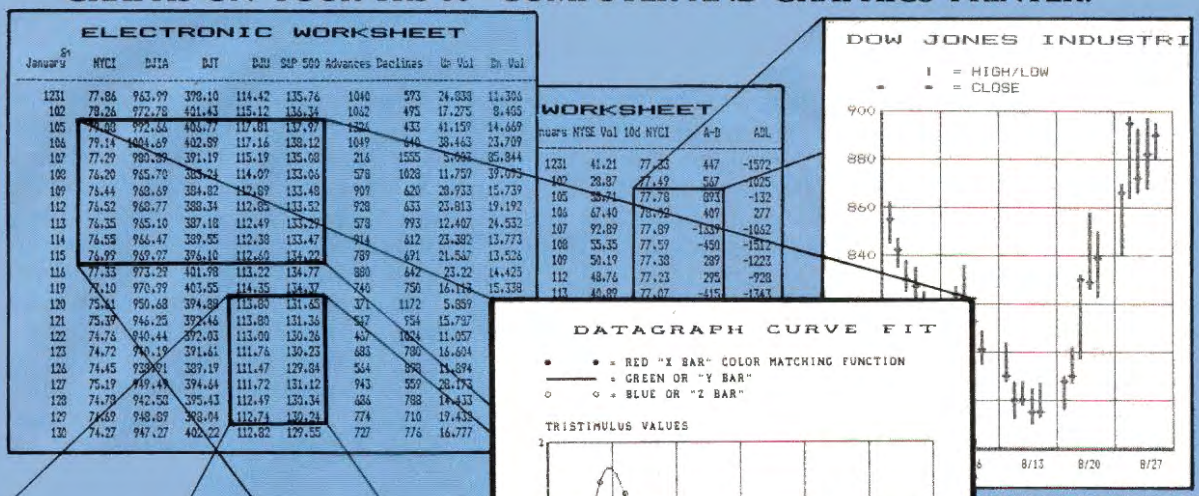

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by David Dalton

Tandy's heavy-duty, full-feature Pascal is ideal for several types of users. Professionals will find it powerful enough to create working programs. Colleges can use it to teach Pascal on TRS-80s. Hackers who have the time can learn Pascal for their personal use.

TRS-80 Pascal was written by Alcor Systems and licensed to Tandy. It comes with three single-density disks for the Model I and two double-density disks for the Model III. The user's manual is just under 350 pages long and includes a quick-reference card.

Most of the manual is written for those with a working knowledge of Pascal. But for neophyte Pascal programmers, there's a 24-page beginners' section and an excellent 62-page tutorial.

The Program

Both Model III disks contain TRS-DOS 1.3. The Model I disks have no operating system.

On the Model III, the programs run under NEWDOS80 and DOSPLUS without modification. Pascal includes patches for Model III LDOS.

You must patch the Model I version for NEWDOS80, and the patches are on the disks.

The program also includes a text editor, ED/CMD, so you can write program files. The editor's buffer has room for about 13,000 characters, but you can load the text in blocks so the true limit on a file's length is equal to the amount of free space on a single disk. A 14-page section in the manual describes how to use the editor.

My only complaint about the editor is the way it scrolls. It's very smooth when scrolling toward the bottom of a file, but it jerks when scrolling toward the top. However, you do have an assortment of quick-cursor commands.

Pascal/CMD is the main compiler. It's fast and it gives an excellent report on any errors encountered while compiling.

The documentation says that this nonoverlayed compiler should handle a typical 1,000-line program. For longer programs, the overlayed compiler has enough space for a typical 4,000-line program. However, the overlayed compiler runs more slowly.

You can run the object code, or p-code, produced by the compiler as is, using the Run/CMD utility, or convert it to a true command file (/CMD) using the LINKLOAD/CMD utility. LINKLOAD also lets you link together and execute separately compiled programs.

You can sell command files produced by this program without paying any royalty to Tandy or Alcor, though you must give them credit. Your friends can run your Pascal programs as command files even if they don't own Pascal, and your programs earn more status if they have the /CMD extension rather than a Basic extension.

Pascal contains several utilities for streamlining your programs. A p-code optimizer, Optimize/CMD, checks the p-code to find places where it can be compressed. The documentation says that the typical reduction in program length is 10–30 percent. The code generator, CODEGEN/CMD, increases execution speed by translating p-code instructions to machine-code instructions.

The disk files contain a good number of ready-made procedures for random file in/out, TRS-80 graphics, error recovery, file status, port in/out, Assembly language subroutines, and more. Disks also provide many special functions for string manipulation.

Evaluation

This is not merely an academic Pascal or a Pascal primer. It's meant to do the job and it's much faster than Basic.

For comparison, I wrote a Basic program that converts text files to upload to a mainframe, and I wrote a similar Pascal program. The job required that the text be tested byte by byte so certain translations are made as required by the mainframe. The text file for my test was seven NEWDOS80 granules long.

The fastest Basic I could write required seven minutes, 31 seconds to rewrite the text file. My Pascal program did the job in one minute, 17 seconds. When I converted Pascal to a command file, the runtime was the same.

The documentation seems complete, though it's a bit dry. In addition to the sections I've already mentioned, it contains a 34-page system section describing all 26 files on the program disks, an advanced development section to help you write faster or very long programs, an excellent 120-page Pascal language reference manual, and an inadequate index stretched over eight pages.

If you're lazy or want an inexpensive Pascal, this package isn't for you. But if you're serious about Pascal programming on your TRS-80, this is your ticket. ■

★★★½

Computer Art and Animation for the TRS-80
David L. Heiserman
Prentice-Hall Inc.
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632
Hardcover, 246 pp.
$17.95

by Richard Ramella

The serious student of computer graphics gets a bargain with this book. He can learn a great deal about using TRS-80 graphics, especially if he's willing to do a lot of work in conjunction with the text.

In early chapters, the author explains the TRS-80 Level II graphics and alpha-numeric sets, and PRINT@ and POKE positioning. Then he gets down to the business of putting pictures on the screen. First come some still life examples, then graphics in motion.

Along the way, Heiserman includes much meaty material: how to print black graphics on a white background, composition, string packing, and animations.

Heiserman makes the point that TRS-80 Level II graphics are, by definition, low resolution. The viewer needs a bit of imagination to accept images as what they represent.

The book's examples are well done, carefully thought out, and often humorous. Keying in some of the many graphics programs both instructs and entertains you. They include a dog and

cat, a flickering candle, and a dancing country girl reminiscent of Grand Ole Opry comedienne Minnie Pearl.

Heiserman uses the TRS-80 graphics set, CHR$ graphics 128 to 191, to create his images. To see these building blocks, try this program (not included in the book):

```
100 FOR X = 128 to 191:
    PRINT CHR$(X;" ");:
    NEXT
110 GOTO 110
```

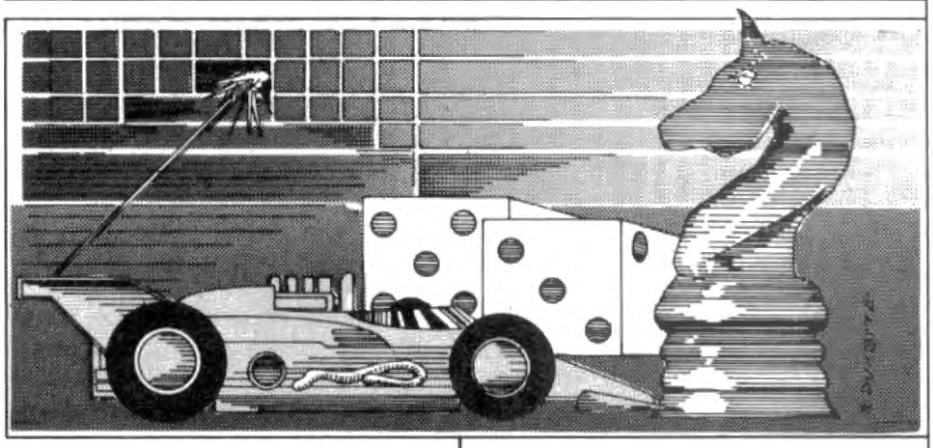
As an adjunct to programs with so many number variables in data lines, Heiserman explains the importance of running checksums of data lines. This technique helps the user keying in programs. For example:

```
100 DATA 12,2,19
110 FOR X = 1 TO 3
120 READ A(X)
130 N = N + A(X)
140 NEXT X
150 IF N<>33 THEN PRINT
    "CHECKSUM ERROR": END
```

In this short test, you know the total of all the data entries is 33. If the total of the entries as typed in doesn't agree, you have an error in the data lines. This is just a sampling of the useful knowledge in *Computer Art and Animation*.

What distinguishes this book from others that use examples is Heiserman's many useful and playful programs that reflect a sense of craftsmanship. In addition to the cartoonish figures, he offers a Russian character set, a playing card set, a missile shoot game, ideas on perspective animation, and routines involving multiple characters.

This book is for the programmer who already knows Basic and is ready for a big jump into graphics. I recommend it as a hearty helping of useful ideas. ■



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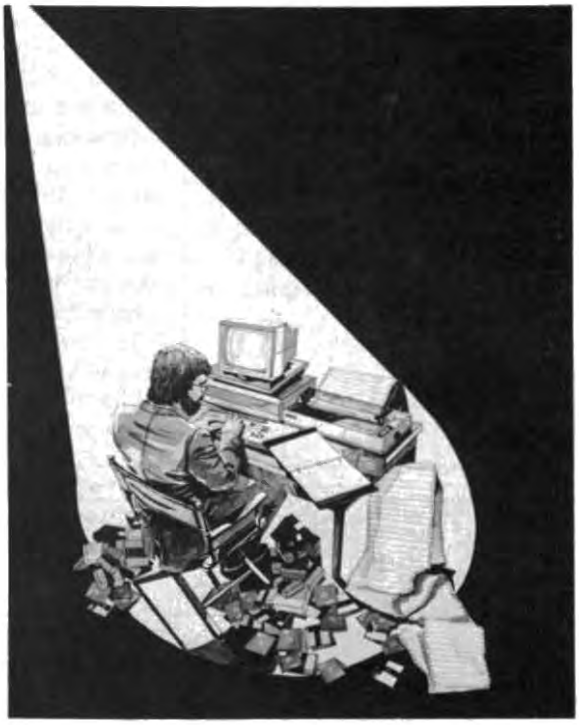

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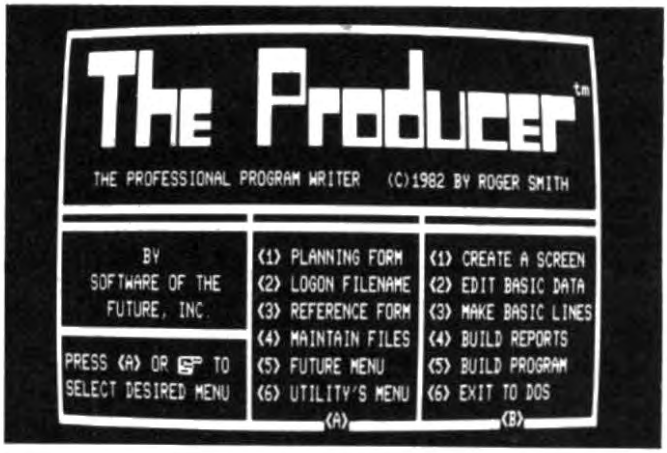

☐ Planning Your Program

The PRODUCER provides a helpful planning form you can print on your own printer. It helps you organize your thoughts to create a tailor made program to meet your needs.

☐ Creating The Screen

Visible on your monitor will be the screen where information will be entered, edited and displayed. There are six simple steps to follow in creating your screen.

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Using the arrow keys construct the screen in any configuration you desire. With single keystrokes enter large graphic letters and borders. Edit at will until you are satisfied.

2. Define Message Areas

Select an area of your screen where The PRODUCER messages to you will appear.

3. Define Input Fields

The PRODUCER will ask you questions about the areas where you will enter the data. You specify the length of each area or field, as well as acceptable characters in each field.

4. Define Display Fields

Locate the display fields anywhere you want on your screen. These show the results of the calculations you want made on your data.

5. Define Custom Prompts

You select an area where help messages to yourself can be displayed.

6. Save Your Results

Assign a working name for your program and save it to disk.

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1. Edit any part of The PRODUCER program you have created -- screen field names, lengths, prompt areas, etc.
2. Type in any help message you want as a custom prompt to help you operate the program.
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*Move forward or back to previously entered fields to edit using the arrow keys. Totally non-destructive cursor. Does not require re-entering of each data field
*Move within any field using the arrow keys
*Move instantly to any field with Control G command
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*Duplicate field information from a previous record with one keystroke. No need to re-enter duplicate information, addresses, etc. on consecutive records
*View a custom prompt, your own custom reminder or help message for each field with 1 keystroke
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*Enter data as fast as you want, even if you are a speed typist
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*View prompts for each field showing number of characters allowed

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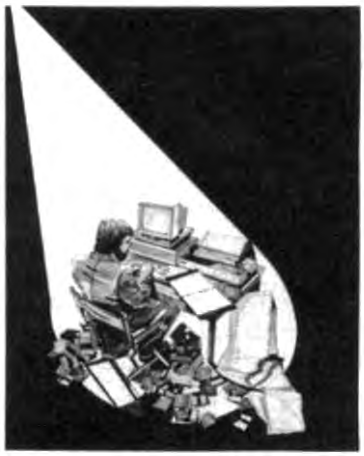

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As the game progresses, Wormy becomes more difficult to maneuver. If your worm grows to occupy 256 spaces, be ready for a surprise.

The game has a range of speeds. The targets are worth less at the slower speeds. At the highest speed, the keyboard doesn't respond fast enough for proper play. I find medium speed the best. The game is simple but entertaining, and it improves your reflexes.

Chess and Othello are for the player who doesn't have a human opponent. The chess game plays well and is a good learning tool. The chess pieces are represented by letters (K is a king, P is a pawn). You have two levels of play: quick (computer thinks for 30 seconds) and long (computer thinks for three minutes). The game lets you castle. Othello has good documentation, and it's possible to beat the computer.

If you're a gambler and can't go to Las Vegas maybe Computer Casino is for you. Blackjack and Slot Machine look like the real thing and you have $1,000 to start with, but where's the rattle of coins, the excitement? If you don't have anybody to gamble with, the computer is a good substitute.

The Quest is a different kind of adventure game. The program draws a random map on the screen with villages, forests, lakes, and various beasts. The map changes every time you play. You are in the middle of the screen with some food, water, and gold coins. The map scrolls across the screen as you press the arrow keys.

Your mission is to recruit an army, spies, and thieves. You have to kill beasts and find the magical keys to the castle.

When I tried the game, I died of thirst or starved to death before I had a chance to look for the keys. Luckily, some sealed envelopes with clues were included with the disk. After opening them, I was able to go a little further.

The graphics are poor, but probably the best available on a Model II. If you like adventures that are a little different, this is a good game.

My reaction was the same to Galactic Invaders, Meteors, and Bustout. If the games had repeat key functions to help you move across the screen, they wouldn't be bad. If you play Bustout at the fastest speed, you can't get from one side to the next to hit the ball.

The Wrath of Ken is an adventure graphics game that takes place in outer space. You're in a starship with a mission to destroy enemy ships. I found it extremely hard to hit the ships. The game seems limited and not very exciting.

The Racer game isn't bad. It's fast and you go from an easy track to harder ones. You have to pass slower cars and stay alert so you don't run into walls. You need quick reflexes for this game.

Not many games are available for the Models II, 12, and 16, and this package isn't bad. I had a lot of fun playing these games. Wormy takes the prize as the best game and some of the others are almost as good. ■

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by Dan Robinson

Learning to use WordStar is rather like learning to walk: It's a slow process, you stumble many times, and now and then you fall flat on your face.

MicroRef's Quick Reference Guide to WordStar helps you keep a sure-footed pace through this complex word processing program starting with your first step.

The spiral-bound 4½- by 8½-inch guide is printed on durable plastic-coated stock. Its thumb tabs take you quickly to 46 sections of illustrated, two-color instructions. Keystrokes appear in reverse print and examples of required input are in boldface.

WordStar has many keystroke commands, and MicroRef covers them all.

Rather than simply listing WordStar's commands, MicroRef provides a detailed background of their function and operation. For the user already familiar with WordStar, a complete command summary appears in the back of the booklet.

MicroRef sections include Menus, Files, Editing, Block Operations, Formatting, Headings and Footings, Special Effects, and Printing. In addition, the pamphlet includes a glossary and an index.

"For the user already familiar with WordStar, a complete command summary appears in the back..."

Anyone who has waded through the huge MicroPro WordStar Operating Manual or the equally corpulent WordStar Training Guide will appreciate MicroRef's 48 pages of concise, detailed instructions.

The one-sheet reference cards don't provide the detail that MicroRef does, and they often force even an experienced user back to the books to check a seldom used command.

If you've been limping along through WordStar, the MicroRef Quick Reference Guide is an invaluable crutch. ■

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MT160 Dot-Matrix Printer
Mannesmann Tally
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MT160I $845
MT160L $990

by Terry Kepner

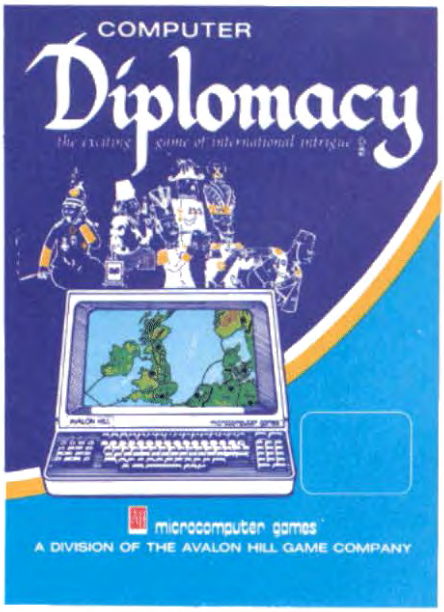
If you want a high-quality, solidly built, versatile, fast printer for your computer system, consider the Mannesmann Tally MT160.

Physical Description

The MT160 is a small printer, only 13.7 inches wide (10-inch-wide paper maximum) by 6.2 inches high by 9.6 inches deep. Its footprint, the space occupied on a desk, is about the same as the Epson MX printer. In that small space, Mannesmann Tally has packed an incredible number of features at a bargain price.

The MT160 is built of heavy gauge metal and weighs 18 pounds. Only the platen paper holder, the exterior case, and a few other miscellaneous parts are plastic. The cast metal design makes the printer rugged (a desirable quality for office use) and stable.

Installing the optional tractor feed, a



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For years, the board game version of Diplomacy has been regarded as a true classic in the world of gaming. Even professional diplomats, including no less a celebrity than Henry Kissinger, have enjoyed its accuracy and intensity. However, for years it has also been noticed that the game had one flaw: by far the best version of the game required seven players, a sometimes hard-to-get number.

But now there is Computer Diplomacy where six or less players can compete and the computer resolves the moves of the other nations. Admittedly the computer isn't always as devious as a human, but it is treacherous enough to make play vastly more enjoyable for six or less players. In fact, it's fun for a single player to take one nation and try to conquer the map (though this certainly cannot be termed "diplomacy").

Of course, **Computer Diplomacy** also has all of the amenities you expect in a computer game: a detailed scrolling map that displays the location and type of all units, various status reports and even a built-in clock that times each "diplomacy period". The computer also takes care of game mechanics: you simply enter your moves and the computer swiftly resolves all conflicts, prompts you when to take the action and explains why a move failed.

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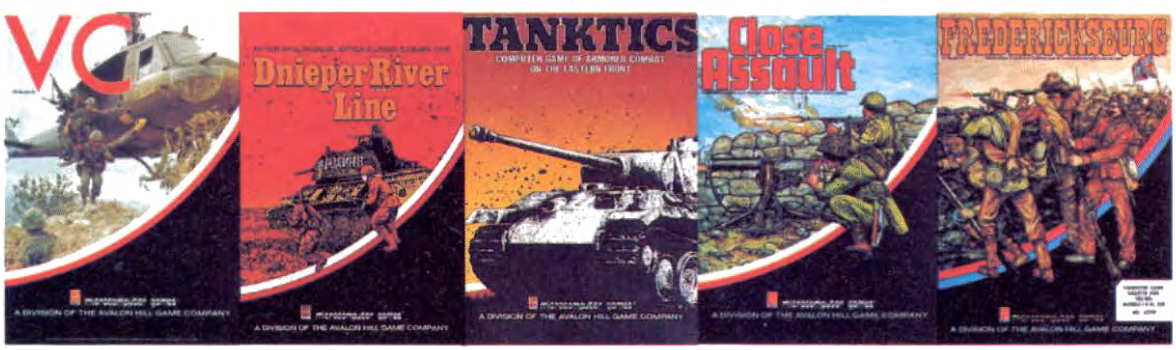

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unidirectional model, is easy; it snaps into place. The nylon ribbon, rated for two million characters, is equally simple to install: Remove the cover, position the ribbon cartridge, put the ribbon guide in front of the print head, and you're finished.

Features

This printer is one of the few I've found with a switch to select the voltage at which the printer operates. You can set the printer to accept either 120V, 220V, or 240V power supplies. The default setting is 120V ac. If you opt for 220V operation, you have to replace the 1.25 amp fuse with a .6 amp fuse, which is included with the unit.

After selecting the power supply voltage, choose the communication protocol for your system, either RS-232 or parallel. Both connectors are clearly labeled on the back of the printer. Plug your computer's printer cable into the appropriate connector.

Next, load in roll, cut sheet, or tractor-feed paper. When you use multipart forms with roll paper, you can have one original and two copies. Tractor-feed forms provide one original and up to three copies.

A knob just in front and below the manual paper advance knob controls the striking distance between the print head and the platen. You can turn this knob while the printer operates to adjust the density of the print without going off line and blindly guessing the setting you need.

The MT160 has a cooling fan that always runs while the printer is on. Its hum is barely audible.

You choose from a variety of print styles, options, and modes. The printer is factory-set to print 10 characters per inch (cpi), draft quality, six lines per vertical inch, 66 lines per page, USA character set, parallel interface, and the ANSII code set.

You don't have to open the printer case and play with DIP (dual in-line package), switches, jumpers, or shunts to change these settings. Change them from the printer's front panel or from your computer. The MT160's front panel consists of a six-key membrane keypad. The keys are labeled On/Off Line, Test, Yes, No, LF (line feed), and FF (form feed). Test, Yes, No, LF, and FF operate only when the printer is off line.

Line feed and form feed are useful in aligning your paper, and you use the Yes and No buttons in printer parameter selection. The test key puts the printer into a self-test mode that prints the ASCII character set.

To determine your printer's current default settings, press the No button while you're off line. This prints the settings on paper. To change the settings, press the Yes button and hold it while pressing the No button. This starts the parameter setting program. Answer the prompts by pressing the Yes or No button.

Your responses are stored automatically and printed on paper as a file record. You only set the parameters once, since your responses are stored in an EAROM (electrically alterable read-only memory). The EAROM isn't affected, so change the settings as often as you like.

"The front panel doesn't control all the printer parameters; in fact, you have more printing choices available through software control than through the front panel."

The options available with the MT160 are truly incredible. You can opt for a form length of 4, 5, 6, 8, 8½, 11, 12, or 14 inches. You can print either six or eight lines per vertical inch, and the cpi options range through 10, 12, 16.7, and 20 cpi, 10 and 12 cpi correspondence-quality, and proportional correspondence-quality print styles. The normal print fonts run at 160 characters per second (cps), the correspondence fonts at 40 cps.

Print head operation is bidirectional, with logic-seeking accelerated tabbing. The printer supports the full 96-character US ASCII set, plus 32 international characters. You use a modified sans serif font for correspondence-quality printing. The draft-quality print font uses a 7- by 9-dot matrix, and the correspondence font uses a 20- by 18-dot matrix. You can replace the print head itself.

When using the 10 cpi mode, you get 80 characters or columns per line. Twelve cpi gives you 96 columns, 16.7 cpi has 132 columns, and 20 cpi fits 160 characters per line.

Customize the printer to your computer system by specifying if a carriage return implies a line feed, if the printer should line feed when it reaches the end of a line, if the printer should automatically print data whenever it receives a line feed, and if a line feed implies a carriage return.

If you set the printer to require a line feed before it actually line feeds the paper, you can use the carriage return command to return to the beginning of a line for boldface and overstrike printing.

The seven available character sets are: USA, United Kingdom, Norwegian/Danish, Swedish/Finnish, German, French, and Spanish. These characters are in addition to the standard 96 ASCII characters. If you need to differentiate between a zero and an O, you can also have the printer slash the zeros.

The MT160 uses the standard ASCII codes with some alterations. You can choose from standard ANSII, Daisy printer codes (MT160L only), or Epson printer codes. You can also use any software designed for the standard Epson printer with the MT160, including graphics.

Use the last set of options to select the communications mode of your printer: parallel or serial. The parallel port is standard 8-bit Centronics compatible. The RS-232 port supports 150, 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800, and 9600 baud rates, with 7 or 8 data bits per word, 1 or 2 stop bits, and even, odd, or no-parity checking.

You control whether the busy signal is high or low, and whether the protocol is EXON/XOFF or ETX/ACK. You can select the communications options only from the front panel.

The front panel doesn't control all the printer parameters; in fact, you have more printing choices available through software control than through the front panel. You can control character density, both normal (10, 12, 16.7, and 20 cpi) and double width (5, 6, 8.3, and 10 cpi).

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centering, automatic right margin justification, setting and clearing the left and right margins, setting the forms length from zero to 255 lines, setting and clearing horizontal and vertical paper tabs (up to 16 of each), language selection, and graphics mode selection.

The graphics selection has two different modes, 50 dots per inch and 100 dots per inch, with reverse field option (not printing selected locations instead of printing). Standard-density graphics print at the equivalent of 160 cps, double-density at 80 cps, and double-density high-quality at 40 cps.

The format for graphics is standard: Send an escape character, % and 3, then two numbers (zero to 255) to specify the number of graphics bytes you want processed. Each graphics byte is a column of eight dots, and top is the high bit. When the number of data bytes specified is reached, printing automatically begins.

Operation

Loading in paper is easy, similar to many other printers. At first, the paper occasionally became misaligned with my printer and slipped sideways out of the tractor feed mechanism. Making sure I had the paper directly below the printer eliminated that problem.

The only other operational difficulty I had was trying to back up the paper with the manual paper adjustment knob. Whenever I tried to reverse the paper a few lines, the tractor feed mechanism came off the printer's right side (the side with the manual adjustment knob). It's irritating, but no real problem.

I tried the MT160 with my Model I, my Model 100, and my Color Computer, and it worked perfectly with each. I've gone through two boxes of paper (3,500 pages each) without any service troubles.

The draft style, while not the best, is certainly good enough for most needs. For those who want fancy print for manuscripts, the correspondence mode is wonderful: Even if your word processor (such as a Model 100 Text) doesn't support proportionally spaced text, the justification mode of the MT160 provides excellent margin-to-margin printed text with the proportional spacing mode enabled.

The MT160's only flaw is its documentation, a 5- by 8-inch booklet. The set-up instructions, the parameter menu procedures, and technical specifications for the RS-232 and parallel ports are clearly diagramed. But the computer control procedures and instructions aren't as good. The instructions on the dot-addressable graphics are short, only two pages long, and the differences between the various modes aren't illustrated.

The manual doesn't include any examples of dot-graphics programs and their results. Similarly, the control codes for the various print options, such as underlining, automatic centering, and margin controls, don't have examples.

To make things more difficult, the booklet lacks an index. This makes it hard to find specific commands. The appendix of control codes included is incomplete. If you don't carefully examine the booklet, you might miss some of the codes and assume that the appendix lists them all.

Because of its rugged design, I feel this printer will need few repairs, especially since the owner can replace the part most prone to wear, the print head. The printer has a 90-day warranty, except the print head which is warranted for 100 million characters or 12 months, whichever comes first.

The MT160 is a solid and versatile printer, capable of emulating the Epson printers' dot-addressable graphics, while giving a faster performance. It costs more than the Epson, but it has more features. Its attributes more than make up for the failings of the documentation.

And there are two MT160 printers to choose from: the MT160I with a roll paper holder and parallel interface, for $845; and the MT160L with tractor feed and parallel and serial ports, for $990. ■

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Typitall 1.2
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by William D. Allen

Typitall is a new word processor from Howe Software that's one of the best I've used. It's so simple that a beginner can use it with little training. If you're already familiar with Scripsit, you'll probably be able to use Typitall immediately.

On the other hand, Typitall is so versatile that two months wasn't enough time to thoroughly test all its features. I discovered some minor bugs in the program, but I've been very favorably impressed by it. The more I use it, the more I like it.

Howe Software describes Typitall as "The Scripsit-compatible word processor." In many ways Typitall does act like a vastly enhanced Scripsit. For example, the ways in which you can move the cursor are greatly improved and you have 11 user-definable command keys. Also, both Scripsit and Typitall come with a serial printer driver.

However, Scripsit has one feature that Typitall doesn't. Disk Scripsit can load files created by tape Scripsit, but Typitall can't load files from tape.

In general, Typitall uses the same commands as Scripsit with many additions. However, not all commands do the same thing in Typitall as they do in Scripsit.

"<Break> P,S <Enter>" is the command to print with a serial printer in Scripsit. In Typitall the same command means print the text on the screen, so you can examine the text format before you print it.

Typitall reads and generates files with the same format as Scripsit. Scripsit files load into Typitall with no conversion, and Scripsit can also read the files Typitall generates. Scripsit files contain control codes that give indigestion to most other word processors.

However, limits exist to the compatibility between Scripsit and Typitall. Typitall is somewhat longer: Its text buffer is 468 bytes smaller than Scripsit's in a 48K machine.

More important for compatibility, many commands are at different addresses in the two programs. Some software that uses commands from within Scripsit won't work that way with Typitall.

Two such programs are the integrated versions of the Electric Webster spelling checker from Cornucopia and the Epson MX-80 printer driver, Maxprint, from Peggytronics.

Because the files Typitall creates are in the same format as Scripsit files, you can use Electric Webster to correct their spelling, but you can't do it from within Typitall. You have to save the text to disk and use Electric Webster by itself.

With Maxprint, you can still get proportional justification from your Epson MX-80, but you generally have to leave Typitall. Peggytronics and Cornucopia indicated a desire to support Typitall, so by the time you read this, the necessary patches might be available.

Scripsit patches simply aren't compatible with Typitall. You can't use Scriptr or Scriplus to modify this word processor.

I did most of my testing with MULTIDOS 1.6. With some help from other TRS-80 owners, I've run short tests with DOSPLUS 3.4, NEWDOS80 version 2, TRSDOS 2.3, and TRSDOS 1.3. I didn't have any problems.

When you use it with NEWDOS80, Typitall has an additional feature. You can use DOS commands directly from the word processor itself. With other DOSes, you can exit from Typitall, execute a DOS command, and then reenter. Your text buffer is still intact if you didn't overwrite it.

The text buffer starts about 8000 hexadecimal (hex). Some procedures, such as Copy, might write over this area if the file you're copying is large enough.

Getting a directory listing shouldn't cause a problem. It's easy enough for you to make a few tests, but these tests can be misleading. If you're ever in doubt, save your text first.

Basic Editing

Typitall has an excellent range of cursor movement commands. You can move the cursor backward and forward a word at a time, as well as line by line and letter by letter. You can also move the cursor to the bottom or top of the screen.

Repeating the command causes the text to scroll backward or forward a screen at a time. The long list of cursor movement commands takes up almost a page in the command summary.

You can manipulate any text you've already typed into the computer as a unit. After you mark the beginning and end with block markers, you can move, delete, or copy the text as one piece.

You can mark individual blocks for identification using any character except the four that Typitall has reserved. In theory, you could have about 50 blocks in your text at the same time.

You insert text four ways. Type it over text already on the screen if the cursor is in the overtype mode.

If the cursor is in the insert mode, the program inserts any text you type at the cursor position. To do this, the buffer and the display must expand one letter at a time and rearrange the text for each letter you type. This makes the CPU do a lot of work for each letter, so you might find that what you see on the screen lags behind what you type.

The program apparently has a type-ahead buffer because I didn't lose anything I typed. Despite the speed limitation, this is a nice feature because it allows you to line up text on the screen or quickly insert a word.

In another method of text insertion, the program makes extra space in its buffer for a whole line of text. It inserts a string of blanks into that newly created space and prints them on the screen. You type over the blanks.

If you need more space, the program adds another line of blanks when you try to type past the right edge of the screen. When you finish, delete the excess blanks.

As a fourth option, you can insert material from other places in your text using the block-move feature.

Deleting text is a pleasure with Typitall because the user-definable keys let you delete words and sentences with a single keystroke. You can also delete text in blocks.

Typitall can load ASCII files, and it saves text to disk as an ASCII file. However, when you load an ASCII file, Typitall doesn't correctly interpret the control characters. Instead of generating a line feed, a byte with a value of 0A is printed as a graphics block.

When Typitall saves text in ASCII, some special control characters accompany the text. Typitall marks the opening of a block with a hex byte of 17. In ASCII, that's the code for ETB, End Transmission Block.

More troublesome is the byte that marks the end of a block, 1B hex. That's the ASCII escape code. You can deal with this by finding and deleting

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the offending bytes. It's an inconvenience, but not a disaster.

Features

One of Typitall's tab commands lets you right-justify columns of numeric data anywhere across the page. Typitall has all the features you need to set, delete, and use tabs as you would on a typewriter. The position of all the current tab settings appears at the bottom of the screen.

Typitall includes commands for finding text strings, and for wild card and case-independent searches. You also have the option of replacing text with something else. You can specify a null string as a replacement. This gives you an easy way to find and delete rather than replace.

You can repeat other commands up to 255 times by using the Repeat command. For example, you'd use the command to move the cursor up one paragraph along with the Repeat command to move the cursor a specified number of paragraphs.

Typitall lets you deal with text fields wider than the 64 characters your TRS-80 normally displays. According to the manual, you can work with fields up to 240 characters wide, although I never went past 80.

Typitall has a Window command that lets you view the text by horizontal scrolling. If you want to deal with text in an 80-column format, you can see the whole width by moving the window left and right. This is essentially the same as vertical scrolling.

Horizontal scrolling also occurs when you reach the end of a line. I wasn't expecting it the first time it happened, and I thought the program had a bug. With no warning, the entire left column of my text disappeared.

As it comes, Typitall has a text width of 64 characters, so a great deal of one-column horizontal scrolling takes place. I reset the text width (the window value) to 63, which solved the problem.

Ten printable ASCII characters aren't on the TRS-80 keyboard. Typitall lets you generate these characters by using the control key with the 10 numeric keys.

Different printers treat these characters differently. Some print what you see on your monitor screen. Others print different characters, and some treat some of these characters as control codes.

Typitall has 11 user-definable keys. Seven of them are preprogrammed. For example, inserting more than one letter of text requires only one command. In this case the command is control-I, nicely mnemonic.

One feature I like in a word processor is the ability to delete entire words and sentences with a single keystroke. Although Typitall doesn't have this feature, I added it by programming two of the user-definable keys.

Once you've done this, you can save the new version of the program to disk so every time you load the program you'll still have the new features.

One of Typitall's files lets you customize the program with 37 options including screen width, printer defaults (19), cursor parameters, key repeat speed, and so on.

The status line at the bottom of the screen shows a lot of useful information: the position of the cursor in terms of line number and column, the current line's length, the text's width, the entire document's length, and the amount of memory left. Above the status line is another line indicating the tabs.

Another useful feature is the Transform command. It changes the case of all letters in a word from the position of the cursor to the word's end.

A Hyphenation command makes it relatively easy to hyphenate text for better justification. Typitall also has an easy way to remove all the hyphens if you want to reformat the text. In the test I ran, the program removed only the new hyphens; hyphenated words remained that way.

Printing Text

With Typitall, it's possible to view your text formatted before you print it. This saves me about 50 percent of the paper I'd normally use as well as a great deal of time.

You can view the material two different ways. One uses the monitor to show the text printed across the screen exactly as it appears on the paper. Since the screen is only 64 characters wide, this method has limited usefulness for some people.

In a second way of displaying formatted text, Typitall replaces each letter with a small graphics block. This allows a simulated text display that's 128 char-

acters wide. You can't read it, but you can get a good idea of what the text will look like.

Another command places the cursor at the beginning of the last page. This is useful for quickly testing the format values of a long document. The first time you try the command, it doesn't appear to work.

Before the cursor appears at the correct place in the text, you must display all the text in the graphics format. Then the real text reappears with the cursor in the correct place.

You can save formatted text to disk as well as print it. You can send a formatted text file from the disk to the printer.

You control the text format by setting the printer defaults with Typitall's customization program or by inserting printer commands in the text. This second option lets you vary the margins, line spacing, and so on in different parts of the text.

The customization process also lets you set up Typitall for many different printers by declaring a specific hex value for the printer's cancel, back space, and set-up codes.

You also have the option of controlling whether or not the computer sends a line feed with each carriage return. (Some printers need a line feed with the carriage return; some automatically supply one.) The choice of an offset value for graphics characters is something else you might need, depending on your printer.

Typitall supports headers and footers with automatic page numbering. This is the only part of the program that gave me trouble. The bugs in the header and page numbering commands are described in the section on problems.

The manual gives you some help in developing your own printer driver if you want to do so. This includes basic information about what the program must do, relevant addresses, and a listing of a skeleton printer driver. The skeleton driver isn't complete and won't work as listed; it's for guidance.

You need some skill as an Assembly-language programmer to use the material. Nonetheless, it's nice to see an author trying to make it easy for others to enhance his program.

Documentation

The documentation I received with Typitall came in two packages. The manual itself is 90 pages in a three-ring binder. Some of the explanations could be better, but the necessary material is there.

The manual doesn't have a general index, but it includes a command summary with page numbers listed for the commands. The summary uses non-standard notation for commands. For example, the down-arrow key is referred to as DWARW. This is more likely to bother old hands than neophytes.

You also receive 11 sheets of paper in a plastic envelope. The label reads "Reference Card," but these are more accurately described by the subtitle, "Summary of Typitall Word Processing System Instructions." If you have any experience with a word processor, these sheets contain all the information you'll need to get started.

The program disk also contains a number of help screens that you can call up. I've never found help screens as useful as referring to written documentation.

In this case, the screens were helpful to me mostly because they also appear in the back of the manual. However, if you like the screens, an included program lets you edit them to better meet your needs.

Problems

The first problem is that if a header block is too long, it won't print out correctly. According to the manual, the header "may not consist of more than 16 lines of text." In my experience, the allowable length is less than a line of text and three line feeds.

Also, although the manual shows a way to suppress the headers or page numbering, I couldn't get it to work. Since normally you don't want a header or page number on the first page, you have to treat the text as two files: the first page in one file and everything else in the other.

Every word processor I've used has had at least one minor bug. I can live with Typitall's but I do find them annoying.

If you like Scripsit, you'll probably love Typitall. Even if you don't like Scripsit, you should at least look at Typitall before buying another word processor. It's one of the two best for the TRS-80. ■

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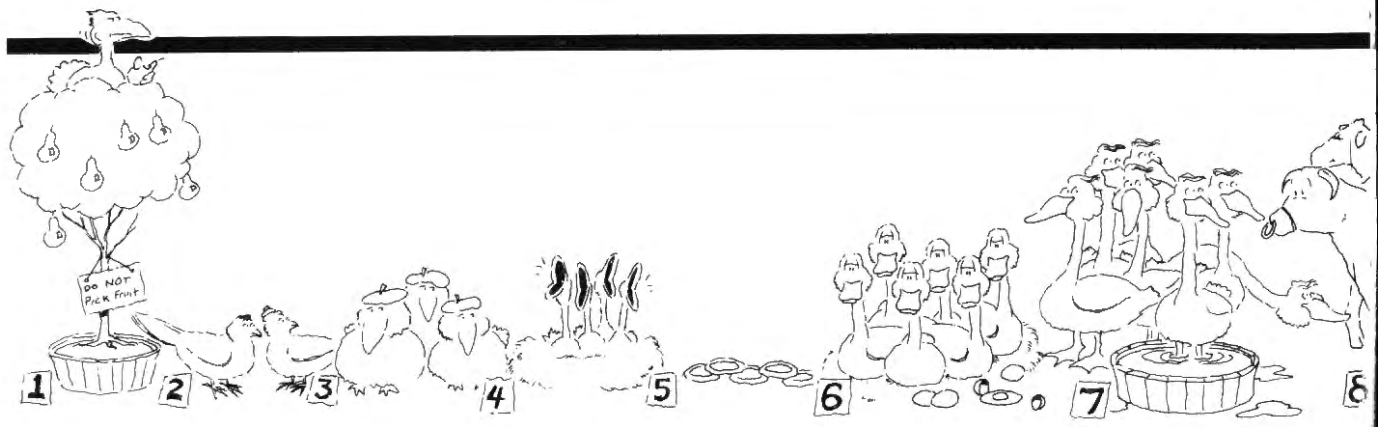

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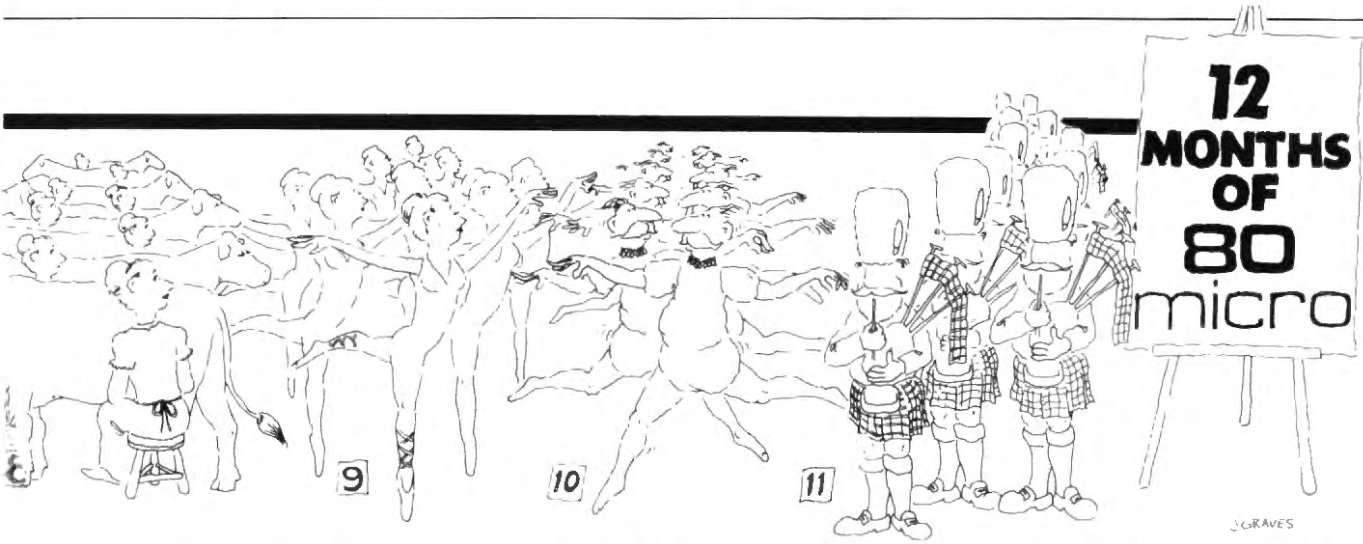

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TRS-80 Data Communications Systems
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by Alan Neibauer

TRS-80 Data Communications Systems is an attempt at a comprehensive manual for TRS-80 users interested in communications. Its author, Frank J. Derfler, Jr., is also the author of a data communications textbook and a magazine column on the subject.

Consequently, the book is technically complete. However, in a few areas, *TRS-80 Data Communications Systems* falls short of the guidebook many novice networkers need, and might not serve as their first reading in the area.

Some of my criticisms disappear for a more advanced audience. Those with Assembly-language programming experience and some technical knowledge might find the first few chapters extremely useful. The second section of the book, largely reviews of communications hardware and software, has some pitfalls for beginners and experts.

The book's first chapters discuss communications basics, including important definitions and theory. The first chapter reviews the role of data communications in today's world, while the second outlines the fundamentals of serial data and coding methods.

Chapter 3 focuses in detail on the Model I serial port. The chapter is technically impeccable, but somewhat too technical for a beginner. It thoroughly discusses the functions of the serial port and its configuration by both software and the sense switches. It is a far more complete review of the serial port than in most popular books.

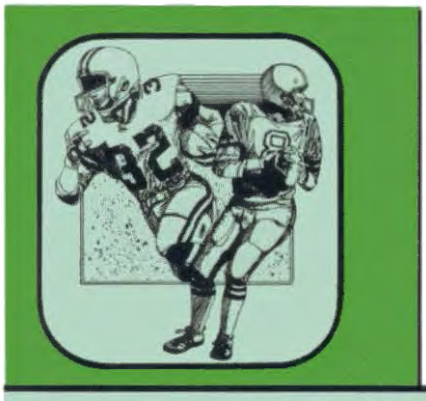
While the discussion clearly refers to the Model I, it contains no cross-references for the Model III user. It's impossible to determine whether any of the material could apply to the Model III.

Chapter 3 concludes with a short Assembly-language terminal program—a nice gift assuming that the reader knows how to program it into the computer. No instructions help you to enter the code using an assembler or debugger, or show you how to use the program.

Chapters 4–11 are reviews of communications hardware and software. Chapter 4 covers various types of modems, while Chapter 5 reviews terminals. Both are good discussions for the beginner. The author wisely defines *full duplex* and *half duplex* early in Chapter 4 so reviews of communications standards make sense.

Chapter 6, "Using the TRS-80 as a Terminal," should have been the heart of the book. The novice would be interested in complete reviews of hardware and software, particularly Radio Shack modems and the Vidtex package sold to communicate with CompuServe.

The review of Radio Shack's Modem I and Modem II is just a photo caption. The chapter covers only the Lynx and Microconnection modems in detail and omits reviews of specific acoustic mo-



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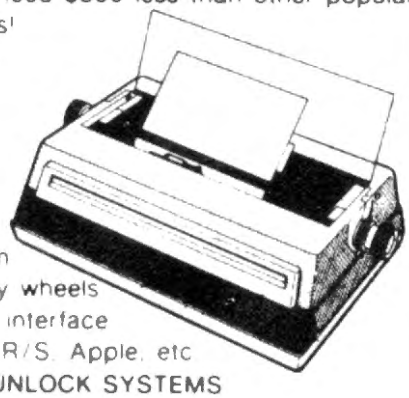

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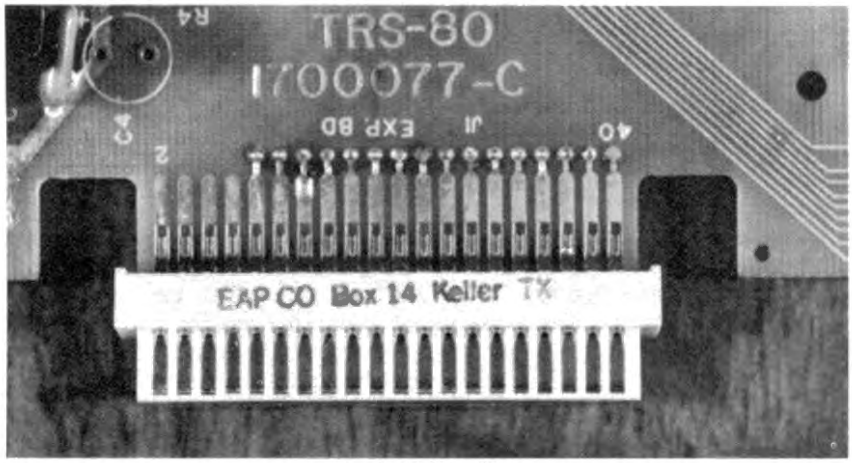

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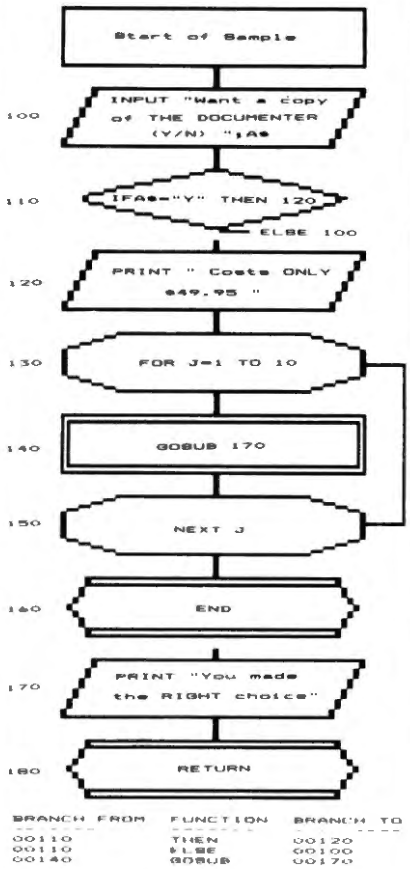

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dems. It discusses software in a little more detail, but the novice would still be unprepared to make a wise purchase decision after reading the chapter.

Chapter 6 doesn't discuss relative buffer sizes, specific commands available, or whether software supports upper- and lowercase on unmodified Model I's. It also neglects the features of Radio Shack's own terminal program, sold with the Vidtex package.

This key chapter contains no discussion of communication problems, and no troubleshooting section outlining possible glitches in hardware, software, or phone lines. A few hints on testing the serial port or understanding garbled transmissions would be useful, as would a discussion of communication between computers.

Finally, the chapter doesn't cover much of the available software for the Color Computer. This might not be the author's fault, however. Production schedules are sometimes long and most available CoCo software might be too new to have made the publisher's deadline.

Chapter 7 is a brief discussion of Model II communications, mentioning only the TRSDOS terminal program and Microstuf's Crosstalk at any length. The chapter will be a disappointment to any Model II, 12, or 16 user looking for help making software decisions.

Chapters 8, 9, and 10 discuss message systems, communications for the deaf, and large-scale networks, respectively. The author gives only brief overviews of the topics.

Chapter 8 includes a more detailed example of an electronic message system, including commands and control codes. The author states that there's "no formal standard," but demonstrates a "typical" series of commands. While the discussion is meant only as an example, I'd like to know from which system the author took the example.

The book concludes with a chapter on the future, a useful appendix of supplier addresses, and a nice glossary.

While *TRS-80 Data Communications Systems* contains a good deal of useful technical information, the author doesn't seem to have defined the audience he's trying to serve.

The novice might find the early chapters difficult to understand and the concluding chapters incomplete. The experienced user might enjoy the technical discussions but already have knowledge beyond the brief reviews that follow. ■

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by Jeff Kreinbring

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While the program's intentions are good, it falls flat in clearly defining its goals and illustrating ways to implement them. The concepts the program tries to cover are nebulous and will confuse people who lack project planning experience.

The package comes in the usual brown padded binder with a 74-page manual, planning worksheets, and a registration card. It includes four disks, a program and data disk each for the Models I and III. Radio Shack recommends that you use a printer with graphics capabilities.

The Program

You boot the system with the Project Manager disk in drive zero. You can't insert the data disk in drive 1 until you receive the prompt to do so. Pressing the enter key displays the highest-priority project level for the data disk. The top level is essentially an index that shows a formatted record for each project on the disk.

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moves you to the first task level.

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You create project tasks by progressing downward through the many levels in an inverted tree structure. From any one task on the first level (task 1A), pressing the enter key moves you to the level below where you can enter more specific tasks under 1A (1A1, 1A2, and so on). The program claims to allow as many as 64 levels below the project level, if you care to go that far.

The manual shows how to set up a task structure with a top-level project: constructing a house. Level 1 tasks under that project include lot clearing, carpentry, finishing, and masonry. The masonry task lists subtasks on level 2 as footers and foundation block.

Further subtasks on level 3 include excavate, mix concrete, and pour concrete. You can further break down each of these to whatever level of detail you desire.

At each level in the project structure, single keystroke commands prompt you to define a task, then edit individual task elements. After you input the data for each task, Project Manager calculates the task and project duration, slack time, and total resource use based on the resulting task relationships.

It also graphically represents the program's results by generating critical path, Gantt, PERT (program evaluation and review technique), time, task, and resource charts.

If something changes during the project, edit individual task elements and let the program compute a new critical path. Since you can replicate and use again any part of a project or an entire project, project modeling is possible.

Single keystroke commands display the charts and graphs as the critical path is computed. The charts show the task title, description, and duration. To print the charts from the screen, use the print and plot commands.

Critique

Project Manager is a complex and ambitious program. It performs as advertised, but I doubt that busy managers will go through the gyrations the program requires to achieve results.

I found the program to be agonizingly slow. Every action requires disk access, even moving between tasks on the same level. Each additional task within a level adds additional time for access. Project Manager is especially hard on your disk drives.

I was disappointed at the amateur quality of screen displays. Task data and the command menu prompts tend to run together, and no effort is made to use graphics characters for spacing or lowercase letters for field labels. I expected more polish for a program of this price.

The screen size severely limits the output data charts. The screen formatted output is inadequate for the program; printer formatted output is obviously necessary.

If one screen can't accommodate an entire chart for that task level, the print command gives successive screen prints to complete the chart, each on an 8½- by 11-inch page. Hardly professional looking or easy to read.

Project Manager prints only the first 15 characters of a task description, so the charts are always cryptic if you don't plan for this. The plot command substitutes graphic blocks for asterisks on some of the charts, but I couldn't get this to work on the screen or my printer. No one chart can give you a summary of key dates, durations, and resources for all tasks.

The program is difficult to use because changes to task elements that change the critical path on one level don't automatically generate task duration/critical path changes on higher levels. A change near the bottom of a large structure requires you to spend time progressing upward to recalculate each critical path before the effect on the total project is clear.

The rigidity and detail necessary for each task input to get any meaningful output would discourage the most pa-

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tient and methodical project manager. It certainly discouraged me.

The documentation is the best part of this package. The manual has no index, but the table of contents is adequate. The glossary of key terminology for the critical path method is helpful.

The manual is well illustrated with sample screens that lead you through the tasks supplied on the disk. The text makes constant mention of a reference card included, but I didn't have one with my manual, or in the manual I perused before buying the program at Radio Shack.

I'm left with the feeling that I'd indeed need a project plan if I again attempted to use Project Manager. ■

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Clean Slate is a word processor that you'll either love or hate.

Two main features set Clean Slate apart from other word processing programs. First is that each page of the document is written separately to disk as it's completed. Second, Clean Slate tries to display text on your screen as nearly as possible to the appearance of the printed page.

The Program

If you live in an area where you're often groping for a candle, you'll appreciate that all but the page you're currently typing is safely written to disk. A power outage won't affect the stored material.

On the other hand, without a speedy Winchester hard disk, you'll find yourself waiting 10 to 15 seconds for Clean Slate to write each file to disk and read the next one while moving from page to page. This delay is rather bruising to the thought process.

When a page is full, the program won't accept any more characters. You must back up and chop a bit off your text or decide to extend the page beyond its normal length. Then you have to write the page to disk before you can continue.

If you decide to add a line to your first page, you have a big job ahead of you. You must take the last line of each page out of limbo and add it to the next.

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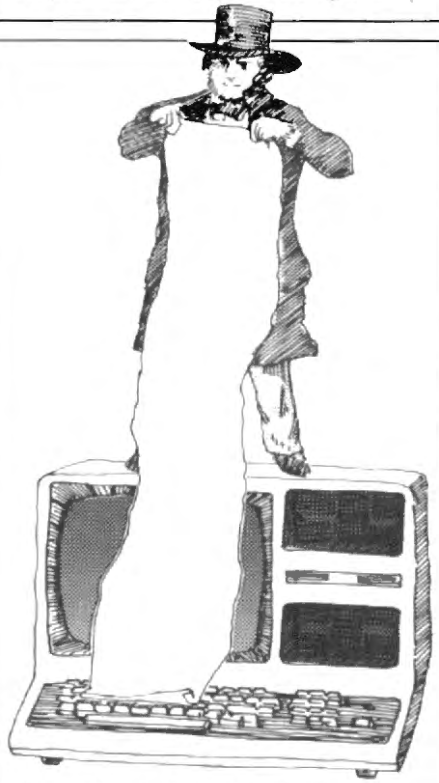

with tables or indented outlines. Top, bottom, left, and right margins appear as they will on paper in a what-you-see-is-what-you-get approach.

The program uses windowing to present long lines of text on the TRS-80's 64-character screen. Scroll sideways to bring the rest of the text into view.

You can set both horizontal and vertical tabs to display columnar data just the way you want it. If you intend to right-justify the text as it's printed, the program automatically adds spaces to the display. To reduce clutter, Clean Slate doesn't display graphics markers to show carriage returns and form feeds, although graphics tokens for items like boldface and underline do appear.

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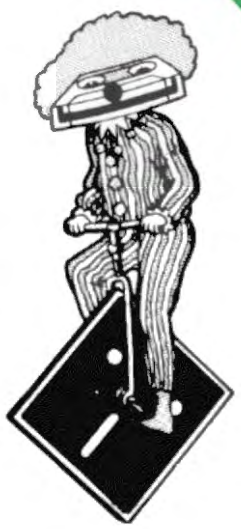

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matted screen—none of it is automatic. If you want right justification or you change the line length, you must command reformatting one line at a time.

If you add a word to a formatted page, you have to march through each line of text to set things right. Since all Clean Slate's keys repeat, this isn't as tough as it sounds, but it's still a bigger chore than if you could use a single command.

You need to watch out for a few bear traps when Clean Slate adds spaces in the justification process and then removes some of them during a reformat. The program is written to insert two spaces between sentences and ensure that they are there when the sentence ends with a period. However, sentence endings such as a question mark require manual spacing.

Otherwise, Clean Slate is a word processor with all the standard features and a few extras. The clear key, used in conjunction with letter keys and their shifted counterparts, provides a wide range of commands.

The arrow keys move the cursor up, down, left, and right. When the cursor reaches the right margin, it windows the text of a long line into view. Control-left or right arrow also moves the screen window. A shift-left or right arrow tabs forward or backward, or moves one word if you've set no tabs.

A shift-up or down arrow moves to a vertical tab position. If you've set none, they move the cursor to the beginning or end of the page—whether any text is there or not. A control-up or down arrow saves the current page to disk and loads the previous or next one.

Clean Slate uses wraparound, so you don't have to be conscious of a line's end. Specify a Hot Field width to cause a flashing message when a word exceeding a specified length reaches the right margin. Then you can choose to hyphenate the word to keep an even margin or let it carry over to the next line.

Overtyping is the normal correction method, and a standard combination of control-D deletes a character. Insertions are a bit different: Control-I inserts a single space at the cursor location. You can also insert text by using control-E to split the line. Make the insertion, then use control-M to merge the lines together again.

You can insert or erase entire lines or pages. Clean Slate lets you append a text file to the current page, or write the page you're working on as an external file for another document to use. You can mark blocks of text and then insert them at another location on the page, delete them, or overwrite them with blanks.

You can also center text. If your printer supports it, Clean Slate can backspace to overstrike letters and create hybrid characters.

Features

Clean Slate has a string search function with an optional replace. You can set the match to ignore upper/lowercase differences, and you might decide to have a Yes/No prompt at each replace. Like other Clean Slate functions, search/replace is confined to the current page.

An unusual feature of Clean Slate is its glossary function. You can define keys as a string of characters or control functions, and enter them with control-G and the programmed key. The program saves these glossary key records in another file together with header/footer information and loads them into the current page as called.

You can write one header and one footer per document and store them for later use, but you must reset the page length to account for them.

The top line of the display is reserved for Clean Slate prompt messages. Normally, this location shows the page and line numbers and the character location of the cursor. You can also toggle it to show a ruler (in inches), or a line that displays the margins and tabs. The top of the screen also contains prompts, abbreviated menus, and error messages.

Clean Slate can redefine control keys or the entire keyboard if you happen to favor the Dvorak over the QWERTY arrangement. The program supports keyboard input during printing and has a limited form-letter capability.

Clean Slate devotes much of its code and control functions to modem operation so you can send and receive your text files over phone lines, edit them, and then print them.

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Slate source code. The second volume is a 103-page abbreviation of the first in a three-ring binder.

The books are tough on a beginner, referencing some functions prior to their explanation or introducing advanced features early in the text. The main volume is indexed as a reference source, but some items are curiously missing. For example, there's no listing for insert or delete.

Clean Slate comes with a pared-down version of DOSPLUS on the disk for use by Model I owners; you can convert the program with Model III TRSDOS. A configuration program is included to specify the type of disk operating systems you intend to use, control codes recognized by your printer, and parameters for your RS-232 communications network.

You can change other specifications during Clean Slate operation. You can alter margins, tabs, line spacing, and the like, and save them to disk as the new defaults.

Clean Slate still lacks several features. It's missing proportional justification, conditional hyphens, custom printer fonts, or the advanced graphics found in some other word processors.

Its page orientation doesn't have the flexibility of a file-oriented word processor, and it doesn't lend itself readily to auxiliary programs, such as spelling and grammar checkers.

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Some advanced editors let you store a series of editing commands for repeated execution. You can repeatedly invoke the stored command string, called a macro, with a single keystroke to accomplish a task like correcting all a word's misspellings.

EDM and ALE represent the macro editing concept taken to its logical extreme. Within a given macro instruction string you can have commands to open and close files, conditional jumps, requests for keyboard input, wildcard string searches, subroutine calls, the equivalent of PEEKs and POKEs, and the routing of output to the printer.

You can store up to 26 macros in single-keystroke buffers, and load the macros to and from disk files. If you like to design your own disk file data bases, you'll find that modification or reformatting with EDM or ALE and a properly written macro or two often does the work of a day's coding in Basic or Assembly language.

EDM handles a wide range of file types as input and output, including CMD, BAS, and word processing files. You can display files as ASCII, compressed Basic, hexadecimal dump, and other formats.

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When you use ALE for assembly of source code from disk, all the source code doesn't have to originate in a single disk file. It's possible to bring material in from several disk files.

ALE can't perform the function most people associate with the term *linker*. It can't bring together assembled modules containing global references, but instead requires that source code modules be assembled all in one activity.

The term *macro* can also lead to confusion about ALE. It's not what some programmers call a macro assembler, as it doesn't handle assembly macros—blocks of source code replicated into referenced locations of a program at assembly time. As used in ALE, macro refers to the editor macros written in ALE/EDM editor macro language.

One nice feature of the ALE linker is that it takes its commands from a disk file containing assembly commands that the user writes in a simple job control language (JCL). This is handy if you're working on a project that involves repeated reassembly of a program made up of many parts.

After making changes to the source code of one or two subroutines, you can reassemble the whole without retyping or merging the various file names.

User Customization

Most commercial software is marketed as Z80 object code (such as a CMD file) that's nearly impossible to modify. ALE and EDM, however, have easy-to-change internal registers and flags controlling nearly every facet of operation, from repeat-key timing to screen line protection.

You can change these parameters manually or with user-defined macros. The assembler macros of ALE and the file handling macros of EDM use them heavily.

Provisions for user-defined printer drivers are helpful for those using non-Radio Shack printers.

When you run ALE or EDM for the first time, it asks which DOS and model computer you're using. ALE also asks which of several assembler source code formats you've used before. The program stores your responses to disk, so it can take proper advantage of the DOS in use.

If the DOS you use isn't on the opening menu, it's hard to know how to proceed. For example, TRSDOS 2.7DD isn't provided for. The Alternate Source has a goal of supporting users on all DOSes.

According to the documentation, the editors presently work with TRSDOS 2.3 and 2.3B, and NEWDOS 3.0 on the Model I; TRSDOS 1.6 on the Model III; and LDOS 5.1, MULTIDOS 1.6, DOSPLUS 3.4, and NEWDOS80 2 on the Models I and III.

Documentation

The manual for EDM, the macro editor, contains some 200 pages, and the manual for ALE, the editor/assembler, totals 150 pages, each without a single illustration or chart to relieve the single-spaced text.

Each was printed on a 7 by 9 dot-matrix printer in emphasized mode—the characters take a bit of getting used to. ALE and EDM are new products, though, and I prefer their complete, relatively error free dot-matrix manuals to the usually error-ridden and skimpy typeset manuals I've seen in some other new products.

Each manual has a good index and table of contents. I found just a few omissions. The ALE manual should have a listing for ASMFILE and a listing for DOS errors.

The ALE text at page 4-3 and the EDM text at page 4-1 need a line explaining that the error codes referred to in on screen error messages aren't TRSDOS Disk Basic codes, but TRSDOS input/output (I/O) machine language call error codes.

The text of the manuals is a bit dense, and is written at the level of a sophisticated Assembly-language or systems programmer. My first reading of the two manuals took about 15 hours—I was reading them more closely than would most new users. To get started using one of the programs, you really need to read only the first few chapters.

The manuals explain the hundreds of keyboard commands, macro editing commands, and storage registers through liberal use of examples that you can type in and follow.

Operational Complaints

Whenever an error arises in EDM or ALE, an error message appears and you have the option of exiting to DOS, of aborting the process with a return to the editor, or of retrying the operation. The former is handy if you must kill a file or two to free up disk space, while the latter is useful if an intermittent problem, such as a hash index table or gran allocation table error, arises.

However, when the editors encounter a DOS error, they have the disturbing habit of clearing the screen before printing the error message. Unless you've been watching the screen without interruption, it's difficult to figure out what the offending disk operation was. Often it's not enough to know the error number.

It would be better if the editor displayed the last line executed, or the file name and operation (read, write, open, close) causing the error.

After several days of use I couldn't get my printer, an Epson, to work properly with ALE, although I had no trouble with EDM. Since the two programs use the same routines for printer control, I suspect the problem lies in my copy of ALE.

ALE and EDM do their own keyboard scanning, which allows the luxury of a full type-ahead buffer and autorepeat keyboard. The programs trap most keyboard entries you might regret (such as clear buffer), and require a second, confirming entry before proceeding.

During almost any sequence, pressing the break key aborts the process with no harm done. However, I occasionally found that pushing the break key caused a jump to the MEM SIZE? prompt—surely one of the most frustrating responses for a Model I user.

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Frances Cohen's *BASICally Speaking: A Young Person's Introduction to Computing* is more than just another book on computer programming.

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BASICally Speaking covers the history of computing from the abacus to Pascal's calculating machines to present-day microcomputers.

The book explores the inside of a computer, computer memory, computer languages, computer operation, and programming and flowcharting. It provides substantive explanation of topics such as ROM and RAM, direct mode versus program mode, and variables.

Each chapter closes with review questions, and answers appear in an appendix at the back of the book. Other appendices cover binary numbers, powers of two, scientific notation, comparison symbols, and computer-related activities. The book also includes an extensive glossary, bibliography, and index.

BASICally Speaking is not restricted to any one computer system, a fact that has its advantages and disadvantages. The programs are written in Basic for the TRS-80, Commodore, Apple, and Atari computers. With minor modifications, the programs presented should work with any computer system, including time-sharing terminals.

Because the book deals with computers generally, it doesn't answer questions about specific computer systems. The examples given in *BASICally Speaking* might not address your computer.

For example, Cohen states that the command PRINT 2×4 won't produce the correct answer for all microcomputers. She suggests that some computers' results include a question mark or zero.

However, several micros interpret 2×4 as the number 2 and the variable ×4 (which has a value of zero). Thus the computer returns 20 as the result (it looks as if the computer has its multiplication tables wrong). But *BASICally Speaking* never considers this possibility, so an inexperienced user might misinterpret such an answer as a computer malfunction.

Another possible problem for novices is Cohen's confusing references to input and output in programming examples. Cohen uses input to mean the instructions you type into the computer, and output for the answer that appears on the screen. But you might interpret output to mean that you have to type what's specified as output to get it on the screen, rather than have the computer generate then display the output illustrated.

Cohen should have made her definitions more clear: Input is what you type into the computer, output is how the computer responds.

"This book doesn't require access to a computer; the programs are printed along with their output..."

This book doesn't require access to a computer; the programs are printed along with their output, so it's possible to read through the examples.

BASICally Speaking might be useful in a classroom with limited computer time, but it contains language difficult for younger children to understand. However, it is appropriate for middle and junior high school students. The book would benefit, though, from more illustrations and diagrams to explain topics covered.

Overall, *BASICally Speaking* is a good book for a class in computer literacy or a family reading it at home. It provides background for a better understanding of computers and it introduces programming in a pleasant manner. But if you own a computer, you might also want to get a system-specific book. ■

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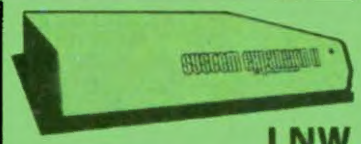

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option menu. The two block graphics modes print graphics that are essentially the same, except for the darkness of the lines. The same is true of the two dot graphics options: Dot Graphics and Dot Graphics (Bold).

The other two options, however, radically change the printout's appearance. Dot Graphics (High-Res) shortens the printout by approximately half, but leaves the height unchanged. Dot Graphics (Ultra-Res) reduces both height and width by approximately half, producing a printout ¼ as large as that produced by the Dot Graphics option.

PowerDOT is a disk-based program. When you start a new file and determine the graphic's width, the program allocates disk space in blocks. Each block equals 16 lines of screen display times the graphic's width. The smallest block you can define is 16 lines long by 64 characters wide.

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For each line, the program stores each unit of width as a single byte of memory. For example, if you prepare a graphics display 80 characters wide, each block of the graphics is 1,280 bytes long: 16 lines long times a width of 80 characters.

The width of dot graphics is more confusing to determine. The program translates each character space across the screen into two or more dots. If you want to produce graphics 16 lines high by 80 dots wide, specify a width of 40.

Thus, a dot graphics display 8½ inches wide requires blocks of 8,192 bytes each. To completely fill an 8½- by 11-inch piece of paper requires 15 such blocks: a total of 122K of disk space.

Using PowerDOT

When you select the dot editor, the screen clears and a small, blinking cursor (called a pixel in the user's manual) appears in the center. As this pixel moves, it leaves a lighted line behind it.

You control the cursor's movement with the numeric keys. The 5 key is the reference key and has no effect on the cursor's movement.

The eight keys surrounding the 5 key move the cursor in a direction analogous to the position of the key relative to the 5. Pressing the 8 key moves the cursor vertically up the screen. Pressing the 1 key moves the cursor diagonally down and left.

Four other keys modify the operation of the number keys. Holding the clear key while moving the cursor erases any line over which the cursor moves. Holding the P key moves the cursor without drawing or erasing a line.

Holding the M key while moving the cursor with the 1, 7, 9, or 3 moves the cursor at an angle approximately 150 degrees less than the angle the key makes otherwise. Holding the N key increases the resulting angle by approximately 150 degrees.

You can also draw lines using the program's AutoDraw routine. Position the cursor anywhere on the screen and press the S key. Then place the cursor anywhere else in the display you're formatting and press the D key. A line appears between point S and point D. Lines drawn with AutoDraw can span several blocks of memory, joining points that don't appear simultaneously on the screen.

Because of the TRS-80's low resolution, the drawing on the screen only approximates the finished graphics. Diagonal lines have a staircase appearance. The finished printout also has staircase diagonals, but the effect is scarcely noticeable.

The program displays only a portion of a large graphic on the screen at one time. When preparing graphics for the dot graphic mode, each screen prints 2 1/8 inches wide and 3/4 inches high. If you use PowerDOT to draw a letterhead 1 1/2 inches high by the width of a piece of stationery, only 1/8 of the graphic appears on the screen.

Drawing with PowerDOT is much like drawing with an Etch-a-Sketch. Straight lines are fairly easy, but curves can be infuriating!

Also, you must have a good idea of what you are trying to draw before you

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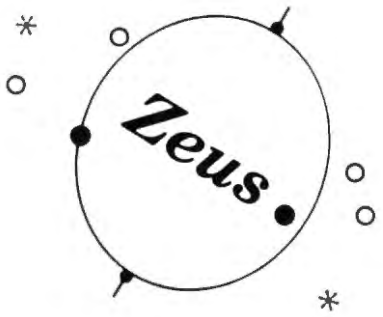

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begin. Corrections tend to create more problems that must be corrected. To avoid a situation of diminishing returns, keep corrections to a minimum.

Large drawings that don't fit on a single screen present special problems. It's difficult to keep the parts aligned.

The only way you can create large drawings with any degree of accuracy is to manually draw the design on paper, then overlay a grid that approximates the screen dimensions in scale. Draw each screen according to this layout.

Printing the finished graphics display is a separate process from drawing it. You must save the graphics to disk. Printing occurs directly from the disk, so the maximum drawing size is limited only by disk space.

Printing files with PowerDOT presents several problems. First, the six different printing modes produce very different results from the same graphics file. Also, because of size restrictions, you can't print all graphics in all modes. For example, a graphics display prepared for the Ultra-Res print mode might be too large for any other mode.

To illustrate the six printing modes, I made a simple grid that filled one full screen, then printed it in each of the modes.

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The two block graphic printer modes produce graphics that span an 8½-inch page. The four dot graphic modes produce three different size displays.

Documentation

PowerDOT comes with a user's manual only 17 pages long. It doesn't make any attempt at a tutorial, nor does it have any examples on how to use the program.

The manual is a simple description of the function of the various keys and options that control drawing, disk operations, and printing. The few attempts made at explanation are vague and confusing. Unfortunately, the manual contains several typographical errors, misspellings, and nonsense statements.

Powersoft doesn't supply a list of printers with which PowerDOT works. On p. 3 of the manual, the Epson MX series and the C. Itoh Prowriter 8510A are specifically mentioned. A statement indicates that PowerDOT works on a "...variety of printers..." but names no others.

I tried PowerDOT only with an Epson MX-80. It worked without any change in the printer's set-up.

Given the rudimentary documentation and lack of a tutorial, you might expect strong support from Powersoft. This is not the case. On p. 2 of the manual, a statement of disclaimer clearly says that the publisher is not responsible. If you buy PowerDOT, you must see that it works.

Disclaimers of this type are fairly standard in the software business, but this manual goes a little beyond the disclaimer. Page 15 says not to call with questions.

I decided to test this attitude, and called Powersoft with a list of questions. They really mean don't call. I was politely, but firmly told that my problems couldn't be answered by phone. If I'd send my questions by mail, accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope, an effort would be made to answer.

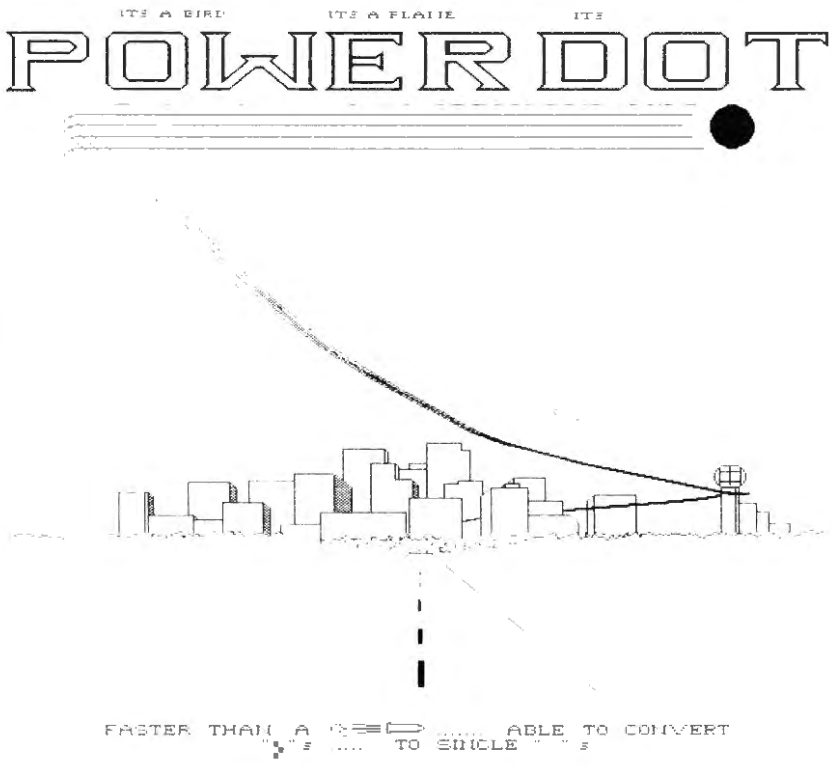

Figure 1. PowerDOT produces detailed graphics.

Conclusions

You can obtain elaborate results with PowerDOT. The program comes with two complete graphics on the distribution disk. One of these is a full-page drawing reproduced here as Fig. 1.

PowerDOT is not particularly easy to use. It lacks any routine to help you draw curves and circles. The manner of moving the cursor varies with different program modes.

Because the documentation is so skimpy, you have to invest in trial-and-error attempts to learn to use the program efficiently. If you have problems with PowerDOT, you're on your own. Little, if any, support is forthcoming from the program's publishers.

If, however, you need to use your dot-matrix printer to produce graphics, PowerDOT is infinitely better than attempting to code hundreds or thousands of data values for a Basic program to POKE. ■

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MC-10 Computer, Tandy/Radio Shack, One Tandy Center, Fort Worth, TX 76102, $119.95.

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Monty Plays Scrabble, Ritam Corporation, P.O. Box 921, Fairfield, IA 52556, Models I and III, 32K RAM, $34.95.

"For a relatively modest price, Monty Plays Scrabble is a fascinating exercise in programming that should give its owners more than their money's worth of fun. Nevertheless, I'd still take on an interesting flesh-and-blood opponent over Monty any day." *Popular Computing*, September, p. 182.

Subroutine Sandwich, Dr. John P. Grillo and Dr. J.D. Robertson, John Wiley & Sons Inc., New York, NY, 251 pp., $12.95.

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Ephemeris for Comets and Minor Planets

by James H. Fox

Many amateur astronomers have the equipment to track comets and minor planets after they have passed beyond the range of the positions published in astronomy magazines. Computing positions to create ephemerides is what this program is all about.

Some asteroids and comets follow elliptically shaped orbits, and are called periodic because they return to the same point in their orbit after an elapsed period of time. The orbits of these periodic comets and minor planets may be altered by gravitational attraction of the major planets. When such perturbation occurs, the periodic body is not at the position predicted by the last known orbital parameters. To recover or find objects that have had their orbits perturbed, amateur astronomers need some method of defining an area of the sky in which to search. The program provides one method.

Orbital motions are described by a set of differential equations relating two of Newton's physical laws—the Law of Gravitation and the Law of Motion. Solution of these equations requires six constants of integration, known as the elements of the orbit.

Compute the projected positions of comets and minor planets using these orbit parameters.

Orbital Elements

The elements can come in many forms, but the most common are the osculating elements. The eccentricity, e, and the semi-major axis, a, determine the shape and size of the orbit. The inclination (i), argument of the perihelion (ω), and longitude of the ascending node (Ω) determine the spatial orientation of the orbit. The sixth element, perihelion date (T), fixes the object's position in the orbit. Figure 1 shows the relationship of the elements.

Certain other elements may also be given. The perihelion distance (q), rather than the semi-major axis (which is infinite), is used for parabolic orbits. A time (T_o), and the corresponding mean anomaly (M_o) may be given instead of the perihelion date. The period (P) and the mean daily motion (n°) may also be given.

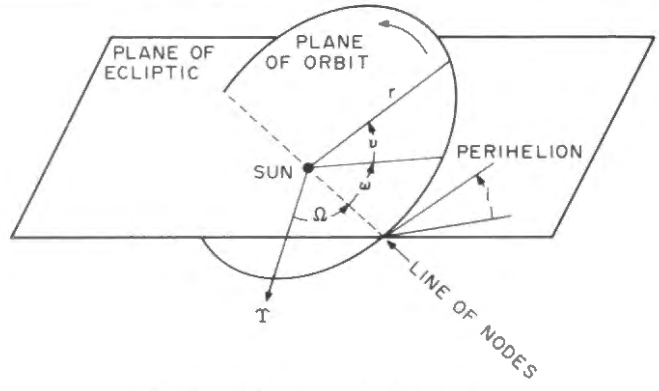

Figure 1. Relationship of orbital elements.

Conic Sections

The solutions to the differential equations of motion are equations of conic sections. Just which conic section a particular orbit follows is determined by its eccentricity, e:

circle	$e = 0$
ellipse	$0 < e < 1$
parabola	$e = 1$
hyperbola	$e > 1$

Hyperbolic orbits are very rare because of the high energies required to achieve them. I won't consider such orbits here. Since circular orbits are merely a special case of elliptical orbits and since they seldom occur in nature, I won't discuss them separately.

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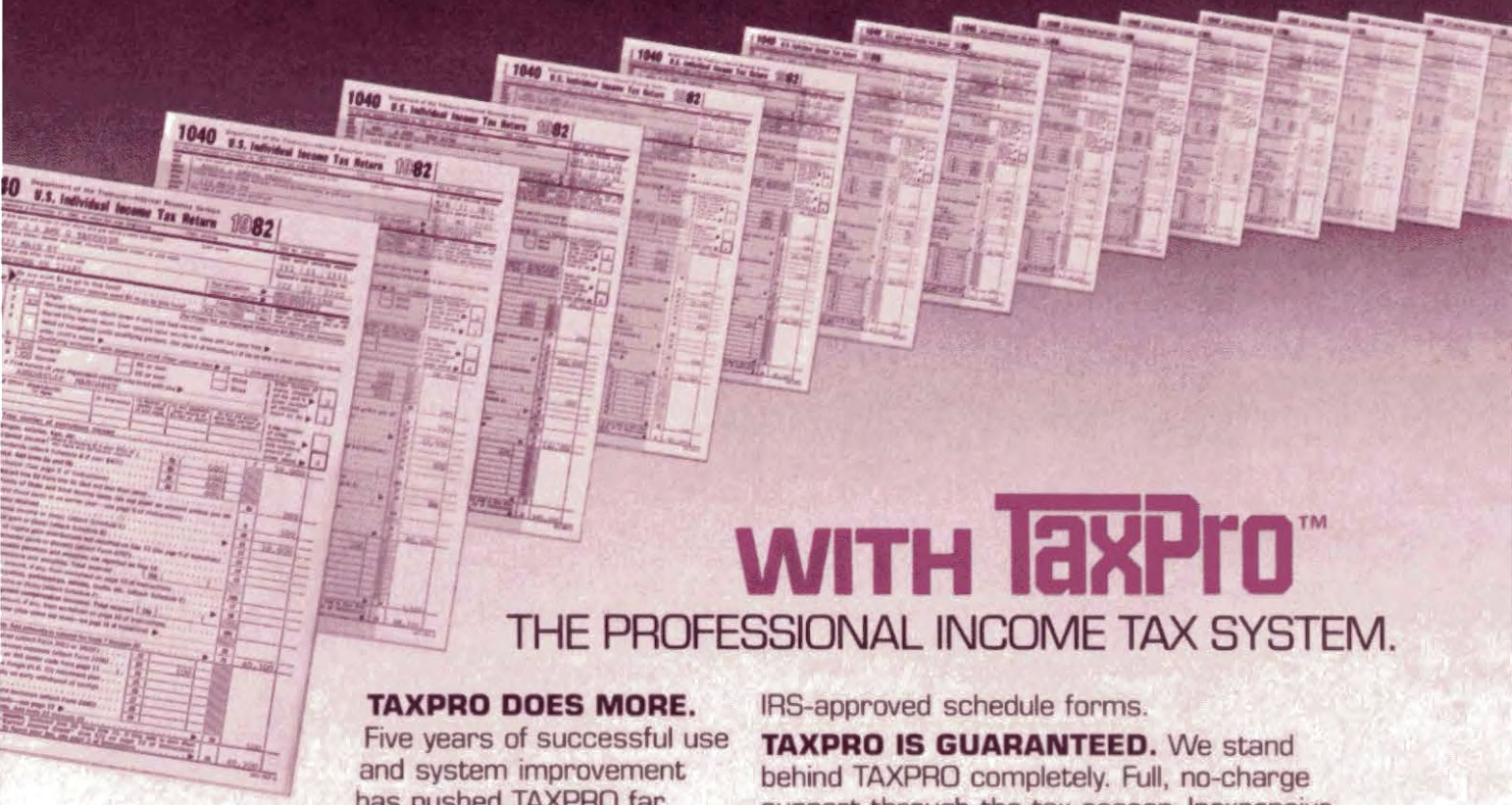

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Elliptical Orbits

An ellipse is the most common shape for an orbit to assume. Double stars, planets, most comets, and other bodies in stable orbits travel in ellipses.

Kepler developed the equations for elliptical orbits. To do so, he used an auxiliary circle, circumscribed around the ellipse, and having a radius equal to the ellipse's semi-major axis. (Refer to Fig. 2). He then defined three angles. The true anomaly (ν) is the true polar

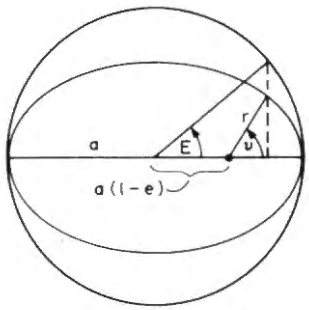

Figure 2. Auxiliary circle.

angle of the orbiting object as seen from the focus of the ellipse and measured from the perihelion. The eccentric anomaly (E) is the angle, measured from the perihelion of the object, as projected onto the auxiliary circle and as seen from the center of that circle. The mean anomaly (M) is the angle, measured from the perihelion, which the object would have if it moved along the auxiliary circle with uniform motion. Note that for a circular orbit (e = 0), a is the constant radius of the orbit and the mean, eccentric, and true anomalies coincide.

You can find the mean anomaly (M) at any time (t) by:

$$(1)\quad M = \frac{360}{P}(t - T) \text{ degrees}$$
$$= \frac{2\pi}{P}(t - T) \text{ radians}$$

P is the orbital period and T is the time of perihelion passage.

Kepler's Equation relates the mean anomaly to the eccentric anomaly (E) by:

$$(2)\quad E = M + e^\circ \sin E$$

All angles are in degrees and $e^\circ = 57.29578\ e$. Since Kepler's Equation is transcendental, you cannot solve it explicitly. Instead, find an approximate solution by iteration. One of the easiest iteration schemes to apply is:

$$(3)\quad E_{i+1} = M + e^\circ \sin E_i + \ldots \text{ letting } E_1 = M$$

Continue the iteration until successive approximations agree within the desired error limits. The approximation equation may be truncated to include only the first two terms if e is small enough. If you fail to include higher order terms, you'll only slow the rate of convergence.

As the eccentricity approaches one, the elliptical orbit gets more elongated and the rate of convergence of the iteration scheme specified by equation 3 slows significantly. An alternate method for nearly parabolic orbits is incorporated in the program below if the eccentricity is greater than 0.75. The method is not detailed here, but you can find further information in A.D. Dubyago's *The Determination of Orbits.*

"An ellipse is the most common shape for an orbit to assume. Double stars, planets, and other bodies travel in ellipses."

Once you've determined the eccentric anomaly, find the true anomaly by:

$$(4)\quad \tan 0.5\nu = \sqrt{\frac{1+e}{1-e}} \tan 0.5\ E$$

Note that the two anomalies, E and ν, lie in the same quadrant, so the inverse tangent can be determined uniquely.

Computing Ephemerides

Given the orbital elements:

T_o—date of perihelion passage
i—orbit inclination to the ecliptic
ω—argument of the perihelion
Ω—longitude of the ascending node
a—semi-major axis (in AU) for elliptical orbits
q—perihelion distance (in AU) for parabolic orbits
e—eccentricity
M_o—mean anomaly at time T_o if T_o is some date other than the date of perihelion passage ($M_o = 0$ at perihelion)

Compute the auxiliary quantities:

$$(5)$$
$$\alpha_1 = \sin\Omega \sin\omega \quad \beta_1 = \cos\Omega \sin\omega \quad \gamma_1 = \sin i \sin\omega$$
$$\alpha_2 = \sin\Omega \cos\omega \quad \beta_2 = \cos\Omega \cos\omega \quad \gamma_2 = \sin i \cos\omega$$

Compute the Gaussian Constants for the orbit. Note that the values are dependent only on i, ω, Ω, and ϵ (inclination of the ecliptic to the Earth's equatorial plane, $\epsilon = 23^\circ\ 26'\ 44.8''$ in 1950) and need be computed only once for a given orbit.

$$(6)\quad P_x = \beta_2 - \alpha_1 \cos i$$
$$P_y = (\beta_2 + \alpha_1 \cos i)\cos\epsilon - \gamma_1 \sin\epsilon$$
$$P_z = (\beta_2 + \alpha_1 \cos i)\sin\epsilon + \gamma_1 \cos\epsilon$$
$$Q_x = -\beta_1 - \alpha_2 \cos i$$
$$Q_y = (-\beta_1 + \alpha_2 \cos i)\cos\epsilon - \gamma_2 \sin\epsilon$$
$$Q_z = (-\beta_1 + \alpha_2 \cos i)\sin\epsilon + \gamma_2 \cos\epsilon$$

If the orbit is elliptical ($0 < e < 1$), continue with equation 7. If the orbit is parabolic ($e = 1$), skip to equation 11.

Ephemeris for Elliptic Orbit

For each date and time of the desired ephemeris, calculate the mean anomaly, M.

$$(7)\quad M = M_o + n^\circ (t - T_o)$$
T = date of ephemeris
n° = mean daily motion (degrees per day)
$$= \frac{0.9856076686}{a^{3/2}}$$
$$= \frac{360}{P \text{ (days)}}$$

By carrying out this and succeeding calculations using fictitious values for M_o, the resulting ephemeris shows the projected shape of the orbit in the sky instead of a single point. This projected shape gives the observer an estimate of the necessary search area if he is trying to recover a lost periodic object. Such an ephemeris is called a search ephemeris.

For each calculated value of M, compute the eccentric anomaly, E, from Kepler's Equation using equation 3 until the relative error is less than 0.01 percent. The relative error can be calculated by:

$$(8)\quad \left|\frac{E_{i+1} - E_i}{E_i}\right| < 0.0001$$

Once computation of E has converged to the desired accuracy, compute the solar rectangular coordinates for each value of E computed.

$$(9)\quad x = a\,P_x(\cos E - e) + a\sqrt{1-e^2}\,Q_x \sin E$$
$$y = a\,P_y(\cos E - e) + a\sqrt{1-e^2}\,Q_y \sin E$$
$$z = a\,P_z(\cos E - e) + a\sqrt{1-e^2}\,Q_z \sin E$$

$$(10)\quad r = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2}$$
distance from the sun (AU)

Skip to equation 16 to compute right ascension and declination from the solar rectangular coordinates.

Program Listing. Orbit Computation/BAS.

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0 CLEAR1000:GOTO300      'COPYRIGHT 1982 BY J.H. FOX, AFTON MN
1 PRINT@975,"(HIT ANY KEY TO CONTINUE)";
2 Q$=INKEY$:IFQ$=""THEN2ELSERETURN
4 IF(PEEK(14312)AND240)<>48THENPRINTTAB(10)"*** PRINTER NOT READ
Y ***":Q%=0:RETURNELSEQ%=-1:RETURN
6 POKE16414,141:POKE16415,5:RETURN      'DCB=PRINTER
7 POKE16414,88:POKE16415,4:RETURN       'DCB=VIDEO
13 PRINT@64*(Q-1),;:RETURN
14 PRINT@64*(Q-1),CHR$(31):GOSUB13:RETURN      'ERASE LINE Q TO
END
300 DEFFNMD(I,J)=I-INT(I/J)*J           'I MOD J
302 DEFFNFR(X)=X-FIX(X)                   'FRACTION PART OF X
303 DEFFNRD(X)=X*PI/180                 'DEGREES => RADIANS
304 DEFFNDG(X)=X*180/PI                 'RADIANS => DEGREES
306 DEFFNMN(X)=FIX(FNFR(X)*60)          'MIN PART OF DD.DDDD
307 DEFFNSC(X)=FNFR(FNFR(X)*60)*60      'SEC PART OF DD.DDDD
308 DEFFNAT(X,Y)=ATN(Y/X)-PI*(X<0)+2*PI*(X>0)*(Y<0)     'ARCTAN(Y
/X) IN PROPER QUADRANT
309 DEFFNAS(X)=ATN(X/SQR(1-X*X))        'ARCSIN(X)
312 DEFFNR(X,Y,Z)=SQR(X*X+Y*Y+Z*Z)      'RADIUS VECTOR
315 GOTO1000
500 '           PARABOLIC ORBIT  EP = 1
510 M=MJ+(T(I)-T0)/A[1.5:C=.0364912*M:CS=SQR(C*C/4+1):C1=C/2-CS:
C2=C/2+CS:J1=SGN(C1):C1=ABS(C1):J2=SGN(C2):C2=ABS(C2)
520 S=J1*C1[(1/3)+J2*C2[(1/3)
530 PA=A*(1-S*S):QA=2*A*S:RETURN
600 '           ELLIPTICAL ORBIT  0 <= EP <= 0.75
610 N0=.985608/A[1.5:N0=FNRD(N0):
620 M=M0+MJ+N0*(T(I)-T0):E1=M
630 E=M+EP*SIN(E1):IFABS(1-E/E1)<.0001THEN640ELSEE1=E:GOTO630
640 PA=A*(COS(E)-EP):QA=A*SQR(1-EP*EP)*SIN(E):RETURN
700 '           NEARLY PARABOLIC ORBIT  .75 < EP < 1
710 E=(1-EP)/(1+EP):F=1-(.399375-.108601*E)*E
720 D=1-(.0284851-(.0186341-.001917*E)*E)*E
730 C=F*SQR((1+EP)/2)/A[1.5:B=EP*D:M=C*(T(I)-T0)+MJ
740 T1=.0364912*M:T3=SQR(T1*T1/4+1):X0=T1/2-T3:J1=SGN(X0):X0=ABS
(X0)
750 T2=J1*X0[(1/3)+(T1/2+T3)[(1/3):N=B*T2*T2:S=1+.431919*N
760 P=N+E:IFP<.22THENH=1
770 IFP>=.22THENH=1-3E-6*(P-.21)
780 T3=T2*S*H:T4=T3*T3*E+1
790 PA=A*(1-T3*T3)/T4:QA=2*A*T3/T4:RETURN
1000 DEFINTI-K:PI=3.14159:CLS
1050 PRINTCHR$(23):PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"   SEARCH EPHEMERIDES
":PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"   BY J.H. FOX":FORI=1TO2000:NEXT:CLS
1150 CLS:INPUT"ENTER NAME OF OBJECT .....";A$
1160 PRINT@128,"ENTER ELEMENTS:"
1170 INPUT"     INCLINATION ..............";U:U=FNRD(U)
1180 INPUT"     ARGUMENT OF PERIHELION ....";V:V=FNRD(V)
1190 INPUT"     LONG. OF ASCENDING NODE ...";W:W=FNRD(W)
1200 INPUT"     REFERENCE DATE (JD) .......";T0
1210 INPUT"     ECCENTRICITY .............";EP
1220 IF(EP<0OREP>1)THENPRINT"
ORBIT NOT DEFINED FOR NEGATIVE ECCENTRICITY.
EPHEMERIS NOT AVAILABLE FOR HYPERBOLIC ORBIT.":STOP
1230 JP=3                       'NEARLY PARABOLIC
1240 IFEP=1THENJP=1             'PARABOLIC
1250 IFEP=<.75THENJP=2          'ELLIPTIC
1260 ONJPGOTO1270,1300,1270
1270 PRINT"  *** PARABOLIC OR NEAR PARABOLIC ORBIT ***"
1280 INPUT"     PERIHELION DISTANCE .......";A:GOTO1330
1300 PRINT"  *** ELLIPTICAL ORBIT ***"
1310 INPUT"     SEMI-MAJOR AXIS ..........";A
1320 PRINT"     MEAN ANOMALY IN DEGREES AT REFERENCE"
1321 INPUT"       DATE (=0 AT PERIHELION) ";M0:M0=FNRD(M0)
1330 CLS:K=1                    'ENTER SOLAR COORDINATES
1340 PRINT"FOR EACH DATE OF DESIRED EPHEMERIS, ENTER A 8 CHARACT
ER STRING
FOR THE DATE (EG, 10/15/82), THE JULIAN DATE AND THE (EPOCH
1950) X,Y,Z COORDINATES OF THE SUN FOR THAT DATE (AVAIL. FROM"
1341 PRINT"ASTRONOMICAL ALMANAC, SECTION 'C').  A MAXIMUM OF 10
DATES ARE
ALLOWED.  IF FEWER THAN 10 DATES ARE REQUIRED, ENTER 'DONE'
PLUS 4 ZEROS (SEPARATED BY COMMAS) AFTER THE LAST DATE - EG,
? DONE,0,0,0,0":PRINT
1350 INPUTD$(K),T(K),X(K),Y(K),Z(K)
1360 IFLEFT$(D$(K),4)="DONE"THENK=K-1:GOTO1400
1370 IFK=10THEN1400ELSEK=K+1:GOTO1350
1400 CLS:PRINT@138,"SELECT YOUR CHOICE BY NUMBER:"
1401 PRINT@266,"<1>     SINGLE POSITION EPHEMERIS"
1402 PRINT@394,"<2>     ORBIT PROJECTION EPHEMERIS"
1410 GOSUB2:JC=VAL(Q$):IFJC<1ORJC>2THEN1410
1420 CLS:PRINT@458,"OUTPUT TO SCREEN <S> OR PRINTER <P>"
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Listing continued

Ephemeris for Parabolic Orbit

For a parabolic orbit, no value is given for a (which is infinite) or e (which is always 1 for a parabola). Instead, the perihelion distance (q) is used to compute the mean anomaly (M) for each date (t) of desired ephemeris.

$$(11) \qquad M = \frac{t - T_o}{q^{3/2}}$$

For each calculated value of M, compute σ. (Note: $\sigma = \tan 0.5\nu$, where ν is the true anomaly. However, the value of ν itself is never required in further calculations, so σ is computed here, instead.)

$$(12) \qquad \frac{1}{3}\sigma^3 + \sigma = \frac{k\,M}{2} \qquad k = \text{Gaussian constant} = 0.01720209895$$

This equation may be solved for σ by iteration or by the following special form of the cubic equation for the real root σ:

$$(13) \qquad \sigma = \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{2} - \left(\frac{c^2}{4} + 1\right)^{1/2}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{2} + \left(\frac{c^2}{4} + 1\right)^{1/2}}$$

$$c = \frac{3\,k\,M}{2}$$

Once the values of σ have been determined, compute the solar rectangular coordinates for each value of σ.

$$(14) \qquad \begin{aligned} x &= q\,P_x\,(1 - \sigma^2) + 2\,q\,Q_x\sigma \\ y &= q\,P_y\,(1 - \sigma^2) + 2\,q\,Q_y\sigma \\ z &= q\,P_z\,(1 - \sigma^2) + 2\,q\,Q_z\sigma \end{aligned}$$

$$(15) \qquad r = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2}$$

distance from the sun (AU)

This is the same as equation 10.

Determine Equatorial Coordinates

From the solar rectangular coordinates, compute the geocentric rectangular coordinates:

$$(16) \qquad \begin{aligned} \xi &= x + X \\ \eta &= y + Y \\ \zeta &= z + Z \end{aligned}$$

$$(17) \qquad \Delta = (\xi^2 + \eta^2 + \zeta^2)^{1/2}$$

distance from the Earth (AU)

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1440 IFQ$><"P"THEN1430
1450 JS=0:GOSUB4
1460 IFQ%THEN1500
1470 FORI=1TO1000:NEXT:GOTO1420
1500 CLS:PRINT@458,"COMPUTING GAUSIAN CONSTANTS"
1510 A1=SIN(W)*SIN(V):B1=COS(W)*SIN(V):C1=SIN(U)*SIN(V)
1520 A2=SIN(W)*COS(V):B2=COS(W)*COS(V):C2=SIN(U)*COS(V)
1530 D1=A2+B1*COS(U):D2=-A1+B2*COS(U)
1540 PX=B2-A1*COS(U):PY=D1*.917437-C1*.397881:PZ=D1*.397881+C1*.
917437
1550 QX=-B1-A2*COS(U):QY=D2*.917437-C2*.397881:QZ=D2*.397881+C2*
.917437
1560 IFNOTJSTHENCLS:PRINT@458,"COMPUTING EPHEMERIDES":GOSUB6
1570 IFJSTHENCLS
1600 PRINTTAB(20)"EPHEMERIS FOR ";A$
1610 PRINTTAB(6)"  DATE       RT ASC     DECLINATION   R(EARTH)
R(SUN)"
1611 PRINTTAB(18)"HR MIN     DEG MIN          (AU)          (AU)"
1620 B$="      %       %     ## ##.#    ### ##.#      ##.####     ##.
####"
1621 C$="                    ## ##.#    ### ##.#"
1700 FORI=1TOK:IFJC=1THENJL=0:JU=0ELSEJL=-2:JU=2
1710 PRINT" "
1720 FORJ=JLTOJU:MJ=J*.0872665:ONJPGOSUB500,600,700
1730 X=PA*PX+QA*QX:Y=PA*PY+QA*QY:Z=PA*PZ+QA*QZ:R=FNR(X,Y,Z)
1740 XI=X+X(I):ETA=Y+Y(I):ZETA=Z+Z(I):D=FNR(XI,ETA,ZETA)
1750 DC=FNAS(ZETA/D):DC=FNDG(DC):RA=FNAT(XI,ETA):RA=FNDG(RA)/15
1760 ID=SGN(DC):DC=ABS(DC):DG=ID*FIX(DC):DM=FNMN(DC)+FNSC(DC)/60

1770 HR=FIX(RA):MN=FNMN(RA)+FNSC(RA)/60
1780 IFJ=0THENPRINTUSINGB$;D$(I),HR,MN,DG,DM,D,R
                ELSEPRINTUSINGC$;HR,MN,DG,DM
1790 NEXTJ
1800 IF(JSANDJC=2ANDFNMD(I,2)=0)THENGOSUB1:Q=4:GOSUB14
1810 NEXTI:GOSUB7:GOSUB1:CLS:STOP
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1 IFJS=0THENRETURNELSEPRINT:PRINTTAB(25)"(HIT ANY KEY TO CONTINU
E)"
2 Q$=INKEY$:IFQ$=""THEN2ELSEPRINTCHR$(11);:PRINTCHR$(23):RETURN
4 SYSTEM"DUAL ON":RETURN
510 M=MJ+(T(I)-T0)/A^1.5:C=.0364912*M:CS=SQR(C*C/4+1):C1=C/2-CS:
C2=C/2+CS:J1=SGN(C1):C1=ABS(C1):J2=SGN(C2):C2=ABS(C2)
520 S=J1*C1^(1/3)+J2*C2^(1/3)
610 N0=.985608/A^1.5:N0=FNRD(N0):
730 C=F*SQR((1+EP)/2)/A^1.5:B=EP*D:M=C*(T(I)-T0)+MJ
750 T2=J1*X0^(1/3)+(T1/2+T3)^(1/3):N=B*T2*T2:S=1+.431919*N
1050 PRINTCHR$(31):PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"          SEARCH EPHEM
ERIDES":PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"          BY J.H. FOX":FORI=1T
O2000:NEXT:PRINT CHR$(30)
1160 PRINT:PRINT"ENTER ELEMENTS:"
1220 IF(EP<0OREP>1)THENPRINT:PRINT"ORBIT NOT DEFINED FOR NEGATIV
E ECCENTRICITY.":PRINT"EPHEMERIS NOT AVAILABLE FOR HYPERBOLIC OR
BIT.":STOP
1340 PRINT"FOR EACH DATE OF DESIRED EPHEMERIS, ENTER AN 8 CHARAC
TER STRING FOR THE":PRINT"DATE (EG, 10/15/82), THE JULIAN DATE A
ND THE (EPOCH 1950) X,Y,Z":PRINT"COORDINATES OF THE SUN FOR THAT
 DATE (AVAIL. FROM ASTRONOMICAL ALMANAC,"
1341 PRINT"SECTION 'C'). A MAXIMUM OF 10 DATES ARE ALLOWED.  IF
FEWER THAN 10 DATES":PRINT"ARE REQUIRED, ENTER 'DONE' PLUS 4 ZER
OS (SEPARATED BY COMMAS) AFTER THE LAST":PRINT"DATE - EG, ? DONE
,0,0,0,0":PRINT
1400 CLS:PRINT@180,"SELECT YOUR CHOICE BY NUMBER:"
1401 PRINT@340,"<1>     SINGLE POSITION EPHEMERIS"
1402 PRINT@500,"<2>     ORBIT PROJECTION EPHEMEPIS"
1420 CLS:PRINT@420,"OUTPUT TO SCREEN <S> OR PRINTER <P>"
1500 CLS:PRINT@420,"COMPUTING GAUSIAN CONSTANTS"
1560 IFNOTJSTHENCLS:PRINT@420,"COMPUTING EPHEMERIDES"
1620 B$="      \       \    ## ##.#    ### ##.#      ##.####     ##.
####"
1780 IFJ=0THENPRINTUSINGB$;D$(I),HR,MN,DG,DM,D,R ELSEPRINTUSINGC
$;HR,MN,DG,DM
1800 IF(JSANDJC=2ANDFNMD(I,2)=0)THENGOSUB1:Q=4
```

tabulated in the *Astronomical Almanac* for each day of the year. The *Astronomical Almanac* is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office. Each date of the desired ephemeris requires one set of rectangular coordinates.

For each set of rectangular coordinates, compute right ascension (α) and declination (δ) from:

(18) $\delta = \sin^{-1}(\zeta/\Delta)$ degrees

(19) $\alpha = \tan^{-1}(\eta/\xi)$ degrees

Remember, α must be converted to hours by α (hours) = α (degrees)/15.

The inverse tangent on all computers returns a value between $-90°$ and $+90°$. If ξ is negative, add 180° to the calculated value of $\tan^{-1}$; if ξ is positive but η is negative, add 360° to the calculated value. For other combinations, the calculated value is correct. This correction is performed in the program by a function subroutine at line 308.

"Although the program is written in single-precision arithmetic, you can convert it to double-precision if you want more accuracy."

The Program

The program runs under Disk Basic on a TRS-80 Model I computer. It should work as well on the Model III, but I have not tried it on that model. Although the program is written in single-precision arithmetic, it could be converted to double-precision if more accuracy is desired.

Subroutines occupy the initial program lines. This minimizes the time required for the interpreter to search for subroutine line numbers. Program comments describe most of the subroutines' functions. Lines 500–700 compute the mean anomaly for parabolic, elliptical, or nearly parabolic orbits.

Lines 1150–1330 prompt the user for the orbital elements, checking along the way for the orbit shape based on the eccentricity. The reference date (line 1200) and the ephemeris dates (line 1350) are

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entered as Julian dates. This date is the number of elapsed days since January 1, 4713 B.C., and makes direct arithmetic operations on dates easy. Fortunately, the Julian date for any day of the year can be found in the *Astronomical Almanac* along with the solar X, Y, Z coordinates.

However, to stay within the restrictions of single-precision arithmetic, enter no more than the six most significant figures. For example, 20 December 1982 is JD 2,445,323 and it would be entered as 5323. Note that fewer than six significant figures can be used if they span the time frame of the desired ephemeris.

At lines 1400–1410, choose between computing a single position or an orbit projection for each date of ephemeris. A projection is provided by artificially introducing an offset of −10, −5, 0, +5, +10 degrees to the mean anomaly on each date. This is accomplished by the variable MJ computed in line 1720 and used in subroutine lines 510, 620, or 730, as appropriate.

Input data and the resulting output for two comets are provided in Tables 1 and 2. The first provides single-position ephemerides for an elliptical orbit, while the second computes an orbit projection for a nearly parabolic orbit. Note that the comet's distance to the Earth and sun are only provided for the orbital point having zero offset in Table 2. ■

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Periodic Comet Gehrels III (1975_o)

i = 1.1012 degrees e = 0.15186
ω = 231.487 degrees a = 4.03740 AU
Ω = 242.552 degrees T_o = 23.27 Apr 1977 = 2443256.27 JD

Date (1977)	JD	X	Y	Z
Oct 4	2443420.5	−.984238	−.163636	−.0709512
Oct 14	2443430.5	−.936385	−.315255	−.136691
Oct 24	2443440.5	−.860598	−.457430	−.198340

Ephemeris for P/Gehrels III (1975_o)

Date	RT ASC Hr	RT ASC Min	Declination Deg	Declination Min	R(Earth) (AU)	R(Sun) (AU)
10-04-77	10	13.0	10	5.3	4.1983	3.4747
10-14-77	10	24.5	8	58.1	4.1058	3.4809
10-24-77	10	35.4	7	52.4	4.0011	3.4874

Table 1. Elliptical orbit.

Comet Swift-Tuttle (1962 III)

i = 113.560 degrees e = 0.960427
ω = 152.766 degrees q = 0.962638 AU
Ω = 138.685 degrees T_o = 17.0 Sep 1981 = 2444864.5 JD

Date (1981)	JD	X	Y	Z
Aug 1	2444817.5	.636351	−.727709	−.315842
Aug 11	2444827.5	.759150	−.620586	−.269395
Aug 21	2444837.5	.860641	−.495848	−.215304

Ephemeris for Comet Swift-Tuttle (1962 III)

Date	RT ASC Hr	RT ASC Min	Declination Deg	Declination Min	R(Earth) (AU)	R(Sun) (AU)
	21	17.2	36	1.6		
	21	17.2	35	56.3		
08-01-81	21	17.2	35	51.1	1.6034	1.3080
	21	17.2	35	45.8		
	21	17.2	35	40.5		
	21	40.2	27	2.0		
	21	40.2	26	57.4		
08-11-81	21	40.2	26	52.8	1.7033	1.1744
	21	40.1	26	48.2		
	21	40.1	26	43.6		
	21	58.3	19	48.1		
	21	58.3	19	43.9		
08-21-81	21	58.3	19	39.8	1.7932	1.0743
	21	58.2	19	35.7		
	21	58.2	19	31.6		

Table 2. Nearly parabolic orbit.

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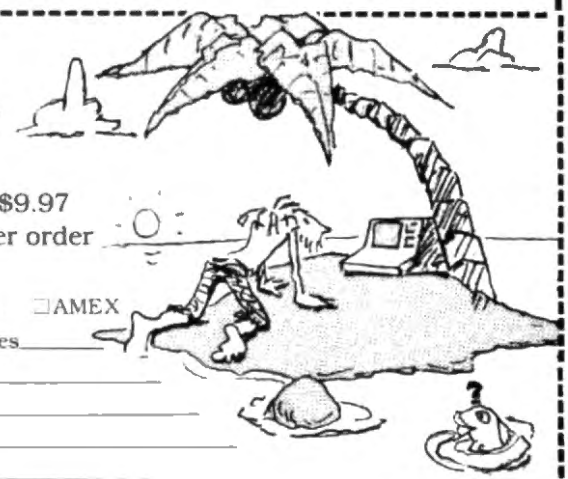

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Molecular Matters

by Karl Sarnow

The Hueckel Molecular Orbital Theory of pi electron systems demystifies the arrangement of protons, neutrons, and electrons in atoms.

How can a teacher demonstrate the modern molecular orbital theories of chemistry without diving into mathematical theories like matrix diagonalization? Use your Model III and this program for an overview of the construction of molecules; this article explains the simplifications that lead to the Hueckel Molecular Orbital (HMO) theory of pi electron systems.

Basic Chemistry

All matter is composed of molecules. All molecules are made from atoms. All atoms are made up of protons (positively charged), neutrons (no charge), and electrons (negatively charged). Protons and neutrons unite to form a positively charged drop, the nucleus of an atom.

To form a neutral atom, the number of electrons must equal the number of protons. These electrons orbit the nucleus of the atom, but unlike planets around the sun, electrons might travel in different planes. The electrons prefer areas of space around the nucleus called orbitals. Because chemical reactions of atoms and molecules are all performed by the electrons in the orbitals, atoms with different numbers of electrons show different chemical behaviors.

In the simplest neutral atoms, the whole atom consists of only one proton in the nucleus and one electron outside in the orbital. This is a hydrogen atom. Figure 1 shows some hydrogen atom orbitals.

In all other atoms, the orbitals are assumed to be hydrogen-like atomic orbitals. The mathematical function describing the probability of finding an electron somewhere around the nucleus is assumed to be the same as that for hydrogen.

Normally, the electron of the hydrogen atom is in the 1s orbital, and the atom is in its ground state.

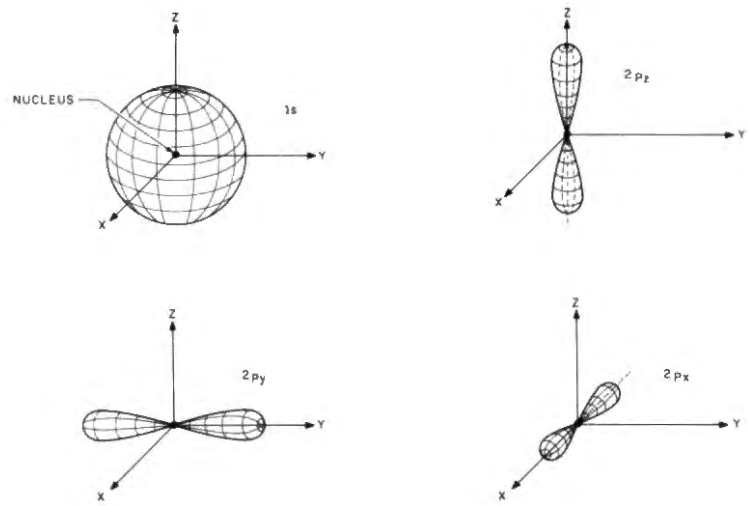

Figure 1. Some orbitals of the hydrogen atom.

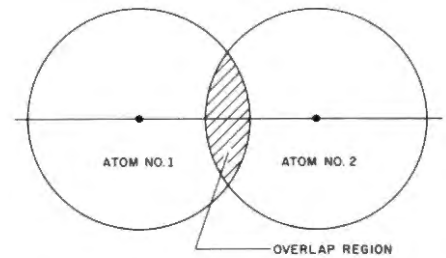

Figure 2. Overlap of 1s orbitals in two hydrogen atoms.

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If two hydrogen atoms are close enough together, the orbital of atom 1 overlaps the orbital of atom 2 (see Fig. 2). In the overlap region electrons from both atom 1 and atom 2 can be found, forming a negatively charged region. Both positively charged nuclei are attracted to this overlap region, forming a localized or Sigma (σ) bond. In this type of bond, the bonding electrons are most probably located between the two nuclei.

Let's look at the orbitals of the carbon atom (C) as it is used in most unsaturated organic compounds (compounds with a chemical double bond). The three σ orbitals in Fig. 3 are in the X-Y plane and form Sigma bonds as explained above. These three σ orbitals form the skeleton of a planar organic molecule. Perpendicular to this plane of σ bonds exists a fourth orbital, the p_Z orbital called π in Fig. 3. This orbital produces the double bond in organic unsaturated compounds.

The Pi Electron Cloud

Let's consider the double bond formed by the π orbital. Figure 4 shows the ethylene molecule, in which all atoms are in the X-Y plane. Perpendicular to this plane are the two p_Z orbitals of C1 and C2. Because these two orbitals overlap, the p_Z electron of C1 can jump into the p_Z orbital of C2 and vice versa. This means the probability of

"The hydrogen atom is the simplest atom, but carbon is the most abundant element."

The hydrogen atom is the simplest atom, but carbon is the most abundant element. It is of such importance that chemistry is divided into two parts: chemistry of the carbon atom (organic chemistry) and chemistry of the other elements (inorganic chemistry).

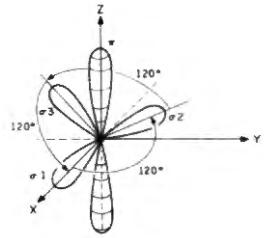

Figure 3. Three sigma sp_2 hybrid orbitals of the carbon atom.

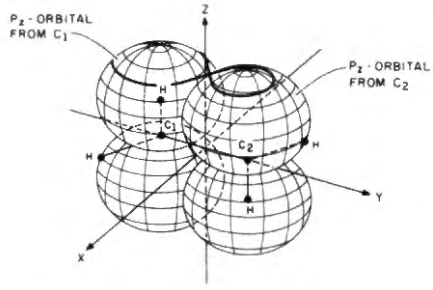

Figure 4. Pi electron cloud resulting from p_Z-p_Z overlap in ethylene.

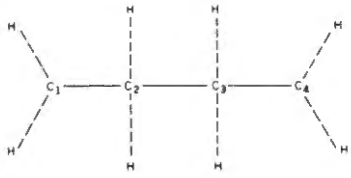

Figure 5. Structure of butadiene.

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Input file from disk (y/n)? N
Name of Molecule? Butadiene
Number of Pi-centers? 4
From now on, I,J are the atomic centers for which the bond
shall be input.
h and k are heteroatom parameters.  Often used values are:
k hetero:
k(C-C)=1        k(C-O)=0.8      k(C=O)=1.414     k(C-N)=0.8
k(C=N)=1
h hetero:
h(=O)=1         h(>O)=2         h(>N)=0.5        h(-N)=1.5
Atom No. I,J,H (STOP <=0)? 1,2,1
Atom No. I,J,H (STOP <=0)? 2,3,1
Atom No. I,J,H (STOP <=0)? 3,4,1
Atom No. I,J,H (STOP <=0)? 0,0,0


Number of rotations:  6    Pivot-Element:  0.000
Do you want to store the result on disk (y/n)? N

How many pure double bonds? 2
Pure double bond between atoms (I,J)? 1,2
Pure double bond between atoms (I,J)? 3,4

Calculation of the Bond Order matrix.
Occupation of MO no.  1 ? 2
Occupation of MO no.  2 ? 2
Occupation of MO no.  3 ? 0
Occupation of MO no.  4 ? 0
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Figure 6. Input data for butadiene.

Program Listing. HMO/BAS

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1 '*****************************************************************
2 '*                          HMO/BAS                              *
3 '*                            by                                 *
4 '*                       Dr. Karl Sarnow                         *
5 '*                       Salzwedeler Hof 9                       *
6 '*                       3000 Hannover 1                         *
7 '*                        West Germany                           *
8 '*****************************************************************

10 DEFINT I,J,N:CLEAR 2000:I=0:J=0:I1=0:J1=0:N=0
20 DIM H(20,20),C(20,20),TM(20,20),B(20,20),E(20,20),NB(20),P(20
,20),NO(20),BM(20,20),NE(20),S(20,20),EP(20),SS(20),ST(20)
30 CLS:B(0,0)=0:H(0,0)=0:E(0,0)=0:TM(0,0)=0
40 A=-11.26:B=-2.5
50 EN=0
60 INPUT"Input file from disk (y/n)";X$
70 IF X$="y" OR X$="Y" THEN 1850
80 INPUT"Name of Molecule";N$
90 INPUT"Number of PI-centers";N
100 PRINT"From now on, I,J are the atomic centers for which the
bond "
110 PRINT"shall be input."
120 PRINT"h and k are heteroatom parameters. Often used values a
re:"
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Listing continued

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130 PRINT"k hetero:"
140 PRINT"k(C-C)=1","k(C-O)=0.8","k(C=O)=1.414","k(C-N)=0.8","k(
C=N)=1"
150 PRINT"h hetero:"
160 PRINT"h(=O)=1","h(>O)=2","h(>N)=0.5","h(-N)=1.5"
170 INPUT"Atom No. I,J,H (STOP <=0)";I,J,B1
180 IF I<=0 OR J<=0 THEN GOTO 210
190 IF I<>J THEN H(I,J)=B1*B:H(J,I)=H(I,J) :BM(J,I)=1:BM(I,J)=1E
LSE H(I,J)=A+B1*B:IF B1=0.5 OR B1=2 THEN NE(I)=2 ELSE NE(I)=1
200 GOTO 170
210 POKE16449,0:POKE16450,0:POKE16451,0:FOR I=1 TO N :IF H(I,I)=
0 THEN H(I,I)=A:NE(I)=1
220 NEXT I
230 FORI=1 TO N:EN=EN+H(I,I)*NE(I):NG=NG+NE(I):NEXT I:EN=EN/NG
240 'Construction of H-matrix finished.
250 FOR I=1 TO N
260 FOR J=1 TO N
270 S(I,J)=H(I,J)
280 IF I=J THEN C(I,J)=1 ELSE C(I,J)=0
290 NEXTJ,I
300 R=0
310 'Search for PIVOT element in H-matrix.
320 FOR I=1 TO N
330 FOR J=I TO N
340 B(I,J)=0:E(I,J)=0:B(J,I)=0:E(J,I)=0
350 NEXTJ,I
360 P=0
370 FOR I=1 TO N
380 FOR J=0 TO I-1
390 IF ABS(H(I,J))>P THEN P=ABS(H(I,J)):CI=I:CJ=J
400 NEXTJ,I
410 'PIVOT element is found.
420 PRINT@960,USING"Number of rotations: ##      PIVOT-Element: #
#.###";R;P;
430 IF P<0.1 THEN GOTO 810 :'Convergence criterium
440 'Rotate H-matrix.
450 IF H(CI,CI)<>H(CJ,CJ) THEN T=2*H(CI,CJ)/(H(CI,CI)-H(CJ,CJ)):
K=1/SQR(1+T*T):CM=SQR((1+K)/2):S=SGN(T)*SQR((1-K)/2) ELSE CM=1/S
QR(2):S=SGN(H(CI,CJ))/SQR(2)
460 'TM is the transformation matrix.
470 FOR I=1 TO N
480 TM(I,I)=1
490 FOR J=0 TO I-1
500 TM(I,J)=0:TM(J,I)=0
510 NEXT J,I
520 TM(CI,CI)=CM:TM(CI,CJ)=S:TM(CJ,CI)=S:TM(CJ,CJ)=-1*CM
540 'Construction of the EIGENVECTOR-matrix.
550 FOR I=1 TO N
560 FOR J=1 TO N
570 FOR I1=1 TO N
580 B(I,J)=B(I,J)+C(I,I1)*TM(I1,J)
590 NEXTI1,J,I
600 FOR I=1 TO N
610 FOR J=I TO N
620 C(I,J)=B(I,J):C(J,I)=B(J,I):B(J,I)=0:B(I,J)=0
630 NEXTJ,I
640 'Do the rotation.
650 FOR I=1 TO N
660 FOR J=1 TO N
670 FOR I1=1 TO N
680 B(I,J)=B(I,J)+TM(I,I1)*H(I1,J)
690 NEXTI1,J,I
700 FOR I=1 TO N
710 FOR J=1 TO N
720 FOR I1=1 TO N
730 E(I,J)=E(I,J)+B(I,I1)*TM(I1,J)
740 NEXTI1,J,I
750 FOR I=1 TO N
760 FOR J=I TO N
770 H(I,J)=E(I,J):H(J,I)=E(J,I)
780 NEXTJ,I
790 R=R+1
800 GOTO 310
810 PRINT:HO=PEEK(16451):MI=PEEK(16450):SE=PEEK(16449):INPUT"Do
you want to store the result on disk (y/n)";X$
820 IF X$="y" OR X$="Y" THEN GOSUB 1770
830 LPRINTCHR$(29);"HMO-Calculation for ";N$:LPRINT" "
840 LPRINT"ENERGYEIGENVALUES (IN eV) AND EIGENVECTORS"
850 S$="###."+STRING$(INT(-0.43429*LOG(P+0.000001)+0.9),"#"):IF
LEN(S$)<9 THEN S$=STRING$(9-LEN(S$),"#")+S$
860 S1$=STRING$(LEN(S$),"#"):S2$=STRING$(LEN(S$)-9," ")+"  C ##
##"
870 FOR I=1 TO N
880 EM=-999
890 FOR I1=1 TO N
900 IF EM<H(I1,I1) THEN EM=H(I1,I1):I2=I1
910 NEXTI1
920 H(I2,I2)=-1000:NO(I)=I2
```

Listing continued

finding an orbital electron is distributed (delocalized) over C1 and C2.

If you now imagine a molecule in which the p_Z orbitals are queued up on a line, there suddenly exists a large room in which the electrons of the p_Z orbitals can move freely. The only limitation for these electrons is stated by the Pauli principle: No two atomic particles with exactly the same attributes (as expressed in their quantum numbers) can share the same space. In the p_Z orbital chain this means that up to two electrons (one spin up, one spin down) can exist together in the same space. These two electrons form a pi molecular orbital (π-MO).

"The complexity of large molecules makes it impossible to compute the MOs exactly."

HMO Theory

The extreme complexity of large molecules makes it impossible to compute the MOs exactly. Even the best programs running on large mainframes use some simplifications to make computation easier.

The simplest method of calculating π molecular orbitals is the Hueckel Molecular Orbital method (HMO method), which neglects everything except electrons in the p_Z orbitals. (This certainly leads to some inaccuracy in the results, but the HMO theory allows a basic understanding of the chemical behavior of molecules.) The following principles apply:

- We look at only the π-MOs. The σ skeleton of the molecule is neglected.
- We need -11.26 eV of energy (called α in standard HMO theory) to remove an electron from the p_Z orbital of carbon. The presence of neighboring atoms does not affect this amount.
- The bond energy for two neighboring p_Z orbitals is -2.5 eV (called β in standard HMO theory). The theory neglects all bond energies between non-neighboring orbitals.

Using the Program

Type in the Program Listing, and input sample data for a simple molecule, butadiene. Because this is a new calculation, answer the question "Input file from disk?" with N.

According to the first principle of

HMO, we only care for the pi bonds in the molecule. (The pi bonds are indicated by solid lines in Fig. 5. The dashed lines, sigma bonds, are omitted.) Therefore, we must consider pi bonds between atoms 1–2, 2–3, and 3–4. Input a pi bond between atoms 1 and 2 as 1,2,1.

Figure 6 shows the input for butadiene. Here I and J are the atom numbers between which a pi bond exists. The program computes the bond energy by the equation k*(−2.5 eV); for a carbon–carbon bond, k equals one.

According to the second principle, the energy required to remove the p_z electron is −11.6 eV. The program automatically assumes this value for each carbon atom of the pi system. After ending input with 0,0,0, your TRS-80 represents the structure of the molecule

"Each MO is filled from bottom to top."

in a Hamilton operator, or energy matrix (see Fig. 7). We now have to diagonalize this energy matrix—we have to find a transformation matrix which sets all non-diagonal elements of the energy matrix to zero. We find this transformation matrix by the Jacobi diagonalization procedure.

After diagonalization, the diagonal elements are the energy eigenvalues, the values of energy for the possible π-MOs of this molecule. The transformation matrix represents the eigenvectors of the π-MO system (the square root of the probability of finding an electron in a specific π-MO at a specific atom). Figure 8a shows the result of the HMO calculation of butadiene.

E(1) is the energy eigenvalue of the π-MO with the lowest level of energy. In this MO the energy is 4.045 eV less than the center energy, which equals α* number of carbon atoms. Each electron in this MO bonds the molecule together with this amount of energy, and the first MO is called a bonding MO.

E(2) = −1.545 eV means that each electron in this MO contributes only 1.545 eV to the stabilization of the molecule.

E(3) = +1.545 eV means that MO 3 is antibonding. We have to supply energy to an electron of the separate carbon atom if we want to bring it into MO 3. MO 4 occupies the highest level of energy, where E(4) = +4.045 eV above the

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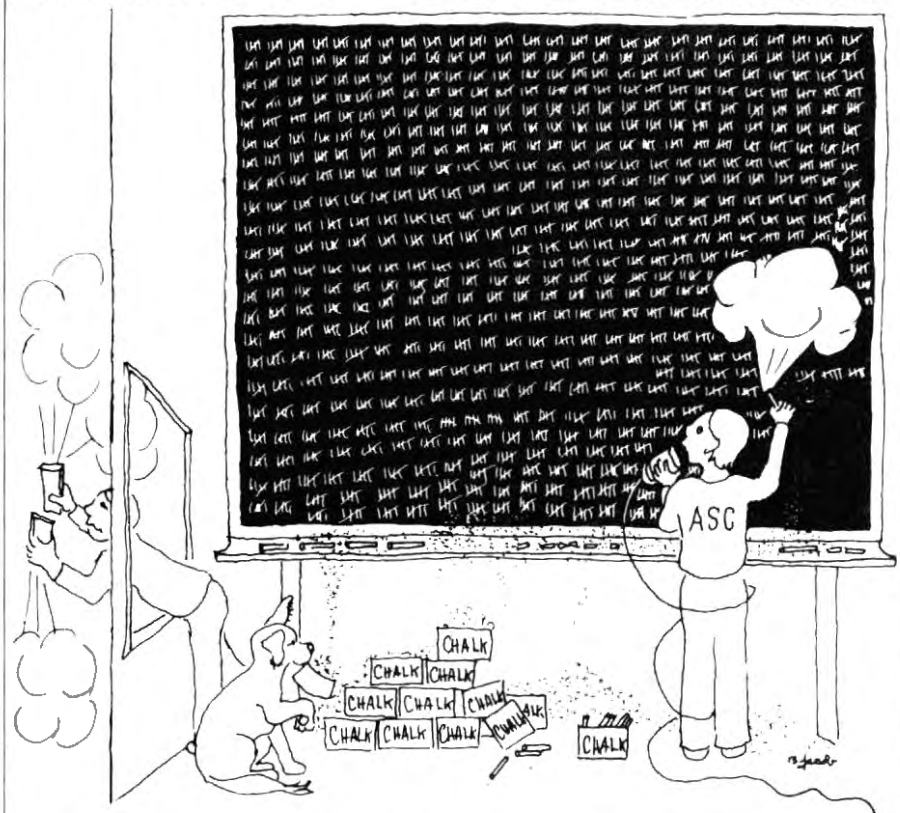

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930 LPRINT"E(";N+1-I;")=";EM-EN;"eV":EP(N+1-I)=EM-EN
940 FOR J=1 TON
950 LPRINTUSINGS2$;J;N+1-I;
960 NEXTJ:LPRINT" ":FOR J=1 TO N:LPRINTUSINGS$;C(J,I2);:NEXT J:L
PRINT" ":LPRINT" ":NEXTI
970 LPRINT"Center energy: ";EN*NG;" eV",
980 LPRINT"Number of rotations: ";R,"PIVOT-element: ";P
990 LPRINT" "
1000 LPRINT" ":LPRINT" "
1010 FOR I=1 TO N
1020 IF02*I<=NG THEN NC(I)=2 ELSE NB(I)=0
1030 NEXT I
1040 ER=0
1050 FOR I=1 TO N
1060 ER=NB(I)*EP(I)+ER
1070 NEXT I
1080 LPRINT"Ground state HUECKEL-energy = ";ER+EN*NG;" eV",,
1090 EH=0
1100 PRINT:INPUT"How many pure double bonds";NB
1110 FOR I=1 TO NB
1120 INPUT"Pure double bond between atoms (I,J)";I1,J1
1130 EH=EH+S(I1,J1)*2
1140 NEXTI
1150 ER=ER-EH
1160 LPRINT"RESONANCEENERGY = ";ER;" eV","PER ELECTRON = ";ER/N
G;" eV"
1165 LPRINTUSING"Computing time:  ## Hours,  ## Minutes,  ## Sec
onds";HO,MI,SE
1170 LPRINTSTRING$(131,"*")
1180 FOR I=1 TO 2:LPRINT" ":NEXT I
1190 PRINT:PRINT"Calculation of the BOND ORDER matrix."
1200 FOR I=1 TO N
1210 PRINT"Occupation of MO no. ";I?:INPUTNB(I)
1220 NEXTI
1230 LPRINT"Occupation of MO's"
1240 FORI=1 TO N:LPRINTUSINGS1$;I;:NEXT I:LPRINT" "
1250 FOR I=1 TO N:LPRINTUSINGS1$;NB(I);:NEXT I:LPRINT" ":LPRINT"
 ":LPRINT" "
1260 FOR I=1 TO N:FOR J=1 TO N:P(I,J)=0:NEXT J,I
1270 FOR I=1 TO N
1280 FOR J=1 TO N
1290 FOR I1=1 TO N
1300 P(I,J)=NB(n+1-I1)*C(I,NO(I1))*C(J,NO(I1))+P(I,J)
1310 NEXTI1
1320 NEXTJ,I
1330 LPRINT"Bond order matrix":LPRINT" ":LPRINT"  ";
1340 FOR I=1 TO N:LPRINTUSINGS1$;I;:NEXTI
1350 LPRINT" "
1360 FOR I=1 TO N
1370 LPRINTUSING"##";I;
1380 FOR J=1 TO I
1390 LPRINTUSINGSGET;P(I,J);
1400 NEXTJ:LPRINT" ":NEXTI
1410 FOR I=1 TO 2:LPRINT" ":NEXTI
1420 ER=0
1430 FOR I=1 TO N
1440 ER=NB(I)*EP(I)+ER
1450 NEXT I
1460 LPRINT"HUECKEL-energy = ";ER+EN*NG;" eV":LPRINT" ":LPRINT"
"
1470 LPRINT"FREE VALENCES:":FOR I=1 TO N:LPRINTUSINGS1$;I;:NEXT
I:LPRINT" "
1480 FOR I=1 TO N
1522 FOR I1=1 TO N
1500 NR=BM(I1,I)*P(I1,I)+NR
1510 NEXT I1
1520 LPRINTUSINGS$;SQR(3)-NR;
1530 NR=0
1540 NEXT I
1550 FOR I=1 TO 2:LPRINT" ":NEXT I
1560 I1=0
1570 FOR I=1 TO N
1580 IF NB(I)=1 THEN I1=I1+1:NX(I1)=I
1590 NEXT I
1600 IF I1=8 THEN 1170
1610 FOR I=1OUTTO 2:LPRINT" ":NEXT I
1620 FOR I=1 TO N
1630 SS(I)=C(I,NO(NX(1)))[2
1640 NEXT I
1650 IF I1=1 THEN LPRINT"Spin density for ";N$;"- ion":FOR I=1 T
O N:LPRINTUSINGS1$;I;:NEXT I:LPRINT" ":FOR I=1OTO N:LPRINTUSINGS
$;SS(i);:NEXT I:LPRINT" ":GOTO 1170
1660 FOR I=1 TO N
1670 ST(I)=SS(INAME+C(I,NO(NX(2)))[2
1680 SS(I)=SS(I)-C(I,NO(NX82)))[2
1690 NEXT I
1700 LPRINT"Spin density for ";N$;" singlet state"
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center energy.

The Eigenvector

The line under the energy eigenvalue E( ) represents the eigenvector C of the corresponding MO. If, for example, you square C11 of the eigenvector of E(1), you have the probability of finding an electron in MO 1 at atom 1 (13.82 percent).

If you do the same for C21–C41, the other eigenvectors of MO 1, and add all probabilities, you obtain 100 percent. So the eigenvector allows you to compute the distribution of electrons in the π-MOs over a molecule.

The Resonance Energy

The resonance energy is calculated from the ground state Hueckel energy of the molecule, which is defined as the sum of the energies of all occupied orbitals:

$$E = \sum_k N_k * E(k) = -11.26 * \sum_r B_{\pi r} + -2.5 * \sum_{i \neq j} B_{ij}$$

$B_{\pi r}$ and B_{ij} are bond order elements.

If the two double bonds in butadiene were isolated, we would expect $E = 4*(-11.26)$ eV $+ 4*(-2.5)$ eV $= -55.04$ eV. According to the equation above and Fig. 8b, $E = -56.220$ eV. The difference of -1.180 eV, called the resonance energy of the molecule, describes the stabilization by the interaction of the electrons in the pi electron system of the molecule. Each electron makes the molecule more stable by -0.295 eV.

Occupation of MOs by Electrons

Each MO, occupied by at most two electrons, is filled from bottom to top. In this case only four electrons exist, one from each carbon atom. MOs 1 and 2 are each filled with two electrons. This occupation leads to the minimum energy the molecule can have, called the ground state. Energizing the molecule causes one, two, or more electrons to occupy an MO of higher energy, yielding an excited state of the molecule.

Bond Order Matrix

The bond order matrix is symmetric

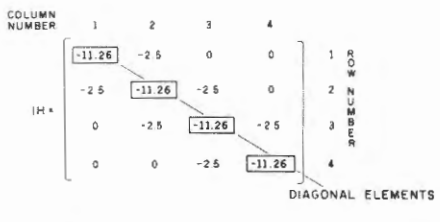

Figure 7. Energy matrix for butadiene.

—element B_{ij} is identical to element B_{ji}. Therefore the bond order matrix is printed out in triangular form.

Figure 8b shows the bond order matrix for the ground state of butadiene. The matrix is computed by the formula:

$$B_{ij} = \sum_k N_k * C_{ik} * C_{jk}$$

B_{ij} is the bond order matrix element, N_k is the occupation of the kth MO (or the number of electrons in that MO), and $\sum_k$ is the summation of all occupied MOs. The diagonal elements of the bond order matrix B_{ii} give the total pi electron density (or the mean number of electrons at atom i). In Fig. 8b we see one pi electron at each carbon atom in the ground state of butadiene. The off-diagonal elements of the bond order matrix (B_{ij}, $i<>j$) indicate the strength of the pi bond between the atoms i and j. $B_{ij}=1$ signifies a pure double bond between these atoms; $B_{ij}=0$ implies no double bond between these atoms.

The double bond between atoms 1 and 2 and atoms 3 and 4 in butadiene is not as pure as one would deduce from the structure formula ($B_{12}=B_{34}=0.894$). On the other hand, a weak double bond exists between atoms 2 and 3 ($B_{23}=0.447$) where one would expect no double bond from the structure formula of butadiene.

Free Valences

The bond order matrix computes the free valence of an atom in a molecule by the equation:

$$F_i = SQR(3) - \sum_j B_{ij}$$

where SQR(3) is the theoretical limit of valence and $\sum_j B_{ij}$ is the sum of all bond orders from atom i to all neighboring atoms j. The greater the free valence, the greater the reactivity with radicals at atom i in the molecule.

Spin Density

Two electrons identical in all physical properties may display different spin. This is why two electrons can occupy one orbital. One of these would have spin up, the other spin down. Imagine one electron rotating left, the other rotating right. The spin of both electrons is compensated if two electrons occupy the same orbital, resulting in spin density zero. The spin density is therefore the probability of finding an unmatched electron at an atom in the

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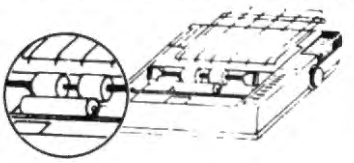

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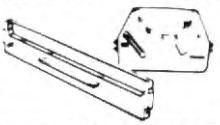

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1710 FOR I=1 TO N:LPRINTUSINGS1$;I;:NEXT I:LPRINT" "
1720 FOR I=1 TO N:LPRINTUSINGS$;SS(I);:NEXT I:LPRINT" "
1762 LPRINT" ":LPRINT"Spin density for ";N$;" triplet stavu"
1740 FOR I=1 TO N:LPRINTUSINGS1$;I;:NEXT I:LPRINT" "
1750 FOR I=1 TO N:LPRINTUSINGS$;ST(I);:NEXT I:LPRINT" ":LPRINT"
"
1760 GOTO 1170
1770 OPEN "O",1,N$
1780 PRINT#1,P;EN;CHR$(34);N$;CHR$(34);N;NG;R;HO;MI;SE
1790 FOR I=1 TO N
1800 FOR J=1 TO N
1810 PRINT#1,H(I,J);C(I,J);P(I,J=;S(I,J);BM(I,J)
1820 NEXT J,I
1830 CLOSE
1840 RETURN
1850 INPUT"Filename";X$
1860 OPEN "I",1,X$
1870 INPUT#1,P,EN,N$,N,NG,R,HO,MI,SE
1880 FOR I=1 TO N
1890 FOR J=1 TO N
1900 INPUT#1,H(I,J),C(I,J),P(I,J),S(I,J),BM(I,J)
1910 NEXT J,I
1920 CLOSE
1930 GOTO 830
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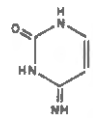
Example Molecule		h_{hetero}	k_{hetero}
Furane		h(>O)=2	k(C–O)=0.8
Chinone		h(=O)=1	k(C=O)=1.414
Pyrrole		h(>N)=0.5	k(C–N)=0.8
Cytosine		h(=N)=1.5	k(C=N)=1

Table 1. Heteroatom parameters h and k.

```
HMO Calculation for Butadiene

Energy Eigenvalues (in eV) and Eigenvectors
E(4)=4.04509 eV
  C 1 4      C  2 4       C  3  4    C  4  4
-0.371748   0.601501    -0.601501   0.371748

E(3)=1.54508 eV
  C 1 3      C  2 3       C  3  3    C  4  3
 0.601501 -0.371748    -0.371748   0.601501

E(2)=-1.54509 eV
  C 1 2      C  2 2       C  3  2    C  4  2
-0.601501 -0.371748     0.371748   0.601501

E(1)=-4.04509 eV
  C 1 1      C  2 1       C  3  1    C  4  1
-0.371748 -0.601501    -0.601501 -0.371748

Center energy: -45.04 eV  Number of rotations: 6
Pivot element: 7.15256E-07

Ground state Hueckel energy = -56.2204 eV
Resonance energy = -1.18035 eV;  per electron = -.295087 eV
Computing time:  0 Hours,  1 Minutes,  6 Seconds
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Figure 8a. HMO calculation for butadiene.

molecule.

In several cases, where only one electron occupies one or two orbitals, a spin density other than zero is expected at the atoms of the molecule. The first case applies in radical ions that have an extra electron (negatively charged) or one missing electron (positively charged). In this case one unpaired electron occupies one MO. If this is orbital k, then the spin density at atom i is $\rho_i = C_{ik}!2$ (the eigenvector element i of orbital k multiplied by itself).

The second case applies when the molecule is energized, allowing one electron to jump into a higher molecular orbital (see Fig. 8c). We now have two orbitals with unmatched electrons. The resulting spin density at each center is the difference of the probability of finding the two unpaired electrons in the different MOs at the same atom:

$$\rho_i = C_{ik}!2 - C_{ij}!2$$

where the two singly occupied orbitals are k and j. A negative sign of ρ_i simply means that the spin of the unpaired electron in MO j overcompensates for the spin of the electron in MO k and vice versa. Even though ρ_i can be different from zero, the overall spin of the molecule is zero as it is in the ground state (such states are called singlet states).

However, if a molecule is excited the spin of the excited electron may flip. We now have two singly occupied MOs with electrons of parallel spin (these are called triplet states). Because the unpaired electrons have parallel spin, the spin density of both electrons is simply added:

$$\rho_i = C_{ik}!2 + C_{ij}!2$$

Figure 9 shows the occupation of butadiene's MOs by electrons in the ground state of the neutral molecule, in the ground state of a cationic molecule, in an excited singlet state of the molecule, and in an excited triplet state of the molecule.

Heteroatoms

All the above theory only counts for carbon–carbon bonds in pure hydrocarbons (molecules containing only hydrogen and carbon). But nearly all organic compounds of chemical or biological interest contain a heteroatom—oxygen or nitrogen, for example. The energy to remove an electron from an atomic orbital in a heteroatom like oxygen is different than that for carbon. HMO

theory compensates for this by introducing a factor labeled h:

$$\alpha_{hetero} = -11.26\ eV + h_{hetero} * (-2.5\ eV)$$

It is clear as well that the bond energy between a neighboring heteroatom and carbon atom differs from −2.5 eV. For heteroatoms we set:

$$\beta_{hetero} = k_{hetero} * (-2.5\ eV)$$

The heteroatom parameters h and k are found empirically. Commonly used values are listed in Table 1 and at the beginning of the program. (See Fig. 10 for a furane example.)■

Here are some suggestions for further reading:

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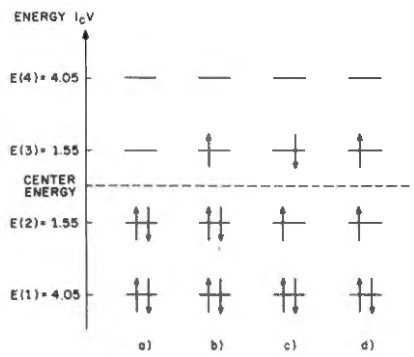

Figure 9. Occupation of the MOs of butadiene: a. Neutral ground state molecule. b. Cationic (−) ground state molecule. c. Neutral excited singlet state molecule. d. Neutral excited triplet state molecule.

```
Occupation of MO's
          1         2         3         4
          2         2         0         0

Bond order matrix
             1         2         3         4
1  1.000000
2  0.894427 1.000000
3  0.000000 0.447214 1.000000
4 -0.447214 0.000000 0.894427 1.000000

Hueckel energy = -56.2204 eV

Free Valences:
          1         2         3         4
 0.837624  0.390410  0.390410  0.837624
```

Figure 8b. Ground state occupation.

```
Occupation of MO's
          1         2         3         4
          2         1         1         0

Bond order matrix

          1         2         3         4
1 1.000000
2 0.447214 1.000000
3 0.000000 0.723607 1.000000
4 0.276393 0.000000 0.447214 1.000000

Hueckel energy = -53.1302 eV

Free Valences:
          1         2         3         4
 1.284840  0.561230  0.561230  1.284840


Spin density for Butadiene singlet state
          1         2         3         4
 0.000000  0.000000  0.000000  0.000000


Spin density for Butadiene triplet state
          1         2         3         4
 0.723607  0.276393  0.276393  0.723607
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Figure 8c. First excited state.

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Input file from disk (y/n)? N
Name of Molecule? Furane
Number of Pi centers? 5
From now on, I,J are the atomic centers for which the bond
shall be input.
h and k are heteroatom parameters.  Often used values are:
k hetero:
k(C-C)=1        k(C-O)=0.8      k(C=O)=1.414     k(C-N)=0.8
k(C=N)=1
h hetero:
h(=O)=1         h(>O)=2         h(>N)=0.5        h(-N)=1.5
Atom No. I,J,H (STOP <=0)? 1,1,2
Atom No. I,J,H (STOP <=0)? 1,2,0.8
Atom No. I,J,H (STOP <=0)? 2,3,1
Atom No. I,J,H (STOP <=0)? 3,4,1
Atom No. I,J,H (STOP <=0)? 4,5,1*
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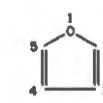

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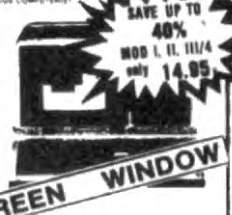

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This article is more than a review of the current version of Super Utility Plus (SU+). I'll also take a look at SU+ from a nonhacker's viewpoint, compare the current version of SU+ with the previous version, inform you about the support available to users, and correct some mistakes in the SU+ manual.

As you read, you might decide you need something like SU+, but don't think you could learn to use it. If so, write to Powersoft. They're considering a companion product that would be less powerful but easier to use, a user's disk utility as opposed to a hacker's utility.

Five Stars?

I give Super Utility Plus a five-star rating because it's the jaws of life for TRS-80 disk systems. Since I often don't use Super Utility Plus for weeks at a time, it might seem strange to rate it so highly. Perhaps it's even stranger to give such a high rating to a program that is sometimes exasperating to use.

The first reason for the high rating is that a previous version of SU+ won first place as *80 Micro*'s 1982 Utility Program of the Year. On the whole, this version is even better, especially on the Model III. SU+ lives up to its name—it is a super utility.

Some people dismiss the award's importance because they feel that SU+ is useful only to software hackers. Actually, nonhackers can find the program useful too.

That brings me to my second reason for giving SU+ a five-star rating. This program is like a fire engine. You don't need it every day, but when you do nothing else will do the job.

The bad news is that you might find SU+ confusing to use. If that worries you, remember that the documentation and other support are much better for this version.

In General

SU+'s zap utilities let you do almost anything to one or more disk sectors, including reading, writing, modifying, verifying, searching, and copying them. You can do this to the sectors, the data, and—to some extent—the address marks.

You can eliminate files from a disk in many different ways, either as individual files or as categories of files. You can remove all passwords from a directory, zero unused entries in the directory or granules on the disk, change the disk's name, and change file parameters including name and password.

You can format a disk for almost any DOS if your computer has the necessary hardware. (SU+ works with a standard Model I, but to work with all DOSes you need an installed double density modification.)

You can extend the number of tracks on a disk, a handy feature for going from 35 to 40 tracks. You can also reformat a disk while preserving the old data. This feature has saved many a disk that had one or more soft errors.

SU+ has two back-up commands. One does a straightforward back-up. The other backs up some protected disks.

The repair utilities automatically repair GAT (gran allocation table) and HIT (hash index table) sectors along with TRSDOS boot sectors. It also recovers killed files, unless TRSDOS killed them.

It checks a directory for many types of errors, changes a directory's address marks, moves the directory to a different track, clears the unused entries from a directory, and even displays the directory.

The tape utilities read a tape, let you examine and modify the contents, write a new tape, and verify a copy. SU+ also has a tape copy utility that copies most protected tapes.

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The file utilities are the ones I find most useful. You can display the sectors of a file to locate and modify them.

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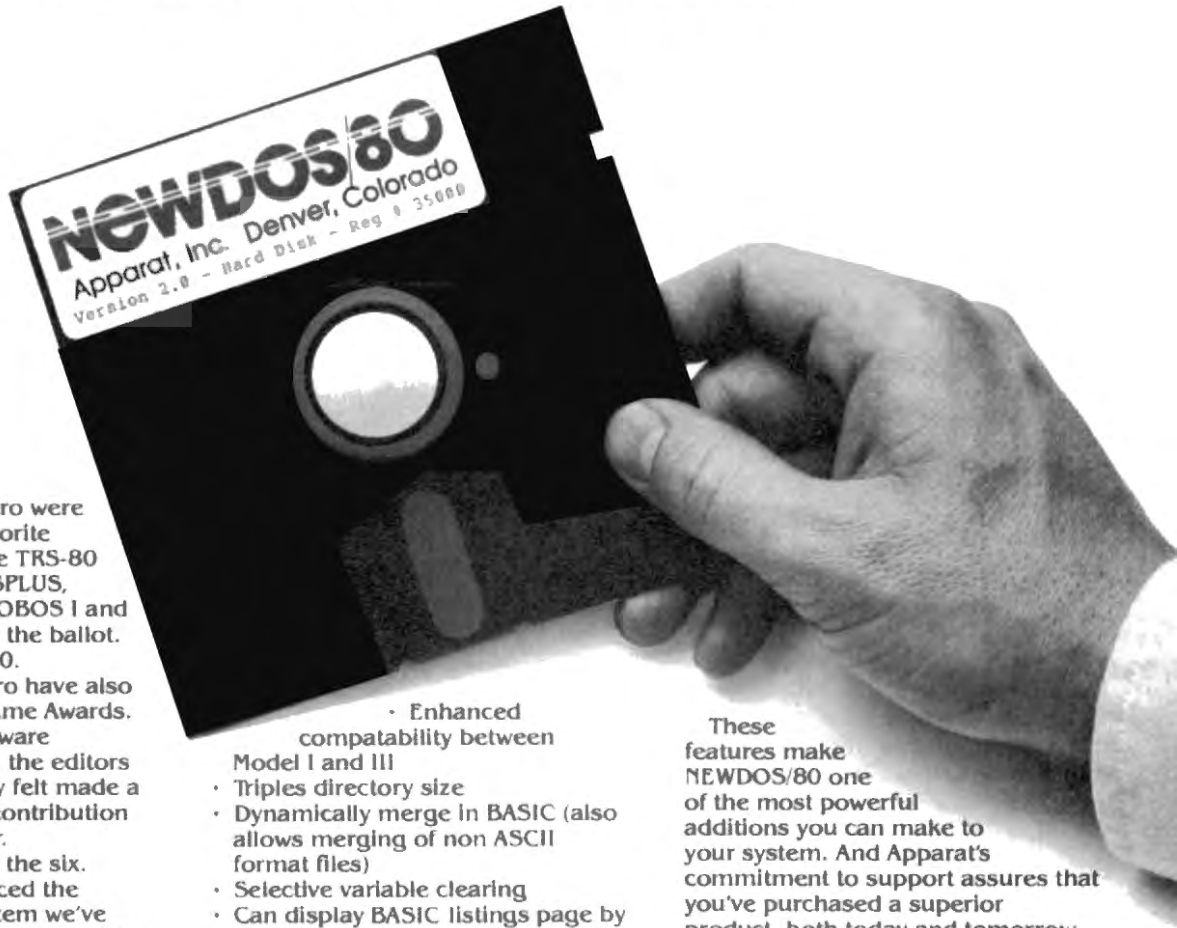

The readers of 80 Micro were asked to select their favorite operating system for the TRS-80 Model I&III. LDOS, DOSPLUS, TRSDOS, MULTIDOS, WOBOS I and NEWDOS/80 were all on the ballot. They picked NEWDOS/80.

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Once you locate the sectors, you can use the zap utility's sector copy routine.

You can also make some repairs by finding out what file contains a particular sector. You can compare and copy files, or get a map of the free space on a disk. You can also encode and decode hash codes and passwords.

Dennis Brent, president of Powersoft, says that the new version of SU+ has been almost entirely rewritten. Most of that isn't obvious to the user. For a review of the early version, see *80 Micro*, January 1982, p. 366.

This new version is generally an improvement that offers several nice enhancements. It also has a few bugs and problems. Most of the bugs should be eliminated by the time you read this. The problems are, to some extent, inherent in the program.

Each SU+ disk contains two versions of the program, one for the Model I and another for the Model III. (The Model III version also boots and runs on the Model 4.) Powersoft has developed and debugged the Model III version better than the Model I version, but none of the bugs and problems I found were fatal.

For me, the most annoying problem occurs when you ask SU+ to compare two files. Even when the files are identical, SU+ almost always gives you a list of disk sectors that don't match.

The reason is that SU+ compares every sector in every granule assigned to the file. A file usually has a few unused sectors, past the point where the file ends, that contain random garbage.

SU+ compares these sectors like the rest, and produces a number of erroneous mismatches. Until you find out where the file ends on the disk, you don't know whether the two files are different.

Another problem occurs when you use SU+ to display the sectors of a disk's directory. The directory sectors are much easier to read in the Model III version because of a space in front of the file names. In the Model I version, one of the noncharacter symbols appears in that place, making it more difficult to read the file names.

Features

Experienced users will appreciate a big change with this SU+—a DOS specifier system that's easy to use.

Each previous version of Super Utility has supported current versions of the popular TRS-80 DOSes. SU+ 3.1 supports current versions of the following Models I and III DOSes: DBLDOS, DOSPLUS, LDOS, MULTIDOS, NEWDOS/21, NEWDOS/80 2.0, and the various forms of TRSDOS including 2.7 for the Model I, and 6.0.

SU+ has limited support for double-sided use of DOSPLUS, LDOS, and MULTIDOS. SU+ version 2.2z supported all these in a single-sided mode except TRSDOS 2.7 and Model III MULTIDOS. Model I MULTIDOS was supported indirectly.

This DOS support lets you work between different disk operating systems. That might be handy if you work with someone who uses a different DOS. You can transfer a file from one DOS's disk to another DOS's disk. You can even format a disk for a DOS you don't have.

In the past, it's been difficult to start using a different DOS. You had to tell SU+ what the new DOS was by using an exasperating DOS specifier process. At last SU+ has a DOS specifier system that works for the nonhacker.

SU+ 3.1 has other new features such as limited automatic DOS and density recognition. These features help people working with mystery disks. I personally have found them interesting but not too useful.

On the other hand, perhaps I have been spoiled by using MULTIDOS. When it comes to disks whose density and format are unknown, MULTIDOS works almost flawlessly, whereas SU+ seems to have problems determining a disk's operating system as well as whether it's single or double density.

When Powersoft released the first version of Super Utility, disk operating systems didn't have all the features they have now. Some of these new features reduce the need for SU+. At one time, Super Utility was a virtual necessity even for such chores as moving files from one disk to another.

As DOSes have become more sophisticated, many things I used to do with SU+ I now do with DOS utilities. That doesn't mean I no longer use SU+, just that I don't use it as often. In fact, SU+ is faster for certain operations, such as purging old files from a disk.

Repairs

Super Utility Plus automatically repairs a bad GAT or HIT sector in the directory. (Automatic GAT and HIT repair are features that MULTIDOS and DOSPLUS also offer.) Often that's all you need to fix a crashed directory, but not always.

SU+ offers one more easy repair option that rewrites the directory's data address marks (DAMs). MULTIDOS also changes the DAMs on a directory. DAMs are identifying marks hidden in the formatting. DOSes use them to determine where a disk locates its directory.

If you work with more than one operating system, this SU+ feature might be a necessity because some operating systems like TRSDOS are picky about reading directories with the wrong address marks.

Super Utility Plus also offers an automatic boot repair for TRSDOS disks.

"This new version is generally an improvement that offers several nice enhancements."

You can repair boots of other operating systems by copying the boot from a good disk.

If one of the low-numbered system files is bad, the disk won't appear to boot. In that case, you have to put good copies of those files onto the disk also.

SU+ isn't limited to rewriting the data address marks on a directory. It reads them from or writes them to any disk sector. Different DOSes use these address marks differently.

Often a disk is damaged when an alien DOS writes to it because the DAMs are changed. You can repair this damage fairly easily by checking the DAMs and rewriting them if necessary.

Different DOSes

One of SU+'s strengths is that it works between different DOSes. The most obvious task is transferring files from one disk to another when you use different DOSes. SU+ also handles transfers between disks written in different densities, provided your computer has the necessary hardware.

However, passing files between TRSDOS 1.3 and other DOSes is not always successful. The most important reason for this problem is the way TRSDOS 1.3 handles its directory. TRSDOS 1.3 keeps track of where a file ends differently from most DOSes.

When you use SU+ to transfer a file from any other DOS to TRSDOS 1.3, the file generally appears to gain a sector. From TRSDOS 1.3 to another DOS, the file generally appears to lose a sector. Actually, the file SU+ copies is all there; the directory entry is wrong.

SU+ doesn't correct the directory entry because that requires too much

code. The program doesn't have enough room left for that feature.

To overcome this problem, you can use a procedure for patching a TRSDOS 1.3 directory that appears in Appendix B of the SU+ manual. The procedure is clearly written but does contain some inaccuracies.

I don't want to describe the whole procedure, but you should know how to correct a mistake you make while typing in the correction. Just use the arrow keys to reposition the cursor and type over the mistake.

As a general rule, you must use the command +14 to position the cursor. Also, you must subtract one from the entry, not add one.

Unless you are very good, you should practice on a copy of the disk, not the original. That way, when you make a mistake, you can call Powersoft and get help because you still have the original disk with no additional damage.

Unfortunately, the SU+ manual doesn't tell you how to patch the disk directory when you're going the other way. If you copy a Basic program from TRSDOS 1.3, it won't load and execute correctly with another operating system because the file appears shorter than it is.

The program loads without the end marker the Basic interpreter expects to find. The Basic interpreter doesn't know where the program ends. Also, lines are missing from the program. When you try to list it, you get the first part, then a lot of garbage.

In this case, you must adapt the TRSDOS instructions to the other DOS. You need to add one to the sector count for the file and you need to know the directory's location. Other than that, you should use the instructions in the SU+ manual even though they are for TRSDOS 1.3

Another common problem occurs when you use a Model III to make a copy of some Model I disks. The disk appears to be copied correctly. The copy even checks as identical to the original disk when you use SU+'s Compare Sectors command. However, when you put the copy into a Model I disk drive, you find that TRSDOS 2.3 can't read the directory.

The fault lies with the Model III hardware. The floppy disk controller (FDC) in the Model I reads and writes four different kinds of DAMs. The Model III can't write two of these at all.

Also, the FDC can't correctly recognize the DAMs. In fact, it misreads them. Because the problem is in the hardware, SU+ can't do anything about this.

If a Model I is available, however, SU+ can write the correct address marks if you use the Read-Protect directory command. MULTIDOS can also correct the data address marks on a Model I directory.

Documentation and Support

The current version of SU+ comes with fairly extensive documentation. However, it's not generally tutorial, although it contains some examples. Unfortunately, the examples haven't been fully debugged.

The manual has some other mistakes. At the beginning of the Repair Utilities chapter, the manual advises you to "use FORMAT WITHOUT ERASE on the disk to make sure it is readable."

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That's a potential disaster. You should use the Verify Sectors command because that can't destroy anything unreadable. Destruction is possible if you use the Format Without Erase command.

Despite these problems, the new documentation makes the program much more usable. The documentation is fairly clear, and Powersoft is planning further improvements and additions. These are relatively easy to make because the documentation comes in a loose-leaf binder.

Several books published by Powersoft support SU+. These are available separately from the program.

The novice to intermediate user can read *Inside Super Utility Plus* by Paul Wiener. The advanced user can refer to the *SU+ Technical Manual* by Kim Watt, which includes some DOS notes by Pete Carr. For version 3.1, this now comes as a set of pages that go into the documentation binder.

When you call Powersoft to ask about Super Utility Plus, you usually talk to Renato Reyes. I have found him to be generally knowledgeable, helpful, patient, and courteous.

Good support is one of the reasons for SU+'s high cost. Powersoft could market the program for less if they didn't provide support.

You receive two copies of SU+, each on a disk that you can't copy by ordinary means. This inability to back up SU+ has been a sore point with many users.

In the past the company offered an extra copy for $10 to registered owners. They also promised very quick turnaround on replacing damaged copies. Unfortunately, the one time I had to return a disk, it took a month to get a replacement copy.

To Buy or Not to Buy

Anyone who depends on his TRS-80 should have access to SU+. The problem is that the program is not trivial to learn.

If you're a hacker, you should buy it and learn everything you can from it. If you're not a hacker, but would like to learn about the TRS-80 disk system, you should also buy a copy. SU+ is now much easier to learn to use, and it looks like the support will increase.

Experimenting with all the features of SU+ teaches you a great deal about the TRS-80. Also, when you need to use SU+, you'll know how to get the most the program has to offer.

If you are not a hacker and not interested in your machine, you probably won't get much from merely owning SU+. You also might need its features the most.

Last, those using TRSDOS 6.0 on the Model 4 should definitely buy SU+. TRSDOS 6.0 has no utility packages at this time. If that situation doesn't change, SU+ is almost a necessity.

SU+'s Future?

It seems to me that the Model 4 will prove too much of a temptation to Powersoft for them to let SU+ alone. The Model 4 in its standard disk configuration has 16K more memory than the Models I and III. You can also add a second 64K of memory at Radio Shack.

What can you do with 64K or, even better, 128K of memory? One complaint from SU+ users is that they can't copy files from double-sided, double-density, 80-track disks, because SU+'s copy routine requires the combined directories to be stored in the computer.

A 48K machine doesn't have enough memory to store all those directory sectors, let alone copy the files. However, the standard 64K on the Model 4 makes that possible for a future version of SU+. ■

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What's Up and When

by Adron D. Lilly Jr.

Even the most casual skywatcher can become a celestial authority by using this Model III program to stay in sync with all the stars.

Want to know which constellations are visible at a certain time on a certain night? This Model III program keeps you and your telescope in sync with the daily rotation of celestial objects (see Program Listing).

This program originally listed celestial objects on the meridian (that part of the sky visible to you) that could be viewed with a small telescope. It has since been expanded to let you choose an hour of interest and, within that hour, to locate celestial objects in the sky in order of right ascension.

About 90 percent of the objects listed are from tables found in John Mallas's and Everd Kreimer's book *The Messier Album* (Cambridge: Sky Publishing Corporation, 1978) and Robert Burnham Jr.'s book *Burnham's Celestial Handbook*, Volumes I, II, and III (New York: Dover Publications Inc., 1978). The rest are from various astronomy magazines.

```
LOCAL TIME IS:     20: 9:50
SIDEREAL TIME IS:   8: 0: 6        DATE:  7/ 5/82
RIGHT ASCENSION    DECLINATION     OBJECT  (R.A. AND DEC. EPOCH 1950)
=============================================================================
  1.    8 11.30       -5 38        M-48, GAL. CLUS. IN HYDRA
  2.    8 37.20      +20 10        M-44, BEEHIVE IN CANCER
  3.    8 37.50      +19 52        PRAESEPE CLUSTER
  4.    8 48.50      +12  0        M-67, GAL. CLUS. IN CANCER
  5.    8 49.60      +33 38        NGC-2683, SIPRAL GALAXY IN LYNX
```

Figure 1. Sidereal time listings and celestial objects that you can view.

```
                                    LOCAL TIME IS: 20:11:03
                                 SIDEREAL TIME IS:  8: 0: 6
                                    TODAY'S DATE:  7/ 5/82

          ENTER HOUR TO LIST =...  8

                          <0> TYPES 1 THRU 9
<1> SINGLE STARS     <2> DOUBLE STARS     <3> RESERVED
<4> DOUBLE-DOUBLE    <5> MULTIPLE STARS   <6> NEBULA
<7> DOUBLE CLUSTER   <8> GLOBULAR CLUST   <9> GALAXY

          WHAT TYPE.=.............0
```

Figure 2. List of celestial objects from which you can choose to view.

Personalization

After loading the program, call up line 1090 and substitute the coordinates of your west longitude for the value of L. You'll have to convert any fraction of a degree of longitude (minutes and seconds) to a decimal fraction. If you round your longitude to the nearest degree the error you introduce won't be over two minutes.

Change TZ in line 1190 so it reflects the value given for your time zone.

Running the Program

Now give your system the current time and date. Using this information, the program determines and displays the sidereal time so you can select an hour of interest. The program sends this information to the printer, along with column headings for data that it will print (see Fig. 1).

The program won't update calculated time unless you press the break key and run the program again.

If, for example, the sidereal time is given as 17:30:00, any object with a

The Key Box

Model III
32K RAM
Disk Basic
Printer

Program Listing. Sidereal/BAS.

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1000 CLS: ' Sidereal/Bas by Adron Lilly, Albuquerque, NM
1010 CLEAR1000:DEFINTE,H,I,J,N,O,P-R:DEFSNGA-D,K,L,M,T,X-Z
1020 DIMA1(50),B1(50),C1(50),D1(50),E1$(50)
1030 DEFFNA4$(A5,A6,A7$)=MID$(A7$,A5*A6+1,A6)
1040 A$="   LOCAL TIME IS:     ##:##:##"
1050 B$="   SIDEREAL TIME IS: ##:##:##       DATE: ##/##/##"
1060 C$="TODAY'S DATE: ##/##/##"
1070 D$="SIDEREAL TIME IS: ##:##:##"
1080 G$="  ###.   ## ##.##      +## ##        %
                %"
1090 L=106.667 ' LONGITUDE--Albuquerque, New Mexico
1100 POKE16419,32 ' Substitutes "space" for cursor character
1110 PRINT@512,"DOES COMPUTER HAVE CORRECT LOCAL STANDARD TIME ENT
ERED?  (Y/N)";:I$=INKEY$:IFI$=""GOTO1110
1120 IFI$<>"Y"THENCLS:PRINTCHR$(23):PRINT@448,"  THIS PROGRAM NEED
S LOCAL TIME (NOT DAYLIGHT TIME) TO DETERMINESIDEREAL TIME FOR YOU
R LOCATION.  PRESS <D> TO RETURN TO DOS TO SET THE TIME OR PRESS <
R> TO RUN":LINEINPUTI$:IFI$="D"THENCLS:CMD"S"
1130 CLS:S=PEEK(16919):MT=PEEK(16920):H=PEEK(16921):YR=PEEK(16922)
:D=PEEK(16923):M=PEEK(16924) ' Reads time/date information
1140 YR=VAL(RIGHT$(STR$(YR),1))'Gets one digit year from string
1150 K=VAL(FNA4$(YR-1,8,"6.6383226.6224086.6064936.5905796.640374"
)) 'WILL SUPPLY VALUE FOR K THRU YEAR 1986
1160 E=VAL(FNA4$(M-1,3,"000031059090120151182212243273304334"))
   'Supplies number of days in current year thru last day of
  previous month.
1170 YR=PEEK(16922):IFYR=84ANDM=>3THENE=E+1 'Leap yr. adds day
1180 MT=MT/60:N=E+D
1190 TZ=7      ' TIME ZONE, EASTERN STD TIME ZONE=5
                          CENTRAL STD TIME ZONE=6
                          MTN STD TIME ZONE    =7
                          PACIFIC STD TIME ZONE=8
1200 T=H+MT+TZ:IFT>24THENT=T-24
1210 Z1=MT*60:C=K+(0.0657*N)+(1.0027*T)-(L/15)
1220 IFC>24THENC=C-24
1230 X=CINT(C):Y=C-X:Z=Y*60:A3=CINT(Z):A2=Z-A3:Z2=A2*60
1240 LPRINTUSINGA$;H;Z1;S
1250 LPRINTUSINGB$;X;Z;Z2;M;D;YR
1260 LPRINTTAB(3)"RIGHT ASCENSION";TAB(21)"DECLINATION";
1270 LPRINTTAB(35)"OBJECT";TAB(43)"(R.A. AND DEC. EPOCH 1950)"
1280 LPRINTSTRING$(80,CHR$(61))
1290 PRINTTAB(38)"LOCAL TIME IS:"
1300 CMD"R" ' Turns time display on
1310 PRINTTAB(35)USINGD$;X;Z;Z2
1320 PRINTTAB(39)USINGC$;M;D;YR
1330 PRINT@270,STRING$(32,32):PRINT@270,"ENTER HOUR TO LIST =";:PR
INTCHR$(21);CHR$(244);CHR$(245);CHR$(246);CHR$(21);" ";:LINEINPUTP
$:P=VAL(P$):IFP$=""GOTO1330
1340 IFINSTR("0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
 21 22 23",P$)THEN1350 ELSEGOSUB1800 :GOTO1330  'Checks for an int
eger between 0 and 23
1350 PRINT:PRINTTAB(27)"<0> TYPES 1 THRU 9"
1360 PRINTTAB(07)"<1> SINGLE STARS";
1370 PRINTTAB(27)"<2> DOUBLE STARS";
1380 PRINTTAB(47)"<3> RESERVED"
1390 PRINTTAB(07)"<4> DOUBLE-DOUBLE";
1400 PRINTTAB(27)"<5> MULTIPLE STARS";
1410 PRINTTAB(47)"<6> NEBULA         ";
1420 PRINTTAB(07)"<7> DBL CLUSTER";
1430 PRINTTAB(27)"<8> GLOBULAR CLUS";
1440 PRINTTAB(47)"<9> GALAXY         "
1450 PRINT@718,"WHAT TYPE.........=";:PRINTCHR$(21);CHR$(244);CHR
$(245);CHR$(246);CHR$(21);" ";:LINEINPUTP2$:P2=VAL(P2$):IFP2$=""GO
TO1450  'Prints right pointing hand in menu
1460 IFINSTR("0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9",P2$)THEN1470 ELSEGOSUB1790 :GOT
O1450  'Checks for an integer between 0 and 9
1470 PRINT@270,STRING$(22,32):PRINT@718,STRING$(27,32)
1480 PRINT@270,"SEARCHING HOUR";P;"FOR TYPE";P2
1490 I=0:J=0:M=0:K=0:RESTORE
1500 READA,B,C,D,E$:IFA=25GOTO1570  'Reads data list and checks fo
r end of list (i.e., A=25)
1510 IFA<>PGOTO1500  '"A" has to be hour selected
1520 IFP2=0GOTO1540 '"0" equals all categories selected
1530 IFP2<>VAL(E$)GOTO1500  'Must equal category you selected
1540 A=A*60:A1(I)=A:B1(I)=B:C1(I)=C:D1(I)=D:E1$(I)=E$ 'Items are r
ead into five arrays for later sorting
1550 PRINT@781,STRING$(50,32):PRINT@781,MID$(E$,2,(LEN(E$))) 'Prin
ts items on lower part of screen
1560 I=I+1:GOTO1500  'Increments counter and repeats sequence
1570 IFI=0GOTO1810 ELSEK=I:R=R+1:PRINT@775,STRING$(50,32):PRINT@77
7,"ITEMS AT HOUR";P;"ARE BEING SORTED FOR PRINTING":IFR>1THENLPRIN
T
1580 M=I 'Start of Shell-Metzner sort routine. For more
1590 M=INT(M/2) 'information see "Programming Techniques
1600 IFM=0GOTO1740  'for Level II Basic" by Wm. Barden, Jr.
1610 FORS=0TOM-1
1620 I=S:J=S+M:S1=0
1630 IF(A1(I)+B1(I))<=(A1(J)+B1(J))GOTO1680
1640 S1=1
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Listing continued

right ascension of 17 hours and 30 minutes appears on the meridian. Those objects with an earlier time are to the west and those with later hours are to the east.

Program Operation

After you answer the What Hour? query with an integer between zero and 23, the program displays a menu with 10 selections (see Fig. 2). The number you choose from the menu is compared to the first number in the string in each of the data statements for the hour you input earlier. If there's a match, the program transfers that data statement into four numeric and one string arrays.

The data in line 3870 ends the program read and starts sorting the numeric and string arrays. When the sort is complete, the program prints the arrays using the format established for G$ in line 1080.

As the program locates the objects within your chosen hour and category, it prints them below the menu with the current item replacing the previous one. This display indicates the program is running as it takes several seconds to read all the data.

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Add or Delete Your Own Bodies

The program allows you to add or delete objects without changing any of the program parameters. The one exception is if you exceed 50 objects in any hour. Then you must change the dimension statement in line 1020 to reflect the new total.

You may use menu item 3 to insert a category of special interest. Be sure to follow the established data format and precede the last item in a data statement with a category number as this is one of the two sorting keys.

Modifications

This program runs under TRSDOS 1.3 and LDOS 5.1.2.

To modify it for NEWDOS80 2, change line 1300 to 'CMD"CLOCK, Y" ', delete lines 1580–1720 inclusive, and remove the apostrophe from line 1730. These changes remove the Shell-Metzner sort routine and substitute a machine-language sort. Both TRSDOS and LDOS have a fast sort routine, but they handle only single arrays. ■

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TIRED?

of typing **DIR: 1, COPY "FILENAME": 1 TO "FILENAME": 0, PURGE "FILENAME": 0, LIST "FILENAME": 1, LOAD "FILENAME" (F = 3), PDRIVE** = . . . and on and on and on!

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1650 A=A1(I):B=B1(I):C=C1(I):D=D1(I):E$=E1$(I)
1660 A1(I)=A1(J):B1(I)=B1(J):C1(I)=C1(J):D1(I)=D1(J):E1$(I)=E1$(J)
1670 A1(J)=A:B1(J)=B:C1(J)=C:D1(J)=D:E1$(J)=E$
1680 I=J:J=J+M:IFJ<KGOTO1630
1690 IFS1=0GOTO1710
1700 GOTO1620
1710 NEXTS
1720 GOTO1590
1730 'CMD"O",I,A1(0),B1(0),C1(0),D1(0),E1$(0) Delete the remark sy
mbol and this sentence to use NEWDOS80's sort routine
1740 FORJ=0TOK-1 'Loop to print sorted array
1750 O=O+1
1760 LPRINTUSINGG$;O;A1(J)/60;B1(J);C1(J);D1(J);MID$(E1$(J),2,(LEN
(E1$(J))))
1770 NEXTJ
1780 PRINT@775,STRING$(50,32):GOTO1330
1790 PRINT@718,"INPUT AN INTEGER BETWEEN 0 AND 9":FORQ=0TO500:NEXT
Q:PRINT@718,STRING$(40,32):RETURN
1800 PRINT@270,"INPUT AN INTEGER BETWEEN 0 AND 23":FORQ=0TO500:NEX
TQ:PRINT@270,STRING$(40,32):RETURN
1810 PRINT@782,"NO TYPE";P2;"ITEMS FOUND AT";P;"HOUR(S)":FORJ=1TO5
00:NEXTJ:GOTO1330
1820 DATA05,31.5,+21,59,"6 M-1, CRAB  NEB. IN TAURUS"
1830 DATA21,30.9,-01,03,"8 M-2, GLOB. CLUS. IN AQUARIUS"
1840 DATA13,39.9,+28,38,"8 M-3, GLOB. CLUS. IN CANES VENATICI"
1850 DATA16,20.6,-26,24,"8 M-4, GLOB. CLUS. IN SCORPIUS"
1860 DATA15,16.0,+02,16,"8 M-5, GLOB. CLUS. IN SERPENS"
1870 DATA17,36.7,-32,11,"8 M-6, GAL. CLUS. IN SCORPIUS"
1880 DATA17,50.6,-34,48,"8 M-7, GAL. CLUS. IN SCORPIUS"
1890 DATA18,00.7,-24,23,"6 M-8, LAGOON NEB. IN SAGITTARIUS"
1900 DATA17,16.2,-18,28,"8 M-9, GLOB. CLUS. IN OPHIUCHUS"
1910 DATA16,54.5,-04,02,"8 M-10, GLOB. CLUS. IN OPHIUCHUS"
1920 DATA18,48.4,-06,20,"8 M-11, GAL. CLUS. IN SCUTUM"
1930 DATA16,44.6,-01,52,"8 M-12, GLOB. CLUS. IN OPHIUCHUS"
1940 DATA16,39.9,+36,33,"8 M-13, GLOB. CLUS. IN HERCULES"
1950 DATA17,35.0,-03,13,"8 M-14, GLOB. CLUS. IN OPHIUCHUS"
1960 DATA21,27.6,+11,57,"8 M-15, GLOB. CLUS. IN PEGASUS"
1970 DATA18,16.0,-13,48,"6 M-16, EAGLE NEB, IN SERPENS"
1980 DATA18,17.9,-16,12,"6 M-17, SWAN NEBULA IN SAGITTARIUS"
1990 DATA18,17.0,-17,09,"8 M-18, GAL. CLUS. IN SAGITTARIUS"
2000 DATA16,59.5,-26,11,"8 M-19, GLOB. CLUS. IN OPHIUCHUS"
2010 DATA17,59.6,-23,02,"6 M-20, TRIFID, SAGITTARIUS"
2020 DATA18,01.6,-22,30,"9 M-21, GAL. CLUS. IN SAGITTARIUS"
2030 DATA18,33.3,-23,58,"8 M-22, GLOB. CLUS. IN SAGITTARIUS"
2040 DATA17,53.9,-19,01,"8 M-23, GAL. CLUS. IN SAGITTARIUS"
2050 DATA18,14.0,-18,30,"5 M-24, MILKY WAY IN SAGITTARIUS"
2060 DATA18,28.8,-19,17,"8 M-25, GAL. CLUS. IN SAGITTARIUS"
2070 DATA18,42.5,-09,27,"8 M-26, GAL. CLUS. IN SCUTUM"
2080 DATA19,57.5,+22,35,"6 M-27, DUMBBELL IN VULPECULA"
2090 DATA18,21.5,-24,54,"8 M-28, GLOB. CLUS. IN SAGITTARIUS"
2100 DATA20,22.1,+38,22,"8 M-29, GAL. CLUS. IN CYGNUS"
2110 DATA21,37.5,-23,25,"8 M-30, GLOB. CLUS. IN CAPRICORNUS"
2120 DATA00,40.0,+41,00,"9 M-31, GALAXY IN ANDROMEDA"
2130 DATA00,40.0,+40,36,"9 M-32, GALAXY IN ANDROMEDA"
2140 DATA01,31.1,+30,24,"9 M-33, GALAXY IN TRIANGULUM"
2150 DATA02,38.8,+42,34,"8 M-34, GAL. CLUS. IN PERSEUS"
2160 DATA06,05.8,+24,21,"8 M-35, GAL. CLUS. IN GEMINI"
2170 DATA05,32.8,+34,06,"8 M-36, GAL. CLUS. IN AURIGA"
2180 DATA05,49.1,+32,32,"8 M-37, GAL. CLUS. IN AURIGA"
2190 DATA05,25.3,+35,48,"8 M-38, GAL. CLUS. IN AURIGA"
2200 DATA21,30.4,+48,13,"8 M-39, GAL. CLUS. IN CYGNUS"
2210 DATA06,44.9,-20,41,"8 M-41, GAL. CLUS. IN CANIS MAJOR"
2220 DATA12,20.0,+58,22,"2 M-40, DOUBLE STAR IN URSA MAJOR"
2230 DATA05,32.9,-05,25,"6 M-42, NEBULAE IN ORION"
2240 DATA05,33.1,-05,18,"6 M-43, NEBULAE IN ORION"
2250 DATA08,37.2,+20,10,"8 M-44, BEEHIVE IN CANCER"
2260 DATA03,44.5,+23,57,"5 M-45, PLEIADES IN TAURUS"
2270 DATA07,39.6,-14,42,"8 M-46, GAL. CLUS. IN PUPPIS"
2280 DATA07,34.3,-14,22,"8 M-47, GAL. CLUS. IN PUPPIS"
2290 DATA08,11.3,-05,38,"8 M-48, GAL. CLUS. IN HYDRA"
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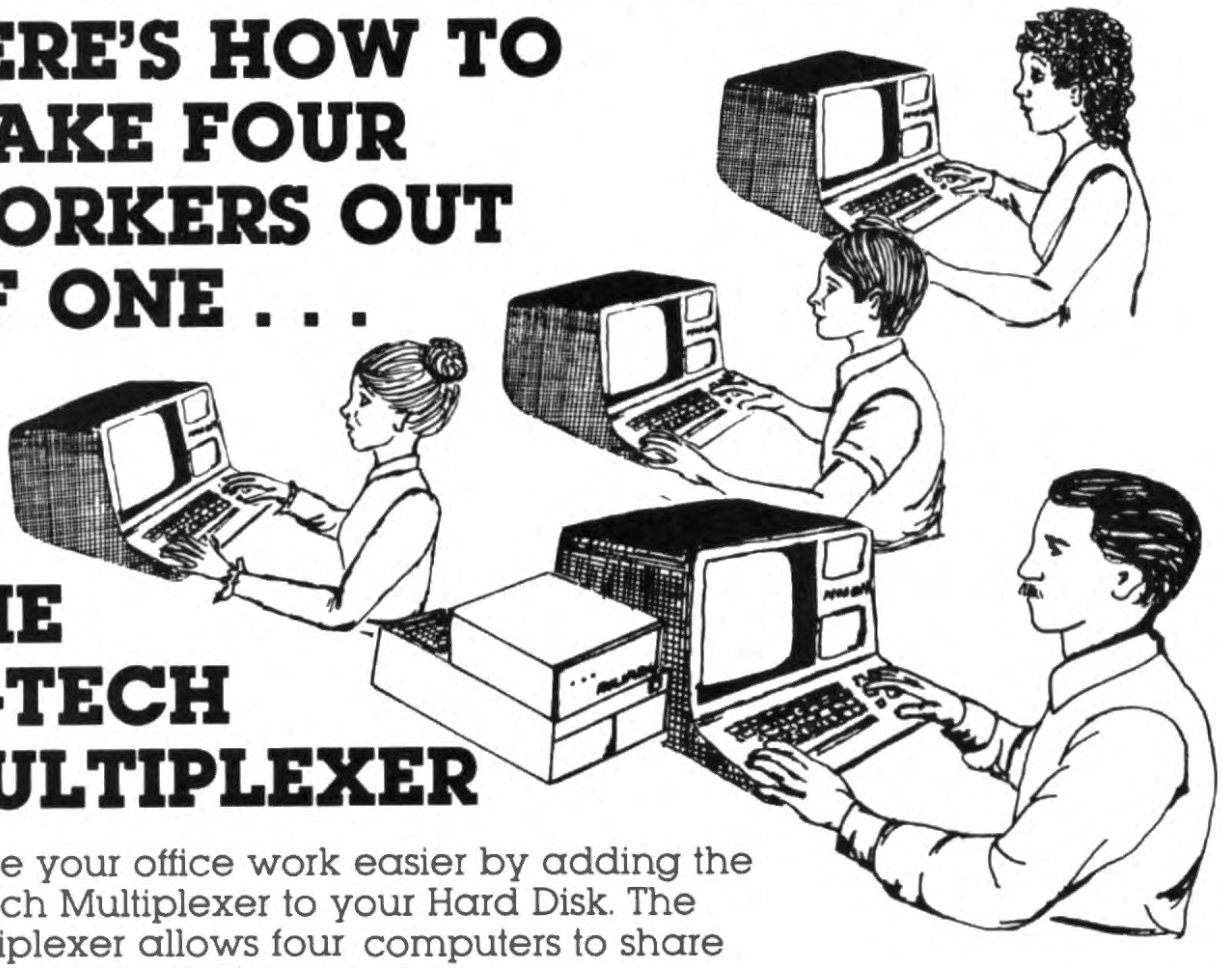

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Meet the MC68000

by John Edward Crew

To tap the power of the Motorola MC68000 microprocessor resident in the Model 16, you have to program in Assembly language. This synopsis of some of the 68000's features should give you a head start.

The 68000 includes a 24-bit address bus giving 16-megabyte direct addressing range, a 16-bit data bus, 32-bit registers, a 6 MHz clock rate, memory-mapped I/O, an 8-byte instruction prefetch memory for faster execution, 56 powerful instruction types with most having several different addressing modes, 14 addressing modes, and five data types. It also has some privileged instructions reserved for the operating system, provisions for use in multiprocessor systems with direct memory access devices, 255 vectored exception handling capability, seven interrupt priority levels, and hardware compatibility with 6800 series support circuits. The 68000 is similar to an IBM 360 series CPU.

Operating States

The MC68000 has two operating states: supervisor and user. You can use a few special instructions only in the supervisor state. The operating system runs in the supervisor state, while application programs run in the user state. The two states allow the operating system to control memory allocation, and prevent you from accessing locations outside your assigned space. Memory protection is especially important when the computer is running more than one program at a time. A system crash would affect all users; the more users there are, the more crashes, and the more work lost.

Assembly-language programmers take note: Here's a discussion of the Motorola MC68000.

Memory management units (MMUs) are required for full memory protection. They check every memory reference to see if it is in the allowed region. If a 68000 computer doesn't have any MMUs, you can get around the operating system's memory protection by writing machine-language programs.

You can use a special trace mode with a debug program to single step through a machine-language program. You can trace while in either the supervisor or user state, but you can only enter it from the supervisor state by turning on a special bit in the status register.

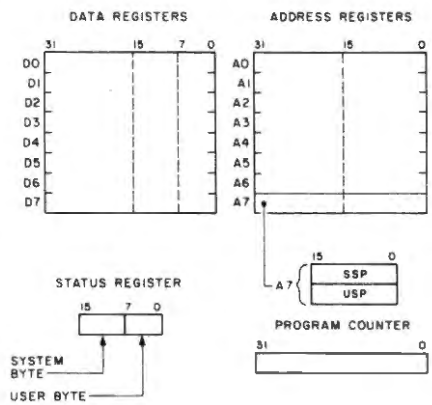

Figure 1. Conceptual model of MC68000's registers.

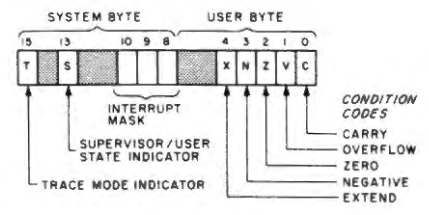

Figure 2. Status register's contents.

Registers

Figure 1 is the programmer's conceptual model of the 68000's many registers. Registers can't be used in pairs as the Z80's can, but they are more than large enough for addresses. There are eight data registers (named D0–D7), eight address registers (named A0–A7 with A7 specially used for stack pointers), and the program counter (PC), all 32 bits wide. They can hold positive numbers up to about 8.6 billion. The status register (SR) is 16 bits wide; the high byte is called the system byte and the low byte the user byte or the condition code register.

Figure 2 shows the contents of the status register. The system stack pointer and the user stack pointer each use half of A7. In the supervisor state, the system stack pointer is used. On the other hand, the user stack pointer is used in the user state. I believe the user and system stacks must be in the first 64K block of memory because the user stack pointer and system stack pointer are 16 bits wide.

The distinction between data and address registers is in their usage. Data registers can hold byte, word (2 bytes), or long word (4 bytes) data. If a 1- or

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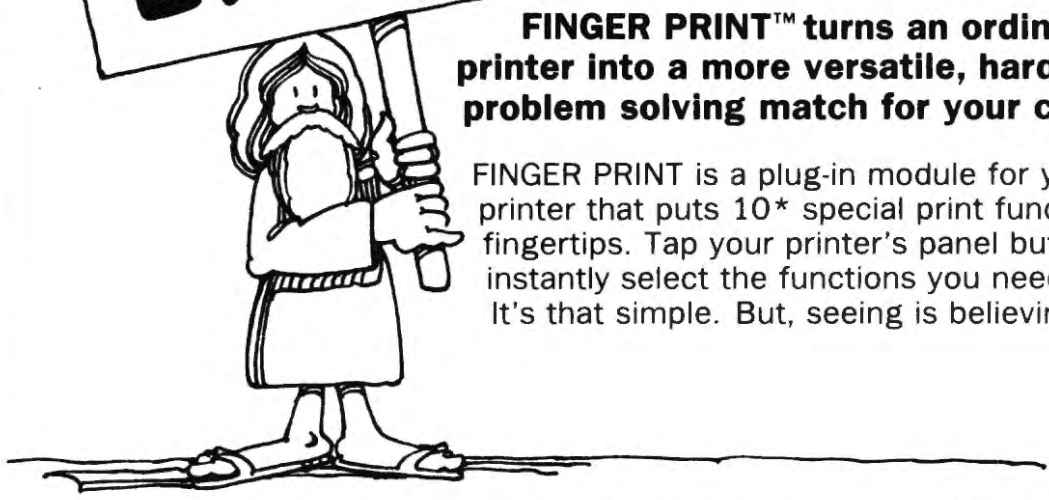

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2-byte data is moved into or out of a data register, only the lower part is used and the higher bits are unaffected. Address registers can't be used for byte data. When an address register is loaded, it is first completely cleared. An address register may only be used as source of a word or long word number. You can get into trouble if you forget these and other differences between data and address registers.

Exceptions

Motorola uses the word "exception" to include interrupts caused by external devices, errors, and by the TRAP and TRAPV instructions. The word "interrupt" only refers to external devices requesting the CPU's attention. Memory locations 0–1023 contain the table of starting addresses of exception-handling routines (called the "exception vector table"). The first entry is used after reset and is 8 bytes long. The other 254 entries are 4 bytes long. Some entries are specially used, which leaves 192 to the user. Interrupts have one of seven levels of priority. If you want more levels of priority, you have to use external circuitry. Level 7 has the highest priority and is unmaskable (every time it occurs, the appropriate exception-handling routine is done).

The 68000 automatically checks for some error conditions (divide-by-zero, illegal instruction, word access from odd address, and others). When it finds an error, the processor goes to the appropriate exception-handling routine that would typically be programmed to print an error message. This error-checking is done during execution of any machine-language program and can't be shut off.

Instructions

Instructions are one to five words long and must start on even-numbered addresses. To save memory, Motorola made some powerful instructions that replace several simpler instructions. Motorola made the instruction set small so programmers could easily learn and remember it. Most instructions offer several different addressing modes. The instruction format and variations are consistent to simplify learning them.

To simplify modular-structured programming, Motorola provided the MOVEM (move multiple registers), LINK, and UNLK (unlink) instructions. LINK and UNLK maintain linked lists of data storage blocks. It's easier to write relocatable programs for the 68000 than for the Z80. Some very useful instructions are multiply, divide, and CHK (check register against bounds).

You can do extended precision addition and subtraction easily. Unlike in the Z80, data in registers can be rotated or shifted 1–8 bits if the shift count is in the instruction, or 0–63 if the shift count is held in a register. The conditional branch instructions are far more powerful than the Z80's. Some of the 14 conditions are greater than, greater or equal, equal, less than, less or equal, and carry.

Data Types

The 68000 has instructions to manipulate five data types: bit, byte (8 bits), word (16 bits), long word (32 bits), and BCD (4 bits per binary coded decimal digit). There are two BCD arithmetic instructions: ABCD (add BCD numbers) and SBCD (subtract BCD numbers). This is easier for the programmer than with the way the Z80 does BCD arithmetic. Because the registers are 32 bits long and many instructions have 32-bit operands, the 68000 is often called a 16/32-bit microprocessor. If the data bus were 32 bits wide, the 68000 would be a 32-bit microprocessor.

Addressing Modes

Much of the 68000's power is due to the wide variety of addressing modes. The 14 modes have six basic types: register direct, register indirect (this is the most powerful type and even allows indexing), absolute (one- or two-word address), immediate (data in instruction or following words), program counter relative (allows relocatability), and implied (USP, SSP, program counter, or status register suggested by instruction). The second and fifth types are the most powerful. Table 1 shows the different types and the effective address calculation. The computer calculates the effective address during execution of the instruction.

Register Indirect Addressing

The A0–A6 registers can be used like stack pointer registers, using the postincrement and predecrement types of addressing. Indexed with offset addressing is useful for arrays. For indexed addressing, the content of an address register (called the base register) is added to the content of the index register (a data or address register) and an 8-bit offset (also called displacement) given in the instruction.

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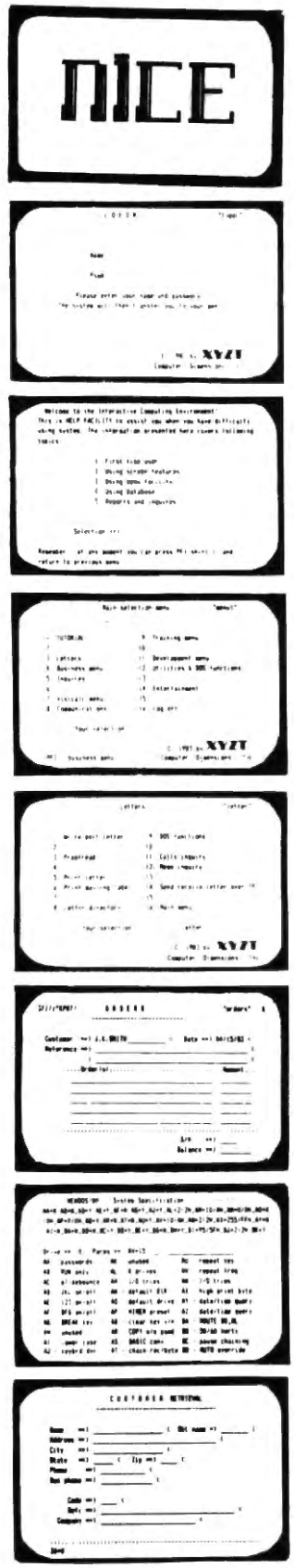

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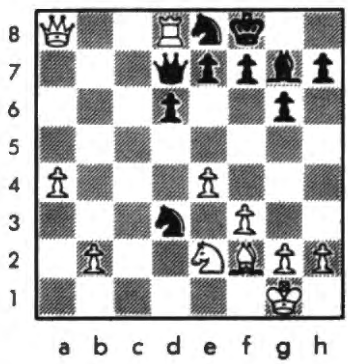

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Register Indirect

Type	Effective address calculation
1. Regular	EA = (An)
2. Postincrement	EA = (An), An←An + N
3. Predecrement	An←An − N, EA = (An)
4. With offset	EA = (An) + d_{16}
5. Indexed with offset	EA = (An) + (Xn) + d_8

PC Relative

Type	Effective address calculation
1. With offset	EA = (PC) + d_{16}
2. With index and offset	EA = (PC) + (Xn) + d_8

EA = Effective address
An = Address register
Xn = Index register (data or address register)
N = 1 for byte, 2 for word, 4 for long word.
This adjusts the address register by the length of the data.
( ) = Contents of
← Means replaces (i.e., assignment symbol)
d_8 = 8-bit displacement
d_{16} = 16-bit displacement

Table 1. Register indirect and PC relative addressing.

The index register usually holds the array subscript, which can be incremented or decremented by other instructions, and the base register holds the address of the beginning of the array. Separating the base address from the array subscript allows a program to work on an array anywhere in memory as long as the base address is first properly set.

PC Relative Addressing

Many instructions can use the type of addressing which allows relocation. To load the address of a memory location within 32K bytes of the current address, use "LEA d(PC),An" with d = a signed 16-bit number (−32768 to 32767) and n = the number of an address register (0–6). When you enter a program module, you should first save the registers using MOVEM, and then load the base address using the LEA (load effective address) instruction. Motorola apparently expects programmers to keep machine-language programs under 64K in length because instructions that use an offset in address calculations are limited to a 16-bit offset.

Compatibility

The 68000 can use the 6800 series support chips such as the 6849 dual density floppy disk controller, 6845 CRT controller, and more. If you're familiar with the Radio Shack Color Computer's hardware, you have a good start at understanding 68000 systems.

Although not directly compatible with a 6800 series processor, such as the 6809E, software can be translated directly. The 68000's instruction set is supposed to be a superset of (expanded from) the 6800's.

The Future

The power of the 68000 simplifies Assembly-language programming and thus encourages programmers to support it. Motorola used microprogramming for many of the 68000's capabilities. (Microprogramming means programming a simple computer to act like a more complex computer.) Microprogramming isn't noticeable to the user except in execution speed. If the computer used circuitry instead of microprograms to execute instructions, execution would be faster.

Motorola left room to implement more instructions using microprogramming and will probably release more powerful versions of the MC68000. Versions with higher clock rates are under development. The 68000 doesn't have block move or search instructions like the Z80, but that isn't much of a problem, since those are easily done using a few instructions. Hopefully, Motorola will make a version of the 68000 that doesn't require instructions and data to start at even-numbered addresses. ■

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Using the Model III I/O Bus

by James N. Cameron

The Model III's I/O bus is easier to use than the system expansion port of the Model I. This article will help you understand it.

The redesigned Model III I/O bus is a significant improvement over the system expansion port of the Model I. The analog to digital (A/D) converter and output port circuit given here, combined with the real-time clock, give real-time control of processes and events, using the analog input to sense the environment, and the output ports to control it.

The Model I required an expansion interface for external memory, the RS-232, disk drives, and a printer. This is all contained within the Model III's case. Thus, the only function left for an additional "expansion" connector is external I/O. Since the I/O bus has no other function, the result is a much-improved, more efficient system. The best news is that all signal lines are fully buffered, freeing the I/O bus from the noise and reliability problems that plagued the Model I.

The I/O Bus

Table 1 gives the pin assignments for the I/O bus. Note that the connector is a 50-pin edge card, on 0.100-inch spacing, with 25 pins (odd numbers devoted to signals, and the even-numbered pins all connected to ground.

I was annoyed at first when I couldn't use my old Model I interface connectors, but this design change has undoubtedly served two purposes: There is no chance of accidentally connecting any Model I interface to a Model III (it would only lead to grief, since all the pins are different). It also allows each signal to be brought out in a ribbon cable as, in effect, one of a grounded pair. This is because odd- and even-numbered leads alternate in the ribbon cable, so the even-numbered grounds act as shielding, and reduce the noise and cross-talk problems that plagued Model

Pin	Abbreviation	Explanation
1	DB0	Bidirectionally buffered data lines
3	DB1	
5	DB2	
7	DB3	
9	DB4	
11	DB5	
13	DB6	
15	DB7	
17	A0	Buffered address lines
19	A1	
21	A2	
23	A3	
25	A4	
27	A5	
29	A6	
31	A7	
33	$\overline{\text{IN}}$	Input strobe line
35	$\overline{\text{OUT}}$	Output strobe line
37	$\overline{\text{RESET}}$	System reset (output)
39	$\overline{\text{IOBUSINT}}$	External interrupt line (input)
41	$\overline{\text{IOBUSWAIT}}$	External wait signal (input)
43	EXTIOSEL	External input enable (see text)
45	(n.c.)	
47	$\overline{\text{M1}}$	Standard Z80 signals
49	$\overline{\text{IORQ}}$	Standard Z80 signals

Table 1. The I/O bus pin assignments. All even-numbered pins are grounded.

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I users with long interface cables. I have used cables of up to 6 feet on the Model III with no problems, whereas in some Model I's, 6 inches caused problems.

Using the Bus

The new I/O bus is easy to use, once you understand its structure and the signals to make it work. Unfortunately, Radio Shack does not make it as easy as they should. First, there is almost nothing about the I/O bus in the standard manuals that come with the machine. To learn anything about the I/O bus, you must buy the service manual for the Model III, and then you must decipher the cryptic text section (only about two pages) that describes the bus.

The first 16 signals (pins 1–31) are self-explanatory in function, but the data lines and the address lines are buffered differently (see Table 1). The address lines A0–A7 are buffered out only, as you would expect, by a 74LS244 tri-state buffer. The term "tri-state" means that instead of the usual two logic states, high and low, it also has a third that might be called "off." Any circuit looking at it in this state would see a high-impedance barrier. The address buffers are turned on for an external circuit to decode them by an internal control line, ENEXTIO, that is brought from an internal port. The ENEXTIO signal is derived from bit 4 of port 0EC hexadecimal (hex). To enable the buffers, execute the following instruction: OUT 236,16 or OUT &HEC, 16.

This step is also necessary for any transmission of data by way of the data lines DB0–DB7, since those lines are also brought out by a tri-state buffer controlled partly by this same port bit. What the manual does not say is that you must repeat this program instruction just prior to each in or out instruction.

If you look at the address decoding and cassette interface schematics in the service manual, it's evident that this port (0EC hex) is also used for several other system signals, and so apparently after executing one I/O command, other numbers are written to this port which cause bit 4 (ENEXTIO) to go low again, which in turn requires another OUT236,16 instruction to set it high again before the next I/O program step.

Data Lines

The data lines are buffered in a somewhat more complex manner. The chip used is a 74LS367, a bidirectional tri-state buffer, and the signals from both ENEXTIO and the external signal $\overline{\text{EXTIOSEL}}$ are used to control it. With a high signal from ENEXTIO, the data buffer turns on, with the buffer lines directed outwards; that is, for an output operation. When $\overline{\text{EXTIOSEL}}$ is brought low, the data line buffers switch direction to carry out an input operation. The $\overline{\text{EXTIOSEL}}$ line is an input line, and you must make provision for generating this signal externally in any interface you design.

When only one input port is connected externally, this can be done simply by NANDing together the $\overline{\text{IN}}$ line (pin 33) and the port address line. When several are connected, the same scheme may be used, but you must use open collector NAND gates with a pull-up resistor to the +5V supply. The circuit in Fig. 2 illustrates one way to do this.

Other Bus Signals

Of the remaining eight lines, five are buffered output lines, and three are input lines. The three input lines are $\overline{\text{EXTIOSEL}}$, which has been described; $\overline{\text{IOBUSWAIT}}$, which can be used for slow device synchronization; and $\overline{\text{INT}}$, which connects directly to the Z80 interrupt pin. Use the $\overline{\text{IOBUSWAIT}}$ pin with caution, since the dynamic memory chips in the TRS-80 require a periodic refresh signal that is inhibited during the Z80 wait cycle. After a maximum of 2 milliseconds, total amnesia may result, and the manual recommends no more than 500 microseconds.

Although the interface to be described does not employ the interrupt features, a brief description may be useful. For an external interrupt to be recognized, you must provide not only the interrupt signal on the I/O bus, but also a high bit 3 written to the internal port E0. This sets the ENIOBUSINT signal internally, which is gated with the external interrupt ($\overline{\text{INT}}$) to provide the actual interrupt signal to the Z80. There is also a mode in which the status of the interrupt signal from the I/O bus may be tested, but the actual interrupt to the Z80 is inhibited.

To use this mode, the ENIOBUSINT signal is not set high, and the port E0 is accessed as an input port. The interrupt status is in bit 3. When an interrupt to the Z80 is generated by enabling ENIOBUSINT and taking $\overline{\text{INT}}$ low externally, the Z80 sends program control to the interrupt handling routine whose starting address is stored in RAM memory locations 403E and 403F. The alternate (inhibited) mode is useful for conditional interrupts, or for use of the $\overline{\text{INT}}$ line as a status flag or other handshaking signal.

The five remaining buffered output lines are $\overline{\text{IN}}$, $\overline{\text{OUT}}$, $\overline{\text{RESET}}$, $\overline{\text{M1}}$, and $\overline{\text{IORQ}}$. I won't discuss the last two, but information on these signals may be found in any manual on the Z80. The system $\overline{\text{RESET}}$ can be used to reset any external device synchronously with the main CPU, and the $\overline{\text{IN}}$ and $\overline{\text{OUT}}$ signals are the input and output strobes generated in the same way as they were for the Model I.

The designers of the Model III reserved ports for system use: Only ports 0–127 are available, since ports 80 hex through 0FF hex (128 through 255 decimal) are reserved for system use. The system-reserved port addresses are only partially decoded, so that each port actually uses four port addresses. You shouldn't need more than 128 input and 128 output ports (the same address may be used for both an input and a separate output device), but if necessary, you could apply some fixes to free up more. Such modification requires extensive surgery on the main circuit board, however, and would not make your local Tandy repairman too happy.

Application to an External Interface

The result of this buffering and switching scheme is that you can have some rather noisy interfaces connected, but the TRS-80 only recognizes them when their port address is written to the address lines, the ENEXTIO is enabled by writing a 16 to port 0EC hex, and the appropriate $\overline{\text{IN}}$ or $\overline{\text{OUT}}$ line is strobed.

After getting all this figured out, I proceeded to build the interface shown in Fig. 1. It is actually a dual function interface: It has a 12-bit analog-to-digital converter for measuring the output of a laboratory meter, and five separate output lines for controlling a series of valves. The circuit could easily be adapted for any application where a sensor is measured, and other equipment controlled, such as in a greenhouse where temperature is monitored, and the output lines are used to control fans, louvers, heaters, and so on.

In my application the A/D converter accepts the output from an ammonia electrode and pH meter, and the valves are switched to control an experimental apparatus that measures the ammonia excretion rate of aquatic animals. Under program control, the electrode is calibrated from two standard reservoirs, then the aquarium is sampled continuously, with data collected, analyzed, and printed out in graph form for one-hour periods.

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The first step in the interface design is to generate the proper completely decoded port address signals. This is done by the 74LS04 hex inverter (U1, Fig. 1), 74LS30 8-input NAND gate (U2), and the 74LS138 3-to-8 line decoder (U3). By inverting each of the high address lines (A3–A7), the output of the 'LS138 provides addresses 00 hex to 07 hex. The three unused input lines of the 'LS30 must be tied either to the +5V supply or to another input, so that the output goes low to the $\overline{EN}$ lines of the 'LS138 when A3–A7 are all low. The high enable line of the 'LS138 (EN) is connected to the output of the NANDed $\overline{IN}$ and $\overline{OUT}$ lines (pins 33 and 35).

Thus, any one of the eight decoded output lines of the 'LS138 goes low only when its address is stable on the eight address lines, and either the input or output strobes go low. The output lines of the 'LS138 are active low. This interface, incidentally, could provide eight input port addresses and eight separate output port addresses by simply adding another 'LS138 and connecting the $\overline{IN}$ to the low enable ($\overline{EN}$) of one and the $\overline{OUT}$ to the other. In that case, the high enable lines should be tied high, and the output of U2 connected to the second $\overline{EN}$ pin of each 'LS138.

The NAND connected to the $\overline{IN}$ and $\overline{OUT}$ lines is an open-collector type, so it must be tied by a pull-up resistor to the positive supply. A different NAND gate, such as a 74LS00, could just as well be used, but the open-collector type is needed to generate the $\overline{EXTIOSEL}$ signal, as explained, and it is just as easy to use another one of the four gates on the chip for this purpose. As this interface is connected, port 6 is an output port, and port 7 is an input port. The port 7 lines from the 'LS138 are connected to the chip-select pin (1) of the input port (U6, an Intel 8212), and inverted and NANDed with the $\overline{IN}$ line. As shown in Fig. 1, only when both $\overline{IN}$ and the port 7 enable lines are low is the $\overline{EXTIOSEL}$ line pulled low. Any number of similar input devices could be connected to other output enable lines from the decoder in the future, and the parallel connection of the open-collector NANDs would act like an OR function to generate the $\overline{EXTIOSEL}$ low signal when any input device is selected.

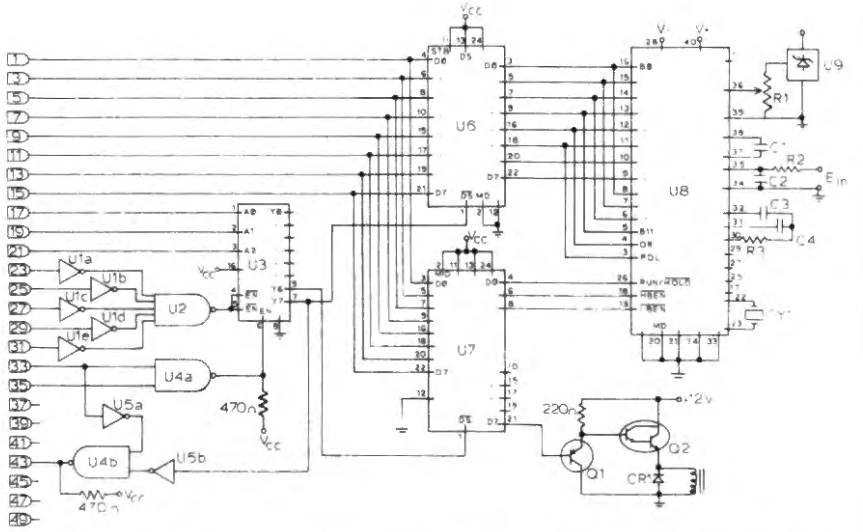


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the Model III Interface described in the text. Only one of four identical output circuits is shown at the lower right. V_{cc} and V+ are 5V dc, V- is -5V dc, both regulated. Q1 is a 2N3904, Q2 an ECG253 Darlington, and CR1 is a 1N914. Other components described in text.

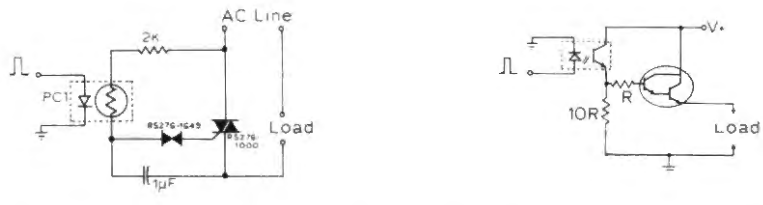


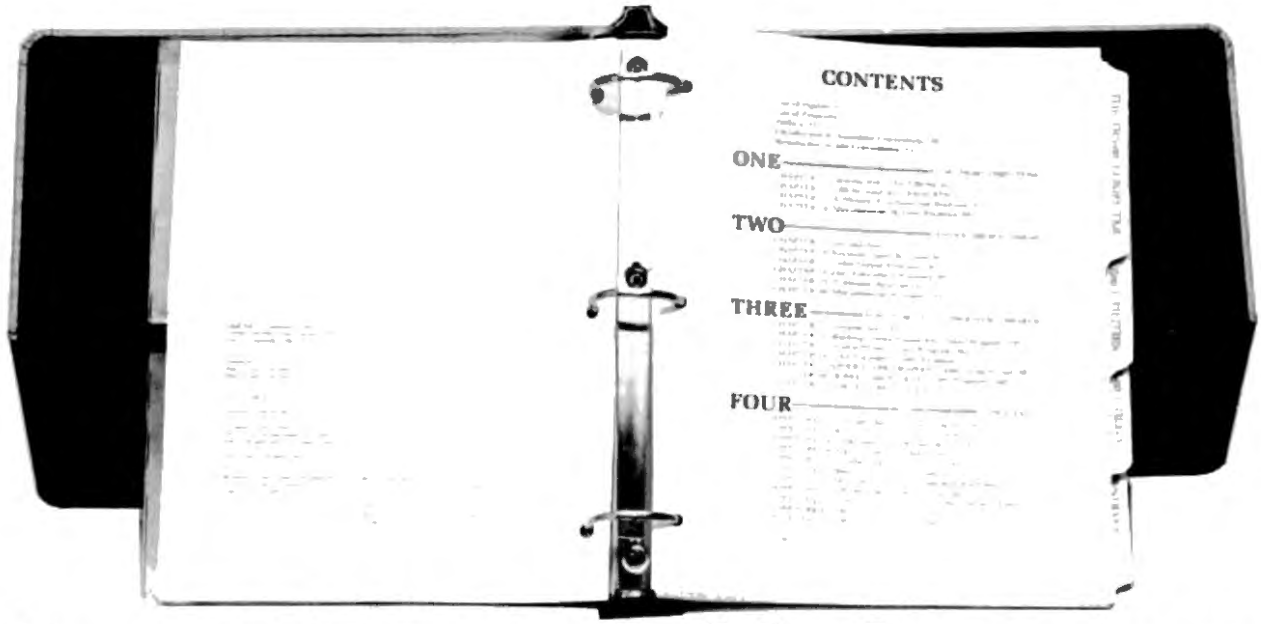
Figure 2. Two alternate output control circuits recommended for use with 115V ac equipment (top) or high voltage/high current dc outputs (bottom). The use of an opto-isolator provides protection from surges and spikes on the higher voltage line. Separate grounds must be used in the bottom circuit! PC1 can be a Clairex CLM3006A lamp/photocell combination, or one can be made from an LED and a Radio Shack #276-116 photocell by wrapping them face-to-face in opaque electrical tape.

The Ports

The ports themselves are both constructed with Intel 8212s, one connected in input port mode, and the other as an output port. When the input port (U6) is enabled, data present on its input pins is latched and presented on the output data bus. When not enabled, the outputs are tri-stated. The other (U7), in output mode, maintains the last data "word" written to it in latched form on its output pins, and when strobed, latches a new data "word" from its input to its output lines. The input and output modes are selected with the mode (MD) and strobe (STB) lines by tying them either to ground or +5V. The chip also offers a choice of high or low enable; in this application, the low enable lines ($\overline{DS}$) are used, and the high enable lines (DS) tied high. Three bits of the output port are used to control the A/D converter, leaving five more free to control external devices. Each line is turned on (high) by sending a data "word" with the appropriate bit high, so that writing a 2 to port 7 would make only bit 1 high, and a 161 (128+32+1) would make bits 0, 4, and 7 high.

The A/D Converter

The A/D converter chip is an Intersil 7109, which is a 12-bit device designed for 8-bit data buses. The data output lines are like the tri-state buffers in the I/O bus, and are turned on by the control lines $\overline{HBEN}$ and $\overline{LBEN}$ (pins 18 and 19). These control signals are obtained under software control from two output lines of the output port 7, as well as a third control signal connected to the RUN/$\overline{HOLD}$ pin (26) of U8. When this pin is tied high, the converter runs at a rate of about 33 conversions/sec, but when it is pulled low, the conversion in progress is completed and held. The software-controlled sequence, then, is to set the RUN/$\overline{HOLD}$



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high, wait a few milliseconds, set it low, wait about 33 ms, then read the low bits by writing a zero to the LBEN, and finally read the high bits by writing a zero to the HBEN.

The high and low bits are then put together under program control. The Program Listing shows the complete data acquisition sequence, and Table 2 lists the parts needed to complete the analog circuitry associated with the 7109 converter. As given in the Listing, RUN/HOLD is connected to bit 1, HBEN to bit 2, and LBEN to bit 3 of port 7.

In most A/D converter applications, there is a trade-off between resolution and speed. In this particular interface, I needed the high resolution of the 12-bit converter, but speed was not important, which dictated the choice of the Intersil 7109. This is a quad slope type converter, which is stable and accurate, but relatively slow (30+ ms). Other types may have conversion times down in the microsecond range, but the price usually rises in direct proportion to speed. Also, if a fast converter is used, and high sampling rates are desired, the software must be written in Assembly language, rather than in "slow" Basic like that given in the Listing.

For simpler conversion tasks where 12-bit (1 part in 4096) resolution is not needed, either 8-bit (1 part in 256) or 10-bit (1 part in 1024) converters could easily be substituted. For the 8-bit chips, the control sequence would be easier and would take one or two less lines from the output port. For even higher resolution, a moderately priced chip pair is available from Intersil (8068A/7104-16) that provides 16 bits of data out plus the overrange and polarity signals. These 18 bits are split into three groups (8/8/2) with one more control line (MBEN) added for the middle bits.

Part	Description
U9	AD590JH, Analog Devices 2.5V Precision Reference*
R1	20K, 15-turn cermet trimmer
R2	1M, 5 percent carbon
R3	220K, 5 percent carbon
C1	4.7 μF, 25V electrolytic
C2	0.01 F, 100V polystyrene
C3	0.15 F, 100V polystyrene
C4	0.33 F, 100V polystyrene
CY1	3.58 MHz TV crystal

*Not required; internal reference may be used.

Table 2. Analog and discrete components required for the Intersil 7109 analog-to-digital converter circuit shown in Fig. 1.

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700 REM         Sample listing for A/D Converter
720 REM         control.  This can be called as a subroutine
730 REM         from another program. The PRINT statement
740 REM         in line 1100 may be omitted, so that the
750 REM         routine simply returns the voltage value
760 REM         as N1.
770 REM
780 REM
1000 OUT236,16:OUT6,2
        'Start conversion
1010 FORX=1TO40:NEXTX           'Wait
1020 OUT236,16:OUT6,4           'Enable hi bits
1030 OUT236,16:X=INP(7)         'Read hi bits
1040 OUT236,16:OUT6,8           'Enable lo bits
1050 OUT236,16:Y=INP(7)         'Read lo bits
1060 X=X-192                    'Subtract blank DB7 and DB6
1070 IF X>=32 THEN 1074 ELSE 1078  'Test sign bit
1074 X=X-32:S=1:GOTO 1080           'Positive if hi
1078 S=-1
1080 IF X>=16 THEN GOTO 2000    'Overrange escape
1090 N1=(((X*256)+Y)*S)/1000    'Put hi and lo together
1100 PRINT N1;" VOLTS"
1110 RETURN
2000 PRINT "SIGNAL OUT OF RANGE."
2010 STOP
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Program Listing. A/D converter program.

Output Control Circuitry

The rest of the lines of the output port 6 are free, five in all, and I have used four of them to control some simple dc solenoid valves. The valves operate on a minimum of 12V dc, so I used a couple of transistors for level shifting and current amplification (they take a 1 amp current pulse). These output lines, and simple modifications of the circuitry shown in Fig. 1, could easily be used to operate relays to control 115V ac equipment, but in that case I recommend an opto-isolator coupling as additional circuit protection. A sample circuit for relay control is shown in Fig. 2.

The power supplies required for this interface are regulated +5V and −5V. Only about 100 mA are needed for the +5, and a few mA for the −5, so you can construct them simply with a small center tap transformer, a bridge rectifier, some filter capacitors, and the 7805 and 7905 voltage regulators. In my circuit, I used the unregulated +12V dc from the transformer to power the solenoid valves.

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David G. Faske

If you're tired of sorting your mailing lists and can't look at another utility, this Model II Life simulation may be just the thing for you.

John Conway, a mathematician at Cambridge University, England, developed Life. It simulates an ecological system and illustrates the rise, fall, and changes of a society of living organisms as they interact with each other and their environment. The program starts with a simple population of organisms and observes their fate as the laws of ecology are applied to births, deaths, and survivors. Over time, the population exhibits one of three fates: it dies out from over- or underpopulation, it becomes stable, or it oscillates in a repeating pattern.

Use your computer to examine the population cycles of a community of living organisms.

Rules

Life starts with a blank screen and an-invisible grid 24 blocks high by 40 blocks wide. Place any configuration of occupants (each represented by the letter O) within the playing area. Occupied spaces are designated by an O, and empty spaces remain blank. Each space touches exactly eight others, but occupants die if they touch fewer than two or more than three occupied spaces. If three occupied spaces touch an empty space, a new occupant is born to fill that space. Births and deaths are evaluated simultaneously.

By positioning occupants at the start of the game, you establish the initial conditions (generation 0, see Fig. 1). Life then determines all births and deaths and displays the resulting generations, creating fascinating patterns. Figure 2 illustrates an example of this process through new generations.

Supervisor Calls

This program takes advantage of the supervisor calls (SVCs) available with the Model II's TRSDOS 2.0a. Below is a brief explanation of the SVCs I used.

KBCHAR is a routine that accepts characters from the keyboard. It returns to the program immediately,

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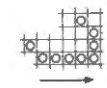
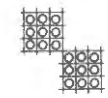


The Spaceship. This pattern travels across the screen in the indicated direction.

The Glider. This pattern also moves, but at a slower speed than the Spaceship.



The Figure Eight. This configuration oscillates with a period of 8 generations.

The Pulsar. This pattern evolves into a Pulsar with a period of 3 generations.

Traffic Lights. This pattern will evolve into four blinkers, each with a period of 2 generations. See Fig. 2 for complete details.

Figure 1. Five different initial generations and their fates.

either with or without a character. If a character is available from the keyboard, the program sets the Z flag and puts the ASCII code in register B.

KBINIT clears the keyboard buffer.

SETBRK lets you change the break key processing routine. The computer removes the old routine's address and replaces it with the address of the new routine.

VDCHAR and VDGRAF are video display routines. They display any ASCII character in addition to various control characters recognized by TRSDOS.

VDCHAR displays a single character at the current cursor position in the scroll mode. VDGRAF displays an entire buffer of characters in the graphics mode at a specific row and column number.

VDREAD reads data from the video display. It also determines the current cursor position for other routines.

VIDRAM dumps the entire video display into a RAM buffer. It can also dump the contents of a buffer to the display.

BINDEC converts a binary integer into the ASCII code of its decimal equivalent.

LOOKUP accepts a 1-byte key as an argument, and searches a table of 3-byte entries for a match. This routine compares only the first byte of each entry. The other 2 bytes are data.

If a match is found, the routine returns with the Z flag set and the data in register pair HL. If the 2 bytes are an address, you can immediately execute a JP (HL) instruction to perform another routine.

The Model II owner's manual has a much more detailed explanation of each SVC, including parameter lists and arguments.

Program Overview

In machine-language programs, TRSDOS loads register pair DE with the address of your program's highest memory location. I used this address to initialize the stack pointer (SP register).

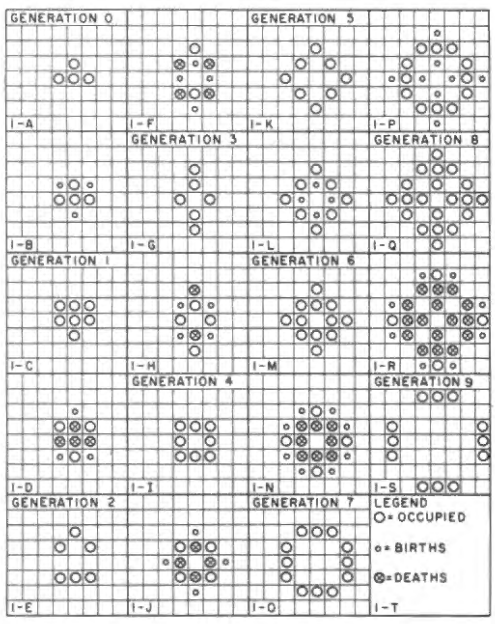
The main program comprises two parts. The first part displays the results of each generation at maximum speed without pause between generations. It evaluates and displays about 10 generations per second.

The second part of the main program waits for your prompt before it evaluates and displays the next generation. This lets you single-step through the generations at your leisure to closely examine any changes. You can freely choose between the two modes of operation.

Several other commands are available while the main program runs. They are assigned the functions described below and are invoked by pressing the specified key(s).

The break key clears the screen, sets the 80-column display mode, restores the original system cursor, and jumps to TRSDOS READY.

The escape key selects the continuous mode of operation.



Generation 0 Intermediate generation 0

Generation 1 Intermediate generation 1

Generation 2 Intermediate generation 2

Generation 3 Intermediate generation 3

Generation 4 Intermediate generation 4

Generation 5 Intermediate generation 5

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Generation 7 Intermediate generation 7

Generation 8 Intermediate generation 8

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Figure 2. The course of a population through nine generations (generation zero appears in the upper left corner).

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The F1 key clears the screen and calls the screen editor subroutine. The F2 key freezes the current generation and calls the screen editor. This way, you can revert to generation zero or modify the current generation to a configuration of your choosing. Some patterns are so delicate that the addition or removal of one occupant disrupts and destroys the pattern.

Control-K resets the counter to zero and enables the counter display routine. Pressing control-I disables the counter without resetting it. Control-J enables the display without resetting the counter.

Program Listing. Model II Life.

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00100   TITLE           MACHINE  LANGUAGE  LIFE
00200
00300   .COMMENT*       This is a high-speed machine language version of
00400                   the game LIFE.
00500
00600                   Program  by
00700
00800                   Dave  Faske
00900                   705 Kitterman Road
01000                   Port St. Lucie, FL 33450
01100
01200           *
01300   ;===============================================================
01400           GLOBAL          SETUP,  FATE,   LOAD0,  MOVEIT, CONVRT
01500           GLOBAL          SETBRK, CRSR,   NOCRSR, CPL40,  CPL80
01600           GLOBAL          GETCHR, VIDRAM, RAMVID, LOOKUP, NEWBRK
01700           GLOBAL          SETUP1, DSPLY,  COUNTR, KNTINT, KNTOFF, KNTON
01800   ;===============================================================
01900   ;       MAIN PROGRAM
02000   START:  LD      (STACK),SP      ;Save Stack Pointer
02100           EX      DE,HL           ;Get top of memory into HL
02200           LD      SP,HL           ;Initialize the Stack Pointer
02300           CALL    SETBRK          ;Set new <BREAK> key handling routine
02400           CALL    DSPLY           ;Display title of program, etc.
02500   START1: CALL    LOAD0           ;Load array with value 0
02600           CALL    SETUP           ;Get the initial display into RAM
02700           LD      A,(CHCODE)      ;Get last keyboard char. into A
02800           CP      '@'             ;Check for single-step request
02900           JR      Z,STEP          ;If true then jump to STEP
03000   REPEAT: CALL    MOVEIT          ;Transfer it to array
03100           CALL    CONVRT          ;Convert array from ASCII to Integer
03200           CALL    FATE            ;Start the LIFE cycles
03300           CALL    RAMVID          ;Display the new generation
03400           CALL    COUNTR          ;Increment and display counter
03500                                   ;While the program is running, the only
03600                                   ;keyboard input that is accepted
03700                                   ;is <BREAK>,<@>,<F1>,<F2>,<^K>,<^I>, or
03800                                   ;<^J>
03900           LD      A,4             ;KBCHAR SVC code
04000           RST     8               ;try and get a character
04100           JR      NZ,REPEAT       ;REPEAT if no character was there
04200                                   ;Else do this
04300           LD      A,B             ;Load the chaacter into A register
04400           CP      1               ;Was <F1> pressed?
04500           JP      Z,START1        ;Restart if true
04600           CP      2               ;Was <F2> pressed?
04700           JR      Z,DOTHIS        ;Jump if true
04800           CP      '@'             ;Single-step request?
04900           JR      Z,STEP          ;Jump if true
05000                                   ;^ = <CTRL> key
05100           CP      0BH             ;0BH = <^K>: Initialize counter
05200           CALL    Z,KNTINT        ;Call KNTINT if true
05300           CP      9               ;9 = <^I>: Turn counter display OFF
05400           CALL    Z,KNTOFF        ;Call KNTOFF if true
05500           CP      0AH             ;0AH = <^J>: Turn counter display ON
05600           CALL    Z,KNTON         ;Call KNTON if true
05700           JR      REPEAT          ;Ignore any other characters
05800   DOTHIS: CALL    RAMVID          ;Display screen without counter display
05900           CALL    SETUP1          ;Slightly different from SETUP
06000           LD      A,(CHCODE)      ;Get last keyboard character into A
06100           CP      '@'             ;Check for single-step request
06200           JR      NZ,REPEAT       ;Continue with MAIN PROGRAM if not 0
06300                                   ;This is the single-step routine
06400   STEP:   CALL    MOVEIT          ;This causes the program to
06500                                   ;single-step one cycle at a time
06600           CALL    CONVRT          ;When any key except <ESC> is pressed
06700           CALL    FATE
06800           CALL    RAMVID
06900           CALL    COUNTR          ;Call counter display routine
07000   STEP2:  CALL    GETCHR          ;Get a character from the keyboard
07100                                   ;This routine loops until a key is hit
07200           LD      A,B             ;Put character in A
07300           CP      27              ;Check for <ESC> key
07400           JR      Z,REPEAT        ;Go to full-speed mode if true
07500           CP      1               ;Check for <F1> key
07600           JR      Z,START1        ;Restart if true
07700           CP      2               ;Check for <F2> key
07800           JR      Z,DOTHIS        ;Modify screen with this routine
07900           CP      0BH             ;Check for <^K>
08000           CALL    Z,KNTINT        ;Initialize counter and display if true
08100           CP      0FFH            ;Was the subroutine called?
08200           JR      Z,STEP2         ;Continue here if true
08300           CP      9               ;Check for <^I>
08400           CALL    Z,KNTOFF        ;Turn off counter display if true
08500           CP      0FFH
08600           JR      Z,STEP2
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08700           CP      0AH             ;Check for <^J>
08800           CALL    Z,KNTON         ;Turn counter display on if true
08900           CP      0FFH
09000           JR      Z,STEP2
09100           JR      STEP            ;Ignore any other characters
09200   ;=======================================================================
09300   ;=======================================================================
09400   .COMMENT*       SETUP  SUBROUTINE
09500                   This subroutine provides screen editing functions.
09600                   Control passes to this routine whenever you decide
09700                   to make changes in the LIFE enviroment.
09800           *
09900   SETUP:  CALL    CPL40           ;Clear the screen and set 40 cpl mode
10000           CALL    KNTINT          ;Initialize counter and display routine
10100   SETUP1: CALL    CRSR            ;Set style and mode of the cursor
10200           LD      A,MOVEFR        ;MOVEBK, MOVEFR = cursor codes
10300           LD      (CHCODE+1),A    ;Initialize cursor codes for
10400           LD      A,MOVEBK        ;FORWARD motion
10500           LD      (CHCODE+2),A
10600   KLKY:   LD      A,1             ;KBINIT SVC code
10700           RST     8               ;Clear all previous keystrokes
10800   CHAR:   CALL    GETCHR          ;Get a character from the keyboard
10900                                   ;The character will be in B register
11000           LD      A,B             ;Get character into A
11100           LD      (CHCODE),A      ;And save character at CHCODE
11200           CP      27              ;27 is <ESC> key:  This starts LIFE
11300           JR      Z,GOBACK        ;Return to MAIN PROGRAM if true
11400           CP      '0'             ;<0> requests single-step routine
11500           JR      Z,GOBACK        ;Return to MAIN PROGRAM if true
11600           CP      1               ;Check for <F1> key: Restart if true
11700           JR      Z,SETUP         ;<F1> will clear screen and restart
11800           CP      2               ;Check for <F2> key
11900           JR      Z,CHAR          ;Ignore it
12000   LKUP:   CALL    LOOKUP          ;Keyboard character is in B register
12100                                   ;LOOKUP will jump to correct routine
12200                                   ;for that character
12300           JR      KLKY            ;Continue with subroutine
12400   GOBACK: CALL    VIDRAM          ;Dump video display into RAM buffer
12500           CALL    NOCRSR          ;Turn off the cursor
12600           RET
12700   ;=======================================================================
12800   .COMMENT*       FATE  SUBROUTINE
12900                   This subroutine accumulates a sum for every cell
13000                   on the screen, and then either kills it, lets it live,
13100                   or causes a new cell to be filled.
13200           *
13300   FATE:   LD      D,40            ;Initialize counters
13400           LD      E,24
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The counter display uses five spaces in the upper right corner of the video display. It doesn't affect the evaluation of any generation although it may conceal a portion of the Life display. Use control-I to reveal the hidden pattern.

Subroutines

Life uses subroutines extensively. A short subroutine is easier to debug than a long, complicated program, and you can easily add new or modified subroutines. Below are explanations of the subroutines called from the main program.

Setup is the screen editor subroutine. The number zero exits to the program's single-step mode. Pressing the escape key invokes the full-speed mode. Hitting the break key returns the program to TRSDOS READY.

The F1 key clears the screen so you can restart. Setup ignores the F2 key. Control-K, control-I, and control-J affect the counter and the counter display.

The numeral keys 1–9 relocate the cursor to one of nine screen locations. The four arrow keys position the cursor. Control-F, control-R, control-U, and control-D insert cursor control codes into a buffer that determines where the cursor is positioned after a

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The enter key centers the cursor on the screen and resets the cursor codes for forward motion. Pressing any other key causes an O to be displayed at the current cursor position. I used an O to designate an occupant, but you can easily change this character. You can also add new functions and control keys. The Lookup subroutine and service calls make it easy to insert new code.

The Lookup subroutine is based on the SVC of the same name. The program passes one character to this routine as an argument. The program then searches a table for a matching character. If it finds a match, the program loads 2 bytes of data into register pair HL. The data is the address of a routine associated with the search argument.

If the program doesn't find the

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13500            LD      IX,ARRAY+43     ;IX gets address of ARRAY offset by 43
13600            LD      HL,RAMBUF       ;HL gets address of RAMBUF
13700  ACCUM:    XOR     A               ;Zero accumulator
13800            ADD     A,(IX-43)       ;Begin addition processing
13900            ADD     A,(IX-42)
14000            ADD     A,(IX-41)
14100            ADD     A,(IX-1)
14200            ADD     A,(IX+1)
14300            ADD     A,(IX+41)
14400            ADD     A,(IX+42)
14500            ADD     A,(IX+43)
14600            CP      3               ;Check for births
14700            JR      Z,LIVE          ;If true, there will be an occupant
14800            CP      2               ;Check for two neighbors
14900            JR      Z,NODIFF        ;No changes made if true
15000  DIE:      LD      (HL),' '        ;Fill corresponding RAMBUF with a blank
15100            JR      NODIFF          ;Go to count processor
15200  LIVE:     LD      (HL),'O'        ;Fill corresponding RAMBUF with an 'O'
15300  NODIFF:   INC     HL              ;Increment RAMBUF pointer
15400            INC     IX              ;Increment ARRAY pointer
15500            DEC     D               ;Decrement counter
15600            JR      NZ,ACCUM        ;Process ARRAY until done
15700            INC     IX              ;Skip 2 elements of this buffer
15800            INC     IX
15900            LD      D,40            ;Reset counter
16000            DEC     E               ;Decrement counter: When this counter
16100                                    ;goes to zero, we're done
16200            JR      NZ,ACCUM        ;Loop until done
16300            RET
16400  ;=================================================================
16500  .COMMENT*         LOAD0  SUBROUTINE
16600                    This subroutine initializes an array with value 0
16700            *
16800  LOAD0:    LD      D,0             ;Register D has the value to be loaded
16900            LD      HL,ARRAY        ;HL has the address to be loaded
17000            LD      BC,1092         ;BC has the number of bytes to load
17100  HERE1:    LD      (HL),D          ;Load value 0 into current address
17200            INC     HL              ;Bump address
17300            DEC     BC              ;Decrement byte counter
17400            LD      A,B             ;See if we're done
17500            OR      C               ;We're not done until B = C = 0
17600            JR      NZ,HERE1        ;Loop to HERE1 until done
17700            RET                     ;Then return
17800  ;=================================================================
17900  .COMMENT*         MOVEIT  SUBROUTINE
18000                    This subroutine transfers data from one area of
18100                    RAM to another.  Data is moved and loaded in a
18200                    special pattern.
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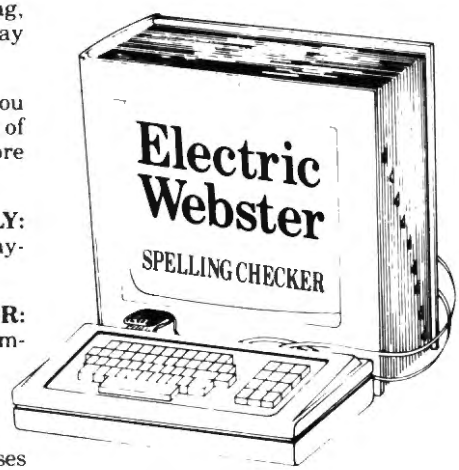

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18400 MOVEIT:   LD      A,24            ;Number of rows to be loaded
18500           LD      HL,RAMBUF       ;Sending address
18600           LD      DE,ARRAY+43     ;Receiving address
18700 DOITNW:   LD      BC,40           ;Number of bytes to copy
18800           LDIR                    ;Move it now
18900           INC     DE              ;Skip next 2 elements of ARRAY
19000           INC     DE
19100           DEC     A               ;Decrement row counter
19200           JR      NZ,DOITNW       ;Loop to DOITNW until done
19300           RET                     ;Return if finished
19400 ;=========================================================================
19500 .COMMENT*          CONVRT  SUBROUTINE
19600                    This subroutine converts an array of mixed ASCII codes
19700                    into an array of integers.
19800           *
19900 CONVRT:   LD      BC,1092         ;BC = Number of bytes to convert
20000           LD      HL,ARRAY        ;HL = Address of current byte
20100 LOOP1:    LD      A,(HL)          ;A = Current value being converted
20200           CP      ' '             ;Compare it with ASCII 'blank'
20300           JR      Z,LOOP3         ;Jump to LOOP3 if true
20400           CP      0               ;Compare it with 0
20500           JR      Z,LOOP2         ;Jump to LOOP2 if true
20600           LD      (HL),1          ;If not 'blank' or 0, make it a 1
20700 LOOP2:    DEC     BC              ;Decrement byte counter
20800           INC     HL              ;Bump current address
20900           LD      A,B             ;Not done until B = C = 0
21000           OR      C
21100           JR      NZ,LOOP1        ;Loop until done
21200           RET                     ;Then return
21300 LOOP3:    LD      (HL),0          ;Load current address with 0
21400           JR      LOOP2           ;Go to counter routine
21500 ;=========================================================================
21600 .COMMENT*          SETBRK  SUBROUTINE
21700                    This subroutine sets up a new <BREAK> key
21800                    processing routine.
21900           *
22000 SETBRK:   LD      A,(06B1H)       ;Get current cursor style and mode
22100           LD      (CURSOR),A      ;and save it here
22200           LD      HL,0            ;Zero removes current <BREAK> processor
22300           LD      A,3             ;SETBRK SVC code
22400           RST     8               ;The removed address is in HL
22500           LD      HL,NEWBRK       ;Load HL with new <BREAK> address
22600           LD      A,3             ;SETBRK SVC code
22700           RST     8               ;New routine is now enabled
22800           RET
22900 ;=========================================================================
23000 .COMMENT*          NEWBRK  SUBROUTINE
23100                    This is the new <BREAK> routine.  This routine restores
23200                    the original cursor to the system, restores the
23300                    SP register, clears the screen and resets
23400                    80 column mode before returning to TRSDOS READY.
23500           *
23600 NEWBRK:   LD      A,(CURSOR)      ;Get original cursor back
23700           LD      (06B1H),A       ;Restore it to the system
23800           LD      A,10            ;Install new cursor in Register 10
23900           OUT     (0FCH),A        ;of the CRTC board
24000           LD      A,(CURSOR)      ;Get back the original cursor
24100           OUT     (0FDH),A        ;Send it to the video controller
24200           CALL    CPL80           ;Clear the screen and set 80 cpl mode
24300           LD      HL,(STACK)      ;Get back original stack pointer
24400           LD      SP,HL           ;and restore it
24500           RST     0               ;Return to 'TRSDOS READY'
24600 ;=========================================================================
24700 .COMMENT*          CRSR  SUBROUTINE
24800                    This subroutine changes the current cursor style
24900                    and mode.  The new cursor will be a full block cursor
25000                    with a twice normal blink rate.
25100           *
25200 CRSR:     LD      A,10            ;Register 10 of CRTC board will
25300           OUT     (0FCH),A        ;get the new cursor code
25400           LD      A,40H           ;Code for new cursor
25500           OUT     (0FDH),A        ;Send it to the video controller
25600           LD      (06B1H),A       ;Put it in the system also
25700           RET
25800 ;=========================================================================
25900 .COMMENT*          NOCRSR  SUBROUTINE
26000                    This subroutine turns the cursor OFF.
26100           *
26200 NOCRSR:   LD      A,10            ;Register 10 of the CRTC board will
26300           OUT     (0FCH),A        ;get the new cursor code
26400           LD      A,20H           ;Code to turn cursor off
26500           OUT     (0FDH),A        ;Send it to video controller
26600           LD      (06B1H),A       ;Send it to the system also
26700           RET
26800 ;=========================================================================
26900 .COMMENT*          CPL40  SUBROUTINE
27000                    This routine clears the screen and sets 40 column mode.
27100           *
27200 CPL40:    LD      B,1FH           ;Clear the screen, set 40 column mode
27300           LD      A,8             ;VDCHAR SVC code
27400           RST     8
27500           RET
27600 ;=========================================================================
27700 .COMMENT*          CPL80   SUBROUTINE
27800                    This routine clears the screen and sets 80 column mode.
27900           *
28000 CPL80:    LD      B,1EH           ;Clear the screen, set 80 column mode
28100           LD      A,8             ;VDCHAR SVC code
28200           RST     8
28300           RET
28400 ;=========================================================================
28500 .COMMENT*          GETCHR  SUBROUTINE
28600                    This routine is designed to get a character from
28700                    the keyboard.  GETCHR will not return until a
28800                    character is available.
28900           *
29000 GETCHR:   LD      A,4             ;KBCHAR SVC code
29100           RST     8               ;Z flag indicates a character is in B
29200           JR      NZ,GETCHR       ;Loop until a character is available
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search character in the table, control passes to the default routine, Print. This routine displays an O at the current cursor position. The routines FORWRD, REVRSE, Up, and Down insert cursor control codes in the display buffer CHCODE.

Routines 1–9 load the B and C registers, and row and column numbers position the cursor. The Locate routine then uses these numbers and the VDGRAF SVC to move the cursor to the requested location. Pressing the enter key centers the cursor and resets the codes in CHCODE. BKSP and Space provide the destructive backspace and space functions. The Arrow routine converts the arrow key codes into graphics mode cursor control codes.

You can easily add new function codes and routines to the Lookup subroutine. Insert the ASCII code of your new control character to Table followed by the address of your new routine. Insert the new routine anywhere, or append it to the existing program. For instance, you might want to add a routine that produces a specific pattern at the touch of a button, or randomly generates populations on the screen.

The LOADO subroutine initializes the array that evaluates each generation of Life.

The MOVEIT subroutine transfers data from the video buffer into the working array.

The CONVRT subroutine converts ASCII codes in the working array into integer values of zero or 1. These values are used to accumulate the totals that determine the fate of any occupied spaces in addition to births in empty spaces.

Subroutine SETBRK defines a new break key processing routine. It saves the system cursor at address Cursor and installs the address of NEWBRK as the Life exit routine. This routine restores the system cursor, clears the screen, sets the 80-column display mode, and jumps to TRSDOS READY.

The Fate subroutine evaluates each generation and determines births and deaths according to the rules of Life. Index register IX accesses the values in the working array. These values correspond to the occupied and empty spaces on the display. The program accumulates a total for each location in the display. This total determines the fate of that location.

The CRSR and NOCRSR subroutines control the type of cursor display and whether the cursor is on or off.

The CPL40 and CPL80 subroutines clear the screen and set either the 40- or

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29300           RET                     ;Character will be in B register
29400   ;=======================================================================
29500   .COMMENT*       VIDRAM  SUBROUTINE
29600                   This routine is designed to dump the video display into
29700                   a buffer in RAM.
29800           *
29900   VIDRAM: LD      B,0FFH          ;Function code: Dump video to RAM
30000           LD      HL,RAMBUF       ;HL = Address of the buffer
30100           LD      A,94            ;VIDRAM SVC code
30200           RST     8
30300           RET
30400   ;=======================================================================
30500   .COMMENT*       RAMVID  SUBROUTINE
30600                   This routine is designed to dump a RAM buffer to
30700                   the video display.
30800           *
30900   RAMVID: LD      B,0             ;Function code: Dump RAM to video
31000           LD      HL,RAMBUF       ;HL = Buffer address
31100           LD      A,94            ;VIDRAM SVC code
31200           RST     8
31300           RET
31400   ;=======================================================================
31500   .COMMENT*       LOOKUP  SUBROUTINE
31600                   This subroutine finds a given value in a table
31700                   and loads the corresponding address into HL.
31800                   If the given value isn't found, the routine
31900                   displays an 'O'.
32000           *
32100   LOOKUP: LD      HL,TABLE        ;HL = Address of the table
32200           LD      A,28            ;LOOKUP SVC code
32300                                   ;B register has the search key
32400           RST     8               ;Do it now
32500           JR      NZ,PRINT        ;Key wasn't in the table?
32600           JP      (HL)            ;SUCESS!! Jump to subroutine address
32700   PRINT:  LD      D,0             ;Buffer length = 0
32800           LD      A,11            ;VDREAD SVC code: Get cursor location
32900           RST     8               ;Row and column are in B and C
33000           LD      HL,CHCODE       ;HL = Buffer address
33100           LD      (HL),'O'        ;Put an 'O' there
33200           LD      D,3             ;Buffer length = 3
33300           LD      A,10            ;VDGRAF SVC code
33400           RST     8               ;Put an 'O' on the screen
33500           RET                     ;Return for another character
33600
33700   .COMMENT*       SUBROUTINES for "LOOKUP"
33800                   These are the routines that LOOKUP will jump to.
33900                   The first four insert cursor control codes into
34000                   a buffer.  The control codes are used to provide
34100                   cursor motion in the SETUP routine.
34200           *
34300   FORWRD: LD      HL,CHCODE+1     ;HL = Buffer address
34400           LD      (HL),MOVEFR     ;Load buffer with a control code
34500           INC     HL              ;Bump buffer address
34600           LD      (HL),MOVEBK     ;Another control code:
34700           RET                     ;cancels the first one
34800   REVRSE: LD      HL,CHCODE+1     ;HL = Buffer address
34900           LD      (HL),MOVEBK     ;Buffer gets a control code
35000           INC     HL              ;Bump address
35100           LD      (HL),MOVEBK     ;Buffer gets another control code:
35200           RET                     ;This causes the cursor to back up
35300   UP:     LD      HL,CHCODE+1     ;HL = Buffer address
35400           LD      (HL),MOVEUP     ;Buffer loaded with a control code
35500           INC     HL              ;Bump current address
35600           LD      (HL),MOVEBK     ;Buffer gets its second control code:
35700           RET                     ;This causes the cursor to move up
35800   DOWN:   LD      HL,CHCODE+1     ;HL = Buffer address
35900           LD      (HL),MOVEDN     ;First control code loaded
36000           INC     HL              ;Bump current address
36100           LD      (HL),MOVEBK     ;Buffer gets second code
36200           RET                     ;This causes the cursor to move down
36300   ;               The next nine assign cursor motion functions to the
36400   ;               numeric keys.  This allows the cursor to be positioned
36500   ;               in one of nine locations by pressing a single key.
36600   ONE:    LD      B,23            ;Row number for cursor position
36700           LD      C,0             ;Column number for cursor position
36800           JR      LOCATE          ;Cursor routine is here
36900   TWO:    LD      B,23
37000           LD      C,19
37100           JR      LOCATE
37200   THREE:  LD      B,23
37300           LD      C,39
37400           JR      LOCATE
37500   FOUR:   LD      B,11
37600           LD      C,0
37700           JR      LOCATE
37800   FIVE:   LD      B,11
37900           LD      C,19
38000           JR      LOCATE
38100   SIX:    LD      B,11
38200           LD      C,39
38300           JR      LOCATE
38400   SEVEN:  LD      B,0
38500           LD      C,0
38600           JR      LOCATE
38700   EIGHT:  LD      B,0
38800           LD      C,19
38900           JR      LOCATE
39000   NINE:   LD      B,0
39100           LD      C,39
39200   ;               Now the given row and column co-ordinates are used
39300   ;               to position the cursor at the desired location.
39400   LOCATE: LD      D,0             ;Buffer length is zero
39500           LD      A,10            ;VDGRAF SVC code
39600           RST     8               ;This positions the cursor at the
39700           RET                     ;specified row and column
39800   ;               This routine centers the cursor and restores
39900   ;               normal cursor motion.
40000   ENTER:  LD      HL,CHCODE+1     ;HL = Buffer address
40100           LD      (HL),MOVEFR     ;Code to move cursor forward
40200           INC     HL              ;Bump buffer address
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40300           LD      (HL),MOVEBK     ;Code to move the cursor back
40400           JR      FIVE            ;Now center the cursor
40500   ;               This routines provides a destructive <BACK SPACE> key
40600   ;               with respect to the current cursor motion codes.
40700   BKSP:   LD      HL,(CHCODE+1)   ;Get cursor control codes into HL
40800           PUSH    HL              ;Save them in the Stack
40900           LD      A,(CHCODE+1)    ;Get first control character
41000           XOR     00000001B       ;Complement bit 0: Reverse direction
41100                                   ;of cursor motion
41200           LD      (CHCODE),A      ;Put it in the buffer: New order
41300           LD      A,' '           ;Load A register with a 'blank'
41400           LD      (CHCODE+1),A    ;Put it in the buffer
41500           LD      A,MOVEBK        ;Cursor control code: Back up
41600           LD      (CHCODE+2),A    ;Make it the 3rd buffer character
41700                                   ;Now get the current cursor location
41800           LD      D,0             ;Buffer length = 0
41900           LD      A,11            ;VDREAD SVC code
42000           RST     8               ;On return, B = row, C = col.
42100                                   ;Overstrike character with a 'blank'
42200           LD      HL,CHCODE       ;HL = Address of buffer to be displayed
42300           LD      D,3             ;Display 3 characters
42400           LD      A,10            ;VDGRAF SVC code
42500           RST     8
42600           POP     HL              ;Get original codes back from the Stack
42700           LD      (CHCODE+1),HL   ;Restore them to the buffer
42800           RET                     ;Return to the calling routine
42900   ;               This routine assigns cursor control to the arrow keys.
43000   ARROW:  LD      A,(CHCODE)      ;Get character back into A register
43100           ADD     A,0E0H          ;Convert the ASCII code
43200           LD      (CHCODE),A      ;Put the new chaacter in the buffer
43300           LD      D,0             ;Buffer length = 0
43400           LD      A,11            ;VDREAD SVC code
43500           RST     8               ;Current cursor position is returned
43600                                   ;in registers B and C
43700           LD      HL,CHCODE       ;HL = Buffer address
43800           LD      D,1             ;Buffer length = 1
43900           LD      A,10            ;VDGRAF SVC code
44000           RST     8               ;Perform the requested movement
44100           RET
44200   ;               This routine prints a 'blank' at the current location.
44300   SPACE:  LD      D,0             ;Buffer length = 0
44400           LD      A,11            ;VDREAD SVC code
44500           RST     8               ;Cursor position returned in B and C
44600           LD      HL,CHCODE       ;HL = Buffer address
44700           LD      (HL),' '        ;Put a 'blank' there
44800           LD      D,3             ;Use the cursor codes too
44900           LD      A,10            ;VDGRAF SVC code:  Display a 'blank'
45000           RST     8
45100           RET
45200   ;=======================================================================
45300   .COMMENT*       This is a one shot routine called once at the
45400                   beginning of the program.
45500                   Change this routine to install your own title graphics
45600                   in this program.
45700           *
45800   DSPLY:  CALL    CPL40           ;Clear the screen, set 40 column mode
45900           LD      B,10            ;B has the row number
46000           LD      C,15            ;C has the column number
46100           LD      D,LEN1          ;D has the length of the message
46200           LD      HL,MESS1        ;HL has the address of the message
46300           LD      A,10            ;VDGRAF SVC code
46400           RST 8
46500           LD      B,12            ;Row is in B
46600           LD      C,14            ;Column is in C
46700           LD      D,LEN2          ;D has the length of the message
46800           LD      HL,MESS2        ;HL points to the message
46900           LD      A,10            ;VDGRAF SVC code
47000           RST     8
47100           LD      B,13            ;B has row number
47200           LD      C,14            ;C has column number
47300           LD      D,LEN3          ;D has the length of the message
47400           LD      HL,MESS3        ;HL points to the message
47500           LD      A,10            ;VDGRAF SVC code
47600           RST 8
47700           LD      B,24            ;Last row
47800           LD      C,19            ;Center column
47900           LD      D,0             ;Buffer length is 0
48000           LD      A,10            ;VDGRAF SVC code
48100           RST     8
48200           CALL    GETCHR          ;Wait for keyboard before returning
48300           RET
48400   ;=======================================================================
48500   .COMMENT*       These routines provide a counter to keep track of the
48600                   number of cycles that the enviroment has gone through.
48700           KNTINT  resets the counter to zero and turns it on.
48800           KNTON   turns the counter on but doesn't reset it.
48900           KNTOFF  turns the counter off but doesn't reset it.
49000           COUNTR  is the routine that increments and displays the count.
49100                   The RESET1 byte of the routine is switched between
49200                   NOP and RET, depending whether the counter is turned
49300                   on or off.
49400           *
49500   KNTINT: LD      HL,CNTINT       ;Set accumulator to 0
49600           LD      (HL),0
49700           INC     HL
49800           LD      (HL),0
49900           LD      HL,RESET1       ;HL points to display routine
50000           LD      (HL),0          ;RESET1 byte equal to Z80 code 'NOP'
50100           LD      A,0FFH          ;Load A register with flag
50200           RET
50300   ;=======================================================================
50400   KNTON:  LD      HL,RESET1       ;HL points to counting routine
50500           LD      (HL),0          ;RESET1 byte equal to Z80 code 'NOP'
50600           LD      A,0FFH          ;Load A register with flag
50700           RET                     ;Nothing else is changed
50800   ;=======================================================================
50900   KNTOFF: LD      HL,RESET1       ;HL points to counting routine
51000           LD      (HL),0C9H       ;Set RESET1 byte equal to 'RET' code
51100                                   ;This will cause the routine to return
51200                                   ;immedialtely every time it is called
51300           CALL    RAMVID          ;Restore screen without counter display
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80-column display modes.

Subroutine GETCHR uses the KB-CHAR SVC to retrieve a character from the keyboard. This subroutine doesn't return without a character.

The VIDRAM and the RAMVID subroutines use the same SVC. VIDRAM dumps the contents of the display into a designated buffer in RAM. RAMVID does the opposite.

Life calls the subroutine DSPLY once near the beginning of the main program. You can make this subroutine more elaborate if you want to customize the Life marquee.

Subroutine COUNTR accumulates and displays the total number of generations produced since you last set the counter. Three other subroutines control and modify this subroutine. KNTINT resets the count to zero and turns on the display function. KNTON and KNTOFF turn the display on or off, but do not reset the counter.

The byte at address RESET1 determines whether or not the counter is displayed. KNTINT and KNTON both set this byte to value zero, the Z80 code for NOP. KNTOFF sets this byte to value C9 hexadecimal. The value of this byte determines whether the count is displayed or if the routine returns immediately after incrementing the count. The Z80 code for RET is C9.

Data

Life's data section defines the value of the mnemonic codes used throughout the program. The table used in the Lookup subroutine is located here at address Table. RAMBUF is the buffer that holds the data dumped from the video display. It also holds the new data for each generation. Array is the working array used to hold the integer value the Fate subroutine uses. The screen editor routine uses Buffer CHCODE and contains the character and cursor codes the program displays. The COUNTR subroutine uses CNTASC and CNTINT. The messages displayed by the DSPLY subroutine are also stored here.

Conclusion

By experimenting with this program, you can create a great number and variety of patterns as births and deaths alter populations before your eyes. What started as John Conway's scientific simulation is now a fascinating glimpse at Life. ■

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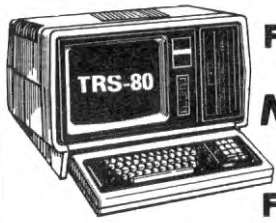

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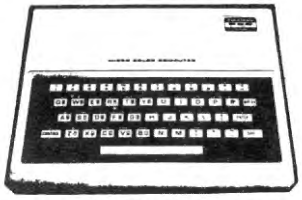

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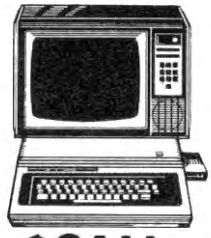

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51400           LD      A,0FFH          ;Load A register with a flag value
51500           RET
51600   ;=======================================================================
51700   COUNTR: LD      HL,(CNTINT)     ;HL holds contents of hex accumulator
51800           INC     HL              ;Increment count
51900           LD      (CNTINT),HL     ;Restore new value
52000   RESET1: NOP                     ;This code will be either
52100                                   ;NOP = 00 or RET = 0C9H
52200           EX      DE,HL           ;Get value into DE for next routine
52300           LD      HL,CNTASC       ;HL points to 5 byte buffer for ASCII
52400           LD      B,0             ;B = 0 is function code for SVC
52500           LD      A,21            ;BINDEC SVC: convert HEX=>Decimal ASCII
52600           RST     8               ;ASCII will be in CNTASC
52700           LD      B,5             ;Going to check 5 characters maximum
52800           LD      HL,CNTASC       ;HL points to ASCII buffer
52900   LOOPC1: LD      A,(HL)          ;Get value into A for comparison
53000           CP      '0'             ;See if it's a '0'
53100           JR      NZ,LOOPC2       ;Quit with first non-'0' character
53200           LD      (HL),' '        ;Otherwise put a 'blank' there
53300           INC     HL              ;Bump address
53400           DJNZ    LOOPC1          ;Loop until done
53500   LOOPC2: LD      D,5             ;Maximum of 5 characters in the buffer
53600           LD      B,0             ;Row number for display
53700           LD      C,35            ;Column number for display
53800           LD      HL,CNTASC       ;HL points to buffer of ASCII codes
53900           LD      A,10            ;VDGRAF SVC code
54000           RST     8
54100           RET
54200   ;=======================================================================
54300   ;=======================================================================
54400   .COMMENT*       DATA SECTION
54500
54600                   This includes the buffers and arrays used in this
54700                   program as well as the LOOKUP table.
54800
54900           *
55000           DSEG
55100   RAMBUF: DEFS    960
55200   ARRAY:  DEFS    1092
55300   CHCODE: DEFB    20H, 0FDH, 0FCH
55400   CURSOR: DEFS    1
55500   STACK:  DEFW    0
55600
55700           MOVEFR  EQU     0FDH    ;Forward cursor motion code
55800           MOVEBK  EQU     0FCH    ;Reverse cursor motion code
55900           MOVEUP  EQU     0FEH    ;Upward cursor motion code
56000           MOVEDN  EQU     0FFH    ;Downward cursor motion code
56100
56200   ;               This is the LOOKUP table
56300
56400   TABLE:  DEFB    '1'
56500           DEFW    ONE
56600           DEFB    '2'
56700           DEFW    TWO
56800           DEFB    '3'
56900           DEFW    THREE
57000           DEFB    '4'
57100           DEFW    FOUR
57200           DEFB    '5'
57300           DEFW    FIVE
57400           DEFB    '6'
57500           DEFW    SIX
57600           DEFB    '7'
57700           DEFW    SEVEN
57800           DEFB    '8'
57900           DEFW    EIGHT
58000           DEFB    '9'
58100           DEFW    NINE
58200           DEFB    0DH     ;<ENTER> key
58300           DEFW    ENTER
58400           DEFB    08H     ;<BACK SPACE> key
58500           DEFW    BKSP
58600           DEFB    1CH     ;<LEFT ARROW> key
58700           DEFW    ARROW
58800           DEFB    1DH     ;<RIGHT ARROW> key
58900           DEFW    ARROW
59000           DEFB    1EH     ;<UP ARROW> key
59100           DEFW    ARROW
59200           DEFB    1FH     ;<DOWN ARROW> key
59300           DEFW    ARROW
59400           DEFB    04H     ;<CTRL><D> key
59500           DEFW    DOWN
59600           DEFB    06H     ;<CTRL><F> key
59700           DEFW    FORWRD
59800           DEFB    12H     ;<CTRL><R> key
59900           DEFW    REVRSE
60000           DEFB    15H     ;<CTRL><U> key
60100           DEFW    UP
60200           DEFB    20H     ;<SPACE BAR> key
60300           DEFW    SPACE
60400           DEFB    0BH     ;<CTRL><K> key
60500           DEFW    KNTINT
60600           DEFB    9       ;<CTRL><I> key
60700           DEFW    KNTOFF
60800           DEFB    0AH     ;<CTRL><J> key
60900           DEFW    KNTON
61000           DEFB    0FFH    ;END OF LOOKUP TABLE
61100
61200   MESS1:  DEFM    0FAH,' L I F E '
61300   MESS2:  DEFM    'Program  by'
61400   MESS3:  DEFM    'Dave  Faske'
61500
61600           L       EQU     $
61700
61800           LEN1    EQU     MESS2-MESS1
61900           LEN2    EQU     MESS3-MESS2
62000           LEN3    EQU     L-MESS3
62100
62200   CNTINT: DEFW    0               ;Accumulator for binary count
62300   CNTASC: DEFS    5               ;5 byte buffer for ASCII conversions
62400
62500           END     START           ;Program begins at START
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7. MEMORY REQUIREMENTS: to approximate the largest BASIC program that can be compiled in your machine (at one time), enter BASIC and type: PRINT (MEM-6500)/2. Remember, you can merge compiled programs together to fill memory.

ZBASIC 2.2 SPEED COMPARISON DEMO

To help give you an idea how fast compiled programs are, we have included this demo program:

ZBASIC 2.2 DEMO PROGRAM

Time to compile and run complete program	**: 0 MIN. 2 SEC.**
BASIC Execution speed MOD 1, LEVEL II	**: 7 MIN. 34 SEC.**
ZBASIC Execution speed MOD 1, LEVEL II	**:0 MIN. 18 SEC.**
BASIC Program size (WITHOUT VARIABLES)	**: 895 BYTES**
ZBASIC Program size (WITHOUT VARIABLES)	**: 2733 BYTES**

(Remember that the ZBASIC program includes an 1879 byte subroutine package.) Program shown exactly as compiled and run in BASIC and ZBASIC.

```
10 '========== ZBASIC 2.2 EXAMPLE PROGRAM AND TIME TEST========
20 CLS:CLEAR100:DEFINT A-X:DEFSTR Z:DIM AA(64,24),Z(50):RANDOM
30 AA=100:BB=-1000:CC=3:DD=-3:EE=-9999:ST$="START TIME "+TIME$
40 FOR I=1TO127STEP2 :FOR J=47TO1STEP-3:XX=POINT(I,J):SET(I,J)
50 XX=(I-J)/CC*(7+I+J) :XX=ABS(INT(RND(I*J)-AA)+7) :RESET(I,J)
60 XX=PEEK(I+J) :POKE15360+I+J,J :OUT255,J AND (3*J):XX=INP(I)
70 AB$=STR$(I+J) :BA$=LEFT$(AB$,2) :AA(I/2,J/2)=VAL(BA$)+AA*3
80 BA$=BA$+RIGHT$(BA$,RND(3)) :XX=INSTR(1,BA$,"9"):XX=SQR(I*J)
90 BA$=MID$(BA$,2,2) :MID$(BA$,1,1)=Z :IF XX THEN 100 ELSE CLS
100 IF LEN(BA$)>3 OR SGN(XX)=1 AND ASC(BA$)=32 THEN PRINT"+++";
110 IFPOS(0)>62 THEN TRON:TROFF:PRINT ELSE XX=NOT(RND(99))+100
120 A$=INKEY$:IF A$="Y" OR A$="y" AND I>120 THEN PRINT"TRUE.."
130 RESTORE :READA,C,Z(J),D:GOSUB170:GOSUB170:GOSUB170:GOTO210
140 NEXT :PRINT"*";:NEXTI:CLS:PRINT@512,ST$,"STOP TIME ";TIME$
150 STOP'============== END OF MAIN TEST LOOP ================
160 DATA 12345,-1,"TEST",-9999
170 ON RND(6) GOTO 180,190,200,180,190,200
180 RETURN
190 RETURN
200 RETURN
210 ON RND(9) GOSUB 180,190,200,180,190,200,180,190,200
220 GOTO140
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by Sam Conviser

Skygazers will be left starry-eyed as they use their Color Computers to learn more about physics and the celestial bodies above.

By combining physics and the discoveries of astronomy, computer programs can calculate anything from a person's weight on Pluto to the aging rate of a person traveling at the speed of light. Or, they can display stars and constellations as they appear in the night sky.

These three Extended Basic Color Computer programs are for the amateur and professional astronomer alike. □

Time Travel

Can we travel to the distant galaxies and set foot on a never-before-seen world? To reach even the nearest star, Proxima Centauri, would take about 40,000 years with current technology. The solution is to develop vehicles that travel as close to the speed of light as possible.

Einstein figured, and modern science has proven, that the closer to the speed of light that you travel, the less you age in relation to someone on Earth. Program Listing 1 computes the difference in time passage between you in a space ship traveling at the speed of light and someone left home on Earth. You can use the time frames of years, days, or hours and velocities of miles per hour (mph) or miles per second (mps).

The Program

Listing 1 is designed to support one mathematical equation (see Table 1). T represents time passage as observed on Earth, t represents your time passed in your light ship, V is your velocity, and C is the speed of light in a vacuum or 186E3 mps (see Table 2).

Listing 1 is easily understood. Safeguards are included to check for improper entries. A value out-of-bounds or a word misspelled prevents the program from continuing to the next prompt or computation.

Running the Program

Now you are ready to run the program. Enter Listing 1 and type RUN. After the introduction, press the enter key and input the time reference, spelling the entire word (hours, days, or years) and press the enter key again. Choose your velocity reference by typing MPS or MPH and pressing enter.

Now enter the values you wish to compute and enter velocity, comma, time passed (Example—185E3,10). Press the enter key and the program computes the data. The display shows you the amount of time that passes on Earth, and your time passed and at

Lines	Description
10–40	Set up titles and introduction
45–59	Choose time measurement
60–78	Choose velocity measurement
90–115	Input data on time and velocity
116–117	These lines check for velocities faster than the speed of light. The value my computer would accept without giving me an error was 185.92445E3 mps. If you can get closer I'd be interested in the value.
121–126	Data is sent to subroutines that put it into standard units. I changed all data to mph and hours for computation.
160–170	Computes data
171–172	Resets data to chosen units
180–220	Answer display
230–358	Subroutines for unit conversions

Table 1. Time travel line descriptions.

A$	Time reference (hours, days, years)
B$	Velocity Reference (mps, mph)
V	Your velocity
T	Earth time passed
t	Your time passed
X	Value of sqr (1 – V2/C2)
Y	Value of T/X
M	Original value of T
Z	% speed of light

Table 2. Time travel variable list.

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what percentage the speed of light you are traveling.

A fascinating part of this program is apparent as you get closer to the speed of light. Carry out your decimal places as far as you can to see the effect. Try the examples in Table 3 to test your program.

Further Reading

I recommend that you read the following books to get a better understanding of the time dilation concept: *Cosmos* by Dr. Carl Sagan, Random House, pp. 198–199, 200–202, 206–210, and *Conceptual Physics* by Paul G. Hewitt, Little, Brown and Co., Chapter 31. ■

Seasonal Star Systems

Seasonal Star Systems is a four-part series of programs using high-resolution graphics (see Program Listings 2–5). These programs are designed with the amateur astronomer in mind to help him identify stars and constellations.

You can choose a star cluster like The Big Dipper or Virgo or choose to look at an individual star like Polaris or Vega. Either way, you'll always see the entire seasonal sky as an arrow points to your target object. I'll later show you how to add your favorite astronomical sights.

Since all four programs run almost the same, with the only variation being line numbers and number of star choices, I will use Program Listing 2 for all examples and references.

The program, line for line, is very straightforward. (See Table 4).

When deciding how to enter star location data, I read across from left to right. This way, when viewing a sky, the computer sweeps across the screen and leaves the stars behind. In line 920, read both x and y coordinates at the same time. You'll need to keep this pairing system in mind if you want to change the star locations or add your own astronomical sights.

Enter the program and run it. Choose a cluster or individual star. Next, choose the object you want to view and press enter. You should see the evening sky as it appears on a clear night in midseason. The center of your screen is directly overhead as long as you are in the Northern Hemisphere. The top of the screen is north, bottom is south, right is east, and left is west. You can use a star chart to check for stars out of place.

If you do a run and get a blank screen or dots bunched at the sides of your screen, look for one number out of place or missing in the data statements.

If the entire screen is blank or all the stars are bunched to one side, your error is in the beginning of the data statements. If half the screen has stars and the other half is blank or has misplaced stars, then your problem is in the middle of your data statements, and so on.

The procedure to add your own sights to the star charts is simple. As mentioned before, each pixel representing a star has its own coordinates. To add other stars, follow these simple steps. First add the object's name to star or cluster lists and be sure to update all references to the number of items in the lists. Then add arrow draw statements so the program points to the added object.

Travel Time Passed	Velocity	Earth Time Passed	% Speed of Light
10 years	93E3 mps	11.549 years	50
10 days	175E3 mps	29.61 days	94.08
10 hours	200E3 mph	10.0000004 days	.0299

Table 3. Examples of time travel data.

10–20	Clear screen, set up highest resolution graphics (PMODE 4)
25–110	Introduction
120–136	System or individual star viewing selector
150–195	Star choices
200–250	Draw section for pointing arrow in individual star mode
399–521	Star cluster choices
530–740	Draw section for pointing arrow in Systems mode
900–940	Read data and set specific pixels to represent seasonal night sky. Note: The 256 × 192 worksheet was used to position stars
950–980	Star location data

Table 4. Seasonal star line description (for summer season).

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Next, upgrade the For...Next loop (line 910) to read the additional data. Add one for each new pair of coordinates.

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Want to lose a quick 10 pounds? Take a voyage to Venus. Want to gain some weight? Take a journey to Jupiter.

This program shows you what you would weigh on other planets by comparing the gravity force there to that on Earth (see Program Listing 6).

One day I was browsing through a used book store and I came upon an astronomy book. I looked through it and found a chart comparing the gravities of the planets in our solar system. The table used Earth's gravity as its basis and the other planets' gravities were given in relation to Earth.

For instance, Venus, just a little smaller than Earth, has a gravity ratio of .88 when compared to Earth. Jupiter, many times larger than Earth, has a gravity of 2.65 times that of Earth.

After I saw these figures, I wrote this program. It multiplies your weight on Earth by a planet's gravitational relationship to Earth, and so determines your weight on that planet. ■

Write to Sam Conviser at 1714 Robinhood, Durham, NC 27701.

Program Listing 1. Time travel.

```
10 CLS:PRINT@67,"time dialation calculation"
20 PRINT@132,"CALCULATE THE DIFFERENCE IN TIME PASSAGE BETWEEN
YOU MOVING AT RELATIVISTIC SPEEDS AND A PERSON ON EARTH."
25 PRINT@353,"COPYRIGHT 1982 BY SAM CONVISER"
30 PRINT@449,"PRESS enter"
40 INPUT A$
45 CLS:PRINT@100,"ARE YOU MEASURING TIME AS
50 PRINT@164,"YEARS,DAYS OR HOURS?"
54 PRINT@449,"CHOOSE AND PRESS enter"
55 INPUT A$
56 IFA$="YEARS"THEN60
57 IFA$="DAYS"THEN60
58 IFA$="HOURS"THEN60
59 GOTO 45
60 CLS:PRINT@98,"ARE YOU MEASURING VELOCITY AS"
65 PRINT@164,"MILES PER HOUR(ENTER MPH)
70 PRINT@228,"MILES PER SECOND(ENTER MPS)
72 PRINT@449,"PRESS enter"
75 INPUTB$
76 IFB$="MPS"THEN90
77 IFB$="MPH"THEN90
78 GOTO60
90 CLS:PRINT@72,"INPUT YOUR DATA"
100 PRINT@228,"1.VELOCITY OF TRAVELER("B$")          2.TIME PAST(
"A$")"
110 PRINT@449,"PRESS enter"
115 INPUTV,T:IFV<=0THEN90
116 IFB$="MPS" AND V>185.92445E3 THEN90
117 IFB$="MPH" AND V>6.69E8 THEN90
121 IFA$="YEARS"ANDB$="MPH"THEN300
122 IFA$="YEARS"ANDB$="MPS"THEN310
123 IFA$="DAYS"ANDB$="MPH"THEN320
124 IFA$="DAYS"ANDB$="MPS"THEN330
125 IFA$="HOURS"ANDB$="MPH"THEN340
126 IFA$="HOURS"ANDB$="MPS"THEN350
160 X=SQR((1-(V^2/4.48E17)))
170 Y=T/X
171 IFA$="YEARS"THENY=Y/365/24
172 IFA$="DAYS"THENY=Y/24
180 CLS:PRINT@65,"YOUR TIME PAST WAS"M;A$
190 PRINT@131,"EARTH TIME PAST IS"
191 PRINT@195,Y;A$
200 Z=((V/60^2)/186E3)*100
210 PRINT@284,"          TRAVELERS VELOCITY IS            "Z"%"
211 PRINT@348,"           THE SPEED OF LIGHT"
220 PRINT@449,"PRESS enter"
230 INPUT A$:GOTO45
300 U=V
301 M=T
304 T=T*365*24
306 GOTO160
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Listing 1 continued

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Listing 1 continued

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310 U=V
312 M=T
314 V=V*60^2
316 T=T*365*24
318 GOTO160
320 U=V
322 M=T
325 C=C*24
326 T=T*24
328 GOTO160
330 U=V
332 M=T
334 V=V*60^2
336 T=T*24
338 GOTO160
340 U=V
342 M=T
348 GOTO160
350 U=V
352 M=T
354 V=V*60^2
358 GOTO160
```

Program Listing 2. Seasonal star systems—summer.

```
10 PMODE4,1
15 PCLS
20 SCREEN1,1
25 CLS:PRINT@70,"seasonal star systems"
50 PRINT@233,"summer season"
100 PRINT@450,"PRESS enter"
110 INPUTA$
120 PCLS:CLS:PRINT@67,"DO YOU WANT TO LOOK AT A...
125 PRINT@160,"1.STAR SYSTEM  2.INDIVIDUAL STAR"
130 PRINT@449,"CHOOSE(1-2) THEN PRESS enter"
135 INPUTC:IFC=1THEN399
136 IF C<1 OR C>2 THEN 120
150 CLS:PRINT@42,"which star?"
155 PRINT@132,"1.POLARIS     6.REGULUS"
160 PRINT@164,"2.MIZAR       7.ALTAR"
165 PRINT@196,"3.ARCTURUS    8.ANTARES"
170 PRINT@228,"4.SPICA       9.DELTA"
175 PRINT@260,"5.VEGA       10.DENEB"
180 PRINT@449,"CHOOSE (1-10) THEN PRESS enter"
190 INPUTN
195 IF N<1 OR N>10 THEN150
200 IFN=1THENDRAW"BM118,30D8H2"
205 IFN=2THENDRAW"BM132,88R8H2"
210 IFN=3THENDRAW"BM128,122R8H2"
215 IFN=4THENDRAW"BM178,150U8F2"
220 IFN=5THENDRAW"BM86,74L8F2"
225 IFN=6THENDRAW"BM238,98U8F2"
230 IFN=7THENDRAW"BM48,76F8L2"
235 IFN=8THENDRAW"BM96,162H8D2"
240 IFN=9THENDRAW"BM70,58D8H2"
245 IFN=10THENDRAW"BM60,42D8E2"
250 GO TO 900
399 PCLS:CLS:PRINT@42,"which system?"
400 PRINT@68,"1.CASSIOPEIA   12.LYRA"
410 PRINT@100,"2.PEGASUS      13.CYGNUS"
420 PRINT@132,"3.CEPHEUS      14.AQUILA"
430 PRINT@164,"4.CAPRICORN    15.OPHIUCHUS"
440 PRINT@196,"5.SAGITTARIUS  16.LUPUS"
450 PRINT@228,"6.SCORPIO      17.LIBRA"
460 PRINT@260,"7.HYDRA        18.CENTAURUS"
470 PRINT@292,"8.CORVUS       19.LEO"
480 PRINT@324,"9.BIG DIPPER   20.CANCER"
490 PRINT@356,"10.L. DIPPER   21.VIRGO"
500 PRINT@388,"11.HERCULES    22.BOOTES"
510 PRINT@449,"CHOOSE (1-22) THEN PRESS enter"
520 INPUT T:CLS:SCREEN0,0
521 IFT<=0THEN399
530 IFT=1THENDRAW"BM60,20R8G2"
540 IFT=2THENDRAW"BM14,12D8E2"
550 IFT=3THENDRAW"BM114,26G8U2"
560 IFT=4THENDRAW"BM12,92D8E2"
570 IFT=5THENDRAW"BM32,172U8F2"
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700 IFT=18THENDRAW"BM172,190H8R2"
710 IFT=19THENDRAW"BM228,108U8F2"
720 IFT=20THENDRAW"BM240,20D8E2"
730 IFT=21THENDRAW"BM208,128L8F2"
740 IFT=22THENDRAW"BM120,128E8D2"
900 CLS:SCREEN1,0
910 FORX=1TO128
920 READA,B
930 PSET(A,B,1)
940 NEXTX:FORR=1TO13000:NEXTR
945 RESTORE:PRINT@225,"PRESS enter TO RETURN CHART...  PRESS (X)
 AND enter TO RETURN   TO SELECTION PAGE":INPUTW$:IFW$="X"THEN12
0
946 GO TO 900
950 DATA 10,118,14,34,14,114,20,142,22,146,24,140,28,142,34,138,
38,144,38,150,44,144,50,94,52,70,56,88,58,86,60,62,60,68,60,92,6
2,76,62,98,64,86,64,164,66,170,68,78,68,116,68,168,70,74,70,164,
70,174,72,110,74,24,76,30,76,104,76,174,78,52,78,96,80,24
960 DATA 80,86,80,114,80,128,80,160,80,166,80,172,82,18,82,92,82
,154,84,46,84,152,86,142,86,150,92,20,86,58,88,92,88,122,90,86,9
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4,106,88,108,70,108,174,112,78,114,172,116,82,118,56,118
970 DATA 60,118,66,122,64,120,86,122,70,122,176,126,68,126,82,12
6,184,130,76,132,106,134,70,134,112,138,66,140,106,140,116,140,1
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154,70,152,80,160,80,162,74,164,172,166,100,168,94,172
980 DATA 128,174,116,176,164,178,122,178,136,184,126,192,160,208
,144,210,154,216,144,202,98,220,150,222,74,206,90,224,66,226,78,
210,94,228,64,232,76,238,80,240,32,118,54,70,132,64,140
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Program Listing 3. Seasonal star systems—fall.

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10 PMODE4,1
15 PCLS
20 SCREEN1,1
25 CLS:PRINT@38,"seasonal star systems"
50 PRINT@235,"fall season"
51 PRINT@321,"COPYRIGHT 1982 BY SAM CONVISER"
100 PRINT@449,"PRESS enter"
110 INPUT A$
115 PCLS:CLS:PRINT@67,"DO YOU WANT TO LOOK AT A..."
120 PRINT@256,"1.STAR SYSTEM  2.INDIVIDUAL STAR"
122 PRINT@449,"CHOOSE (1-2) THEN PRESS enter"
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125 INPUTQ:IF Q=1 THEN 600
126 IFQ<=0 ORQ>2THEN115
130 CLS:PRINT@10,"which star?"
135 PRINT@68,"1.CAPELLA      9.MIZAR,ALCOR"
140 PRINT@100,"2.POLARIS     10.HYADES"
145 PRINT@132,"3.ALDEBARAN   11.PLEIADES(CL)"
150 PRINT@164,"4.ALGOL       12.DENAB"
155 PRINT@196,"5.VEGA        13.ALTAIR
160 PRINT@228,"6.MARKAB      14.SCHEAT"
165 PRINT@260,"7.ALPHERATZ   15.ALGENIB"
170 PRINT@292,"8.MIRA        16.FOMALHAUT"
175 PRINT@449,"CHOOSE (1-16)THEN PRESS enter"
180 INPUT Z
181 IF Z<=0 ORZ>16THEN115
200 IFZ=1THENDRAW"BM60,32G8U2"
205 IFZ=2THENDRAW"BM136,44R8H2"
210 IFZ=3THENDRAW"BM4,72E6D2"
220 IFZ=4THENDRAW"BM70,72U8G2"
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270 IFZ=14THENDRAW"BM124,96L8F2"
275 IFZ=15THENDRAW"BM86,118U8G2"
276 IFZ=16THENDRAW"BM114,170U8G2"
280 GOTO1000
600 CLS:PRINT@41,"which system?"
610 PRINT@68,"1.AURIGA        12.BIG DIPPER"
620 PRINT@100,"2.BOOTES        13.TAURUS"
630 PRINT@132,"3.L. DIPPER     14.ARIES"
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710 PRINT@388,"11.HERCULES     22.DRACO"
720 PRINT@449,"CHOOSE (1-22) THEN PRESS ENTER"
725 INPUT T:IF T<=0ORT>22THEN600
730 IFT=1THENDRAW"BM40,16D8E2"
740 IFT=2THENDRAW"BM232,12D8E2"
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800 IFT=8THENDRAW"BM120,80H8R2"
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1000 CLS:SCREEN1,0
1010 FORX=1 TO 132
1020 READA,B
1030 PSET(A,B,1)
1040 NEXTX:FORR=1 TO12000:NEXT R
1045 RESTORE:PRINT@251,"     PRESS enter TO RETURN CHART...  PRE
SS (X) AND enter TO RETURN TO SELECTION PAGE"
1050 INPUTW$:IF W$="X"THEN115
1051 GO TO 1000
1060 DATA 6,132,8,120,12,64,14,66,18,68,20,62,20,66,24,48,32,36,
32,112,36,54,36,120,38,116,42,36,42,126,44,140,46,46,46,134,50,1
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148,66,114,70,48,70,56,70,118,74,50,78,78,80,50,82,86,86
1070 DATA 92,86,104,92,94,100,56,100,106,102,62,102,96,104,70,10
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146,124,120,126,54,126,64,128,118,128,182,132,58,132,70,132,176,
136,122,138,68,138,164,140,180
1080 DATA 156,142,168,100,168,140,168,18,170,108,172,12,172,104,
174,30,174,148,176,60,176,136,178,34,178,56,180,62,182,108,184,1
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1090 DATA 194,48,194,66,194,122,196,62,200,26,202,126,206,26,218
,70,220,64,226,38,226,72,226,156,228,30,228,68,228,152,230,78,23
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,242,164,244,100,244,158,250,162,252,86,40,64
1095 DATA 158,44,162,46,168,48,174,46,178,42,178,48,184,44
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Program Listing 4. Seasonal star systems—winter.

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10 PMODE 4,1
15 PCLS
20 SCREEN 1,1
25 CLS:PRINT@69, "seasonal star systems"
26 PRINT@234,"winter stars"
27 PRINT@321,"COPYRIGHT 1982 BY SAM CONVISER"
28 PRINT@449,"PRESS enter":INPUT A$
50 CLS:PCLS:PRINT@34,"DO YOU WANT TO LOOK AT A..."
52 PRINT@160,"1.STAR SYSTEM  2.INDIVIDUAL STAR"
54 PRINT@449,"CHOOSE (1-2) THEN PRESS enter"
56 INPUTY:IFY=1THEN130
57 IFY<1 OR Y>2THEN 50
60 CLS:PRINT@10,"which star?"
62 PRINT@68,"1.POLARIS        11.DENEB"
64 PRINT@100,"2.MIZAR          12.REGULUS"
66 PRINT@132,"3.POLLUX         13.CASTOR"
68 PRINT@164,"4.PROCYON        14.SIRIUS"
70 PRINT@196,"5.RIGEL          15.MINTAKA"
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74 PRINT@260,"7.ALGOL          17.CAPELLA"
76 PRINT@292,"8.EL NATH        18.PLEIADES"
78 PRINT@324,"9.ALHENA         19.HYADES
80 PRINT@356,"10.ALDEBARAN     20.BETELGEUSE"
82 PRINT@449,"CHOOSE (1-20) THEN PRESS enter"
83 INPUTF
84 IF F<0 OR F>20 THEN60
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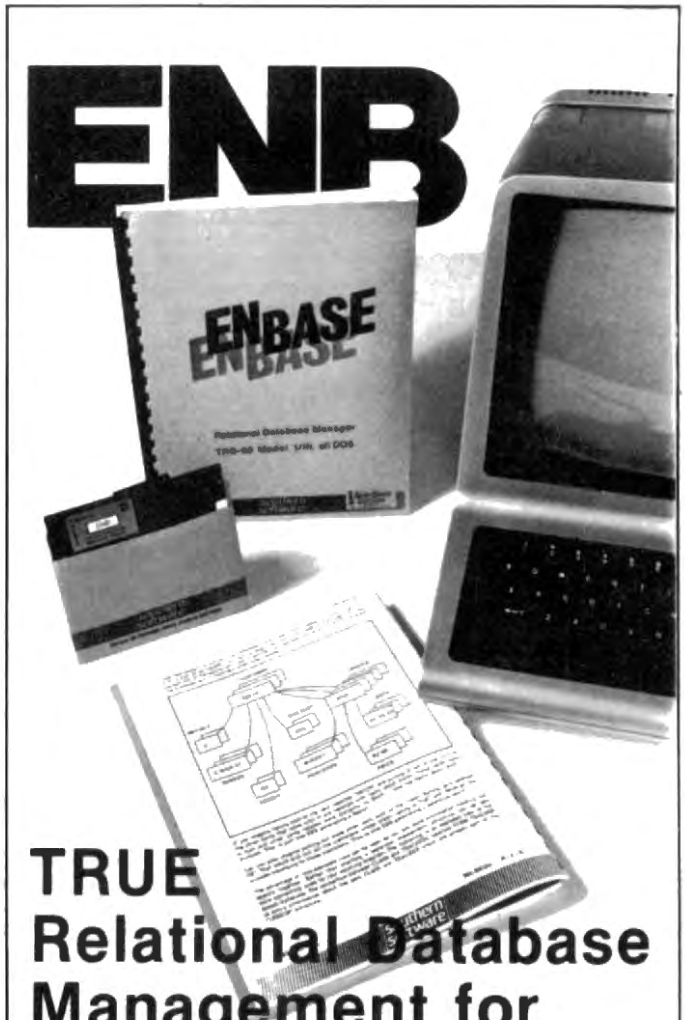

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 98 IFF=8THENDRAW"BM96,88R8G2"
100 IFF=9THENDRAW"BM60,108U8G2"
102 IFF=10THENDRAW"BM120,112U8G2"
103 IFF=11THENDRAW"BM212,40U8G2"
106 IFF=12THENDRAW"BM12,42D8H2"
108 IFF=13THENDRAW"BM58,60D8H2"
110 IFF=14THENDRAW"BM46,118D8H2"
112 IFF=15THENDRAW"BM102,98L8F2"
114 IFF=16THENDRAW"BM168,94R8G2"
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118 IFF=18THENDRAW"BM170,108L8F2"
120 IFF=19THENDRAW"BM124,110U8G2"
122 IFF=20THENDRAW"BM76,76D8H2"
125 GO TO 7000
130 CLS:PRINT@10,"which system?"
140 PRINT@68,"1.BIG DIPPER   11.CYGNUS"
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232 PRINT@388, "               21.TAURUS"
235 PRINT@449,"CHOOSE (1-21) THEN PRESS enter"
240 GO SUB 800
250 GO TO 7000
800 INPUT B:PCLS
801 IF B<0 OR B>21 THEN 130
805 CLS:SCREEN 1,0:PMODE 4,1
806 IF B=1 THEN DRAW"BM52,20F8L2"
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870 IFB=14THENDRAW"BM16,92U8F2"
875 IFB=15THENDRAW"BM40,168U8F2"
880 IFB=16THENDRAW"BM144,160L8E2"
895 IFB=17THENDRAW"BM176,148U8F2"
896 IFB=18THENDRAW"BM252,44G8U2"
897 IFB=19THENDRAW"BM112,58D8E2"
898 IFB=20THENDRAW"BM220,120H8D2"
899 IFB=21THENDRAW"BM114,110U8F2"
7000 CLS:SCREEN 1,0
7001 PMODE 4,1
7005 X=1
7010 FOR X=1 TO 155
7020 READ A,B
7030 PSET(A,B,1)
7040 NEXT X:FOR R=1 TO12000:NEXT R
7045 RESTORE:PRINT@224,"PRESS enter TO RETURN CHART...  PRESS (X
) AND enter TO RETURN   TO SELECTION":INPUTW$:IF W$="X" THEN 50
7047 GO TO 7000
7050 DATA 4,76,12,58,12,76,14,138,20,56,20,74,22,50,22,140
7052 DATA 24,74,24,78,26,76,28,48,30,68,32,56,32,150,34,52,38,66
,38,74,38,146,40,134,40,142,42,64,42,150,44,136,46,58,50,138,54,
78,58,76,60,90
7054 DATA 66,86,68,132,70,136,70,160,72,128,68,28,74,156,70,36,7
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7056 DATA 114,74,110,80,106,92,110,116,112,170,114,88,114,124,12
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7058 DATA 128,172,132,120,136,14,140,28,140,32,140,136,142,10,14
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7060 DATA 166,76,168,10,168,72,172,50,174,70,174,74,174,126,176,
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0,218,22,220,66,226,14,226,26,228,76,232,54,244,64,248,96
7062 DATA 248,100,250,98,250,110,254,98,254,118,34,100,182,94,14
8,108,150,108
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Program Listing 5. Seasonal star systems—spring.

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10 PMODE 4,1
15 PCLS
20 SCREEN1,1
25 CLS:PRINT@70,"seasonal star systems"
30 PRINT@321,"COPYRIGHT 1982 BY SAM CONVISER"
50 PRINT@201,"spring season"
100 PRINT@450,"PRESS enter"
110 INPUT A$
130 CLS:PCLS:PRINT@67,"DO YOU WISH TO LOOK AT A..."
135 PRINT@160,"1.STAR SYSTEMS 2.INDIVIDUAL STAR"
140 PRINT@449,"CHOOSE (1-2) THEN PRESS enter"
145 INPUT O:IF O=1 THEN 300
146 IF O<=0 OR O>2 THEN 130
150 CLS:PRINT@10,"which star?"
160 PRINT@68,"1.POLARIS      9.ARCTURUS"
170 PRINT@100,"2.ALGOL       10.MIZAR,ALCOR"
180 PRINT@132,"3.SPICA       11.REGULUS"
190 PRINT@164,"4.PROCYAN     12.ALHENA"
200 PRINT@196,"5.CASTOR      13.POLLUX"
210 PRINT@228,"6.SIRIUS      14.RIGEL"
220 PRINT@260,"7.ALDEBARAN   15.PLEIADES(CL)
230 PRINT@292,"8.CAPELLA     16.HYADES"
235 PRINT@449,"CHOOSE (1-16) THEN PRESS enter"
240 INPUT P
242 IFP=<0 OR P>16THEN150
245 IFP=1THENDRAW"BM112,70U8G2"
246 IFP=2THENDRAW"BM216,48L8F2"
247 IFP=3THENDRAW"BM48,150U8G2"
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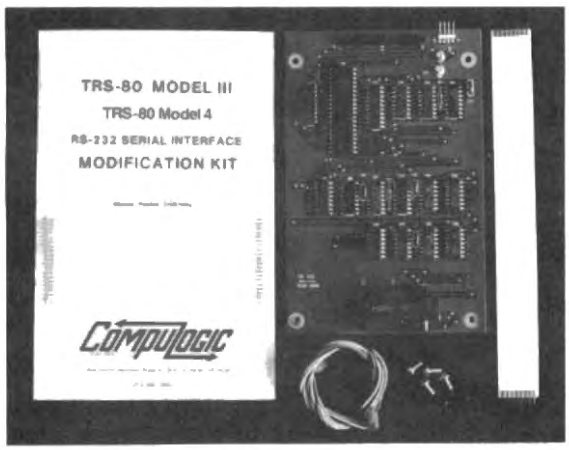

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249 IFP=5THENDRAW"BM174,102R8G2"
250 IFP=6THENDRAW"BM234,140G8U2"
251 IFP=7THENDRAW"BM220,104U8G2"
252 IFP=8THENDRAW"BM172,60F8U2"
253 IFP=9THENDRAW"BM36,112U8G2"
254 IFP=10THENDRAW"BM74,64D8H2"
255 IFP=11THENDRAW"BM134,142U8G2"
256 IFP=12THENDRAW"BM208,124U8G2"
257 IFP=13THENDRAW"BM194,126U8G2"
258 IFP=14THENDRAW"BM252,128U8G2"
259 IFP=15THENDRAW"BM228,44D8H2"
260 IFP=16THENDRAW"BM244,78L8F2"
265 GOTO800
300 CLS:PCLS:PRINT@10,"which system?"
310 PRINT@68,"1.BIG DIPPER   11.AURIGA"
320 PRINT@100,"2.CEPHEUS      12.CANCER
330 PRINT@132,"3.DRACO        13.TAURUS"
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390 PRINT@324,"9.ANDROMEDA    19.LEO
400 PRINT@356,"10.L. DIPPER   20.LEPUS"
405 PRINT@388,"               21.BOOTES"
410 PRINT@448,"CHOOSE (1-21) THEN PRESS enter"
420 INPUT T:IFT<1 ORT>21 THEN300:CLS:SCREEN0,0
430 IFT=1THENDRAW"BM114,82L8F2"
440 IFT=2THENDRAW"BM90,18R8H2"
450 IFT=3THENDRAW"BM76,20D8E2"
460 IFT=4THENDRAW"BM48,16G8U2"
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590 IFT=17THENDRAW"BM160 ,180H8D2":DRAW"BM104,184L8E2":DRAW"BM18
8,148L8F2":DRAW"BM28,184E8D2"
600 IFT=18THENDRAW"BM40,148R8G2"
610 IFT=19THENDRAW"BM128,100D8E2"
620 IFT=20THENDRAW"BM228,136F8L2"
630 IFT=21THENDRAW"BM10,82R8G2"
800 CLS:SCREEN1,0
810 FORX=1TO137
820 READ A,B
830 PSET(A,B,1)
840 NEXTX:FORR=1TO12000:NEXTR
845 RESTORE:PRINT@231,"PRESS enter TO RETURN CHART...PRESS (X) A
ND enter TO RETURN TO SELECTION PAGE":INPUTW$:IFW$="X"THEN130
846 GOTO800
850 DATA 8,120,8,32,14,140,20,52,22,34,26,26,28,40,38,38,44,120,
48,132,32,76,54,114,32,84,56,120,56,144,60,36,60,42,36,94,40,72,
40,84,60,124,54,150,62,146,64,42
860 DATA 46,78,66,38,64,150,68,78,68,94,74,54,74,76,76,92,78,50,
78,58,78,78,80,44,82,34,82,80,84,84,86,40,86,62,88,32,88,68,90,5
0,94,46,98,78,96,84,94,52,98,48,102,46,106
870 DATA 46,110,18,110,50,118,28,112,124,118,14,120,120,120,124,
126,22,126,34,130,122,132,118,134,124,134,128,136,116,138,118,14
8,112,148,132,152,120,152,124,154,22,160,28,162,20,162,38,166,32
,164,128,180,80,180,166,182,46,192,182,184,72,186,50
880 DATA 186,166,188,56,188,88,194,102,194,108,202,190,196,48,19
8,62,200,76,200,88,212,184,208,62,208,100,208,108,212,16,212,92,
212,156,204,170,212,164,210,168,218,82,218,158,220,80,220,84,214
,170,222,82,224,78,226,160,228,104,238,98,238,110,238,120
890 DATA 28,164,48,160,78,186,108,170,118,172,124,164,134,174,14
4,154,146,166,152,152,158,144,160,142,162,142,162,146,70,188
895 DATA 240,108,242,106,244,148,248,152,252,110,252,140
896 DATA 180,128,228,54
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10 CLS:PMODE4,1
15 SCREEN1,1
19 PRINT@34,"planetary weight program"
20 PRINT@97,"THIS PROGRAM COMPUTES YOUR      WEIGHT ON THE OTHER
 PLANETS     IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM"
22 PRINT@321,"COPYRIGHT 1982 BY SAM CONVISER"
25 PRINT@449,"PRESS enter"
30 INPUT A$
35 CLS:PRINT@72,"WHICH PLANET?"
40 PRINT@132,"1.THE SUN      6.SATURN"
45 PRINT@164,"2.MERCURY      7.URANUS"
50 PRINT@196,"3.VENUS        8.NEPTUNE"
55 PRINT@228,"4.MARS         9.PLUTO"
57 PRINT@260,"5.JUPITER
59 PRINT@449,"CHOOSE (1-9) THEN PRESS enter"
60 INPUTB:IFB>9ORB<=0THEN35
100 CLS:PRINT@199,"input your weight"
110 PRINT@449,"PRESS enter"
120 INPUTA:IFA<0THEN 100
130 IFB=1THENX=A*28
140 IFB=2THENX=A*.38
150 IFB=3THENX=A*.88
160 IFB=4THENX=A*.39
170 IFB=5THENX=A*2.65
180 IFB=6THENX=A*1.17
190 IFB=7THENX=A*1.05
200 IFB=8THENX=A*1.23
210 IFB=9THENX=A*.19
220 ON B GOTO 250,260,270,280,290,300,310,320,330,340
250 M$="THE SUN":GO TO 370
260 M$="MERCURY":GOTO370
270 M$="VENUS":GOTO370
280 M$="MARS":GOTO370
290 M$="JUPITER":GOTO370
300 M$="SATURN":GOTO370
310 M$="URANUS":GOTO370
320 M$="NEPTUNE":GOTO370
330 M$="PLUTO":GOTO370
370 CLS:PRINT@138,"YOUR WEIGHT ON"
380 PRINT@205,M$
390 PRINT@266,"IS"X"POUNDS"
400 PRINT@449,"PRESS enter"
410 INPUT B$
420 GOTO35
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The remainder of this section is a detailed discussion of file, drive, and device specifications (called filespec, drivespec, and devicespec in subsequent references). Filespecs are basically identical to those used with TRSDOS. DOSPLUS 3.5 allows eight special characters in a filespec in addition to normal characters.

DOSPLUS defines its communications resources as character devices or drive devices. The system has six character devices and eight drive devices available (see Table 1). These devices don't all have driver routines, so they aren't directly available for use as input/output devices.

The first group is character oriented—DOSPLUS performs input/output one byte at a time. The second

Character-Oriented Devices:

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$01	DO	—> Output to the video device
$02	PR	—> Output to the printer
$03	RS	<—> Input/Output from the serial interface
$04	U1	— User assigned device number 1 (unassigned)
$05	U2	— User assigned device number 2 (unassigned)

Drive Devices:

$00	:0	Floppy,Dden,Size = 5,Sides = 1,Step = 0,PD = 0,MD
$01	:1	Floppy,Dden,Size = 5,Sides = 1,Step = 2,PD = 1,MD
$02	:2	Floppy,Dden,Size = 5,Sides = 1,Step = 2,PD = 2,MD
$03	:3	Floppy,Dden,Size = 5,Sides = 1,Step = 2,PD = 3,MD
$04	:4	NIL (typically unassigned or NIL)
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group (drive devices) are file oriented. They're used to move one file at a time.

You can make files perform as character-oriented devices allowing these drive devices to function as members of the first group. This means that you can link character devices with or totally route them to/from files for character data transmission.

DOSPLUS allows commands in upper- or lowercase letters or a mixture of both: tbasic, TBASIC, and TbAsIc are all equivalent. The command structure can be very general. Each command has a default syntax consisting of the command, the input/output (I/O) field, the parameter field, and the comment field:

COMMAND (FROM) source-field (TO) destination-field (USING) wildmask (parameters) (-comment)

The I/O field immediately follows the command and specifies the direction of data movement and the files/devices affected. You can change the normal syntax of the command's I/O field by using the optional delimiters From, To, and Using to override the expected positions.

The Using portion of those commands that allow this field is the filespec wildmask—a partial filespec containing wildcard characters. Wildmasks limit global commands to a subset of the files contained on a single disk or all available disks.

You can specify more than one command on the same command line by separating them with a semicolon. This lets you enter powerful command strings without using the Do command.

Older disk operating systems like TRSDOS use fixed structures governing the devices that the system device control blocks (DCBs) address. It's extremely difficult to route input or output to a device other than the naturally assigned device, or to build and install customized device drivers.

DOSPLUS classifies all devices into a character-oriented category (including files). You can use each device in this category in place of another of the same type by using a few simple commands. This allows the use of devicespecs or drivespecs in places where other operating systems allow only filespecs.

"The manual's technical information section provides a complete description of how to write drivers for a disk drive device and a character device."

For example, you can use the DOSPLUS Kill command to kill a device or a drive as well as a file. This effectively removes the device from the system's resources.

Many commands in the DOSPLUS library use this feature and allow full input/output redirection. The ability to assign a devicespec or a drivespec adds a great deal of flexibility to this system.

Library Commands

Many DOSPLUS commands have names similar to their TRSDOS counterparts (see Table 2). Don't let this mislead you. These commands are, in general, far more powerful than in TRSDOS. For example, the DOSPLUS command KILL :0 USING ! (ECHO = Y) performs a global kill operation of all visible files contained on drive zero, echoing the killed file names to the video.

The Using part of the I/O field specifies the wildcard mask ! that matches every visible filespec in the directory. To make optimal use of the flexible command structure, you could shorten this to: KILL !:0,E. The recognition of the wildmask character overrides the positioning of the I/O field members and the comma sets off the parameter field from the command.

The commands to manipulate devicespecs and drivespecs and assign alternate paths for input/output are Assign, Join, Force, and Reset. Join connects the specified devices to receive the same byte simultaneously or to link two input devices so that one unit supplies data for the other. You can also use Join to join the device to a disk file (remember that DOSPLUS treats disk files as character-oriented devices).

For example, you can use the command: JOIN (FROM) @DO (TO) @PR to provide a printout of all items displayed to the video. The command Join alone provides a listing of the current-status of the character-oriented devices and their driver addresses (see the first part of Table 1 for a partial example).

The Force command diverts output from the previously assigned device and sends it to the new device. This allows the redirection of input and/or output paths for the system's devices. For example, the command FORCE (FROM) @PR (TO) filespec reroutes the output from the printer to the filespec disk file. Force without any I/O field provides a listing similar to Join.

Reset restores a device or disk drive to the previously assigned driver. This dissolves any Joins or Forces in effect for the specified device and restores the default or initial driver to service. Reset without any other fields performs a global reset of all devices.

Assign installs drivers for a device or drive. This command lets you install a nonstandard driver for any device or drive in the system.

The driver is a program that controls the input/output from a specific device or drive, such as hard disk drives. Once you install the driver program on a device by using the Assign command, you can assign the same driver to other devices by using the Assign command without allocating more memory.

Assign requires that the driver pro-

Library Commands

Append	Assign	ATTRIB	Auto	Boot
Break	Build	CAT	Clear	Clock
CLS	CONFIG	Copy	Create	Date
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gram be in a loader format machine-executable file. The Assign command loads this driver into memory and the program executes the routine.

The manual's technical information section provides a complete description of how to write drivers for a disk drive device and a character device.

CONFIG controls the attributes of the drive devices, such as the floppy disks and hard disk drives. The second part of Table 1 is a listing the CONFIG command provides of the floppy disk drive configuration for my system. With the exception of density and drive type, you can alter the parameters using the CONFIG command (the disk driver provides automatic density recognition).

CONFIG's second major function is to let the system accept hard drives. CONFIG lets the user set up a hard disk drive in any configuration the hardware allows, including sophisticated partitioning of the data set on the hard disk drive.

The Filter command lets you establish a filter on an input or output device to translate data during its progress along the data path. Under DOSPLUS, filters are translation tables the driver uses for a device to convert the input/output data from one form to another.

Creating a filter file is easy. Use the Build command (or a word processor that writes an ASCII file output to the disk) and create the file by entering the translation table in the following manner using hexadecimal constants or quoted literals:

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41 = 61
"A" = "a"
41 = "a"
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Each line above represents the same code conversion. Translation codes can have places on the same line when separated by a semicolon.

CAT and DIR allow full display control of various directory formats. DOSPLUS uses two of these commands to display either an abbreviated directory consisting of file names or a full directory listing all pertinent attributes of the files. The command syntax is

DIR (FROM) drivespec (TO) filespec/devicespec (USING) wildmask (parameters).

The To portion of the command allows full redirection of the output, and the wildmask selects any subset of the directory for display. These are powerful features—the command DIR ! TO @PR prints the entire visible directory for every disk mounted in the system. Also, the directory can optionally display invisible, system, and killed files in sorted or unsorted order.

The Load command contains powerful extensions. Load lets you load and execute a core-image file. A core-image file is distinguished from the normal loader file (CMD) by the lack of loader control codes.

The core-image file is written to disk in exactly the format in which it resides in memory. The normal loader file contains control codes that let the system loader place it properly in memory. You can load and execute files from a disk without an operating system resident on the disk in a single-drive system.

Customizing DOSPLUS

The powerful System command has three functions: to display the values of certain memory parameters, to set customizing parameters, and to build a file

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of the custom configuration you've designed. This method configures your system for hard disks on each boot—a configuration file would save the operating system's pertinent information.

On any system boot, DOSPLUS uses the system drivers provided in the read-only memory of the TRS-80. The specialized drivers and functions load only when you ask for them. This lets Micro Systems Software alter the driver any time without making extensive modifications to the operating system, and provides greater flexibility in their support of your needs.

To get the specialized keyboard, video, printer, and serial driver features, you must assign them to their appropriate devices. This includes any filtering you want to do on the input or output from these devices. You must assign the drivers for support of your hard disk or other specialized input device.

Next, you must configure the drive devices properly. Drives zero through 3 are generally floppy disks; 4 through 7 are reserved for hard disks. You must properly establish the parameters for each drive in the system. Then set the parameters controlled by the Forms (for the line printer) and RS-232 (serial input/output) commands for your desired values.

Before you can build the configuration file, you must examine the specific parameters changed by the System command. The Date, Time, and Logo parameters control the logo display and the date/time prompts on any reset.

Blink engages and disengages the cursor blink function. Caps sets the default status of the case for a system reset. Cursor lets you set a value to use for the system cursor. High establishes the top of available memory. Step sets the default drive stepping rate—it sets all drives to this rate on a reset.

Save immediately makes the status of Blink, Caps, and Cursor permanent. Port and Mode output the value of one 8-bit byte to the specified port; automatic speed-up modifications love this.

After all this tedious work, use the System command to write this system configuration to your specified disk file. If you call your file CONFIGR/CMD, System CONFIGR/CMD writes the status information to the disk and the command CONFIGR automatically loads all attributes and resets the system to this status.

You can specify many different configurations on the same disk and change the system in seconds by specifying any one of them.

Utilities

The DOSPLUS system disk contains 14 utilities. The utility package contains the back-up and formatting routines normally found on a disk operating system.

Convert copies from alien system format disks to DOSPLUS disks. This lets DOSPLUS copy files from other double-density systems, display the directory of double-density disks, and make a single-density Model I disk readable under Model III DOSPLUS.

DIRCHECK checks the target disk's directory for errors and repairs some of them. The command format conforms to the normal DOSPLUS command structure. DIRCHECK can repair most errors in the file entry table, the hash index table (HIT), and the granule allocation table (GAT).

DOSPLUS contains two utilities to manipulate and edit disks. Diskdump

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Command Key	Command Function
<ENTER>	Execute file—if no CMD extension is found then assume file is Basic—load and run the file under Basic.
<SPACE> & <ENTER>	Force CODIR to execute the file as a CMD file even if no CMD extension is present.
<BREAK> or <CLEAR>	Exit CODIR.
<A>	Get a directory of the specified drive of all visible and invisible files in sorted order.
<C>	Copy the file to the specified drive.
<D>	Get an unsorted directory from the drive specified—pressing shift D causes the display to also contain invisible files.
<F>	Display the Free space map for the drive specified.
<H>	Display a Help listing of the command keys on the command line.
<J>	Activate a Do file for job chaining—same as typing DO "filespec".
<K>	Kill the specified file.
<L>	List the file to the video screen and then restore to the directory display.
<M>	Modify the specified file by running Diskdump.
<O>	Load the CMD or CIM file to memory.
<P>	Print the file to the printer.
<R>	Rename the specified file.
<S>	Search the directory for the partial filespec or extension entered.
<V>	View (display) the copyright and license notice then restore the screen.
<Z>	Zero the file.

Table 3. Cursor-oriented directory version 2.1.

lets you display or modify the contents of any disk file by sectors. You don't need to know the file's location on the disk—the system finds it for you. If you're familiar with NEWDOS80, this is similar to the "display file sectors" mode of Superzap.

Diskzap provides access to the disk structure on a cylinder/sector basis. Diskmap provides functions to fill sectors with a specified byte, copy sectors from one part of the disk to another, print selected sectors, verify read and check sectors, format a selected track, and display or modify disk sectors.

DOSPLUS has a very powerful Help command that displays the command syntax then lists each allowable parameter with a brief description of its function. If you enter only the command Help, the routine displays a menu describing those system commands for which help is available.

The Map utility provides a list of the disk spaces allocated to files by cylinder/sector. The format is:

MAP (FROM) drivespec (TO) filespec/devicespec (USING) wildmask (parameters).

This is similar to the format of the directory commands and Map performs essentially the same functions.

It displays each directory file entry, showing the cylinder/sector information for each extent present. You can display the cylinder/sector information in octal or hexadecimal.

DOSPLUS provides a versatile Patch utility capable of applying modifications to any load module (typically a file with the /CMD extension). You can direct Patch to read the changes from a disk file or use it in the interactive mode by typing the changes in from the keyboard.

The Restore utility reclaims files that you've killed. This works in most cases, because DOSPLUS only zeros the first byte of the file primary directory entry (FPDE) when performing a kill operation. The entry is otherwise intact and available (hence, CAT and DIR commands display killed files).

Restore has some limitations. The file will be intact only if you haven't written to the disk in the interim. Restore reclaims only the first occurrence of the file in the directory. If you've created

and killed the file several times, the reclaimed information might not be correct.

The SYSGEN command places the DOSPLUS system in the proper format on any DOSPLUS-compatible media. You must first properly configure and format the drive. SYSGEN copies system files to the destination media to create a system disk. SYSGEN lets you include an optional filespec containing a bootstrap program on the new system disk.

Tape, a general tape/disk utility, reads or writes a cassette tape, reads or writes a disk file, displays the load map for the file, or relocates the load addresses and adds an appendage to move the file to the correct area. This is much the same function as LMOFFSET (NEWDOS80) or CMDFILE (LDOS).

The powerful utility CODIR (Cursor Oriented Directory) allows a full directory display and many single-key commands to manipulate these files (see Table 3).

Languages

DOSPLUS contains a powerful feature called JCL (job control language). This is another computer language for control of the computer's functions, either the disk operating system or any applications programs.

JCL performs a wide variety of functions, though they aren't an integral part of the disk operating system.

You must load JCL into high memory prior to executing any of these procedures. You can do this by loading the JCL program into high memory and using the System command to save this as a configuration file. Once you install JCL, you can execute any JCL procedure by using the DOS command: EX JCL-Proc-Name (expressions).

"...CODIR allows a full directory display and many single-key commands..."

JCL isn't another form of chaining commands, such as the Do command. JCL lets the user write complex procedures including the use of substitutional parameters and conditional execution.

JCL commands place character strings into the keyboard queue from the JCL procedure itself or by reading them from a disk file. This lets JCL execute a DOS utility or command and maintain complete control over the input phase of the program.

The Disk Basic supplied with the DOSPLUS system is an extension of TRSDOS Disk Basic. DOSPLUS includes all the features in the TRSDOS Disk Basic system and many other enhancements to the interpreter (see Table 4).

The two Basic interpreters on the DOSPLUS system disk are TBASIC and Basic. TBASIC is a subset of the Basic interpreter and provides all the functions normally found in TRSDOS Disk Basic. Basic is the full extended Disk Basic interpreter implemented under DOSPLUS.

Basic uses overlays to give you the widest range of features available. TBASIC is totally memory resident and about 3K smaller in size.

The remaining features I'll discuss are those in Table 4, which are available only from Extended Basic.

The CMD string feature executes the

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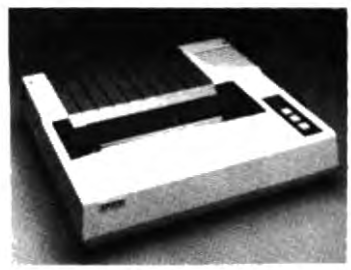

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string as a DOS command. When execution of the command is complete, control returns to your Basic program. All program statements and variables remain intact unless the executed command conflicts in the memory areas where Basic is resident. Most DOSPLUS commands won't interfere.

The DI and DU commands let you move or duplicate full Basic statements in the program store. DI is the delete and insert command that moves the program line from the specified line number to the target line number. DU is the duplicate command that simply duplicates the specified line at the target line location.

You enter the shorthand commands from the BASIC READY prompt. They allow easier editing and manipulation of the program text. A nonalphabetic command must be the first character typed on the current command line. You can place the alphabetic commands anywhere in the command line and Basic correctly interprets them.

The TRON command is a greatly enhanced tracing function. Executing it engages the Basic single-step trace function. Unlike some other single steppers, TRON displays the part of the program line it will execute next and waits for you to press any key. You single-step through each individual statement, not each program line.

A disadvantage to this method is failure to preserve the screen contents prior to break-pointing the execution. The screen format becomes a jumble of program statements, trace output, and program output. This small annoyance doesn't detract from the absolute power of this function.

The RENUM, REF, M, and SR commands allow easy manipulation of all or part of the Basic programs. CMD"RENUM" quickly renumbers all or part of the program. CMD"REF" provides a cross-reference listing of a single variable, line, or keyword; all variables; all line numbers; and all keywords.

The CMD"M" function provides a dynamic variable dump of all currently allocated simple variables (not arrays). The CMD"SR" function performs global editing of the program text or quickly locates and lists all references to a particular string.

The CMD"O" function provides a powerful sort verb that sorts any type of data into ascending or descending order. The sort command uses key and tag arrays in the sort.

The key arrays determine the final outcome of the sort. For example, if you specify three keys for ascending order, all entries sort by order on the first key. If you obtain equal matches on the first key, the second key specifies sorting order, and so on.

The tag arrays tag along with the key arrays. When the order of the key arrays changes, the order of the tag arrays changes accordingly.

An extremely powerful feature of DOSPLUS Basic is the controlled screen input using the Input@ statement. The format is:

INPUT@<position>,"prompt",field-length, item-type;var$.

The position, prompt, and field-length entries are self-explanatory. The item-type specifies whether the input field is numeric or alphanumeric.

In this part of the command, you can also specify a "return on field full" mode. The input variable must be a string variable for either input type. This statement creates a visible field of underline characters of the specified field length. The item-type flag restricts input characters. This allows the replacement of many worn out INKEY$ routines.

Last, Extended Basic allows the use of named statements as the target of GOTO and GOSUB statements. This is extremely valuable in developing well-written code. The programmer can concentrate on the program's content and doesn't have to worry about maintaining the references (line numbers) of subroutines.

Extended Disk Basic Features

Command	Function
CMD"string"	Execute a DOS command from Basic.
DI	Delete and insert a Basic program line.
DU	Duplicate a Basic program line.
Shorthand	See the shorthand commands below.
RENUM	Renumber Basic program text.
Tab	Expanded Tab function.
TRON	Expanded Trace function.
REF	Cross-reference variables, line numbers, or keywords.
CMD"M"	Dynamic variable display.
SR	Global editing of Basic program text.
CMD"O"	Basic sort verb.
Input@	Controlled screen input (string).
Labels	Indirect label addressing.
Error Messages	Detailed error message display.

Basic Shorthand Commands

Command	Function
; (semicolon)	List the first line of the program.
Shift-up arrow	List the first line of the program.
/ (slash)	List the last line of the program.
down arrow	List the next line of the program.
up arrow	List the preceding line of the program.
L	Abbreviation for List (L10-100).
D	Abbreviation for Delete (D10-100).
E	Abbreviation for Edit (E10).
G	Abbreviation for Go (G1000).
A	Abbreviation for Auto (A100).
N	Abbreviation for Next (N Test).
R or R"	Abbreviation for Run (R"Games").
L"	Abbreviation for Load (L"Games").
S"	Abbreviation for Save (S"Games").
K"	Abbreviation for Kill (K"Games").
. (period)	List the current program line (List.).
, (comma)	Edit the current program line (Edit.).

Table 4. Extended Disk Basic features and commands.

Drivers and Filters

The external drivers are the heart of sophisticated device control. These drivers provide many features unavailable in the ROM drivers. This is particularly important on the Model I where ROM drivers are most restrictive.

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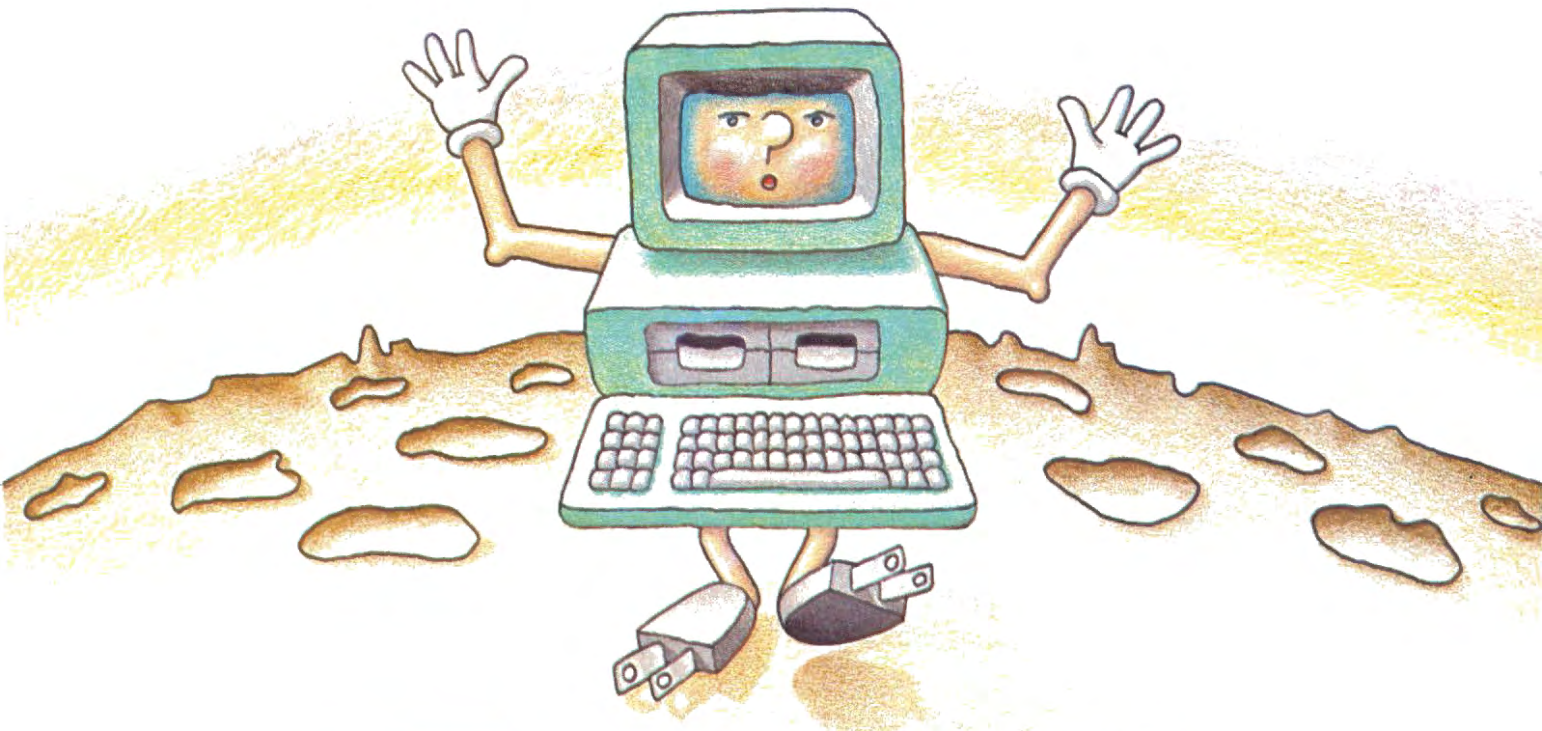

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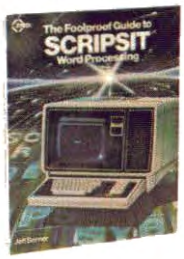

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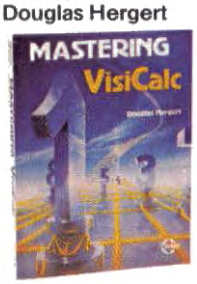

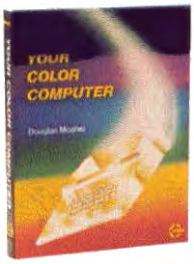

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tends the ROM driver to add variable debounce and repeat delays, variable key repeat rate, macro key expansions, and character filtering. You can generate all ASCII character codes with KI/DVR installed by using the control key.

You can also install macro-key definitions with this driver. The key definitions are created in an ASCII file and are installed when you initially load the driver. To use each key, press the clear key in conjunction with the desired key. The macro definition appears. Macro-key definitions can call other macro keys.

DO/DVR is the video driver and implements special cursor support (blinking cursor) and lowercase support for the Model I.

The combined printer driver PR/DVR offers parallel and serial support, spooling, automatic pagination, and indenting. The default driver is for parallel printers, so you must specify the serial driver.

The driver directs serial output to the RS-232 port. Spooling of printed output goes to a memory buffer only. The operating system specifies the buffer size when the driver is assigned and you can't change it unless you reconfigure the system.

One of the most interesting drivers on DOSPLUS is FILE/DVR. This driver allows a file resident on any disk drive to act as another disk drive device. You configure the device as a hard disk and you can perform all possible disk operations on this file disk except floppy disk functions such as Back-up and Format.

This driver's primary use is with hard disk drives. It partitions the drive and allows efficient use of disk space while maximizing the available directory space. Because of the indirect access necessary with this structure, using file disks slows file access significantly.

Evaluation

DOSPLUS has its problems. The technical documentation in the system's reference manual is very detailed; however, in one important area, it's confusing and vague. The set-up and operation of hard disk systems with DOSPLUS is scattered throughout the manual and the technical section on partitioning does little good if the user can't get his hard disk system operating.

One nice feature not provided by the external keyboard driver is a type-ahead feature. This lets the user overtype the system and input the next step it should perform while the system completes the last command.

Also, the keyboard/video drivers provide lowercase support on the Model I and DOSPLUS doesn't have even a minimal lowercase driver in the system on power-up. The keyboard/video drivers occupy high memory and conflict with some applications programs that have fixed machine-language appendages in this area. This prevents the use of lowercase in some applications.

The spooler is memory-resident only. You must allocate an inordinate amount of memory to the spooler to prevent printer delays or the spooler soon becomes full with the computer still output-bound to the printer.

DOSPLUS's Debug monitor is essentially the same as the TRSDOS Model I monitor and doesn't have some of the more advanced features of Model III Debug.

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The Copy function doesn't provide a simple mechanism for copying selected files from one data disk to another in a two drive system. With the job control language, you can generate a make-shift routine to perform this function.

One significant and confusing restriction exists in the use of Basic named statements. The name isn't supposed to contain any Basic keywords. However, the example in the user's addendum contains a keyword and executes fine until the ON GOTO statement encounters an out-of-range value.

The user receives a cryptic syntax error in the affected line. A simple solution is to alter the Name command structure to search for the name of a line as a string enclosed in quotation marks.

The machine-language sort is extremely powerful. You can easily specify significantly large and complex sorts with one statement. One omission that could greatly improve the sort routine's speed is an indirect sort where the only data movement is the index array.

On the positive side, the technical information section of the user's manual is excellent. It provides the advanced programmer with the complete details necessary to fully integrate any program with DOSPLUS.

The section also contains a detailed description of the use of file/device control blocks, and two important examples of writing self-relocating driver programs for drives and other devices.

The user's reference manual is well-written in laymen's terms. Even the novice can easily operate the complex system functions. Unfortunately, the manual has no cross-references of pertinent areas. This feature would improve the manual's quality greatly.

DOSPLUS provides one utility in an attempt to maintain compatibility with other systems. Label reads one Basic source file from disk and resolves all named statements into syntactically correct Basic programs with line numbers. This allows transportability of Basic source code.

The Disk Basic system's extended error facility is excellent. DOSPLUS flags the error with full extended error messages, points to the offending statement, and displays only the erroneous part of the long statement (from one colon to the next).

User support from Micro Systems Software gets a big plus. I received the Model III version of the operating system for this review. It didn't run well on my Model I. After contacting Micro Systems Software, I received the Model I version within a couple of days—not bad for mail from Florida to New Hampshire.

I liked DOSPLUS 3.5. It's easy to use and learn if you're experienced with the TRSDOS family of operating systems. Those users just entering the microcomputer world will need a little more effort—but not too much—to learn this system.

The advanced user will find plenty to keep his interest; DOSPLUS 3.5 provides a fine basis for applications programming. And the novice will find DOSPLUS 3.5 a good initial system to own.

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Sorting in Place

by George Reardon

Learn how to sort data "in place" when you have too little memory for a random-access disk file.

When memory is too small for your random access disk file and you don't have extra disk space, you must sort it "in place." Here's how.

Many articles have been published about sorting technique, usually how to sort data in memory. Some tell how to sort key data from random access disk files in memory. But with disk systems, the in-memory sort is only half of the problem. After you sort the key data in memory, you must still rearrange the complete records in the disk file, a problem often overlooked.

The problem can be serious when your disk file consumes all or most of your available disk space. You may not have room for an index file or for a sorted duplicate of your disk file.

In that instance, you must rearrange the existing disk file in place, without using any additional disk space. The program provided here performs such an in-place rearrangement. It runs on any Model I, II, or III disk system with a fixed-length records file.

Program Operation

The program performs a tag sort of your disk records. It loads key data fields from each disk record into a string array, with the number of the original position in the file attached to the end of the string. An in-memory sort of the the array is then performed. After the sort, the strings are stripped of the key data, leaving only the tags (the numbers of the original positions in the disk file) in the string array.

The next section of the program (lines 10000–10050) rearranges the disk file according to the "map" provided by the tags. The logic of this routine is trickier than you might suppose. It is based on the fact that every unsorted list of n elements contains from one to INT (n/2) subsets of out-of-place elements, which can each be sorted into completely correct order. Table 1 illustrates this principle.

The rearrangement routine moves records one subset at a time. It looks for a subset by finding an out-of-place item in the array. Then it moves records within the subset, going from one element to the next and marking as sorted the records it moves until it finds itself back at the starting point, which means that all elements of the subset are in their correct places. Then the routine looks for another subset.

I've made compromises with speed to make the program compatible with three TRS-80 models and with early versions of TRSDOS. I assume 256-byte physical records, requiring subrecord calculations before each Get instruction. The CMD"O" sort command of Model III TRSDOS 1.3 is not available in Models I or II, so I used a Basic in-memory shell sort.

To sort faster, Model III owners can substitute lines 100–170 with:

```
100 CMD"O",L,S$(1).
```

Model II owners can substitute the line below for the original line 150 to speed up the sort slightly:

```
150 C4=C3+B:IFS$(C4)<S$(C3)THEN
SWAP$(C3),S1(C4):C3=C3-B:IFC3>0
THEN150
```

I used the MID$ instruction extensively to avoid delays caused by Basic's "garbage-collection" process.

The program maximizes its sorting capacity by using one array for three purposes: the original tagged strings, the tag number array, and the double-index array (in which each string element contains two numbers). You can ensure

Sorted List		Unsorted List	
A		C	
B	Subset 1	H	
C		A	
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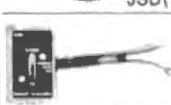

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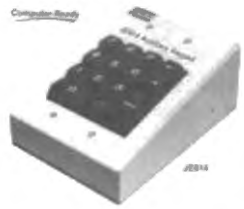

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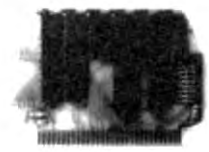

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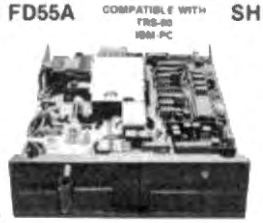

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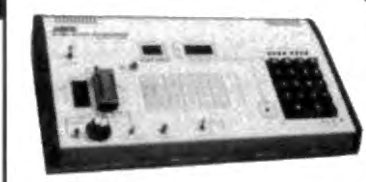

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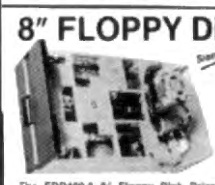

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The rearrangement routine is the heart of this program. The logical approach of that section can be applied in many other ways to achieve greater speed, multikey capability, descending sorts, sorts of compressed numeric variables, and even sorts when the key fields do not fit completely into memory. ■

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10 CLS:CLEAR500:DEFINTA-Z:PRINT"DISK SORT IN PLACE":PRINT:PRINT"YO
U WILL HAVE TO GIVE THE COMPUTER SOME INFORMATION TWICE":FORKK=1TO
2500:NEXT
20 CLS:F=1:GOSUB15000:CLS:GOSUB11000:CLOSE:Z!=MEM-200-3*L:IFZ!>327
67THENZ!=32767
22 IFZ!<L*(LK+2)THENCLS:PRINT"INSUFFICIENT MEMORY -- PROGRAM TERMI
NATED":CLOSE:END
25 Z=Z!:CLEARZ:DEFINTA-Z:GOSUB15000:CLS:GOSUB11000
30 IFS1<FBTHENB1=1:M1=0:GOTO50ELSEB1=FB
40 IFLK=<S1-B1+1THENM1=LK:B2=1:M2=0:GOTO80ELSEM1=S1-B1+1
50 IFFB=<S1+1THENB2=1ELSEB2=FB
60 M2=LK-M1
70 REM        LOAD ARRAY ROUTINE
75 CLS:PRINT"LOADING KEY DATA"
80 DIMS$(L):TE$=STRING$(KL,32):FORX=1TOL:S$(X)=TE$:NEXT:FORX=1TOL:
T=X:GOSUB13000:MID$(S$(X),1,M1)=MID$(F1$,B1,M1):MID$(S$(X),M1+1,M2
)=MID$(F2$,B2,M2):MID$(S$(X),LK+1,2)=MKI$(X):NEXT
90 REM        SORT ROUTINE
95 CLS:PRINT"SORTING"
100 B=1
110 B=2*B:IFB<LTHEN110
120 B=INT((B-1)/2):IFB=0THEN190
130 C1=L-B
140 FORC2=1TOC1:C3=C2
150 C4=C3+B:IFS$(C4)<S$(C3)THENMID$(TE$,1,KL)=S$(C3):MID$(S$(C3),1
,KL)=S$(C4):MID$(S$(C4),1,KL)=TE$:C3=C3-B:IFC3>0THEN150
160 NEXT
170 GOTO120
180 REM        REARRANGEMENT ROUTINE
190 CLS:PRINT"PREPARING TO REARRANGE"
10000 FORW=1TOL:S$(W)=RIGHT$(S$(W),2):NEXT:FORW=1TOL:V=CVI(LEFT$(S
$(W),2)):S$(V)=S$(V)+MKI$(W):NEXT:D1$=STRING$(S1,32):C1$=D1$:E1$=D
1$:D2$=STRING$(S2,32):C2$=D2$:E2$=D2$
10005 CLS:PRINT"REARRANGING"
10010 FORX=1TOL:W=X:V=CVI(LEFT$(S$(W),2)):IFV=0ORV=WTHEN10050
10020 Z=V:T=W:GOSUB13000:MID$(D1$,1,S1)=F1$:MID$(D2$,1,S2)=F2$:T=Z
:GOSUB13000:MID$(C1$,1,S1)=F1$:MID$(C2$,1,S2)=F2$:T=W:GOSUB13000:L
SETF1$=C1$:LSETF2$=C2$:PUT1,J:MID$(S$(W),1,2)=MKI$(0)
10030 Y=CVI(RIGHT$(S$(W),2)):IFY=ZTHENT=Y:GOSUB13000:LSETF1$=D1$:F
2$=D2$:PUT1,J:MID$(S$(Y),1,2)=MKI$(0):GOTO10050
10040 T=Y:GOSUB13000:MID$(E1$,1,S1)=F1$:MID$(E2$,1,S2)=F2$:T=Y:GOS
UB13000:LSETF1$=D1$:LSETF2$=D2$:PUT1,J:MID$(D1$,1,S1)=E1$:MID$(D2$
,1,S2)=E2$:MID$(S$(Y),1,2)=MKI$(0):W=Y:GOTO10030
10050 NEXT:CLOSE:CLS:PRINT"SORT COMPLETED":CLEAR0:END
10990 REM      SUBROUTINES
11000 S1=INT(LR/2)+1:S2=LR-S1:OPEN"R",1,NF$:L=N*LOF(1):T=L
11010 GOSUB13000:IFF1$=STRING$(S1,0)ANDF2$=STRING$(S2,0)THENT=T-1:
GOTO11010ELSEL=T:RETURN
13000 J=INT((T-1)/N)+1:M=T-N*(J-1):FIELD1,((M-1)*LR)ASS$,(S1)ASF1$
,(S2)ASF2$:GET1,J:RETURN
15000 CLS:INPUT"LENGTH OF LOGICAL RECORD";LR
15010 INPUT"NUMBER OF LOGICAL RECORDS PER SECTOR";N
15020 INPUT"LENGTH OF KEY DATA FIELD";LK:KL=LK+2:IFLK>253THENPRINT
"KEY FIELD MAY NOT EXCEED 253 BYTES":GOTO15020ELSEIFF=1THEN15040
15030 INPUT"POSITION IN LOGICAL RECORD OF FIRST BYTE OF KEY FIELD"
;FB
15040 LINEINPUT"NAME OF FILE? ";NF$
15050 PRINT:LINEINPUT"ARE THESE ANSWERS CORRECT (Y/N)? ";X$:IFX$<>
"Y"THEN15000ELSERETURN
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The Biobox

by J.J. Barbarello

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You can build a biofeedback interface for your Model II, present the software that lets you use the interface, store the results of each use, and document your progress in tabular and graphical formats.

The interface is fairly simple and inexpensive to build. It monitors the change in skin resistance between two adjacent fingers on your hand, a parameter directly proportional to your tension level. The interface is battery powered for safety and requires no modification of the Model II.

The Hardware

You measure skin resistance (which I'll call "R Bio") with two probes connected to a hardware interface (the "biobox"). The biobox connects to the parallel printer port of the Model II (see Fig. 1). Its input comes from the port's prime pin. Alternately (for Model IIs with the newer version Floppy Disk board, Model 12s, and Model 16s), the input can come from the port's strobe pin (pin 1).

The biobox's output goes to the port's p.e. (paper empty) pin (which normally looks for an input from a printer signalling that it is out of paper). A machine-language monitor program, which I'll also describe, controls these pins.

Under software control, the port's prime pin sends a short 5-volt positive pulse to the biobox. The CMOS NAND gate IC2a senses this pulse. A NAND gate connected as in Fig. 1 simply acts as an inverter, reversing the state of the input signal. Note that the 9-volt battery powers IC1 directly, but the CMOS NAND gate receives its power from the 5.6-volt Zener diode source (R2 is required to properly bias the Zener). Thus, any input voltage above 2.8 volts (half the supply) triggers the NAND gate. Also, IC2b's output level is compatible with the Model II's TTL (5-volt) logic level.

Prior to the prime pulse, IC2a's input is at zero volts, making its output 5.6 volts. This high logic level keeps IC1 in an untriggered state. When the computer generates the prime signal, the output of the NAND gate decreases to zero volts for a short time, triggering IC1 (a 555 timer IC). Alternately, if you use the strobe pin as an input, it can be connected directly to pin 2 of IC1. Strobe is normally at the 5-volt level, keeping IC1 in an untriggered state. When you send a pulse to the strobe pin, it also goes to zero volts for a short time, triggering IC1.

When triggered, IC1 begins its timing cycle. Capacitor C1 receives charge from the 9-volt source through the resistance combination that the subject's fingers and R1 provide. (R1 provides a minimum resistance if you short the bioprobes, represented by R Bio, together.) When the charge on C1 reaches 6 volts (2/3 the supply voltage), a comparator inside IC1 rapidly discharges C1. The time required to charge C1 to 6 volts is approximately R * C seconds, where R is specified in megohms and C in microfarads. Since

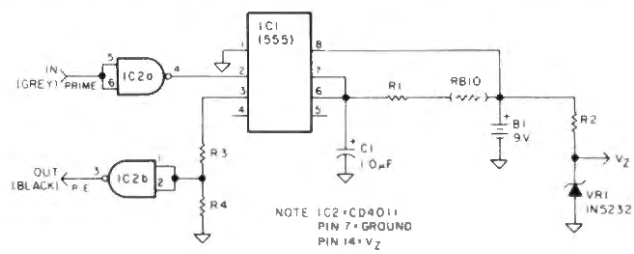

Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the biobox.

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C and R1 remain constant, the duration of the timing cycle is directly proportional to the value of R Bio.

Prior to the timing cycle, pin 3 of IC1 is at zero volts. NAND gate IC2b inverts this zero-volt level to provide a 5.6-volt output to the Model II. During the timing cycle, pin 3 of IC1 rises to 9 volts. Resistors R3 and R4 form a voltage divider which provides 4.5 volts to the NAND gate IC2b. Since the NAND gate inverts the voltage level, the output pin is at zero volts. When the time cycle is complete, pin 3 of IC1 returns to zero volts and IC2b's output returns to 5.6 volts.

The result is that for each time IC1 is triggered, the p.e. output produces a negative pulse whose duration is directly proportional to the resistance across R Bio. When R Bio decreases (as with increased sweating caused by tension), the resultant output pulse is shorter. When R Bio increases (as with increased calm), the output pulse is longer. The duration of the output pulse is a direct measure of level of calm (or an inverse measure of tension). Knowing this, all you need do is create a software controller to send a pulse via the prime (or strobe) pin and measure the time until the p.e. pin returns to its normal high state. You can use this data in a subsequent program as a basis for determining the current level of tension.

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00010          ;*********************************************
00020          ;*      SOURCE=BIO/SRC    -   OBJ=BIO/CMD    *
00030          ;*      Version 1.0             5 Mar 1983   *
00040          ;*          c 1982 by J.J. Barbarello        *
00050          ;*      Biofeedback Monitoring Interface     *
00060          ;*      Machine Language Driver. For use     *
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00100          ORG     0F050H
00110          LD      A,129   ;TURN OFF
00120          OUT     (255),A ;  REAL TIME CLOCK.
00130          LD      (0F095H),HL;Save HL counter
00140          LD      HL,0    ;Initialize
00150          LD      DE,1    ;  Registers.
00160          LD      A,0     ;Send A pulse
00170          OUT     (0E0H),A;  To the Line Printer's
00180          LD      A,8     ;  "PRIME" Pin (# 26),
00190          OUT     (0E0H),A;  (PRIME Stays at Logic 1).
00200 LOOP     IN      A,(0E0H);Get status of "Printer".
00210          BIT     6,A     ;Check Bit 6 ("Paper Empty")
00220          JR      NZ,DONE ;If set, jump to "DONE".
00230          ADD     HL,DE   ;Increment HL Counter.
00240          JR      C,Done  ;If Count FFFFH, Return.
00250          LD      B,2     ;Must delay here so count
00260 WAIT     DJNZ    WAIT    ;  is not too high!
00270          JR      LOOP    ;Not done yet. Go back.
00280 DONE     EX      DE,HL   ;Save count in DE.
00290          LD      HL,(0F095H);Get addr of variable.
00300          LD      (HL),E  ;Put Count LSB in variable.
00310          INC     HL      ;Get ready for MSB.
00320          LD      (HL),D  ;Put Count MSB in variable.
00330          RET             ;Return to BASIC Program.
00340          ;
00350          ;   RESTORE PROPER "PRIME" LOGIC LEVEL
00360          ;
00370          LD      A,0
00380          OUT     (0E0H),A
00390          RET
00400          END
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Program Listing 1. BIO/CMD driver.

R1,R2,R3,R4	10,000 ohm, ¼ watt resistor
C1	1.0 μF dipped tantalum capacitor
VR1	1N5232 (5.6-volt Zener diode)
IC1	555 timer integrated circuit
IC2	CD4011 quad 2-input CMOS NAND gate IC
B1	9-volt battery clip
Connector	AP Products Header #929975 (see text)

Hardware Items:
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1½-inch by 1¼-inch piece of household aluminum foil
Two #4-40 by ¼-inch machine screws
Two #4-40 nuts
Four #6 flat washers
One printed circuit board (see text)

NOTE: A kit of all items listed above and a minimum system disk containing the BIO/CMD and BIO programs is available for $39.95 from the author. NJ residents add 6 percent sales tax. A similar Model I/III kit is available. Write for details.

Table 1. List of materials needed.

The Software Controller

There are two separate elements of software. The first is a machine-language software controller. Under normal circumstances, the interface produces a pulse of about 100 milliseconds. To determine minor variations in the pulse width, your software must produce a significant count within that time span. In addition, there are no Basic commands that allow you to address the

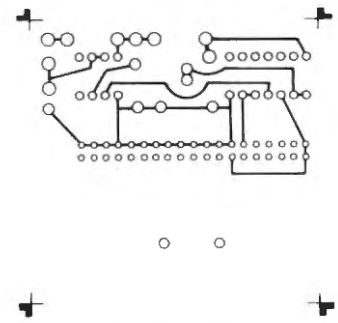
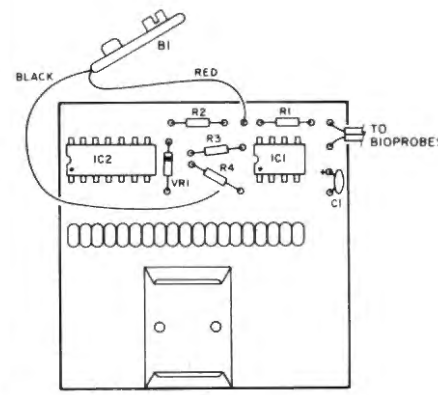


Figure 2. Printed circuit board pattern.



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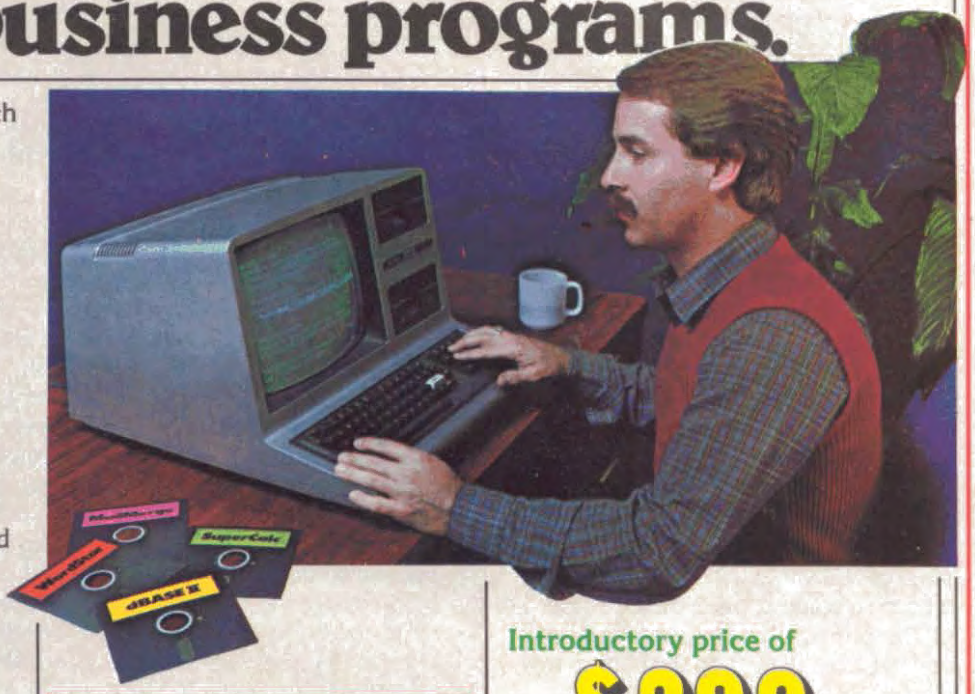

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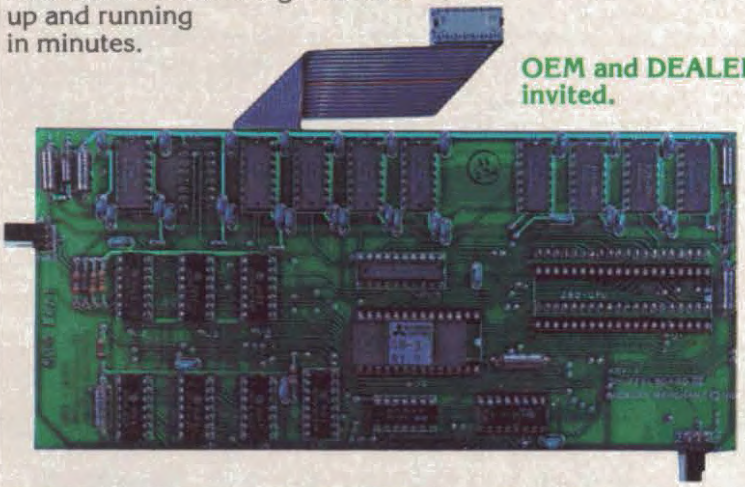

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printer port's prime pin directly. So, machine-language is the only viable approach.

However, once you obtain the count data, Basic is more than adequate to provide feedback to the human subject. So the main biofeedback monitor program (the second element of software) is a Basic program.

Building the Biobox

Figure 2 is a full-scale printed circuit board (PCB) pattern used to make the biobox PCB. You must make the single connector from AP Products Header #929975, a 36-contact per row, dual-row female header. The header is cut so that 19 contacts per row remain, and it fits properly in the Model II's parallel printer port. The biobox is self-contained on the PCB; it requires no case and plugs directly into the printer port connector.

However, if you're using the strobe pin, you must first modify the PCB pattern. Remove the trace (line) between pin 4 of IC2 and pin 2 of IC1. Then add a trace to connect pin 2 of IC1 to pin 1 of the printer port connector (the second pin from the left on the bottom row of pins).

Using Fig. 3 as a guide, mount the components on the component side (without the copper pattern) of the finished PCB (see Table 1 for identification of the components). Pay special attention to the orientation of IC1, IC2, VR1, and C1; these components are polarized and you must orient them as shown. Then mount a 9-volt battery holder and a 9-volt battery clip on the copper pattern side of the PCB.

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At this point, inspect your soldering. The IC leads and connector pins are very close together (0.1-inch spacing). Be sure you solder each lead, but that there are no solder bridges.

The last item to construct (and perhaps the most important) is the bioprobe set. It consists of two identical bioprobes attached to the index and middle fingers of one hand. Its only purpose is to make electrical contact with the skin surface. You'll need the material listed in Table 1 and an Exacto knife.

Before you begin, slit between the conductors on one end of the zip cord. Grasp the two conductors and "unzip" the wire to a length of about 7 inches. Make a knot at the end of the separation.

Now, to make a bioprobe, follow these steps: Cut a 1 1/4- by 3/4-inch piece of loop material from one of the 3- by 1-inch loop pieces. Cut one of the 3- by 1-inch hook pieces to 3- by 3/4-inches. Using the Exacto knife, cut a 1/8-inch square in one of the short ends of each of the pieces just formed (see Fig. 4).

Get a 1 1/2- by 1-inch piece of aluminum foil. Remove the blue backing paper from the loop piece and place the aluminum foil on the self-sticking surface of the loop piece. Trim off the ex-

Software Controller Line Descriptions

The Software Controller

The software controller (BIO/CMD) is shown in Program Listing 1. Line 100 indicates the starting address (0F050 hexadecimal (hex)) in the protected memory area of the Model II. Lines 110 and 120 send data to port 0FF hex, the memory bank select register, non-maskable interrupt mask register, and video enable. The contents of this memory address determine if the program can read the keyboard, if the video display is on or off, if the real time clock is running and whether you've selected the 80- or 40-character display mode. Data sent to this port turns off the real time clock interrupts while maintaining all other parameters.

If the clock were not disabled, it would periodically interrupt program operation. During these interruptions, the driver would not be counting, but the biobox timing cycle continues, though the count is incorrect. So, before triggering the biobox, the program disables the clock. When you return from the controller, TRSDOS automatically reenables it.

Line 130 saves the address of the Basic variable to which the count is transferred (i.e., the "X" in X = USR (0)). Line 140 loads the HL register (where the program stores the count) with zero. Line 150 loads the DE register with 1 (the value by which the count increases each time). Lines 160–190 send the pulse to the prime pin.

Line 200 starts the timing loop. Here, the program loads the printer port status into the A register, then checks bit 6 (the p.e. pin) to see if it's high. If it is, line 220 passes execution to line 290 (DONE). Otherwise, line 230 adds 1 in the DE register to the count in the HL register. If the program counts a value greater than 65535 (FFFF hex), a carry occurs. Line 240 checks for this and, if found, also passes execution to DONE. This condition lets the monitor break out of an endless count if the p.e. pin is never triggered. Since the routine is fast, you must delay somewhat to get the count in a useable range. Lines 260 and 270 create a short delay. Then line 270 returns execution to the beginning of the timing routine.

When the count is done, line 280 transfers it to the DE register for temporary storage. Then the program retrieves the address of the Basic variable and loads it into the HL register in line 290. The count then passes, in least significant bit-most significant bit form, to that variable in lines 300–320. Finally, line 330 returns execution to Basic.

After the main biofeedback program ends, you must reset the prime pin to a high level; otherwise the program won't print its results. Lines 370–390 reset the prime pin and return to Basic.

In the strobe pin version, the following lines are changed:

```
00160   LD      A, 1          ; Create a STROBE pulse and send
00170   OUT     (0E1H),A      ;  it to the printer port.
00180   NOP                   ; Lines 180, 190, 370, and 380 are
00190   NOP                   ;  not necessary so they've
00370   NOP                   ;  been replaced with NOPs.
00380   NOP
```

The Biofeedback Monitor Program

Program Listing 2 monitors your responses in Basic. Line 10 loads the machine-language monitor and defines the entry points of 0F050 hex (monitor) and 0F07C hex (restore proper prime level). Line 40 opens a disk file that maintains the results of all trials you want to store. The program

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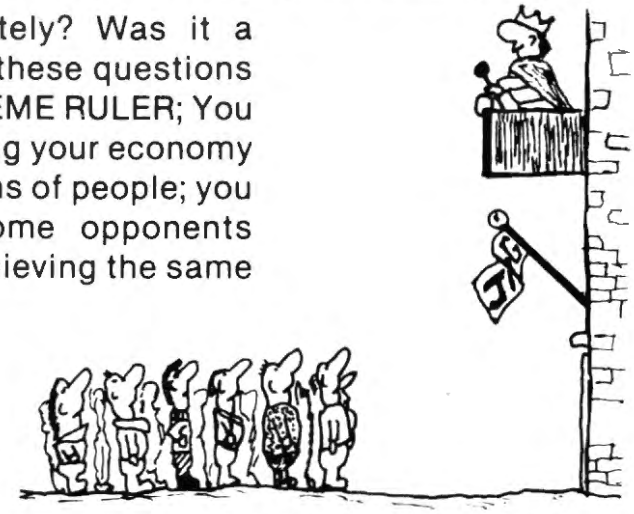

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cess foil. On the end of the hook piece with the 1/8-inch square, measure back 1/2 inch and make a cut just deep enough so the 1/2- by 3/4-inch of backing paper can be removed. Remove the blue backing piece, leaving the rest intact.

Place the loop piece on the exposed self-stick surface of the hook piece so the 1/8 inch squares align and the aluminum foil is in the middle (see Fig. 5). Make a single puncture in the aluminum within the 1/8-inch square. Do not remove the aluminum; you only want to be able to insert a screw. Insert a #4-40- by 1/4-inch screw through the 1/8-inch square so that the screw head rests against the Velcro. Place a single #6 washer over the end of the screw.

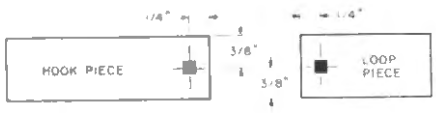
Strip 3/4 inch of insulation from one conductor on the separated end of the zip cord. Wrap the exposed wire around the screw end so that the insulation ends at the surface of the washer. Place another washer on the screw over the wire. This creates a "sandwich" with the washers on the outside and the wire in between.

Secure the assembly with a #4-40 nut. Don't rotate the screw while tightening the nut. The aluminum foil makes contact with the screw in the 1/8-inch square and you don't want to break this contact. Remove the remaining blue backing from the Velcro. Now handle the self-stick material until it no longer adheres.

Repeat the preceding steps to make an identical bioprobe. You will now have the two bioprobes on the separated end of the zip cord. Strip 1/4 inch of insulation from the two conductors on the free end of the zip cord and attach either conductor to either of the two remaining holes in the PCB. This completes construction of the biobox.

Creating BIO/CMD

If you have an editor/assembler available, you can use Listing 1 to create BIO/CMD. If not, you use TRSDOS'



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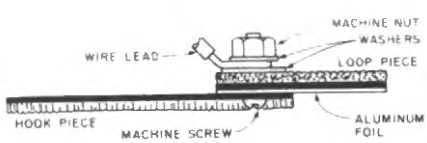

Figure 5. Side view of bioprobe set.

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TRS-80 Model II DEBUG Program
F050   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   ................
F060   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   ................
F070   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   ................
F080   FF 04 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   ................
F090   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   ................
F0A0   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   ................
F0B0   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   ................
F0C0   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   ................
   PC    SP  SZHPNC  AF    BC    DE    HL    IX    IY    AF'   BC'   DE'   HL'
 2800  21FE  000000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
```

Figure 6. Debug screen before entering BIO/CMD machine code.

fields the buffer into five variables. A1 is the initial mood you identify, an integer between two and nine. A2 is the initialization count the interface obtains, a single-precision number between zero and 65535. A3 represents the final count obtained at the end of the session. A4 is the increment (an integer) and A5 is the total elapsed time of the session in seconds.

Line 40 also obtains the date and formats it for presentation. Line 50 obtains the current time. The first request for time accesses the disk; subsequent requests do not. Therefore, this initial request accesses the disk as it rotates due to previous requests to load BIO/CMD and open the disk file; subsequent requests do not. This is simply a device to avoid additional wear on the disk.

The remainder of line 50 and the lines that follow (through line 120) create the screen display. The monitor consists of a graph-type presentation. The area formed by the X axis is divided into 10 increments, with the first labelled "CALM" and the last "TENSE". The Y axis is also divided into 10 increments, each indicating increased tension. One hundred boxes (10 boxes by 10 boxes) populate the area formed by the X and Y axes. Each vertical stack of 10 boxes represents a major mood change; each box within the stack represents a minor mood change. The object is to consciously cause all boxes to disappear.

Line 130 asks if you want instructions. Should you request them, execution jumps to line 600. Lines 600–710 present the instructions on two separate screens. The first screen asks you to press any key to continue (i.e., GOSUB 720 in line 680). After both screens have appeared, line 710 clears the screen, sets a flag (FLG = 2), and returns execution to line 60 to redraw the monitor presentation. Note that line 120 skips the instructions prompt if the flag is greater than zero.

Line 150 erases the copyright notice, and line 160 asks for an evaluation of your initial mood. Line 170 only accepts a number between two and nine. The program uses the number entered in line 180 to define C (column), while R (row) is initially set to five, the highest value on the Y axis. In addition, line 180 clears the error message area (screen line 3) and turns off the cursor.

Line 190 erases all boxes to the right of the stack corresponding to the initial mood specified. Line 200 tells you where initialization takes place, sets the flag (if it hasn't been set previously), and triggers the interface once (i.e., X = USR(0)) to bring the prime pin down to zero volts (its normal state is 5 volts). Then lines 210 and 220 interrogate the interface five times, take an average of the results, and use this number as the initial count (XO = X Old, or old count). The program determines other variables here also. INC (or increment) is the quantum number. For instance, if the initial count is 16000 and the range selected is 5, it calculates the increment as 16000/(10 * (5 + 5)), or 160. To add or remove a box, the count must change by at least 160. XL is the other calculated variable (XL = X (low count)). This number corresponds to a fully calm mood (where all boxes are erased). Line 230 clears the initializing prompt and sets the start time (TS$).

Lines 240–420 make up the monitoring routine. Line 240 displays a small dot above the last box remaining (e.g., the 10th box in stack 5 if 5 were selected as the initial mood). Line 260 retrieves the current status of the interface. If it returns a zero, the monitor counted past 0FFFF hex or didn't count at all. In either case, a fault has occurred in the hardware, and line 260 forces a jump to the Error Trap routine starting at line 550.

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Line 270 scans the keyboard, and if you have pressed any key, it gets the current time (TF$ = Final Time). If you have pressed the F1 key, line 280 triggers a restart after asking if you want to save the results (i.e., GOSUB 800). If you have pressed the F2 key, line 290 causes the program to jump to the End Session routine at line 900. If you've pressed no keys (or any key other than F1 or F2), the program erases the locating dot at line 300. Printing and erasing the locating dot causes a blinking effect.

Line 310 checks to see if the count has changed by more than the increment. If not, the program jumps to line 420, where a delay proportional to the current count occurs before returning to the beginning of the monitoring routine.

In use, the time to remove or add a box due to change in mood may be significant. The locating dot blinks with each pass through the monitoring routine for two reasons. First, its blinking rate indicates your current mood. The faster it blinks, the more tense you are; the slower it blinks, the calmer you are. Second, it assures you that something is happening; you might otherwise think the computer is caught in an endless loop.

If the count changes by more than one increment, line 320 checks for an increasing count (calming) and, if so, jumps to line 380. Otherwise the program continues in line 340 where XO increases by one. R increases too, and the program erases one box and checks for the bottom of the stack. In this case, C decreases by five to point to the next stack on the left. Line 350 checks to see that all boxes are removed and, if not, delays via the subroutine at line 500. It then returns to line 330 to see if it must remove another box (i.e., if X is still more than the updated XO). If not, the program jumps to line 410 and creates the proportional delay before returning to the start of the monitoring routine.

If the monitor identifies a decreasing count in line 320 (more tense), the program jumps to line 380. Then R decreases, adding one box, and checks for the top of the stack. C increases by five to point to the new stack on the right. Line 390 checks to see if all 100 boxes are present and, if so, adds no more. Line 400 decreases XO by one, adds the new box, delays, and then returns to line 320 to see if another box must be added (i.e., X is still less than the updated XO).

The error trap starting at line 550 serves two purposes. If the program encounters an error during a Top-of-Form command or normal printing, it displays an error message and you can resume printing after you correct the error. If the program encounters any other error, you can reset or restart it.

Lines 800–850 store results of the session. Line 830 extracts the total time by evaluating TS$ (the start-time string) and TF$ (the ending-time string). Line 840 fills the buffer and adds the data to the end of the file. Line 850 clears the message line and returns to the calling portion of the program.

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When the presentation of Fig. 6 appears, press the F1 key. The cursor jumps to the first position on the F050 line. For the prime pin version, type in the following characters exactly (do not press the space bar or the enter key and make sure the caps key is on):

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For the strobe pin version, use these characters:

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2A95F0732372C900000000C9
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Check to ensure that you entered all characters correctly. If not, move the cursor with the arrow keys to the incorrect entry and type in the proper character. When everything is correct, press the F2 key.

Press the escape key. Then press the O key. When TRSDOS READY appears, type DUMP BIO/CMD [START = F050,END = F080] and hit the enter key.

Type DIR, hit the enter key, and note that you have a new file named BIO/CMD.

You may now enter Basic, and type in and save the BIO program.

Using the Biobox

Enter Basic with at least one file buffer available (i.e., BASIC -F:1). Using the disk with both the BIO and BIO/CMD programs, type RUN"BIO". Plug the biobox into the printer port so that the battery is on the bottom. The area should be quiet, and you should relax yourself by loosening tight clothing, removing your shoes, and so on.

Sit in a comfortable position that provides arm and elbow support. For best results, your hand should be clean and dry, and the room temperature should be around 70 degrees F. Wrap one bioprobe snugly around your index finger so the aluminum foil covers your fingerprint. Wrap the other bioprobe around your middle finger on the same hand.

The program title (Biofeedback Monitor) appears at the top of the screen. The graph-like monitor with its 100 boxes appears in the middle along with the ques-

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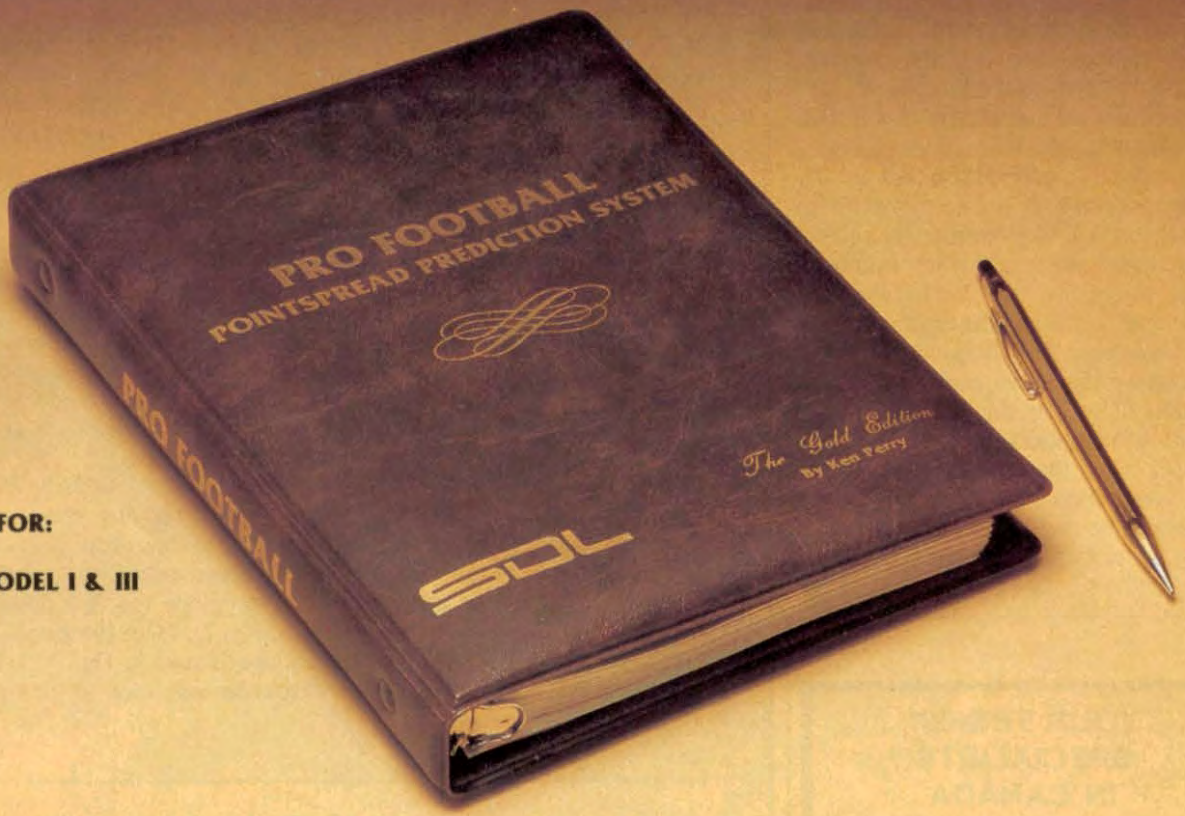

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tion INSTRUCTIONS (Y/N)? at the bottom of the screen. If you press Y, the first page of the instructions appears below the title. At the bottom, the prompt PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE appears. When you read the instructions and press a key, the second page of instructions appears. Note that you can restart by pressing the F1 key, or end by pressing the F2 key.

When you again press any key as instructed, the program returns to the initial presentation. But now the program prompts "Select Initial Mood (2–9)...." This is where you would be if you had answered no to the instructions prompt.

Consider the mood you are in. If average, select 5. If you're calmer than normal, try a lower number. If you're more tense, select a higher number. When you press the number you've chosen, all boxes to the right of that stack disappear. In addition, a dot appears above that stack and the message INITIALIZING at the bottom of the screen. After a short time, the message disappears and the dot begins blinking.

As your mood changes, the program either adds or removes boxes. (The dot always appears above the last box added

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Lines 900–940 let you review results on file, return to the monitoring function, or end the program. If you decide to end the program, line 940 clears the screen, closes the data file, resets the prime pin, and ends the program. If you choose to return to monitoring, line 920 causes the program to jump to line 60. If you choose the remaining function (review results on file), you must indicate if you want a hardcopy record of the review (as requested in line 930).

The review results function extends from line 1020 through line 1220. Line 1020 resets the prime pin (to enable the printer), sets dimensions of a data array, and determines if more than 70 records are on file. This function creates an X-Y graph on the screen and scales the Y-axis based on the data to be presented. (If the program used a fixed Y-axis, you would not recognize minor data variations.) The X-axis allows a maximum of 70 data points. Line 1020 checks the file length and, if greater than 70, branches to the subroutine at line 950.

Line 960 cites the number of records on file and lets you select a start record. Line 980 equates the variable BG to this record number. Line 990 equates FI to either the last record on file (if there are less than 70 records after BG) or the number 70 (if there are 70 or more records after BG) and then returns.

Line 1030 gets the records for display and stores them in the D array. Line 1040 calculates the average time to calm by one box (a measure of how effective your efforts were). Lines 1050–1070 scale the Y-axis based on the range of data to be presented. Lines 1080–1130 draw the graph on the screen, while line 1140 plots the data on the graph.

Line 1150 asks if you want hardcopy and, if not, returns to the End Session routine. When you select hardcopy, line 1150 advises you to prepare the printer and press any key when ready. When you press a key, TRSDOS' Screen command sends the screen contents to the printer. The Screen command does not allow the graphics of the X-Y axes to be printed, but substitute periods instead (see Fig. 7). Once the graph is complete, lines 1160–1220 print the statistics (also shown in Fig. 7), bring the paper to the top of the next page, and transfer execution to the End Session routine. ■

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                B I O F E E D B A C K   T R E N D   G R A P H - - - - Mar 12,1983
   Y    Y-Axis = Average seconds to calm by one block.   X-Axis = Trial #
 50 .
 45 .
 40 .*
 35 .
 30 .
 25 .
 20 .
 15 .  *   *
 10 .     *
  5 .        **
  0 .  **      *
 -5 .
-10 .    *
-15 .
-20 .
-25 .
-30 .
-35 .
-40 .
-45 .
-50 ..................................................................... X
    1
```

TRIAL #	# BOXES - START	END	ELAPSED SECONDS	AVG TIME TO CALM BY 1 BLK
1	50	46	150	41.53
2	50	39	204	18.72
3	80	0	356	4.50
4	50	22	93	3.36
5	30	32	13	-6.15
6	50	38	231	19.43
7	50	0	568	11.58
8	50	44	38	7.52
9	50	39	60	5.73
10	50	15	164	4.74

Figure 7. BIO printout.

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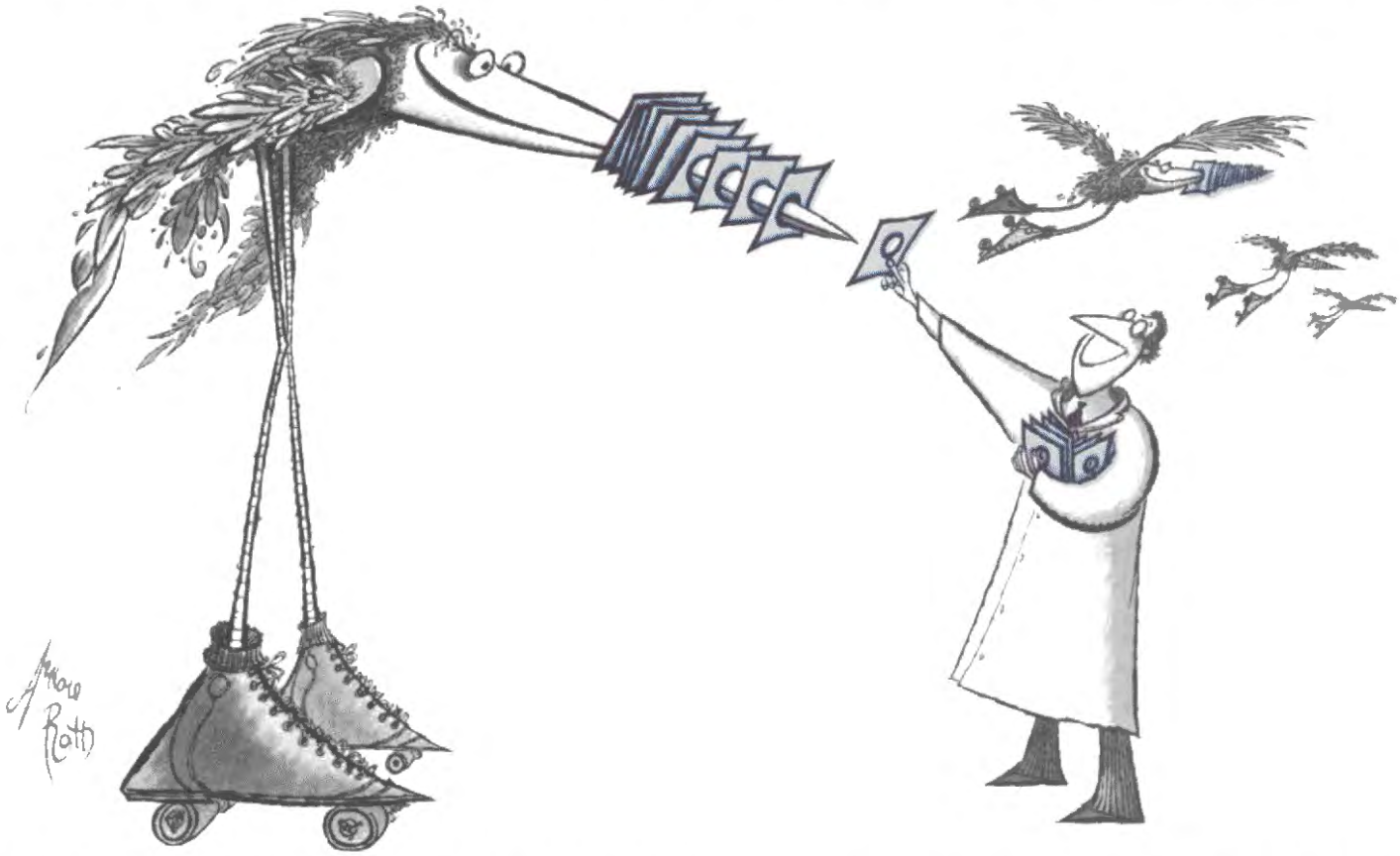

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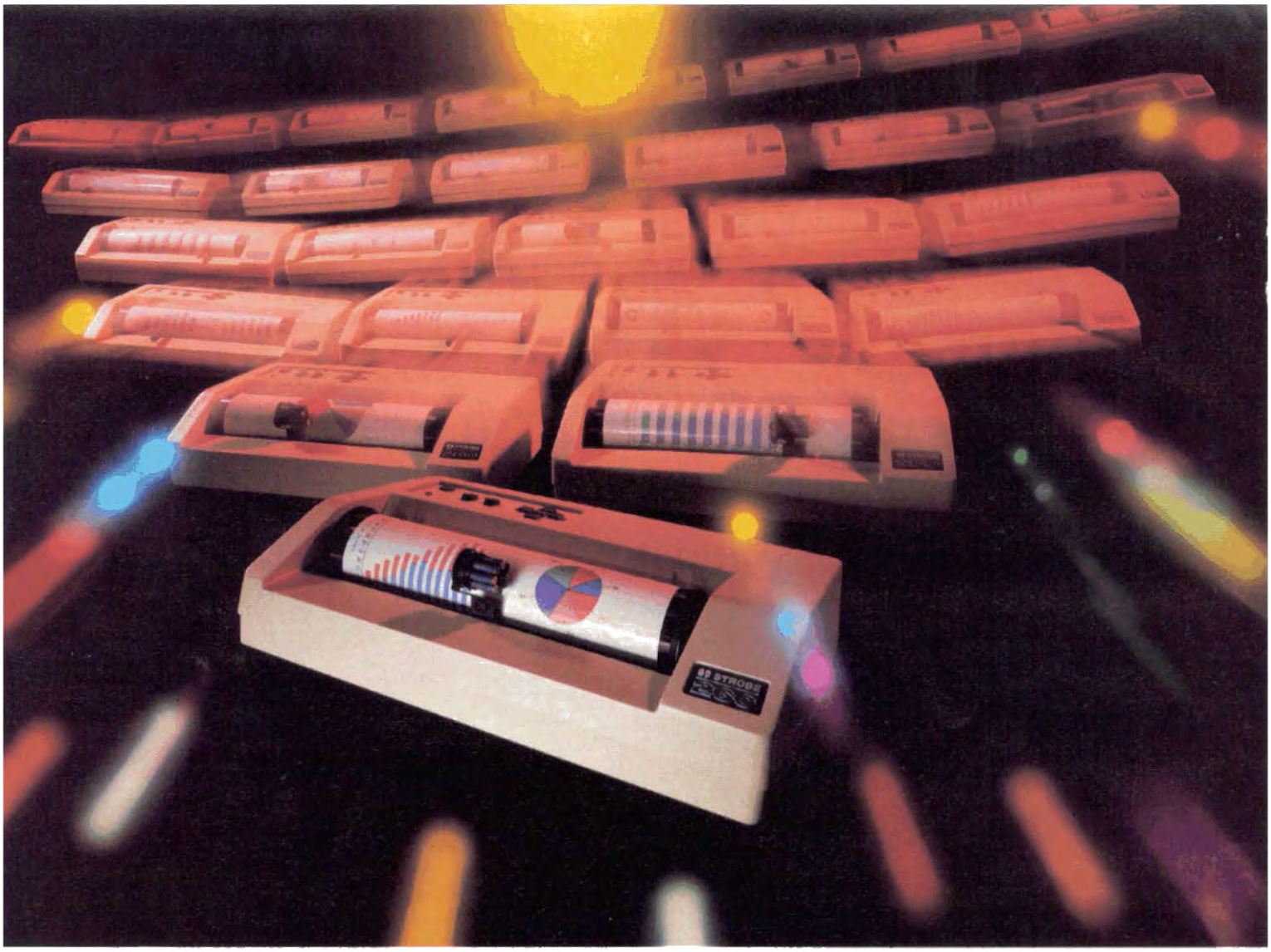

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or at the last box removed.) Try to concentrate on calming yourself by thinking of a pleasant situation or a tranquil scene. At first you may actually tense up somewhat; biofeedback takes practice! Now bite your lip or otherwise cause mild pain. Note that boxes begin appearing, indicating tension. Also note that you tend to tense up much faster than you calm down. With practice you'll be able to consciously remove all boxes on the monitor.

If you want to stop the particular trial, press the F1 key; RESTART appears at the top of the screen. At the bottom the program asks if you want to STORE RESULTS? (If you answer positively, the disk activates.) When you make your choice, the program returns to the initial screen. If you want to end or review the stored results, press the F2 key. The screen clears below the title and presents three choices, Review Results, Continue Monitoring, or End. If you select End, the message SESSION ENDED appears, the disk file is closed, the prime pin is reset, and the program ends. If you press F2 by mistake, or want to continue, press C to continue monitoring.

If you press R (Review Results), the program asks if you want hardcopy. If you respond yes, the program performs a Forms set.

After you provide your answer, the screen clears and the biofeedback trend graph appears. At the bottom of the screen you will see the question DO YOU WANT HARDCOPY (Y/N)?. Answer yes or no accordingly. If you answer no, the program returns to the Review Results, Continue, or End question. If you answer yes, the program asks you to prepare your printer and signal when ready. It prints the trend graph along with a tabular list of results. If the program encounters any printing fault, the message PRINTER NOT READY. PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE appears at the bottom of the screen. You can then correct the fault and continue printing. After printing is completed, the program returns to the Review Results, Continue, or End question.

Summing It Up

With the use of the biobox and the BIO program, you can change your Model II into a sophisticated biofeed-

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Program Listing 2. BIO (Basic biofeedback program).

```
1 REM**          BIOFEEDBACK PROGRAM
2 REM**          NAME: BIO
3 REM**          (c) 1983 by J. J. BARBARELLO
4 REM**          LATEST REVISION: # 2, 18 FEB 1983
5 REM**
6 REM**          NOTE: Requires BioBox II Hardware and BIO/CMD Ut
ility
7 REM**
8 REM
10 CLS:CLEAR1000:SYSTEM"LOAD BIO/CMD":DEFUSR=&HF050:DEFUSR1=&HF0
7C:ON ERROR GOTO 550
20 PRINTCHR$(2);TAB(22);"B I O F E E D B A C K   M O N I T O R":
PRINT STRING$(79,150):DIM D(1,1)
30 PRINT@(3,18),"(c) 1983 by J. J. BARBARELLO, Englishtown, NJ"
40 DEFSTR A:OPEN"D",1,"BIO/DAT",14:FIELD 1,2ASA1,4ASA2,4ASA3,2AS
A4,2ASA5:DTE$=MID$(DATE$,4,3)+" "+MID$(DATE$,7,2)+","+MID$(DATE$
,9,4)
50 AI=TIME$:DEFINT C,I,R:A=STRING$(4,154)+" ":FORI=1TO10:AL=AL+A
:NEXT
60 PRINT@(4,0),CHR$(24);:FORI=5 TO 15:PRINT@(I,15),CHR$(135):NEX
T
70 PRINT@(15,15),CHR$(131);CHR$(138);
80 FORI=17TO65STEP5:PRINT@(15,I),STRING$(4,150);CHR$(138);:NEXT
90 FOR I=5 TO 14:PRINT@(I,17),AL;:NEXT
100 AX=CHR$(159)+" TENSE":FORI=7TO13:PRINT@(I,12),MID$(AX,I-6,1)
;:NEXT
110 FOR I=1 TO 10:PRINT@(16,13+I*5),;:PRINTUSING"##    ";I;:NEXT
120 PRINT@(17,17),"CALM";TAB(62);"TENSE":PRINT@(20,0),STRING$(79
,150);:IF FLG>0 THEN 150
130 PRINT@(22,30),"INSTRUCTIONS (Y/N) ?";
140 GOSUB 750:IF AI="Y" THEN 600
150 PRINT@(3,0),CHR$(23):PRINTCHR$(23);
160 PRINT@(22,20),CHR$(1);"Select initial mood (2 - 9)...";CHR$(
23);
170 AI=INPUT$(1):IF ASC(AI)=2 THEN 900ELSE IF VAL(AI)<2 OR VAL(A
I)>9 THEN 170ELSE PRINT AI
180 PRINT@(3,0),CHR$(2);CHR$(23);:C=VAL(AI)*5+12:R=5:CC=VAL(AI)
190 FOR I=5 TO 14:PRINT@(I,C+5),CHR$(23);:NEXT
200 PRINT@(22,0),CHR$(23);TAB(30);"INITIALIZING";:Y=0:FLG=2:X=US
R(0)
210 FORI=1TO5:PRINT@(R-1,C+2),CHR$(144);:X=USR(0):PRINT@(R-1,C+2
),"  ";:IF X<0 THEN X=65535+X
220 Y=Y+X:NEXT:XO=Y/5:INC=XO/(10*(CC+5)):XL=XO-CC*INC*10
230 PRINT@(22,0),CHR$(23);:TS$=TIME$
240 PRINT@(R,C),A;:PRINT@(R-1,C+2),CHR$(144);
250 'CALM DOWN: X INCREASES - TENSE UP: X DECREASES
260 X=USR(0):IF X<0 THEN X=X+65535 ELSE IF X=0 THEN ERROR 1
270 AR=INKEY$:IF AR=""THEN 300ELSE TF$=TIME$
280 IF ASC(AR)=1 THEN PRINT@(3,32),CHR$(26);" R E S T A R T.";CH
R$(25):IF FLG=1 THEN 80ELSE GOSUB 800:FLG=2:GOTO 80
290 IF ASC(AR)=2 THEN 900
300 PRINT@(R-1,C+2)," ";
310 IF ABS(XO-X)<INC THEN 420
320 IF X<XO THEN 380' TENSING UP
330 IF X<XO THEN 410' CALMING DOWN
340 PRINT@(R,C),CHR$(23);:XO=XO+INC:R=R+1:IF R=15 THEN R=5:C=C-5
350 IF C>=17 THEN GOSUB 500:GOTO 330ELSE TF$=TIME$
360 PRINT@(9,30),"MAXIMUM CALM ATTAINED.":GOSUB 800:PRINT@(10,18
),"Press [F1] to RESTART, or [F2] to END SESSION...";
370 AR=INPUT$(1):IF ASC(AR)=1 THEN 280ELSE IF ASC(AR)=2 THEN 290
ELSE 370
380 R=R-1:IF R=<4 THEN R=14:C=C+5
390 IF C>62 THEN C=62:R=5:GOTO 410
400 XO=XO-INC:PRINT@(R,C),A;:GOSUB 500:GOTO 320
410 X=XO
420 FOR I=1 TO (X-XL)*500/XL:NEXT:GOTO 240
470 REM
480 REM**************   UTILITY SUBROUTINES   ******************
```

Listing 2 continued

```
TRS-80 Model II DEBUG Program
F050   3E 81 D3 FF 22 95 F0 21   00 00 11 01 00 3E 00 D3   ...."..!..... ..
F060   E0 3E 08 D3 E0 DB E0 CB   77 20 09 19 38 06 06 02   . .......w ..8...
F070   10 FE 18 F1 EB 2A 95 F0   73 23 72 C9 3E 00 D3 E0   .....*..s#r. ...
F080   C9 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   ................
F090   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   ................
F0A0   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   ................
F0B0   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   ................
F0C0   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   FF 00 FF 00 FF 00 FF 00   ................
   PC    SP  SZHPNC  AF   BC   DE   HL   IX   IY   AF'  BC'  DE'  HL'
 2800  21FE  000000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
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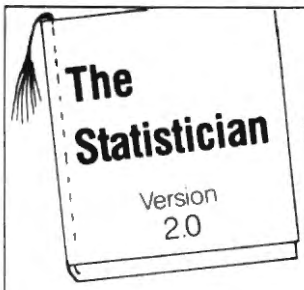
Figure 8. Debug screen after entering BIO/CMD machine code.



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490 REM
500 REM**       DELAY LOOP
510 FOR Z=1 TO 100:NEXT:RETURN
550 REM**       ERROR TRAP
560 IF ERR=42 OR ERR=56 THEN PRINT@(23,20),CHR$(23);CHR$(26);" P
RINTER NOT READY.";CHR$(25);" Press ANY key to continue...";:AI=
INPUT$(1):RESUME 1150
570 PRINT@(3,20),CHR$(26);" ERROR OCCURRED. Press [F1] to RESET.
..";CHR$(25);
580 AI=INPUT$(1):IF ASC(AI)<>1 THEN 580ELSE PRINT@(3,0),CHR$(23)
:PRINTCHR$(23);:RESUME 80
600 REM**       INSTRUCTIONS
610 PRINT@(3,0),CHR$(24);TAB(18);"(c) 1983 by J. J. BARBARELLO,
Englishtown, NJ":
620 PRINT@(5,4),"The Biofeedback System II measures and displays
 your changes in mood. Beforebeginning, check that the hardware
interface is attached, and power is applied."
630 PRINT"Next, attach one Bioprobe to your index finger above t
he first joint. Then placethe remaining Bioprobe on your middle
finger above its first joint.":PRINT
640 PRINT"     When you have finished reading these instructions
, you'll be asked the ":PRINT"question ";CHR$(34);"Select initia
l Mood (2 - 9)...";CHR$(34);". Select a number between 2 (CALM)
and 9 (TENSE). ";
650 PRINT"If you are in an average mood, select 5. If you're cal
mer, select a  lower number(like 3). If you're more tense than a
verage, select a higher number (like 8)."
660 PRINT:PRINT"     Your mood is represented by the 100 blocks
on the display. When you select your initial mood, the higher te
nsion-indicating blocks will disappear. The"
670 PRINT"object is to relax and, in the process, make all the b
locks disappear. If you  increase tension, the blocks will begi
n reappearing. A Blinking dot will remind"
680 PRINT"you where you currently are. The more tense you get, t
he faster it blinks. The  calmer you get, the slower it blinks."
:GOSUB 720
690 PRINT@(5,0),CHR$(24);:PRINT@(8,0),"  If a fault occurs in t
he BioBox hardware (Ex: Bioprobes come loose, power      not ap
plied), a message will appear and let you re-start by pressing [
F1].":PRINT
700 PRINT"  It you wish to re-start at any other time, also pre
ss the [F1] key.":PRINT:PRINT"  When you wish to end the sessio
n (or review results), press the [F2] key.":GOSUB 720
710 PRINT@(2,0),CHR$(24);:FLG=2:GOTO 60
720 REM**       PRESS ANY KEY
730 PRINT@(23,28),"PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE...";:AI=INPUT$(1):P
RINT@(20,0),CHR$(24);:RETURN
750 REM**       YES/NO INPUT
760 AI=INPUT$(1):NU=(ASC(AI) MOD 32)+64:IF NU<>89 AND NU<>78 THE
N 760ELSE AI=CHR$(NU):PRINTAI;:RETURN
800 REM**       STORE RESULTS
810 FLG=1:PRINT@(22,32),"STORE RESULTS (Y/N) ?...";:GOSUB 750
820 IF AI="N" THEN PRINT@(22,0),CHR$(23);:RETURN
830 T=(VAL(LEFT$(TF$,2))-VAL(LEFT$(TS$,2)))*3600+(VAL(MID$(TF$,4
,2))-VAL(MID$(TS$,4,2)))*60+VAL(RIGHT$(TF$,2))-VAL(RIGHT$(TS$,2)
)
840 LSET A1=MKI$(CC):LSET A2=MKS$(Y/5):LSET A3=MKS$(X):LSET A4=M
KI$(INC):LSET A5=MKI$(T):PUT 1,LOF(1)+1
850 PRINT@(22,0),CHR$(23);:RETURN
900 REM**       END SESSION
910 PRINT@(0,0),CHR$(24);:PRINTTAB(22);"B I O F E E D B A C K
M O N I T O R":PRINT STRING$(79,150):PRINT@(10,15),CHR$(26);" R
";CHR$(25);"eview Results, ";CHR$(26);" C ";CHR$(25);"ontinue Mo
nitoring, or ";CHR$(26);" E ";CHR$(25);"nd...";
920 AI=INPUT$(1):AI=CHR$((ASC(AI)MOD32)+64):PRINTAI;:IF AI="C" T
HEN 60 ELSE IF AI="E" THEN 940 ELSE IF AI<>"R" THEN 920
930 PRINT@(12,20),"Will you be wanting Hardcopy? (Y/N)...";:GOSU
B 750:PRINT@(14,35),"WAIT...";:IF AI="N" THEN 1000 ELSE PRINT@(1
4,0),CHR$(23);:SYSTEM"FORMS L=66":GOTO 1000
940 PRINT@(2,0),CHR$(24);:PRINT@(10,32),"SESSION ENDED.":PRINT@(
18,0),,:X=USR1(0):CLOSE:END
950 REM**       SELECT TRIAL RANGE
960 PRINT@(3,3),CHR$(24);"File contains";LOF(1);"trials, of whic
h only 70 can be displayed at any one time.":PRINT"Select a star
t trial number (EX: Selecting 5 will cause trials 5 through 74 t
o":PRINT"be displayed)."
970 PRINT@(12,29),"START TRIAL NUMBER?...";CHR$(23);:LINE INPUT
ST$
980 BG=VAL(ST$):IF BG<1 OR BG>LOF(1)-1 THEN 970 ELSE PRINT@(14,3
5),"WAIT...";
990 IF BG+69>LOF(1) THEN FI=LOF(1)-BG+1:RETURN ELSE FI=70:RETURN
1000 REM**      DATA PLOTTING ROUTINE
1010 REM**      A1=RANGE:A2=START CNT:A3=END CNT:A4=INCREMENT:A5
=ELAPSED TIME
1020 ERASE D:X=USR1(0):DIM D(5,70):IF LOF(1)<70 THEN BG=1:FI=LOF
(1) ELSE GOSUB 950
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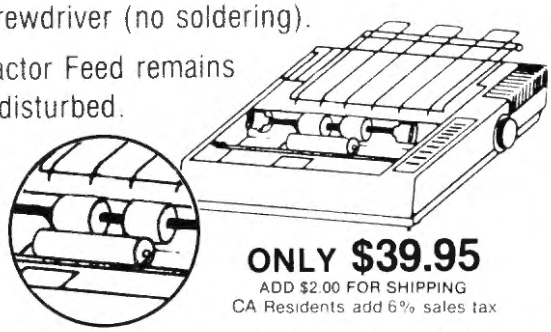

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In a future issue, *80 Micro* will present a biobox for the Model I and Model III. It includes all features of the Model II version, except for the trend graph and permanent storage. However, the presentation will fully explain the program involved and provide hints on how you can include permanent storage for your own configuration system. ■

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Listing 2 continued

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1030 FOR I=1 TO FI:GET 1,I+BG-1:D(1,I)=CVI(A1):D(2,I)=CVS(A2):D(
3,I)=CVS(A3):D(4,I)=CVI(A4):D(5,I)=CVI(A5)
1040 D(0,I)=D(5,I)/((D(3,I)-D(2,I))/D(4,I))
1050 NEXT:HI=0:LO=0:FORI=1TOFI:IF D(0,I)>HI THEN HI=D(0,I) ELSE
IF D(0,I)<LO THEN LO=D(0,I)
1060 NEXT:HI=HI-HI MOD 10+SGN(HI)*10:LO=LO-LO MOD 10+SGN(LO)*10:
HI=INT(HI):LO=INT(LO):RNG=ABS(HI-LO):FORI=5TO100STEP5:IF RNG/I<2
2 THEN STP=I ELSE NEXT
1070 IF ABS(HI)>ABS(LO) THEN MAX=HI ELSE MAX=LO+20*STP
1080 CLS:FOR I=2 TO 22:PRINT@(I,0),;:J=MAX-(I-2)*STP:PRINTUSING"
####";J:NEXT
1090 PRINT@(0,10),"B I O F E E D B A C K  T R E N D  G R A P H
 - - - - ";DTE$
1100 PRINT@(1,5),"Y    Y-Axis = Average seconds to calm by one b
lock.   X-Axis = Trial #"
1110 FORI=2 TO 22:PRINT@(I,5),CHR$(135);:NEXT:PRINT@(23,5),;:PRI
NTUSING"##";BG;
1120 PRINT@(22,5),CHR$(131);:FORI=6 TO 75:IF IMOD5=0 THEN PRINT@
(22,I),CHR$(134);:NEXT ELSE PRINT@(22,I),CHR$(138);:NEXT
1130 PRINT@(22,77),"X";
1140 FOR I=1 TO FI:J=(MAX-D(0,I))/STP:J=INT(J+3):PRINT@(J,I+5),"
*";:NEXT
1150 PRINT@(23,20),CHR$(23);TAB(28);"Do you wish HARDCOPY? (Y/N)
...";:GOSUB 750:IF AI="Y" THEN PRINT@(23,28),"PREPARE PRINTER. P
ress ANY key to begin...";:AI=INPUT$(1):PRINT@(23,20),CHR$(23);:
SYSTEM"SCREEN" ELSE 900
1160 LPRINT:LPRINTTAB(20);"*********  S T A T I S T I C S  *****
*****":LPRINT TAB(20);STRING$(42,"-"):LPRINTTAB(20);"TRIAL  - #
BOXES -";TAB(40);"ELAPSED";TAB(50);"AVG TIME TO":LPRINTTAB(20);"
  #    START   END  SECONDS  CALM BY 1 BLK"
1170 LPRINT TAB(20);STRING$(42,"-")
1180 FOR I=1 TO FI
1190 LPRINT TAB(20);:LPRINTUSING" ###";BG+I-1;:LPRINT TAB(27);:L
PRINT USING"###     ";D(1,I)*10;
1200 ED=D(1,I)*10-INT((D(3,I)-D(2,I))/D(4,I))-1:IF ED>100 THEN E
D=100 ELSE IF ED<0 THEN ED=0
1210 LPRINT USING"###";ED;:LPRINT TAB(40);:LPRINT USING"#####";D
(5,I);:LPRINT TAB(51);:LPRINT USING"###.##";D(0,I)
1220 NEXT:SYSTEM"T":GOTO 900
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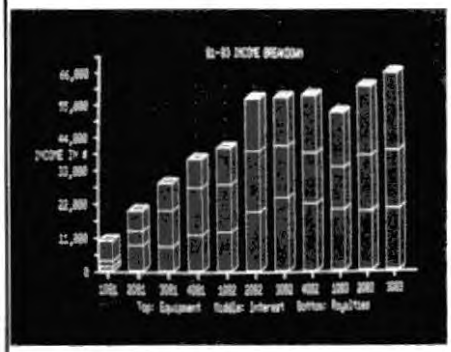

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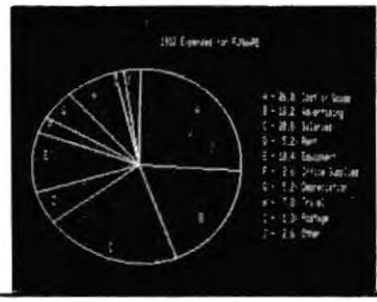

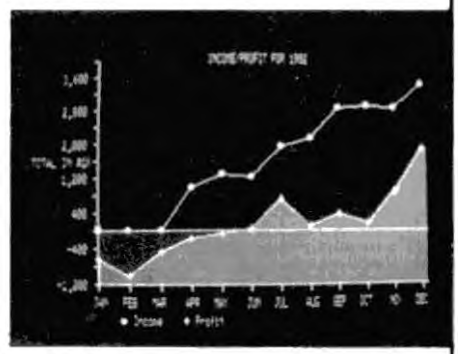

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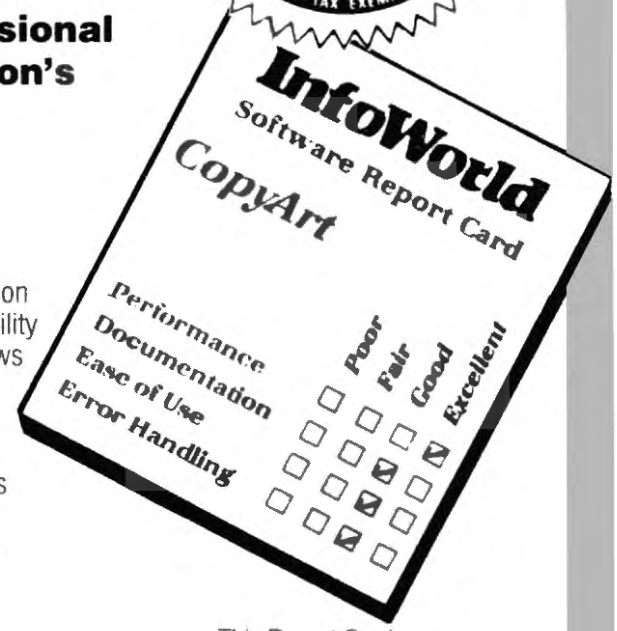

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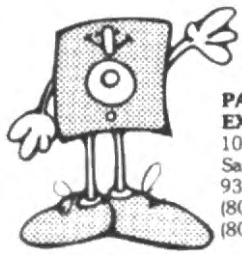

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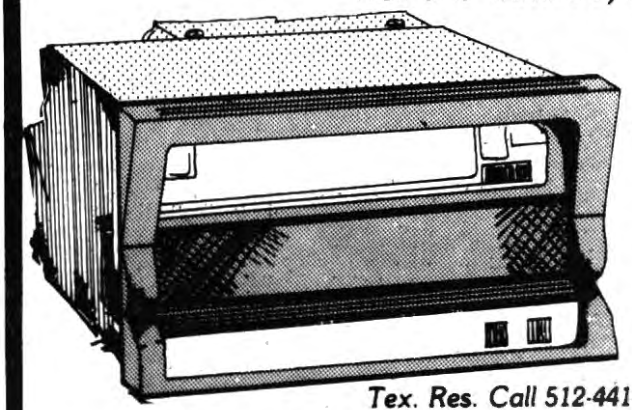

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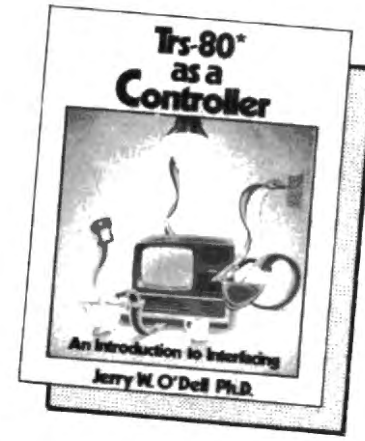

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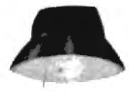

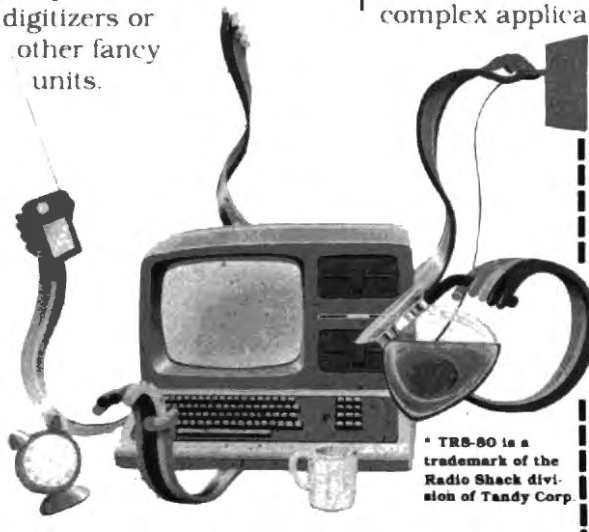

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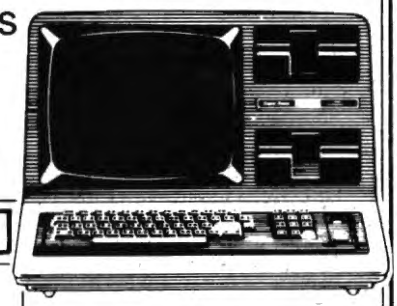

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Making Hay with Arrays

by Karl Townsend

Most of us associate the term "random access" with disk operation. In almost any DOS manual, you'll find a section on opening a file for random access, fielding, putting, getting, and so on—all words relating to random filing and retrieving of records.

To achieve all the advantages of random access means you must lay out many dollars for that disk subsystem with its controller. This generally translates into staying with sequential tape files and their problems.

Even if you cannot afford disk operation at present, you *can* use the benefits of random access without disk.

All you need is Level II cassette-based 16K TRS-80. You can do it with 4K but, as we will substitute memory for disk, more memory is better.

At last, you can use random access to store and retrieve data even if you don't have disk drives.

Random Ideas

Some time ago, I wanted to write a checkbook maintenance program tailored to my own requirements such as account structure, balancing, and entry methods. Most of all, I wanted to work on any record—enter, edit, delete—without constantly reading tape files. In other words, I wanted a random access operation, but purchasing even one disk drive was out of the question.

It occurred to me that if I was willing to accept the normal tape load and save procedure for initial input and final output, I could achieve most of the features I wanted with an array.

An array is a series of numbered pigeonholes for data storage and retrieval on demand. Usually, you enter data in a For...Next loop. A loop again works through the array to retrieve data step by step. Between storing and retrieving, you might sort or rearrange data.

Figure 1 shows a simple array. To look at the data contained in any given record, just call the proper number and print the data. For example, to find Ed's telephone number, just type Print A$(3).

If you next want Andy's number, simply Print A$(1). This is just as random as disk files.

After retrieving the record from the array, you can rewrite it, edit parts, or delete it. You have complete control of the selected record's contents. Then write the record back into the array using a form such as Input A$(4). This tucks any changes into the pigeonhole designated.

You must know where each record is located in order to read it. For this purpose, you need an index. How else do you know Tony's telephone number is in record 5? How to set up an index for general use is a topic all its own, but if you know the locations of your records, you can read them in any order.

Available memory size limits use of the array for this type of operation. With more memory you can use a larger array. To make maximum memory available, use program compressing tricks such as eliminating spaces, using multistatement lines, and so on.

Now Organize Those Checks

How can you apply these concepts to checkbook records? (Figure 2 shows some typical checkbook records.)

A checkbook has a natural indexing system—the check number. These unique numbers refer to specific records and are in sequential order (as in an array).

Start out by dimensioning an array to hold your records: 100 DIM A$(100,5). This statement sets aside room for 101

A$(1)	Andy	—368 1234
A$(2)	Dan	—257 1598
A$(3)	Ed	—257 4587
A$(4)	Sam	—887 3254
A$(5)	Tony	—665 1227

Figure 1. An array.

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check records, each containing six fields.

Remember, arrays start with the zero position. For example, A$(0,0) is a usable array position. You might as well use the zero position because it uses memory space whether you put data in it or not.

Record 4 in our array might look like Fig. 3. A check for $45.98 to Anderson Lumber on Sept. 25 is for house repairs. The check has not yet been returned by the bank, so an N appears in the cancelled field. Each record (check) from zero to 100 is laid out in the same pattern.

To find any given check, just call its array location and print it. For example:

```
200 FOR I = 0 TO 5: PRINT A$(4,I): NEXT I
```

prints the contents of record four on your screen.

Suppose you want to access checks by check number, rather than by some arbitrary array location number. Assume you start with check number 361. Array location 361 does not exist, so you must convert 361 to fit within the array. Since check number 361 is the first check, put it in location zero.

```
100 DIM A$(100,5)
110 FC = 361
```

Line 110 calls the first check (FC) number 361. To reference this or any other check number, use this constant (FC) to convert it to an array location. How does that work? Below is an example of how you might locate and print a selected check.

```
500 INPUT "ENTER CHECK NUMBER TO
    BE PRINTED";CN
510 CP = CN - FC
520 FOR I = 0 TO 5: PRINT A$(CP,I): NEXT I
```

Enter the check number 365 at the prompt. The program subtracts the first check number (FC) from the check number entered (CN) to give the check's position (CP) in the array. In this case: 365 minus 361 equals 4; the check you want is in A$(4,x). The first few checks in the array are found as follows:

Location	Heading	Contents
A$(4,0)	Check number	365
A$(4,1)	Date	810925
A$(4,2)	Made to:	Anderson Lumber
A$(4,3)	Amount	$45.98
A$(4,4)	Account	House repairs
A$(4,5)	Cancelled? Y/N	N

Figure 3. Record 4.

Check	Position
361	0
362	1
363	2
364	3
365	4
366	5

Entering newly written checks follows a similar pattern.

```
600 INPUT "ENTER CHECK NUMBER";CN
610 CP = CN - FC
620 A$(CP,0) = CN
630 INPUT "DATE??";A$(CP,1)
640 INPUT "MADE TO??";A$(CP,2)
650 INPUT "AMOUNT??";A$(CP,3)
660 INPUT "ACCOUNT??";A$(CP,4)
670 INPUT "CANCELLED Y/N ??";A$(CP,5)
```

As each check is entered, the first check (FC) number is subtracted from the check number (CN), resulting in the array position number (CP) used to store the record.

Cancelling a check using the check number is even easier.

```
700 INPUT "ENTER CHECK NUMBER TO
    BE CANCELLED";CN
710 CP = CN - FC
720 A$(CP,5) = "Y"
```

Set up editing to suit your own needs, but you must still use the first check (FC) for locating records. A very simple editing method is to call the record of the check and write over the stored information just as if you were making an original entry. This saves installing an edit module in your program.

Deposits are not usually numbered. To use this scheme, give them a number and, using a separate array, treat deposits just like checks.

```
DIM B$(25,3)
B$(DP,0) = DEPOSIT NUMBER
B$(DP,1) = DATE
B$(DP,2) = SOURCE
B$(DP,3) = AMOUNT
```

The deposits position (DP) is again set up by placing early in the program a notation showing the number of the first deposit (FD). Subtracting this from each deposit number (DN) gives the proper array position.

Enter service charges as a negative deposit with a notation in the source location.

There is no need to sort the data. You insert the data in checkbook order; therefore, they are ordered as you would normally use them. This saves a sort routine and its attendant problems.

You do not have to enter checks in any particular order. If, for example, you carry some prenumbered checks in your wallet and use them long after some subsequent number, it does not matter. The array position for each check remains blank until you use it. Higher numbered checks simply go into their allocated slots above the unused checks.

To close out a section of your checkbook record and start a new one, as you might do at the beginning of a new year, just save the current file for future reference, set the first check (FC) to the first check number of the new year, and set the first deposit statement (FD) to the first deposit of the new year. The first deposit of the new year should be the balance from the previous year.

Finally

For true random access of unsequenced data, you must develop an external index that you can then sequence on selected key data elements. Chaining records is one method of accomplishing this. ■

No.	Date	Made To:	Amount	Account	Cancelled
361	810813	Gas Co.	$ 35.39	house	Y
362	810919	80 Micro	$ 18.00	computer	Y
363	810920	City	$219.25	taxes	N
364	810920	Church	$ 50.00	contrib.	N
365	810925	Anderson Lumb.	$ 45.98	house rep.	N
366	810930	Jones College	$210.00	education	N

Figure 2. Checkbook records.

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Brief Exposures

by Brian Durell

Improve your perception and short-term memory by using your computer as a tachistoscope.

A tachistoscope is a device used in psychological studies to present visual displays of words and letters for carefully controlled brief periods of time. Such displays are useful in studying phenomena related to short-term memory and perception.

I have simulated a tachistoscope using a 16K Model I. I developed the program to provide a simulated laboratory experience for my students. It is entirely menu driven and modularized.

The User's Eye View

The program begins with credits and a short introduction. To advance from one page to the next, press any key or the number of your choice from a menu.

The main menu is shown in Fig. 1. It lets you select suggestions for carrying out an investigation, random displays, or prepared displays. It also provides a clean way out of the program with a quit selection.

Selecting the suggestions option produces the page shown in Fig. 2. Selecting random displays leads to the menu shown in Fig. 3. Selecting prepared displays leads to essentially the same menu except the heading indicates prepared rather than random displays.

Choice 1 of the Random Displays menu generates a random string of 25 letters. The screen clears and a line of 25 asterisks is flashed three times in approximately the middle of the screen. This helps you orient your attention to the place where the random letters are displayed. For a fraction of a second, a string of 25 letters such as

YDKVHSDSICSOJXEAKFHGQPWPH

Choices

1) Investigation Suggestions
2) Random Displays
3) Prepared Displays
4) Quit

Type the number of your choice

Figure 1. Main menu.

Suggestions for Investigations

1) Start with some random letter series.
   How many consecutive letters can you see each time?
2) Try varying the length of time of the display.
   What effect does that have on the number of letters which you can see?
3) Repeat 1) and 2) with prepared letter displays.

Press any key to continue

Figure 2. Investigation suggestions page.

Random Displays

1) Generate new display
2) Repeat previous display
3) Show display for confirmation
4) Change timing
5) Return to choices

Type the number of your choice

Figure 3. Random displays menu.

Change Timing

You may change the timing for the display to be anything from 1 to 500 ticks.
Each tick is the equivalent of about .004 seconds.
(It takes about 250 ticks to make up a second.)

At present the timing is set at 150 ticks.

Do not use decimals or fractions in setting the number of ticks.

How many ticks would you like (1-500):?

Figure 4. Change timing page.

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appears in place of the asterisks and then the Random Displays menu reappears.

Choice 2, repeat the display, is provided in case you are distracted at a crucial moment or want to repeat the same display in order to attend to another part of it. Usually you will write down as many consecutive letters as you are able to see. Psychologist G.A. Miller's research indicates that you should be able to see from five to nine letters in any given brief exposure. Option 3, show display for confirmation, lets you check your observation.

You can change the timing of the display using option 4. It puts the page shown in Fig. 4 on the screen. When you type a new number, the display menu, Fig. 3, returns to the screen.

Long exposures, a second or more in duration, will increase the number of letters you will be able to see. Most users will be surprised to discover that the time has to decrease to 1/100 second or less before much degradation in their ability to see letters occurs. Choice 5 returns to the main menu.

Working with prepared displays differs from the random displays only in that the strings of letters are not randomly generated. They are prepared in advance. The prepared displays are in data lines starting at line 5000 (see the Program Listing).

There are several types of prepared displays. Some look much like random strings of letters. However, they are actually unrelated words strung together. In some cases, spaces are left between the words.

In other prepared strings, the words are related and form sentences or sentence fragments. These also may appear with the words run together or with spaces between the words. Other strings are familiar phrases that also may appear with or without spaces between the words.

Psychological Lessons

The main psychological point that this application reveals is Miller's "magical number seven plus or minus two," which shows the limitation that exists in our ability to perceive visual information in brief exposures. The program demonstrates the fact that we can see as much in 1/100 second as we can in about 1/2 second.

The most interesting point is that the prepared displays indicate that perception is an active, not a passive, process. When the displayed material is familiar to us, we see much more of it. This is due to prior learning and our active seeking

Program Listing. Tachistoscope.

```
10 ' ----- TACHISTOSCOPE BY BRIAN DURELL 30 OCT 80
15 CLEAR 1000
20 GOSUB 100: ' ----- PROGRAM.BEGIN -----
30 GOSUB 200: ' ----- CHOICES (1,C) -----
40 IF QUITFLAG = 0 THEN 30
45 CLS
50 END: ' ----- PROGRAM.END -----
99 '
100 ' ----- PROGRAM.BEGIN ROUTINE -----
110 GOSUB 300: ' ----- TITLE PAGE -----
120 GOSUB 400: ' ----- INSTRUCTIONS -----
130 ' ----- INITIALIZE VARIABLES -----
135 RANDOM
140 TIME = 150
145 DISPLAY$ = "PFMBTELNUDABRQLNBOHFWZMBK"
150 NUM = 21: ' ----- CURRENT NUMBER OF PREPARED DISPLAYS ----
155 DIM TALLY(NUM)
160 FOR I =1 TO NUM
165   TALLY(I) = 0
170 NEXT I
195 RETURN
199 '
200 ' ----- CHOICES ROUTINE -----
205 GOSUB 500: ' ----- DISPLAY CHOICES -----
210 IF CHOICE = 1 THEN GOSUB 600 ELSE 220: ' ----- SUGGESTIONS
215 GOTO 245
220 IF CHOICE = 2 THEN GOSUB 700 ELSE 230: ' ----- RANDOM DISP
225 GOTO 245
230 IF CHOICE = 3 THEN GOSUB 800 ELSE 240: ' ----- PREP. DISP.
235 GOTO 245
240 IF CHOICE = 4 THEN QUITFLAG = 1
245 RETURN
299 '
300 ' ----- TITLE PAGE -----
302 CLS
305 PRINT@ 148, "*** TACHISTOSCOPE ***"
310 PRINT@ 286, "BY"
315 PRINT@ 345, "A. B. DURELL"
320 PRINT@ 468, "UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO"
325 PRINT@ 668, "(C) 1980"
330 FOR I = 0 TO 500: NEXT I: ' ----- DELAY LOOP -----
335 RETURN
399 '
400 ' ----- INSTRUCTIONS -----
405 CLS
410 PRINT@ 404,"DO YOU WANT INSTRUCTIONS? (Y OR N)"
415 GOSUB 1500: ' ----- GET KEYPRESS$ -----
420 IF KEYPRES$ = "N" THEN 495
425 IF KEYPRES$ = "Y" THEN 435 ELSE GOSUB 1300: ' --- ERROR MSG
430 GOTO 415
435 PRINT@ 20,"*** TACHISTOSCOPE ***
440 PRINT: PRINT "A TACHISTOSCOPE IS USED TO STUDY MEMORY PHENOM
ENA."
445 PRINT "A SERIES OF LETTERS WILL BE PRESENTED BRIEFLY ON THE
SCREEN."
450 PRINT "TRY TO READ AS MANY LETTERS AS POSSIBLE EACH TIME."
455 PRINT "WRITE DOWN THE LETTERS WHICH YOU SEE.  THEN CHECK THE
M OUT."
460 PRINT "YOU MAY CHOOSE TO SEE RANDOM SERIES OF LETTERS, OR PR
EPARED"
465 PRINT "SERIES OF LETTERS.  YOU MAY REPEAT A PARTICULAR DISPL
AY IF"
470 PRINT "YOU WISH, OR YOU MAY CHANGE THE LENGTH OF TIME FOR WH
ICH"
475 PRINT "THE LETTERS ARE DISPLAYED.  YOU MAY ALSO RECALL A SER
IES"
480 PRINT "TO CONFIRM YOUR IDENTIFICATION."
485 PRINT@ 970,"PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE";
490 GOSUB 1500
495 RETURN
499 '
500 ' ----- DISPLAY CHOICES -----
505 CLS
510 PRINT@ 148,"*** CHOICES ***"
515 PRINT@ 280,"1) INVESTIGATION SUGGESTIONS"
520 PRINT@ 344,"2) RANDOM DISPLAYS"
525 PRINT@ 408,"3) PREPARED DISPLAYS"
530 PRINT@ 472,"4) QUIT"
535 PRINT@ 660,"### TYPE THE NUMBER OF YOUR CHOICE ###"
540 GOSUB 1000: ' ----- GET CHOICE -----
545 RETURN
599 '
600 ' ----- SUGGESTIONS FOR INVESTIGATIONS -----
602 CLS
605 PRINT@ 20,"### SUGGESTIONS FOR INVESTIGATIONS ###"
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610 PRINT@ 133,"1) START WITH SOME RANDOM LETTER SERIES."
615 PRINT@ 200,"HOW MANY CONSECUTIVE LETTERS CAN YOU SEE EACH TI
ME?"
620 PRINT@ 325,"2) TRY VARYING THE LENGTH OF TIME OF THE DISPLAY
."
625 PRINT@ 392,"WHAT EFFECT DOES THAT HAVE ON THE NUMBER OF LETT
ERS"
630 PRINT@ 456,"WHICH YOU CAN SEE?"
635 PRINT@ 581,"3) REPEAT 1) AND 2) WITH PREPARED LETTER DISPLAY
S."
640 PRINT@ 970,"PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE";
645 GOSUB 1500: ' ----- GET KEYPRES$ -----
650 RETURN
699 '
700 ' ----- RANDOM DISPLAYS -----
705 CLS
710 PRINT@ 84,"*** RANDOM DISPLAYS ***"
715 GOSUB 900: ' ----- DISPLAY MENU -----
720 GOSUB 1100: ' ----- GET DISPLAY CHOICE -----
725 IF CHOICE = 1 THEN GOSUB 1600 ELSE 735: ' --- NEW DISPLAY
730 GOTO 705
735 IF CHOICE = 2 THEN GOSUB 1700 ELSE 745: ' --- REPEAT DISP.
740 GOTO 705
745 IF CHOICE = 3 THEN GOSUB 1800 ELSE 755: ' --- CONFIRM DISP.
750 GOTO 705
755 IF CHOICE = 4 THEN GOSUB 1900 ELSE 765: ' --- CHANGE TIMING
760 GOTO 705
765 RETURN: ' ----- BACK TO CHOICES -----
799 '
800 ' ----- PREPARED DISPLAYS -----
805 CLS
810 PRINT@ 84,"*** PREPARED DISPLAYS ***"
815 GOSUB 900: ' ----- DISPLAY MENU -----
820 GOSUB 1100: ' ----- GET DISPLAY CHOICE -----
825 IF CHOICE = 1 GOSUB 1200 ELSE 835: ' ----- NEW DISPLAY
830 GOTO 805
835 IF CHOICE = 2 GOSUB 1700 ELSE 845: ' ----- REPEAT DISP.
840 GOTO 805
845 IF CHOICE = 3 GOSUB 1800 ELSE 855: ' ----- CONFIRM DISP.
850 GOTO 805
855 IF CHOICE = 4 GOSUB 1900 ELSE 865: ' ----- CHANGE TIMING
860 GOTO 805
865 RETURN: ' ----- BACK TO CHOICES -----
899 '
900 ' ----- DISPLAY MENU -----
902 PRINT@ 128,STRING$(63,95)
905 PRINT@ 280,"1) GENERATE NEW DISPLAY"
910 PRINT@ 344,"2) REPEAT PREVIOUS DISPLAY"
915 PRINT@ 408,"3) SHOW DISPLAY FOR CONFIRMATION"
920 PRINT@ 472,"4) CHANGE TIMING"
925 PRINT@ 536,"5) RETURN TO CHOICES"
930 PRINT@ 660,"### TYPE THE NUMBER OF YOUR CHOICE ###"
935 RETURN
999 '
1000 ' ----- GET CHOICE -----
1010 GOSUB 1500: ' ----- GET KEYPRES$ -----
1020 IF ASC(KEYPRES$) > 48 AND ASC(KEYPRES$) < 53 THEN 1050: '
          ----- CHECK FOR KEYPRES$ >0 AND <5 -----
1030 GOSUB 1300: ' ----- ERROR MESSAGE -----
1040 GOTO 1010: ' ----- GET NEW INPUT -----
1050 CHOICE = VAL(KEYPRES$)
1060 RETURN
1100 ' ----- GET DISPLAY CHOICE -----
1105 GOSUB 1500: ' ----- GET KEYPRES$ -----
1110 IF ASC(KEYPRES$) >48 AND ASC(KEYPRES$) < 54 THEN 1125: '
       ----- CHECK FOR KEYPRES$ > 0 AND < 6 -----
1115 GOSUB 1300: ' ----- ERROR MESSAGE -----
1120 GOTO 1105: ' ----- GET NEW KEYPRES$ -----
1125 CHOICE = VAL (KEYPRES$)
1130 RETURN
1199 '
1200 ' ----- NEW PREPARED DISPLAY -----
1205 CLS
1210 GOFLAG = 0
1215 FOR I = 1 TO NUM: ' ----- CHECK FOR UNUSED DISPLAYS -----
1220    IF TALLY(I) = 0 THEN GOFLAG = 1
1225 NEXT I
1230 RANUMBER = RND(NUM): ' ----- PICK A DISPLAY RANDOMLY -----
1235 IF GOFLAG = 0 THEN 1250
1240 IF TALLY (RANUMBER) = 1 THEN 1230: ' ----- CHECK IF UNUSED
1245 TALLY (RANUMBER) = 1: ' ----- MARK AS USED -----
1250 RESTORE
1255 FOR I = 1 TO RANUMBER
1260    READ DISPLAY$: ' ----- SELECT FROM DATA STATEMENTS ----
1265 NEXT I
1270 GOSUB 1700: ' ----- FLASH DISPLAY -----
```

Listing continued

of information from the display.

If you doubt this, have a friend replace the prepared displays with equivalent material from a foreign language with which you are not familiar. Your performance will decline to the random display level. What you see depends in large part on what you already know. In some situations, believing is seeing.

The Program

The program operates through subroutines. The subroutines are labeled where the actual code appears and at the point where the routine is called. Each subroutine starts with a line number that is a multiple of 100. All subroutines are short and most call other subroutines.

"What you see depends in large part on what you already know. In some situations, believing is seeing."

I used long variable names for easier readability. This puts an extra strain on the programmer but should make it much easier to change the program later. You must keep track of the first two letters of the variable names as these are the only letters that Level II Basic sees.

The format of this program will be the despair of memory-packing programmers. It is wasteful of memory space, as many comments, spaces between words and variable names, and indented For...Next loops are included. Such extravagance does not get the maximum amount of program into a minimal memory capacity, but it lets you decipher and modify your code after several months of working on something else.

The executive portion of the program is contained in lines 15-50. The Clear instruction reserves some memory for string manipulation. The subroutine at line 100 initializes variables, displays the title page, and checks to see if you want instructions.

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Line 145 is included as a precaution against a user who might request to have a display shown for a second time or for confirmation as his very first choice, before any display has been generated. The display in line 145 will almost never be used, but if a user should choose to begin in such a curious manner the program will not crash.

In line 150, the variable NUM is set to the number of prepared displays stored in data statements with line numbers in the 5000 series. Line 4995 carries a reminder to change the value of NUM if you change the number of prepared displays.

Tally, lines 155 and 165, is an array used to tally the use of the prepared displays. These displays will be presented in random order, but all of them will be used before any one is repeated. Tally and the code using it in the subroutine at line 1200 ensure that the prepared displays will be used in this manner.

The subroutine at line 200 displays the basic choices menu and calls subroutines appropriate to your choice. The program simply continues to execute this subroutine and any subroutines that it calls as long as the quit flag

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1295 RETURN
1299 '
1300 ' ----- ERROR MESSAGE -----
1310 FOR J = 0 TO 3
1320    PRINT@ 970,"!!! INVALID INPUT.  TRY AGAIN !!!";
1330    FOR I = 0 TO 500: NEXT I: ' DELAY LOOP
1340    PRINT@ 970,STRING$(35,32);
1350    FOR I = 0 TO 100: NEXT I: ' DELAY LOOP
1360 NEXT J
1370 RETURN
1399 '
1500 ' ----- KEYPRESS -----
1510 KEYPRES$ = INKEY$
1520 IF KEYPRES$ = "" THEN 1510
1530 RETURN
1600 ' ----- GENERATE RANDOM DISPLAY -----
1605 LASTLTR$ = ""
1610 DISPLAY$ = ""
1615 FOR I = 1 TO 25
1620    LTR$ = CHR$(64 + RND(26)): ' ----- CHOOSE RANDOM LETTER
1625    IF LTR$ = LASTLTR$ THEN 1620: ' ---- NO SAME CONSECUTIVE
                                          LETTERS
1630    LASTLTR$ = LTR$
1635    DISPLAY$ = DISPLAY$ + LTR$: ' ----- BUILD DISPLAY -----
1640 NEXT I
1645 GOSUB 1700: ' ----- FLASH DISPLAY -----
1655 RETURN
1699 '
1700 ' ----- FLASH DISPLAY -----
1705 CLS
1710 FOR I = 1 TO 3
1715    PRINT CHR$(23): ' ----- LARGE PRINT -----
1720    PRINT@ 390,STRING$(25,42): ' ----- FLASH STARS -----
1725    FOR J = 1 TO 500: NEXT J: ' ----- DELAY LOOP -----
1730    CLS
1735 NEXT I
1740 PRINT CHR$(23): ' ----- LARGE PRINT -----
1745 PRINT@ 390,DISPLAY$
1750 FOR I = 1 TO TIME: NEXT I: ' ----- DELAY LOOP -----
1755 CLS
1760 FOR I = 1 TO 1000: NEXT I: ' ----- DELAY LOOP -----
1795 RETURN
1800 ' ----- SHOW DISPLAY FOR CONFIRMATION -----
1805 CLS
1807 PRINT CHR$(23): ' ----- LARGE PRINT -----
1810 PRINT@ 390,DISPLAY$
1815 PRINT@ 710,"PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE"
1820 GOSUB 1500: ' ----- GET KEYPRES$ -----
1825 RETURN
1899 '
1900 ' ----- CHANGE TIMING -----
1905 CLS
1910 PRINT@ 84,"*** CHANGE TIMING ***"
1915 PRINT STRING$(64,95)
1925 PRINT "YOU MAY SET THE TIMING FOR THE DISPLAY TO BE ANYTHIN
G"
1930 PRINT "FROM 1 TO 500 'TICKS'.
1935 PRINT "EACH 'TICK' IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ABOUT .004 SECONDS.
"
1940 PRINT "THAT IS, IT TAKES ABOUT 250 TICKS TO MAKE UP A SECON
D."
1950 PRINT
1955 PRINT "AT PRESENT THE TIMING IS SET AT ";TIME; " TICKS."
1960 PRINT
1965 PRINT "DO NOT USE DECIMALS OR FRACTIONS IN SETTING THE NUMB
ER OF TICKS"
1970 PRINT
1975 GOSUB 2000: ' ----- GET NEW TIME SETTING -----
1985 RETURN
1999 '
2000 ' ----- GET NEW TIMING -----
2005 PRINT@ 836, "HOW MANY TICKS WOULD YOU LIKE ( 1 - 500 ):"
2006 PRINT@ 900, "TYPE THE NUMBER AND THEN PRESS THE 'ENTER' KEY
 ";
2007 INPUT TICK$
2010 IF TICK$ = "" THEN 2095
2015 IF LEN(TICK$) > 3 THEN GOSUB 1300 ELSE 2022
2017 PRINT@ 943,STRING$(7,32);
2020 GOTO 2005
2022 ERFLAG = 0
2025 FOR I = 1 TO LEN(TICK$)
2030    TEST$ = MID$(TICK$,I,1): ' ----- TEST EACH CHAR. -----
2035    IF ASC(TEST$) > 47 AND ASC(TEST$) < 58 THEN 2045
2040    ERFLAG = 1
2045 NEXT I
2050 IF ERFLAG = 1 THEN GOSUB 1300 ELSE 2060
```

Listing continued

remains set at zero. Choice 4, Quit, changes QUITFLAG to one, clearing the screen and terminating program execution.

The PRINT@ instruction is a screen-formatting device that prints a string starting at a specified screen location. The 1,024 screen print locations (16 lines of 64 characters each) are numbered 0–1,023.

I use the STRING$(n,m) function to print repeated strings of the same character where n gives the number of repetitions of the character and m is the ASCII code of the character. For instance, STRING$(5,32) prints a string of five blanks. I wish more commercial programs included this feature, particularly for strings of blanks, as counting blanks is difficult when they do not line up near non-blank characters.

CHR$(23) is a control code that turns on double-sized letters on the screen display. This display mode is canceled by a CLS (clear screen) command. ■

Write to Brian Durell c/o Faculty of Education, University of Toronto, 371 Bloor St. West, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2R7, Canada.

Listing continued

```
2052 PRINT@ 943,STRING$(7,32)
2055 GOTO 2005
2060 IF VAL (TICK$) <1 OR VAL (TICK$) > 500 THEN GOSUB 1300 ELSE
     2070
2062 PRINT@ 943,STRING$(7,32)
2065 GOTO 2005
2070 TIME = VAL (TICK$)
2095 RETURN
2099 '
4989 '
4990 ' ----- PREPARED DISPLAYS -----
4995 ' ----- THE NUMBER OF DISPLAYS IS STORED IN VARIABLE 'NUM'
           IN LINE 150. UPDATE THAT VARIABLE WHEN ADDING OR
           DELETING DISPLAYS. -----
5000 DATA WANTHORSEFIRETALKWOMANHIT
5010 DATA FROWNBOYTESTCARFOOTMIXTAR
5020 DATA BLOTWITCHGAMEDOGMOTORWISH
5030 DATA HUNGRYHORSESEATGRASSOFTEN
5040 DATA WILDMENHUNTFATBOARSFORFUN
5050 DATA MILD FARM BOOK STRING HAT
5060 DATA FOAM TROT BOSS HEM STRIKE
5070 DATA OLD CATS CHASE OLDER MICE
5080 DATA LONG BINS HOLD MUCH GRAIN
5090 DATA RAIN IN SPAIN STAYS MAINL
5100 DATA FOUR SCORE AND SEVEN YEAR
5110 DATA ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTRY
5120 DATA THISFINEDAYWILLSOONBEGONE
5130 DATA RATHOMESHOPSALTDOLLCRAYON
5140 DATA WHENIFALLINLOVEITISAUGUST
5150 DATA STUDENTS READ SILLY PAPER
5160 DATA ITS MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE
5170 DATA DONT LEAVE HOME WITHOUT I
5180 DATA KEEP YOUR SUNNY SIDE UP
5190 DATA GIVETHEMTHEOLDSOFTSOAPNOW
5200 DATA TAPERULERSHIRTRUGSHELFOWL
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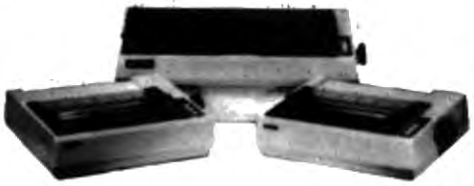

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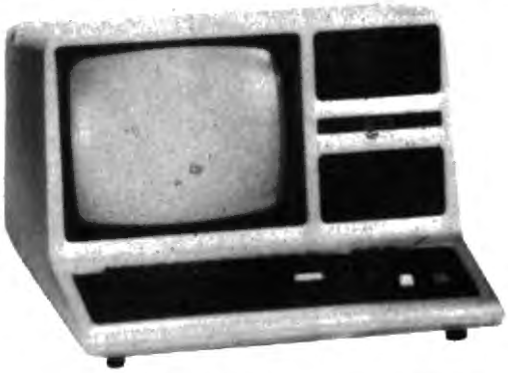

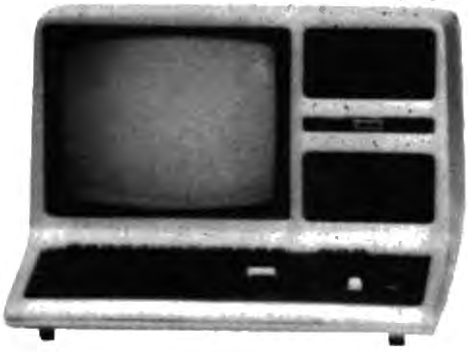

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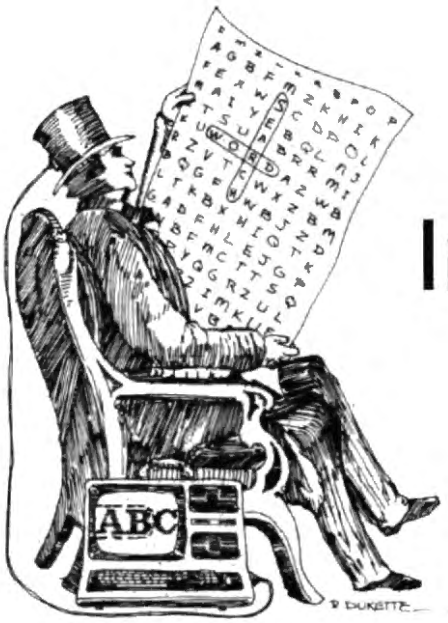

In Search of . . .

by James Blatt

Hidden-word puzzles have become a popular pastime and a proven educational tool. They provide a fun way to improve spelling and word-recognition skills. I wrote a program called Wordsearch that generates this type of puzzle (see Program Listing).

Wordsearch creates puzzles with up to 25 hidden words, using either standard- or double-sized letters. It prints puzzles in a square matrix along with a list of words hidden in the puzzle. The program produces any number of copies of the same puzzle or different versions of the puzzle using the same word list.

The recent popularity of word search games has brought them from paperbacks to computers.

Using Wordsearch

To use Wordsearch, you first have to type in your list of words. Enter words one at a time, using letters only. You must enter two-word phrases, hyphenated words, or words containing apostrophes or other punctuation marks as a single word without spaces or punctuation. Wordsearch accepts up to 25 words and runs automatically after you enter the 25th word. To make a puzzle with fewer than 25 words, enter Q after you type in your last word.

When you finish entering your word list, the program organizes the words from longest to shortest and determines the puzzle matrix size.

The program initializes the matrix with a zero in each space. A random routine then attempts to insert each word on the list into the matrix, beginning with the longest word. As the matrix fills up, a word being inserted may encounter a word already in place. When this occurs, the program compares the letter about to be inserted with the letter already in position. If the letters match, the insertion continues. If they don't, the program backs out and tries another random insertion.

It is possible, though unlikely, that a word won't fit into the puzzle. The program displays the number of the words it tries to insert, along with the number of attempts at insertion. If it hangs up

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Program Listing. Wordsearch.

```
10 CLS:CLEAR 1200:DEFINT A-Z
20 DIM W$(26):DIM A$(32,32)
30 RANDOM
40 PRINT STRING$(64,"*")
50 PRINT:PRINT TAB(23) "WORD SEARCH - 2.1"
55 PRINT TAB(23) "JAMES BLATT 3/18/83"
60 PRINT:PRINT STRING$(64,"*")
70 GOSUB 6000:GOSUB 1000:GOSUB 2000:GOSUB 3000:GOSUB 4000:GOSUB 50
00:GOTO 9000
80 CLS:PRINT "DO YOU WANT TO DO ANOTHER ONE?  (Y/N)";
90 INPUT X$:IF X$ = "Y" THEN 30 ELSE END
1000 CLS:X = 1:PRINT "ENTER WORDS USING LETTERS ONLY!":PRINT "DO N
OT USE SPACES, HYPHENS, OR APOSTROPHES.":GOSUB 6000
1020 CLS:PRINT "TYPE 'Q' AND PRESS ENTER IF NO MORE WORDS."
1030 PRINT:PRINT "WHAT IS WORD ";X;
1040 INPUT W$(X)
1050 IF X = 25 THEN PRINT "NO MORE WORDS ALLOWED.":GOSUB 6000:RETU
RN
1060 IF W$(X) = "Q" THEN X = X-1:RETURN
1070 X = X+1:GOTO 1020
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2000 M = X:A = 0:B = 0:S = 0:GOSUB 7000
2010 FOR X = 1 TO M:A = A+LEN(W$(X)):NEXT X
2020 B = LEN(W$(1))
2030 S = INT(SQR(A))+2:IF S < B THEN S = B
2040 IF S < M THEN S = M
2050 S = S+4:IF S > 32 THEN PRINT "CAN'T HACK IT":GOSUB 6000:END
2055 GOSUB 8000
2060 RETURN
3000 CLS:FOR X = 1 TO M:Y = 0
3010 Y = Y+1:R = RND(14)-1:K = INT(R/3):IF R > 11 THEN K = K+R-12
3020 PRINT @ 512,"LOCATING WORD ";X;" ATTEMPT NUMBER ";Y
3040 X$ = INKEY$:IF X$ = "A" THEN GOSUB 5000:GOSUB 9000
3042 K = K+1:ON K GOTO 3050,3120,3190,3260,3330,3400
3045 NEXT X:RETURN
3050 L = LEN(W$(X)):H = RND(S):C = 0:E = 0:F = 0:R$ = "0"
3060 V1 = RND(S-L)-1
3070 FOR C = 1 TO L:V = V1+C
3075 IF ASC(A$(H,V)) = ASC(MID$(W$(X),C,1)) THEN E = H:F = V:R$ =
A$(H,V)
3080 IF ASC(A$(H,V)) <> 48 AND ASC(A$(H,V)) <> ASC(MID$(W$(X),C,1)
) THEN 3100
3090 A$(H,V) = MID$(W$(X),C,1):NEXT C:GOTO 3045
3100 C = C-1:IF C = 0 THEN GOTO 3010
3110 V = V-1:IF E = H AND F = V THEN A$(H,V) = R$:GOTO 3100
3115 A$(H,V) = "0":GOTO 3100
3120 L = LEN(W$(X)):H = RND(S):C = 0:E = 0:F = 0:R$ = "0"
3130 V1 = RND(S-L)-1
3140 FOR C = 1 TO L:V = S-V1-C
3145 IF ASC(A$(H,V)) = ASC(MID$(W$(X),C,1)) THEN E = H:F = V:R$ =
A$(H,V)
3150 IF ASC(A$(H,V)) <> 48 AND ASC(A$(H,V)) <> ASC(MID$(W$(X),C,1)
) THEN 3170
3160 A$(H,V) = MID$(W$(X),C,1):NEXT C:GOTO 3045
3170 C = C-1:IF C = 0 THEN GOTO 3010
3180 V = V+1:IF E = H AND F = V THEN A$(H,V) = R$:GOTO 3170
3185 A$(H,V) = "0":GOTO 3170
3190 L = LEN(W$(X)):V = RND(S):C = 0:E = 0:F = 0:R$ = "0"
3200 H1 = RND(S-L)-1
3210 FOR C = 1 TO L:H = H1+C
3215 IF ASC(A$(H,V)) = ASC(MID$(W$(X),C,1)) THEN E = H:F = V:R$ =
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3220 IF ASC(A$(H,V)) <> 48 AND ASC(A$(H,V)) <> ASC(MID$(W$(X),C,1)
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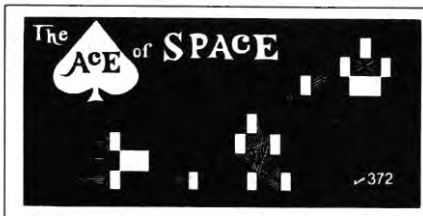

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) THEN 3240
3230 A$(H,V) = MID$(W$(X),C,1):NEXT C:GOTO 3045
3240 C = C-1:IF C = 0 THEN GOTO 3010
3250 H = H-1:IF E = H AND F = V THEN A$(H,V) = R$:GOTO 3240
3255 A$(H,V) = "0":GOTO 3240
3260 L = LEN(W$(X)):V = RND(S):C = 0:E = 0:F = 0:R$ = "0"
3270 H1 = RND(S-L)-1
3280 FOR C = 1 TO L:H = S-H1-C
3285 IF ASC(A$(H,V)) = ASC(MID$(W$(X),C,1)) THEN E = H:F = V:R$ =
A$(H,V)
3290 IF ASC(A$(H,V)) <> 48 AND ASC(A$(H,V)) <> ASC(MID$(W$(X),C,1)
) THEN 3310
3300 A$(H,V) = MID$(W$(X),C,1):NEXT C:GOTO 3045
3310 C = C-1:IF C = 0 THEN 3010
3320 H = H+1:IF E = H AND F = V THEN A$(H,V) = R$:GOTO 3310
3325 A$(H,V) = "0":GOTO 3310
3330 L = LEN(W$(X)):C = 0:E = 0:F = 0:R$ = "0"
3340 H1 = RND(S-L)-1:V1 = RND(S-L)-1
3350 FOR C = 1 TO L:H = H1+C:V = S-V1-C
3355 IF ASC(A$(H,V)) = ASC(MID$(W$(X),C,1)) THEN E = H:F = V:R$ =
A$(H,V)
3360 IF ASC(A$(H,V)) <> 48 AND ASC(A$(H,V)) <> ASC(MID$(W$(X),C,1)
) THEN 3380
3370 A$(H,V) = MID$(W$(X),C,1):NEXT C:GOTO 3045
3380 C = C-1:IF C = 0 THEN 3010
3390 H = H-1:V = V+1:IF E = H AND F = V THEN A$(H,V) = R$:GOTO 338
0
3395 A$(H,V) = "0":GOTO 3380
3400 L = LEN(W$(X)):C = 0:E = 0:F = 0:R$ = "0"
3410 H1 = RND(S-L)-1:V1 = RND(S-L)-1
3420 FOR C = 1 TO L:H = H1+C:V = V1+C
3425 IF ASC(A$(H,V)) = ASC(MID$(W$(X),C,1)) THEN E = H:F = V:R$ =
A$(H,V)
3430 IF ASC(A$(H,V)) <> 48 AND ASC(A$(H,V)) <> ASC(MID$(W$(X),C,1)
) THEN 3450
3440 A$(H,V) = MID$(W$(X),C,1):NEXT C:GOTO 3045
3450 C = C-1:IF C = 0 THEN GOTO 3010
3460 H = H-1:V = V-1:IF E = H AND F = V THEN A$(H,V) = R$:GOTO 345
0
3465 A$(H,V) = "0":GOTO 3450
4000 FOR V = 1 TO S:FOR H = 1 TO S
4010 C$ = "AABCDDEEEFGHIIJKLMNNOOOPRRSSSTTUVWY"
4020 R = RND(35)
4030 IF ASC(A$(H,V)) <> 48 THEN 4050
4040 A$(H,V) = MID$(C$,R,1)
4050 NEXT H:NEXT V:RETURN
5000 CLS:B$ = CHR$(32):P = 0
5010 ST% = PEEK(14312) AND 240
5020 IF ST% <> 48 THEN PRINT "PRINTER NOT ON LINE":INPUT "PRESS EN
TER TO CONTINUE";X$
5022 INPUT "DO YOU WANT LARGE PRINT ?  (Y/N) ";X$
5024 IF X$ = "Y" THEN GOSUB 9500
5026 IF P = 1 THEN LPRINT CHR$(31) ELSE LPRINTCHR$(30)
5030 FOR V = 1 TO S
5040 IF P = 1 THEN LPRINT:LPRINT ELSE LPRINT
5050 FOR H = 1 TO S
5060 LPRINT A$(H,V);B$;
5070 NEXT H:NEXT V:LPRINT:LPRINT
5080 LPRINT "WORD LIST":LPRINT:FOR X = 1 TO M:LPRINT W$(X):NEXT X
5090 PRINT:PRINT "DO YOU WANT TO PRINT ANOTHER COPY? (Y/N)";
5100 INPUT X$
5110 IF X$ = "Y" THEN 5000
5120 RETURN
6000 FOR T = 1 TO 2000:NEXT T:RETURN
7000 FOR I = 1 TO M-1
7010 FOR J = I+1 TO M
7020 IF LEN(W$(I)) >= LEN(W$(J)) THEN 7060
7030 T$ = W$(I)
7040 W$(I) = W$(J)
7050 W$(J) = T$
7060 NEXT J
7070 NEXT I
7080 RETURN
8000 FOR V = 1 TO S:FOR H = 1 TO S
8010 A$(H,V) = "0"
8020 NEXT H:NEXT V:RETURN
9000 CLS:PRINT "DO YOU WANT TO PRINT A NEW PUZZLE WITH THE SAME WO
RD LIST?"
9010 INPUT "(Y/N) ";X$
9020 IF X$ = "N" THEN 80
9030 GOSUB 8000:GOSUB 3000:GOSUB 4000:GOSUB 5000:GOTO 9000
9500 IF S < 17 THEN 9580
9510 CLS:PRINT "PUZZLE TOO LARGE FOR SINGLE PAGE" :PRINT
9520 PRINT "<1> ENTER SHORTER WORD LIST"
9530 PRINT "<2> USE SMALL PRINT"
9540 PRINT "<3> CONTINUE USING LARGE PRINT"
9550 PRINT:INPUT "WHICH NUMBER ";X
9560 IF X = 1 THEN 10
9570 IF X = 2 THEN RETURN
9580 P=1:RETURN
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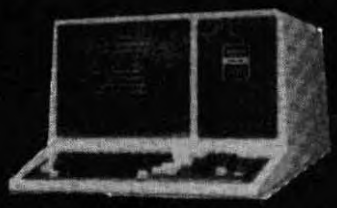

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Figure 1. Hidden-word puzzle in large-size print.

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on a word, you can break out of the routine by holding down the A key. This causes the program to print out the incomplete matrix (so you can check program operation) and lets you try again with the same word list.

The program fills the remaining spaces in the matrix with randomly chosen letters and enters the printing routine. If your printer isn't on line, Wordsearch pauses and waits for operator input before it continues. If your printer is on line, a prompt gives you the choice of large or regular size print.

The large print option is best for younger children and may be preferred by many users. (See Fig. 1.) If your matrix is too big for this option, try using larger paper, fewer words, or printing the puzzle in standard-size print. (See Fig. 2.)

"When you finish entering your word list, the program organizes the words from longest to shortest and determines the puzzle matrix size."

Once the puzzle is printed, you can print another copy of the same puzzle, print a new puzzle with the same word list, or print a new puzzle using a new word list. The ability to make several different puzzles from the same word list is useful in classrooms because it gives each student a unique puzzle.

Notes on Program Operation

The program sets the puzzle's matrix size in lines 2000–2060 (see Listing). The size of the matrix is determined by the length of the longest word and the square root of the total number of letters or words, whichever is greater.

Since I print my puzzle on 8½- by 11-inch paper, I limit the matrix size to 32 characters square. You can change this by changing the formula that sets the variable S in line 2050.

The word insertion routine in lines 3000–3465 is the most complicated in the program. Wordsearch randomly

10–60	Initialization and title display
70	Main program
80–90	End or repeat program run
1000–1070	Word List entry
2000–2060	Establish matrix size
3000–3045	Choose word insertion mode
3050–3115	Vertical (bottom to top) word insertion
3120–3185	Vertical (top to bottom) word insertion
3190–3255	Horizontal (left to right) word insertion
3260–3325	Horizontal (right to left) word insertion
3330–3395	Diagonal (top left to bottom right) word insertion
3400–3465	Diagonal (bottom left to top right) word insertion
4000–4050	Insert dummy letters in matrix
5000–5120	Print puzzle matrix and word list
6000	Time delay
7000–7080	Sort word list by length
8000–8020	Initialize matrix
9000–9030	Option to create new puzzle with existing word list
9500–9570	Check for large print use

Table 1. Program subroutines.

A	Total number of characters in word list
A$(n,n)	Puzzle matrix
B	Length of longest word
B$	Blank space used in printing puzzle
C, I, J, T, X, Y	Counters
C$	Dummy letters
E, F	Hold values of H and V during insertion attempt
H, V	Horizontal and vertical matrix locations
H1, V1	Horizontal and vertical starting points
K	Word insertion mode
L	Word length
M	Number of words in word list
P	Print size (0 = regular printer, 1 = large print)
R	Random number
R$	Holds value of A$(H,V) during insertion attempt
S	Size of matrix (maximum value of H and V)
T$	Holds value of W$(n) during sort
W$(n)	Word list
X$	Menu variable

Table 2. Program variables.

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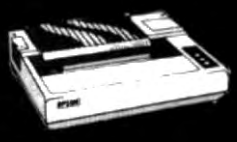

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Figure 2. Hidden-word puzzle in standard-size print.

selects between six modes of insertion in lines 3000–3045. Vertical and horizontal insertion are favored over diagonal insertion by a 3–1 ratio since diagonal words make the puzzle more difficult.

To make this a 2–1 ratio, change line 3010 to Y = Y + 1: R = RND(20): K = INT(R/4) : IF R > 17 THEN K = K + 1. Set a 1–1 ratio with 3010 Y = Y + 1 : K = RND(6) and the deletion of K = K + 1 in line 3042.

Lines 4000–4050 contain the random-letter insertion routine. The string variable C$ in line 4010 establishes the set of random letters. The set in the program favors the more commonly used letters and may be altered as needed. The RND value in line 4020 should equal the length of the C$.

Large and regular print sizes are set in line 5026 by LPRINT CHR$(31) for large characters and LPRINT CHR$ (30) for conventional-size characters. These values may be different for other printers and you should change them if necessary.

To use Wordsearch on a Model II, eliminate lines 5010 and 5020. ■

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by Jeff W. Collins

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After you enter the Run command, answer the line-number with any number higher than the highest line number now resident (for example, 400), then an increment of 1 when prompted further. Next you're prompted for the number of blocks to be read in. Line 190 reads the data statements; enter 4 to the prompt because there are four blocks in the program. Next you are asked if you wish to skip any blocks. Answering Y will allow you to specify the first and last blocks to convert. Pressing N or enter will convert all four.

All four data statements have been duplicated and reformatted. The reformatting was done by line 240, by the way the variables were print formatted onto the screen.

Rerun the program and use a higher line number than already resident as input to read eight blocks, then answer Y when prompted to skip any blocks. You now have twice as many data statements, so you can answer with a 2 for the first and a 5 for the last block to be duplicated. List the program again and see the result of the program's selective capability.

This is the kind of program that invites modification. You might want to print the number of the current block below and slow down the display with a timing delay loop.

I didn't include the delay in the example program because reading from tape produces delay as the tape is read in. To read in a data tape, edit line 190 from a Read to an INPUT#-1-type statement.

Type in the following line while in the command mode:

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CLEAR500:FORI=1TO4:READA$,B,C$:
PRINT#-1,A$,B,C$:NEXTI
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Now, delete all the resident data-statement lines; rewind the tape and set for play mode. Change line 190 to an INPUT#-1 statement with the same variable list, run the program again, and input the four blocks from the tape at a higher line number than the highest resident line. List the program and there is your tape data back into data statements.

The example Program Listing uses one loop to deal with the same variable format each time. This is not always the case, but adding minor additional statements will suit each situation.

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resident Basic program.

If you ever get a Basic Full message while using the program there is no room available to hold any significant number of additional data statements. This is the time to save the data-statement lines to tape for later merging or editing. After you delete the resident data statements to regain memory space, you can rerun the program to continue from the point the program stopped adding lines.

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10 ' DRIVER PROGRAM TO READ A DATA TAPE INTO DATA STATEMENTS
20 ' ALSO USED TO COPY OR REFORMAT EXISTING DATA STATEMENTS
30 '  ** STRING SPACE REQUIRED BY STRING VARIABLES **
40 CLEAR 500
50 CLS:PRINTTAB(12)"DATA STATEMENTS FROM TAPE FILE PROGRAM"
60 PRINT:INPUT"BEGIN NEW DATA STATEMENTS AT LINE ";LNUMBER
70 PRINT:INPUT"INCREMENT FOR LINE NUMBERS ";NCRMENT
80 PRINT:INPUT"NUMBER OF DATA BLOCKS TO READ OR INPUT FROM TAPE
";BLOKS
90 ' ** SET UP USR( ) VECTOR, IN THIS CASE FOR 7EFBH **
100 POKE 16526,251:POKE16527,126
110 INPUT"ANY BLOCKS TO SKIP OVER (Y/N)";A$:IF A$="Y" THEN INPUT
"FIRST BLOCK NUMBER TO CONVERT";FIRST:INPUT"LAST BLOCK NUMBER TO
 CONVERT";LAST:ELSE LAST=BLOKS
120 ' ** TELL A/L PROGRAM TO SET UP PROTECTED MEMORY POINTER **
130 X=USR(0)
140 ' ** NUMBER OF TAPE (OR OTHER) BLOCKS OF DATA **
150 FOR I=1 TO BLOKS
160 ' ** TEST BELOW IF INPUT OR 'READ' TO BE STOPPED **
170 IF LAST < I THEN 310
180 ' ** READ INTO VARIABLES, NOT ARRAYS **
190 READA$,B,C$
200 ' ** TEST BELOW IF ANY ITEMS TO BE SKIPPED **
210 IF FIRST > I THEN 290
220 ' ** PUT SCREEN DATA WHERE A/L PROGRAM WILL LOOK ****
230 ' ** CURSOR DELIMITOR AT END **
240 CLS:PRINT@0," ";A$;",";B;",";C$;CHR$(95)
250 ' ** PASS NEW BASIC LINE NUMBER TO A/L PROGRAM ****
260 X=USR(LN)
270 ' ** ADD LINE # INCREMENT TO LINE NUMBER ****
280 LN=LN+NCRMENT
290 NEXT I
300 ' ** TELL A/L PROGRAM TO FINISH APPENDING ****
310 X=USR(-6)
320 DATA 1ST STRING A$,1981,80-MICROCOMPUTING
330 DATA 2ND STRING A$,1776,2ND STRING B$
340 DATA THIRD,333,3RD STRING
350 DATA FOURTH,1981,4TH STRING
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Program Listing 1. The Basic program.

Program Listing 2. The Assembly-language program.

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                00100 ;NAME: DATATP, APPENDS DATA STATEMENTS FROM DATA TAPE.
                00110 ;BASIC DRIVER PROGRAM DIRECTS THE A/L PROGRAM. SEE TEXT.
40F9            00120 TAILPT  EQU     40F9H    ;END OF BASIC PROGRAM ADDR.
40B1            00130 MEMSIZ  EQU     40B1H    ;MEM SIZE AS SET BY YOU
7EFB            00140         ORG     7EFBH    ;FOR 16K. CHANGE FOR OTHER MEMORY
7EFB FDE5       00150 WHICH1  PUSH    IY       ;SAVE FOR BASIC'S USE
7EFD D9         00160         EXX              ;EXCHANGE REGS.
7EFE CD7F0A     00170         CALL    0A7FH    ;GET USR( ) ARGUMENT INTO HL
7F01 7D         00180         LD      A,L      ;LSB OF ARGUMENT
7F02 B4         00190         OR      H        ;MSB OF ARGUMENT
7F03 2878       00200         JR      Z,GETPTR         ;IF IT IS 0, GET STARTED
7F05 E5         00210         PUSH    HL       ;SAVE LINE #
7F06 11FAFF     00220         LD      DE,65530         ;HIGHEST POSSIBLE LN #+1
7F09 AF         00230         XOR     A
7F0A ED52       00240         SBC     HL,DE    ;COMPARE THEM
7F0C E1         00250         POP     HL       ;RESTORE LINE #
7F0D CA937F     00260         JP      Z,EOJ    ;SIGNAL FROM BASIC TO STOP
7F10 D2937F     00270         JP      NC,EOJ   ;LINE # => 65530 IS TOO HIGH
7F13 FD2AE77F   00280 DOALIN  LD      IY,(NXTPTR)      ;A VALID BASIC LINE #
7F17 FDE5       00290         PUSH    IY       ;PT TO NEXT LINE PTR ADDR.
7F19 D1         00300         POP     DE       ;STARTS AT LSB OF NEXT LN PTR.
7F1A 13         00310         INC     DE       ;PT TO MSB OF NXT LN PTR.
7F1B 13         00320         INC     DE       ;PT TO LSB OF BASIC LN # ADDR.
7F1C 7D         00330         LD      A,L      ;GET LSB OF BASIC LN #
7F1D 12         00340         LD      (DE),A   ;STORE LSB OF LN #
7F1E 13         00350         INC     DE       ;PT TO MSB OF LN # ADDR.
7F1F 7C         00360         LD      A,H      ;GET MSB OF LN #
7F20 12         00370         LD      (DE),A   ;STORE LSB OF LN #
7F21 13         00380         INC     DE       ;PT TO LINE'S FIRST TEXT BYTE
7F22 3E88       00390         LD      A,136    ;PUT 'DATA' TOKEN VALUE IN REG A
7F24 12         00400         LD      (DE),A   ;IT'S NOW A BASIC 'DATA' LINE
7F25 13         00410         INC     DE       ;PT TO NEXT TEXT BYTE ADDRESS
7F26 21003C     00420         LD      HL,3C00H         ;PT TO ULHC OF VIDEO
7F29 7E         00430 GETCHR  LD      A,(HL)   ;GET CHARACTER FROM VIDEO
7F2A FE5F       00440         CP      95       ;CURSOR DELIMITER AT STRING END
7F2C 2805       00450         JR      Z,LINDUN         ;END OF VIDEO LINE FOUND?
7F2E 12         00460         LD      (DE),A   ;NO, MORE ON VIDEO TO DO
7F2F 13         00470         INC     DE       ;PT TO NEXT LINE BYTE
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Listing 2 continued

A Buffer Full message means that its buffer is full until it is dumped into the Basic data statement lines. Once dumped, the buffer is ready for more, and the driver can be rerun until you get the Basic Full message.

The reason for having two different messages is that the Assembly-language program uses the memory-size answer you gave before loading the programs to create two memory work areas. The first area is for the Basic program and space for appending new data statements. The second area contains the buffer (ending 260 bytes lower than the start address of the assembled object code) to temporarily hold the new statements and the Assembly-language program itself—thus the reason for answering the memory-size prompt in the middle area of free memory.

For reading long tape files, if the Basic area is smaller than the buffer area, you'll have to dump the Basic area more often. Conversely, if the buffer area is smaller, you have to rerun the driver program several times before the Basic area is filled. The messages indicate that the buffer's memory was kept from crashing into the Basic memory because of the size difference between them.

If you use the same driver program often, without remark statements, it might be worthwhile to find a more exact memory size to use each time. That way either message lets you know that it's definitely time to dump the Basic contents and you won't have to rerun the driver to fill up the Basic area memory.

There are three things to keep in mind when using this program:

- Answer the memory-size prompt to the center of free memory;
- Load the object code and Basic driver, executing the driver with Run; and
- Make certain that when you create new lines they are numbered higher than the highest resident line number.

Now that I know I can easily use tape data files, I intend to make extensive use of them for program development as well as storage. For example, you don't need to insert the Data token in each line for the rest of the Assembly-language algorithm to function. Rather complex logical tests can be performed of literals, variables, and operator input within a Basic program to create actual program lines. ■

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Listing 2 continued

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7F30 23        00480          INC     HL      ;PT TO NEXT VIDEO CHAR.
7F31 18F6      00490          JR      GETCHR  ;GET ANOTHER VIDEO CHAR.
7F33 AF        00500 LINDUN   XOR     A       ;END OF LINE Ø MARKER INTO A
7F34 12        00510          LD      (DE),A  ;BASIC LINE COMPLETED
7F35 13        00520          INC     DE      ;PT TO LSB OF NXT LN PTR ADDR.
7F36 3E01      00530          LD      A,1
7F38 FD7700    00540          LD      (IY+Ø),A        ;SAVE LSB DUMMY
7F3B FD7701    00550          LD      (IY+1),A        ;SAVE MSB DUMMY
7F3E ED53E77F  00560          LD      (NXTPTR),DE     ;SAVE NXT LN PTR ADDR.
7F42 21FB7E    00570          LD      HL,WHICH1       ;ADDR OF PROGRAM START
7F45 010501    00580          LD      BC,261  ;261 BYTES FROM START SOUGHT
7F48 ED42      00590          SBC     HL,BC   ;START MINUS 261
7F4A B7        00600          OR      A       ;CLEAR CARRY FLAG
7F4B ED52      00610          SBC     HL,DE   ;START ADDR OF PROTECTED BUFFER MINU
S ADDR. OF NEXT BYTE FOR NEW DATA STATEMENT.
7F4D FA817F    00620          JP      M,BUFFUL        ;WRAP UP IF BUFFER FULL
7F50 D5        00630          PUSH    DE      ;PTR TO NEXT BUFFER BYTE
7F51 E1        00640          POP     HL      ;INTO HL
7F52 ED5BB140  00650          LD      DE,(MEMSIZ)     ;ADDR. HELD BY BASIC
7F56 13        00660          INC     DE      ;PLUS 2 = ACTUAL PROTECTED ADDR.
7F57 13        00670          INC     DE      ;PTR TO START OF BUFFER
7F58 ED52      00680          SBC     HL,DE   ;DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM
7F5A 23        00690          INC     HL      ;# OF BYTES OF BUFFER USED
7F5B E5        00700          PUSH    HL      ;SAVE TO STACK
7F5C CDC927    00710          CALL    27C9H   ;GET AMT. OF FREE MEMORY
7F5F CD7F0A    00720          CALL    ØA7FH   ;CONVERT TO INTEGER, INTO 4121H
7F62 2A2141    00730          LD      HL,(4121H)      ;# FREE BYTES FOR BASIC
7F65 D1        00740          POP     DE      ;RESTORE # OF BUFFER BYTES USED
7F66 010002    00750          LD      BC,512  ;MARGIN BEFORE ALLOWING MORE
7F69 ED42      00760          SBC     HL,BC   ;AMT FREE - AMT FOR MORE
7F6B B7        00770          OR      A       ;CLEAR CARRY
7F6C ED52      00780          SBC     HL,DE   ;MINUS AMT ALREADY USED IN BUFFER
7F6E FA867F    00790          JP      M,BASFUL        ;BASIC AREA FULL. STOP.
7F71 D9        00800          EXX             ;EXCHANGE REGS.
7F72 FDE1      00810          POP     IY      ;RESTORE FOR BASIC
7F74 C9        00820          RET             ;RETURN TO BASIC CALLING PROGRAM
7F75 2AB140    00830 GETPTR   LD      HL,(MEMSIZ)     ;START OF NEW LINES
7F78 23        00840          INC     HL      ;ADJUST
7F79 23        00850          INC     HL      ;PTS TO PROTECTED MEMORY
7F7A 22E77F    00860          LD      (NXTPTR),HL     ;FIRST NEW NXT LN PTR.
7F7D D9        00870          EXX             ;EXCHANGE REGS.
7F7E FDE1      00880          POP     IY      ;RESTORE FOR BASIC
7F80 C9        00890          RET             ;BACK TO BASIC CALLING PROGRAM
7F81 21E97F    00900 BUFFUL   LD      HL,BUFMSG       ;BUFFER MESSAGE ADDR.
7F84 1805      00910          JR      MESSAG          ;GO OUTPUT MESSAGE
7F86 21F57F    00920 BASFUL   LD      HL,BASMSG       ;BASIC MESSAGE ADDR.
7F89 1800      00930          JR      MESSAG          ;GO OUTPUT MESSAGE
7F8B E5        00940 MESSAG   PUSH    HL              ;SAVE MESSAGE PTR.
7F8C CDC901    00950          CALL    1C9H            ;CLEAR SCREEN SUBR.
7F8F E1        00960          POP     HL              ;RESTORE MESSAGE PTR.
7F90 CDA728    00970          CALL    28A7H           ;OUTPUT MESSAGE
7F93 2AE77F    00980 EOJ      LD      HL,(NXTPTR)     ;LAST NXT LN PTR.
7F96 AF        00990          XOR     A       ;ZERO INTO REG A
7F97 77        01000          LD      (HL),A  ;ZERO INTO LSB OF LAST NXT LN PTR
7F98 23        01010          INC     HL      ;PT TO MSB
7F99 77        01020          LD      (HL),A  ;ZERO INTO MSB (END OF PROGRAM)
7F9A ED5BB140  01030          LD      DE,(MEMSIZ)     ;WHERE NEW LINES BEGIN
7F9E 13        01040          INC     DE      ;ADJUST
7F9F 13        01050          INC     DE      ;PT TO PROTECTED MEMORY
7FA0 AF        01060          XOR     A       ;CLEAR CARRY
7FA1 ED52      01070          SBC     HL,DE   ;LAST MINUS FIRST ADDR OF BLOCK
7FA3 23        01080          INC     HL      ;# OF BYTES TO MOVE
7FA4 E5        01090          PUSH    HL      ;TO STACK
7FA5 C1        01100          POP     BC      ;# BYTES FOR BLOCK MOVE
7FA6 ED5BF940  01110          LD      DE,(TAILPT)     ;BASIC'S TAIL PTR ADDR.
7FAA 1B        01120          DEC     DE
7FAB 1B        01130          DEC     DE      ;NEW (APPENDED) NXT LN PTR ADDR.
7FAC D5        01140          PUSH    DE      ;SAVE NXT LN PTR ADDR.
7FAD 2AB140    01150          LD      HL,(MEMSIZ)     ;START POINT OF NEW LINES
7FB0 23        01160          INC     HL      ;ADJUST
7FB1 23        01170          INC     HL      ;PT TO PROTECTED MEMORY
7FB2 EDB0      01180          LDIR            ;BLOCK MOVE TO END OF OLD PROGRAM
7FB4 ED53F940  01190          LD      (TAILPT),DE     ;END OF BLOCK +1
7FB8 E1        01200          POP     HL      ;OLD TAIL PTR ADDR. -2
7FB9 E5        01210          PUSH    HL      ;ONTO STACK
7FBA FDE1      01220          POP     IY      ;THEN INTO IY ALSO (NEW LN PTR)
7FBC 010400    01230 NEXT1    LD      BC,4    ;# OF BYTES TO ADD TO HL
7FBF 09        01240          ADD     HL,BC   ;PT TO LINE'S FIRST TEXT BYTE
7FC0 7E        01250 AGAIN    LD      A,(HL)  ;LOOK AT LINE BYTE
7FC1 FE00      01260          CP      Ø       ;IS IT END OF LINE ZERO YET?
7FC3 23        01270          INC     HL      ;PT TO NEXT BYTE REGARDLESS
7FC4 20FA      01280          JR      NZ,AGAIN        ;NOT END OF LINE YET
7FC6 7E        01290          LD      A,(HL)  ;END OF LINE FOUND. LOOK AT NEXT.
7FC7 FE00      01300          CP      Ø       ;CHECK LSB OF NXT LN PTR CONTENTS
7FC9 2005      01310          JR      NZ,LOADPT       ;NOT A ZERO?
7FCB 23        01320          INC     HL      ;FIRST WAS ZERO. PT TO MSB.
7FCC 7E        01330          LD      A,(HL)  ;LOOK AT MSB CONTENTS
7FCD FE00      01340          CP      Ø       ;ALSO A ZERO?
7FCF 2B        01350          DEC     HL      ;PT BACK TO LSB
7FD0 FD7500    01360 LOADPT   LD      (IY+Ø),L        ;LSB OF LAST NXT LN PTR.
7FD3 FD7401    01370          LD      (IY+1),H        ;MSB OF SAME
7FD6 2805      01380          JR      Z,ENDPRG        ;MSB WAS ALSO A ZERO
7FD8 E5        01390          PUSH    HL      ;NEW NXT LN PTR ADDR.
7FD9 FDE1      01400          POP     IY      ;CHANGE NXT LN PTR (PREVIOUS)
7FDB 18DF      01410          JR      NEXT1   ;ANOTHER LINE TO DO
7FDD D9        01420 ENDPRG   EXX             ;RESTORE REGS.
7FDE FDE1      01430          POP     IY      ;RESTORE FOR BASIC
7FE0 F1        01440          POP     AF      ;WON'T RETURN TO CALLING PROGRAM
7FE1 CD491B    01450          CALL    1B49H   ;RESET BASIC'S POINTERS
7FE4 C3CC06    01460          JP      06CCH   ;BACK TO 'READY' PROMPT
7FE7 0000      01470 NXTPTR   DEFW    Ø
7FE9 42        01480 BUFMSG   DEFM    'BUFFER FULL'
7FF4 00        01490          DEFB    Ø
7FF5 42        01500 BASMSG   DEFM    'BASIC FULL'
7FFF 00        01510          DEFB    Ø
06CC           01520          END     06CCH   ;ENTER FROM BASIC DRIVER ONLY
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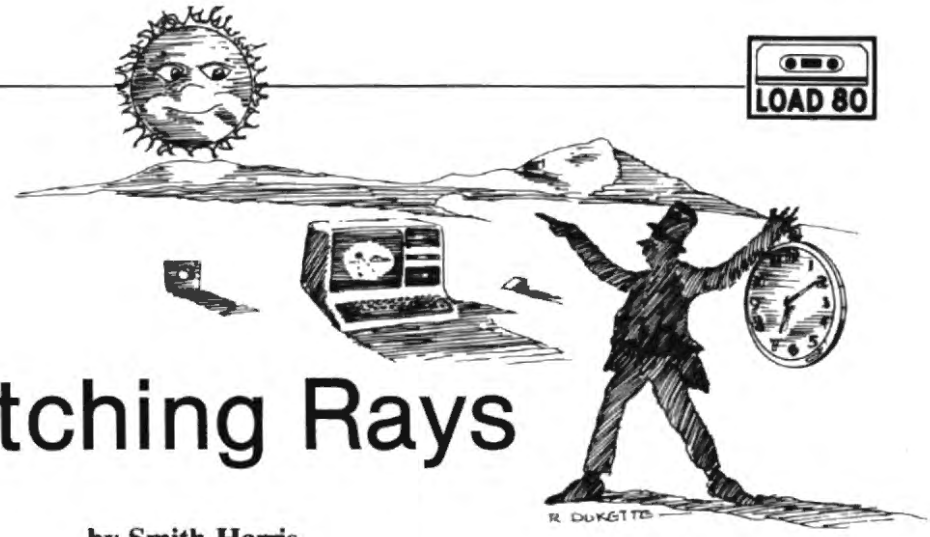

Catching Rays

by Smith Harris

Ever tried to find the exact position of the sun? It's no easy task, but this program calculates the sun's altitude and azimuth for you.

At some time or other, almost everyone needs to know where the sun is or where it will be at a particular day or hour, whether you're a gardener laying out your plot or an architect designing a solar home. I wrote a Model I/III program called Sunfinder that determines the altitude and azimuth (compass direction) of the sun at any time in any locale.

Sunfinder is divided into two subprograms, which I call Where's the Sun and Sunrise-Sunset (see Program Listing). Where's the Sun computes the altitude and azimuth of the sun for any hour, series of hours, or fractional parts of an hour, and for any day or series of days. For example, Sunfinder determines the sun's location at 8 a.m. on February 14 in Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. every 10 minutes on May 22 in Dallas, and at 5:30 p.m. every day from July through September in Madrid.

Sunrise-Sunset gives the time of sunrise and sunset with the sun's corresponding azimuths as well as the azimuth and altitude of the sun at noon for any day or series of days with any desired increment of days. It provides this information for any day of the year, for the whole year, for every seventh day of the month of August, or for whatever day you desire, wherever you are.

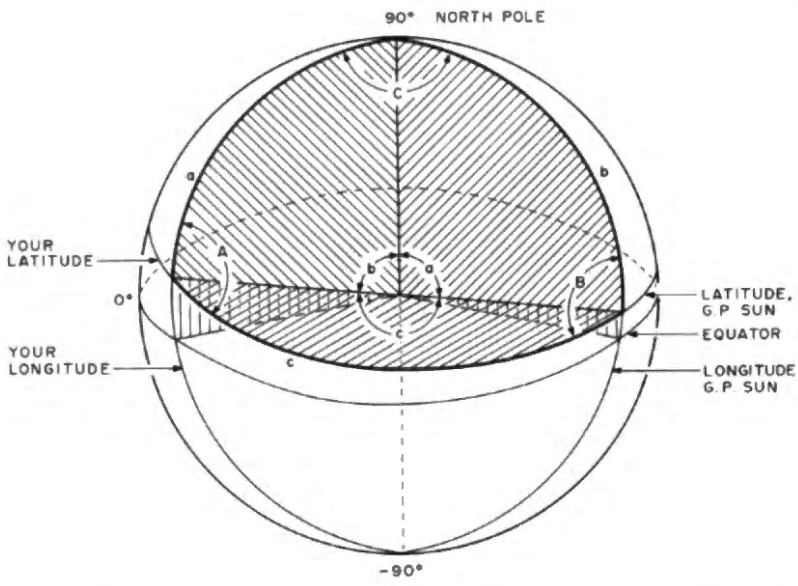

Figure 1. The Earth is shown in cutaway to illustrate the spherical triangle described in the text. While the figure illustrates the conditions at sunrise, it also applies to all morning hours, as angle C decreases by 15 degrees per hour until it is zero at noon. The figure's perspective is distorted for clarity.

Program Development

I developed Sunfinder from scratch since I know little about astronomy. Among the books helpful to me were *The Beginner's Guide to the Stars* by C.H. Cleminshaw and *The Astronomical Almanac* prepared by the U.S. Naval Observatory. Cleminshaw's book clearly describes the apparent daily path of the sun and the equation of time, while the *Astronomical Almanac* con-

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tains many valuable equations.

My approach to determining the sun's position does not use the astronomer's complex formulas, however. Instead, I developed my own method and approached the problem as essentially one in navigation, using the concept of "G.P. sun," a term frequently used by navigators that means the geographical position of the sun; that is, that spot on the Earth's surface where the sun is directly overhead or at its zenith.

This notion brings the sun down to Earth, so to speak, so that finding the altitude and azimuth of the sun becomes a problem in spherical trigonometry, the apexes of the triangle being your location, the North Pole, and G.P. sun. What I had to do was find an equation for G.P. sun as a function of the day of the year and write a computer program to solve the equations. (I have numbered the equations used here for easy reference.)

I was not concerned about calculating the longitude of G.P. sun since this is a function of time; the Earth revolves at a constant rate of 15 degrees per hour. What I needed to know was the latitude of G.P. sun, called the declination of the sun. Since the Earth is tilted at an angle of 23.45 degrees with respect to the ecliptic (the plane containing the sun and the Earth's orbit), the point on the Earth's surface where the sun is directly overhead, or G.P. sun, varies as the Earth orbits the sun.

The sun appears directly over the equator at the vernal and autumnal equinoxes (the first days of spring and autumn, respectively), over the Tropic of Cancer at the summer solstice (the first day of summer), and over the Tropic of Capricorn at the winter solstice (the first day of winter). In between these points G.P. sun follows a nearly sinusoidal path, which is easily computed from equations in *The Astronomical Almanac* and in lines 1500–1540 of the program.

Calculating Sunrise and Sunset

Knowing the latitude of G.P. sun for any day of the year, you can solve the spherical triangle. First determine the times of sunrise and sunset and the respective azimuths of the sun using the Sunrise-Sunset part of the program. This part is less complicated than the first, Where's the Sun, and provides a good introduction to the method of solution.

Figure 1 is a sketch of the Earth, showing the conditions at sunrise with the spherical triangle superimposed on it. You are at the apex of angle A, the North Pole is at the apex of angle C, and G.P. sun is at the apex of angle B. The sides of the triangle opposite each angle are designated with the corresponding lowercase letters.

Spherical triangles possess some unusual properties compared to conventional plane triangles. Two properties of interest are that the sides are segments of great circles and are measured in degrees, rather than length, by "face" angles taken in respect to the center of the Earth. These face angles are shown in Fig. 1.

You must solve the triangle for angle A, the azimuth of the rising sun, and for angle C, the difference in longitude between your location and the location of G.P. sun. Angle B is of no interest.

You can solve any spherical triangle if any three elements are known, such as two sides and an angle, three angles, or, in this case, the three sides a, b, and c. Side b is 90 degrees minus your latitude and side c is 90 degrees minus the latitude of G.P. sun. Side c, as measured by face angle C, is the angle be-

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tween your zenith and G.P. sun. At sunrise or sunset the angle is 90 degrees.

The solution is straightforward. The equations you need are shown in Table 1, which also gives the solution when sides a and b and angle C are known, as is the case for Where's the Sun.

You can now write the equations for sunrise. They are

(1) Azimuth, sunrise = A
(2) Time of sunrise = 1200 − C/15

Suppose C turns out to be 75 degrees. The sun is 75/15 or 5 hours east of us at sunrise and the time of sunrise is 1200 − 0500 or 0700 hours. The equations for sunset are:

(3) Azimuth, sunset = 360 − A
(4) Time of sunset = 1200 + C/15

Sunset takes place at 1700 hours.

You must make one correction to these calculations. The sun is not a point source of light, but rather a disk with an apparent diameter of 32 seconds of an arc. Furthermore, its rays are refracted by the atmosphere by about 18 seconds of an arc, producing a total effect of 50 seconds of an arc or 5/6 degree. Since the Earth requires four minutes to turn one degree, sunrise occurs 3 1/3 minutes earlier than we would expect and sunset 3 1/3 minutes later. Including this correction, rounded off to the nearest minute, you have:

(2a) Time of sunrise = 1200 − C/15 − 0003
(4a) Time of sunset = 1200 + C/15 + 0003

The correct time of sunrise in the example is 0657 and the correct time of sunset is 1703 hours.

You still need to find two values: the azimuth and the altitude of the sun at noon. The sun is due south at noon so its azimuth is 180 degrees. The altitude of the sun is found from the latitude of G.P. sun and from your latitude. It is:

(5) Altitude at noon = 90 degrees − your latitude + latitude GP sun

Sunrise and Sunset Corrections

Everything explained that pertains to sunrise and sunset would be correct if we kept time by the sun, but we don't—we use clocks. You need to make two major corrections.

The first is for how far east or west you are from the standard meridian of your time zone. The world is divided into time zones of one hour referenced to standard meridians located every 15 degrees starting in Greenwich, England. The actual boundaries of the zones are nominally 7.5 degrees on either side of the standard meridians, but are modified by political and geographical considerations.

In the continental United States the standard meridians are 75, 90, 105, and 120 degrees for the Eastern, Central, Mountain, and Pacific time zones, respectively. You must add the appropriate correction for how far east or west you are of the standard meridian, which I call the meridian correction or MC.

The second correction is for the equation of time. The equation of time is the difference between apparent solar time, the time kept by a sundial, and civil or clock time. The sun is a poor timekeeper due to the Earth's elliptical orbit and to the inclination of the Earth's axis. It is over 14 minutes slow around February 10 and over 16 minutes fast around November 3. It is correct only four times a year—on or about April 15, June 14, August 31, and December 25. A figure illustrating the equation of time and its components is given in *The Amateur's Guide to the Stars*. Fortunately, you can represent the equation of time with Fourier expansions. The

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WHAT IS YOUR LATITUDE (XX.X DEGREES, - IF S)? 32.8
WHAT IS YOUR LONGITUDE (XX.X DEGREES, - IF E)? 83.7
WHAT IS YOUR STANDARD MERIDIAN? 75
WHAT IS YOUR MAGNETIC DEVIATION (XX.X DEGREES, - IF E)? 1
IS THIS A LEAP YEAR (Y/N)? N
WHAT PROGRAM DO YOU WANT TO RUN?
1=WHERE'S THE SUN
2=SUNRISE-SUNSET
3=QUIT
NOTE:  YOU CAN INTERRUPT ANY PRINTOUT BY
HOLDING DOWN THE SPACE BAR FOR A MOMENT.
? 2
FIRST DATE (NO. OF MONTH, DAY)? 3,21
LAST DATE (NO. OF MONTH, DAY)? 3,26
INCREMENT IN DAYS? (If increment is 1, either enter '1' or just
'enter'.).
 DATE            SUNRISE (ST)     SUNSET (ST)      ALTITUDE&AZ
                 AND AZIMUTH      AND AZIMUTH      OF NOON SUN
                  (DEGREES)        (DEGREES)        (DEGREES)
MAR 21           6.38 @ 91       18.46 @ 270       56 @ 170
MAR 22           6.37 @ 90       18.47 @ 271       56 @ 171
MAR 23           6.36 @ 90       18.47 @ 271       57 @ 171
MAR 24           6.35 @ 89       18.48 @ 272       57 @ 171
MAR 25           6.33 @ 89       18.49 @ 272       57 @ 171
MAR 26           6.32 @ 89       18.49 @ 272       58 @ 171
WHAT PROGRAM DO YOU WANT TO RUN?
1=WHERE'S THE SUN
2=SUNRISE-SUNSET
3=QUIT
NOTE:  YOU CAN INTERRUPT ANY PRINTOUT BY
HOLDING DOWN THE SPACE BAR FOR A MOMENT.
? 1
FIRST DATE (NO. OF MONTH, DAY)? 3,21
LAST DATE (NO. OF MONTH, DAY)? (If ending date is same as start-
ing date enter same day or just 'enter'.)
FIRST HOUR (0-24)? 6
LAST HOUR (0-24)? 19
INCREMENT IN HOURS AND/OR DECIMAL PARTS OF AN HOUR? (If the in-
crement is 1 either enter '1' or just 'enter'.).
 DATE            HOUR (ST)        AZIMUTH (DEG)    ALTITUDE (DEG)
MAR 21            6.00             85               -9
                  7.00             93                4
                  8.00             102              16
                  9.00             111              28
                 10.00             123              40
                 11.00             139              49
                 12.00             170              56
                 13.00             189              57
                 14.00             214              53
                 15.00             233              44
                 16.00             246              33
                 17.00             257              21
                 18.00             265               9
                 19.00             274              -4
WHAT PROGRAM DO YOU WANT TO RUN?
1=WHERE'S THE SUN
2=SUNRISE-SUNSET
3=QUIT
NOTE:  YOU CAN INTERRUPT ANY PRINTOUT BY
HOLDING DOWN THE SPACE BAR FOR A MOMENT.
? 3
READY
>.
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Figure 2. Sample output.

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one I used is taken from *The Astronomical Almanac* and appears in line 1550 of the program.

Adding the equation of time (ET) and the meridian correction (MC) to our first approximations, the final equations for sunrise and sunset become:

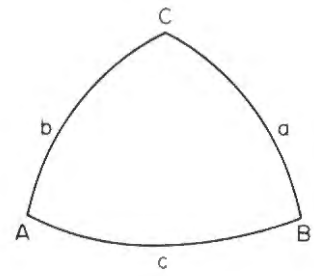
(2b) Time of sunrise = 1200 – C/15 + MC + ET – 0003

(4b) Time of sunset = 1200 + C/15 + MC + ET – 0003

CASE 1: Sides a, b, and c known.

(1) $\tan r = \dfrac{\sqrt{\sin(s-a)\sin(s-b)\sin(s-c)}}{\sin s}$

where $s = (a+b+c)/2$



(2) $\tan \frac{1}{2}A = \dfrac{\tan r}{\sin(s-a)}$

(3) $\tan \frac{1}{2}B = \dfrac{\tan r}{\sin(s-b)}$

(4) $\tan \frac{1}{2}C = \dfrac{\tan r}{\sin(s-c)}$

CASE 2: Angle C and sides a and b known.

For A,B (1) $\tan \frac{1}{2}(B+A) = \dfrac{\cos \frac{1}{2}(b-a)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(b+a)\tan \frac{1}{2}C}$

(2) $\tan \frac{1}{2}(B-A) = \dfrac{\sin \frac{1}{2}(b-a)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}(b+a)\tan C}$

For c (3) $\tan \frac{1}{2}c = \dfrac{\tan \frac{1}{2}(b-a)\sin \frac{1}{2}(B+A)}{\sin \frac{1}{2}(B-A)}$

CASES 3–6: Pertain to other combinations of sides and angles. Not applicable here.

Table 1. Equation to solve spherical triangle.

Program Listing. Sunfinder.

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10 '                          SUNFINDER
20 '                            BY
30 '                        SMITH HARRIS
40 '
50 '                      PRINCIPAL VARIABLES
60 '
70 ' AL - ALTITUDE OF SUN, DEGREES
80 ' AZ - AZIMUTH OF SUN, DEGREES
90 ' DR - DEGREES TO RADIANS (57.2958)
100 'CH - HOUR EQUIVALENT OF ANGLE YOUR LAT-N POLE-LAT OF SUN
110 'DL - DECLINATION OF SUN
120 'ED - ANGLE IN DEGREES FOR EQUATION OF TIME
130 'ER - ANGLE IN RADIANS FOR EQUATION OF TIME
140 'ET - EQUATION OF TIME
150 'G1 - MEAN ANOMALY OF SUN
160 'K  - CONVERTS DAY OF YEAR TO DEGREES
170 'L1 - MEAN LONGITUDE OF SUN
180 'LA - YOUR LATITUDE, RADIANS
190 'LD - ECLIPTIC LONGITUDE
200 'LO - YOUR LONGITUDE, DEGREES
210 'LX - YOUR LATITUDE, DEGREES
220 'MC - HOURS EAST OR WEST OF STANDARD MARIDIAN
230 'MG - YOUR MAGNETIC DEVIATION, DEGREES
240 'MR - RADIANS EAST OR WEST OF STANDARD MERIDIAN
250 'MX - DEGREES EAST OR WEST OF STANDARD MERIDIAN
260 'N1 - FIRST DAY
270 'N2 - LAST DAY
280 'N3 - FIRST HOUR
290 'N4 - LAST HOUR
300 'RD - RADIANS TO DEGREES (.0174533)
310 'S  - COUNTER FOR HOURS EXPRESSED AS DECIMAL VALUE
320 'SD - TIME OF SUNSET
330 'SX - YOUR STANDARD MERIDIAN, DEGREES
340 'SH - COUNTER FOR HOURS EXPRESSED AS HOURS AND MINUTES
350 'SU - TIME OF SUNRISE
360 'T  - AZIMUTH OF SUN, DEGREES (USED IN 'SUNRISE-SUNSET')
370 'Z  - LATITUDE OF SUN, RADIANS
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Listing continued

Since these corrections represent a shift in the apparent position of the sun, you must also account for them in the equation for the azimuth of the sun at noon by dividing their sum by four (the Earth takes four minutes to revolve 1 degree.)

One more correction to be made in azimuth is for the magnetic deviation (MG) of your location. The final equation for azimuth is:

(1a) Azimuth of noon sun = 180 + (MC + ET)/4 + MG where MC and ET are in minutes and MG is in degrees.

There is also a slight correction to be made in the altitude of the noon sun. It is obtained be reducing the altitude by 90 degrees times the cosine of the sum of ET and MC, expressed in degrees. The final equation for the altitude is:

(5a) Altitude of noon sun = 90*cos(ET + MG) – your latitude + latitude of CP sun

To make the equation apply where the sun is north of your location, the program checks to see if the latitude is south of G.P. sun. If so, the constant 180 in equation 1a is changed to zero degrees or due north. The time of sunrise and sunset and the azimuth of the sun are not affected.

Where's the Sun

As mentioned earlier, the first part of the program, Where's the Sun, is more complicated. You solve the same spherical triangle shown in Fig. 1, but side c is not known. Sides a and b are the same as before and you determine angle C by multiplying the difference in time between noon and the hour for which you wish to solve by 15 degrees. By adding corrections for the distance from the standard meridian and for the equation of time you obtain for morning hours, angle C is:

(6) C = (1200 – S)*15 + MC + ET/4

where S is the hour, MC the meridian correction in degrees, and ET the equation of time in minutes.

For afternoon hours, to avoid C being a negative angle, set C as:

(7) C = (S – 1200)*15 + MC + ET/4

For example, if the time is 0800, MC is 5 degrees, and the equation of time is 8 minutes, angle C is:

C = (1200 – 0800)*15 + 5 + 8/4
= 4*15 + 5 + 2
= 67 degrees.

Since you know two sides, a and b, and the included angle C, you can solve for angle A and side c using the equations in Table 1. The altitude of the sun is 90 degrees minus side c. The azimuth of the morning sun equals angle A; the azimuth of the afternoon sun equals 360 degrees minus angle A.

Corrections for the standard meridian, the magnetic deviation, and for the equation of time, the latter converted to degrees, are applied to the azimuth to obtain:

(8) Azimuth of the morning sun = A + MC + MG + ET/4

(8) Azimuth of the afternoon sun = 360 − A + MC + MG + ET/4

If the time is exactly 1200, the program uses the expressions given in equations 1a and 5a for the altitude and azimuth.

Discussion of the Program

Sunfinder first asks for your latitude in degrees and decimal parts of degrees, and the number of degrees you are east or west of your standard meridian. Enter south latitudes and east longitudes as negative numbers.

The program asks for magnetic deviation, obtained from a local weather bureau or airport, and whether or not it is a leap year. It then presents a menu from which you select Where's the Sun, Sunrise-Sunset, or Quit to end program execution.

If you select Where's the Sun, the program asks for the starting date, the ending date, the increment in days, the starting hour and ending hour (using the 24-hour clock), and the increment in hours and decimal parts of an hour.

Enter dates as month,day. For example, for April 23 type 4,23. Leading zeros are not required for the month, day, or hour. If you want information for just one day, hit the enter key for the ending date and for the increment in days and hours.

If you select Sunrise-Sunset, the program asks for the starting date, the ending date, and the increment in days. If you only want the time of sunrise and sunset for one day, hit the enter key in response to the last two questions. You can go from one program to another without having to repeat the initialization process.

Checks are built in so that errors, such as entering an hour greater than 24, making the last day less than the first day, or making the last hour less than the first hour, are identified. If, however, you find an error or if you

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380 'NOTE - OTHER VARIABLES ARE USED IN SOLVING THE SPHERICAL
390 '       TRIANGLES AND FOR HOUSEKEEPING
400 '*************************************************************
410 CLS
420 P$="##.##"  'PRINT FORMAT
430 DR=.0174533:RD=57.2958  'DEG TO RAD - RAD TO DEG
440 INPUT "WHAT IS YOUR LATITUDE (XX.X DEGREES, - IF S)";LX
450 INPUT"WHAT IS YOUR LONGITUDE (XX.X DEGREES, - IF E)";LO
460 LA=LX*DR  'LATITUDE IN RADIANS
470 INPUT "WHAT IS YOUR STANDARD MERIDIAN";SX
480 IF LO>=0 THEN MX=LO-SX ELSE MX=SX-LO 'DEG CORR FOR STAND MER
490 MC=MX/15  'HOURS CORRECTION FOR STAND. MER.
500 MR=MX*DR 'RADIANS EQUIV OF MER. CORRECTION
510 INPUT "WHAT IS YOUR MAGNETIC VARIATION (XX.X DEGREES, - IF E)"
;MG
520 INPUT "IS THIS A LEAP YEAR (Y/N)";Q$
530 IF LEFT$(Q$,1)="Y" THEN DA=366:Q1=1 ELSE DA=365.24232:Q1=0
540 K=360/DA  'DAYS TO DEG
550 PRINT "WHAT PROGRAM DO YOU WANT TO RUN?"
560 PRINT "1=WHERE'S THE SUN"
570 PRINT "2=SUNRISE-SUNSET"
580 PRINT "3=QUIT
590 PRINT "NOTE:  YOU CAN INTERRUPT ANY PRINTOUT BY"
600 PRINT "HOLDING DOWN THE SPACE BAR FOR A MOMENT."
610 N1=0:N2=0:N3=0:N4=0  'CLEAR VARIABLES
620 INPUT NU
630 IF NU>3 THEN 550
640 IF NU=3 THEN 1470
650 INPUT "FIRST DATE (NO. OF MONTH, DAY)";M1,D1:GOSUB 1730
660 N1=NQ
670 INPUT "LAST DATE (NO. OF MONTH, DAY)";M1,D1
680 IF M1=0 OR D1=0 THEN N2=0:GOTO 710  ELSE GOSUB 1730
690 N2=NQ
700 IF N1>N2 AND N2<>0 PRINT "1ST DAY > 2ND DAY.  REENTER.":N2=0:G
OTO 650
710 IF NU=2 GOTO 1100
720 INPUT "FIRST HOUR (0-24)";N3:IF N3>24 PRINT "TOO BIG":GOTO 720

730 INPUT "LAST HOUR (0-24)";N4:IF N4>24 PRINT "TOO BIG":GOTO 730

740 IF N3>N4 AND N4<>0 PRINT "1ST HOUR > 2ND HOUR.  REENTER.":N4=0
:GOTO 720
750 INPUT "INCREMENT IN HOURS AND/OR DECIMAL PARTS OF AN HOUR";I:I
F I=0 THEN I=1
760 LPRINT " DATE","HOUR (ST)","AZIMUTH (DEG)","ALTITUDE (DEG)"
770 BB=1.5708-LA '90 DEG - YOUR LATITUDE
780 FOR N=N1 TO N2
790 GOSUB 1600
800 GOSUB 1500
810 FOR S=N3 TO N4 STEP I
820 Z$=INKEY$:IF Z$=" "THEN 550  'ESCAPE FROM LOOP
830 SI=INT(S):SM=(S-SI)*.6:SH=SI+SM  'HOURS AND MINUTES
840 LPRINT,;:LPRINT USING P$;SH;
850 AA=1.5708-Z  'ANGLE AA=90 DEG-LAT OF SUN
860 IF S<12 THEN C=(12-S)*15*DR+ER+MR ELSE C=(12-S)*15*DR+ER+MR 'D
ELTA LONGITUDE OF SUN, RADIANS
870 E=(BB-AA)/2:F=(BB+AA)/2:G=C/2
880 X=COS(E)/(COS(F)*TAN(G))  'LINES 840-960
890 Y=SIN(E)/(SIN(F)*TAN(G))  'SOLVE
900 XX=ATN(X)*2               'SPHERICAL
910 YY=ATN(Y)*2               'TRIANGLE
920 B=(XX+YY)/2               'ABC
930 A=(XX-B) 'AZIMUTH IN RADIANS
940 L=(B+A)/2:M=(B-A)/2
950 ZZ=(TAN(E)*SIN(L))/SIN(M)
960 CC=2*ATN(ZZ)
970 AL=90-INT(CC*RD+.5) 'ALTITUDE OF SUN, NEAREST DEGREE
980 IF CC<0 THEN AL=180-AL
990 AZ=INT(A*RD+MG+.5) 'AZIMUTH OF SUN, NEAREST DEGREE
1000 IF CC<0 AND A<0 THEN AZ=180+AZ 'LINES 990-1010
1010 IF S>12 AND AZ<180 AND AZ>=0 THEN AZ=AZ+180 'TAKE CARE OF
1020 IF AZ<0 THEN AZ=AZ+360 'SOME SPECIAL CASES
1030 IF LA-Z>0 THEN 1060
1040 IF S=12 THEN AZ=INT(360+MG-MX-ED+.5):AL=FIX(90*COS(MR+ER)-(Z-
LA)*RD+.5):IF AZ>=360 THEN AZ=AZ-360
1050 GOTO 1070
1060 IF S=12 THEN AZ=INT(180+MG-MX-ED+.5):AL=INT(90*COS(MR+ER)-(LA
-Z)*RD+.5)  'SPECIAL CASE FOR NOON
1070 LPRINT,AZ,AL
1080 NEXT S:NEXT N
1090 GOTO 550
1100 'SUNRISE-SUNSET
1110 INPUT"INCREMENT IN DAYS";X1:IF X1=0 THEN X1=1
1120 LPRINT " DATE"," SUNRISE (ST)"," SUNSET (ST)"," ALTITUDE&AZ"
1130 LPRINT ," AND AZIMUTH"," AND AZIMUTH"," OF NOON SUN"
1140 LPRINT,"  (DEGREES)","  (DEGREES)","  (DEGREES)"
1150 FOR N=N1 TO N2 STEP X1
1160 GOSUB 1500
1170 CC=1.5708  '90 DEGREES AT SUNRISE, SUNSET
1180 IF LA-Z<0 THEN T=INT(360-ED+MG-MX+.5) ELSE T=INT(180-ED+MG-MX
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+.5) 'AZ OF SUN, DEG.
1190 IF T>=360 THEN T=T-360
1200 AA=CC-Z   'LINES 1160-1260 SOLVE SPHERICAL
1210 BB=CC-LA  'TRIANGLE FOR ANGLES A AND C
1220 SS=(AA+BB+CC)/2
1230 ON ERROR GOTO 1480
1240 TR=SQR((SIN(SS-AA)*SIN(SS-BB)*SIN(SS-CC))/SIN(SS))
1250 C1=TR/SIN(SS-CC)
1260 C=2*ATN(C1)*RD  'C IS ANGLE IN DEG. OBSERVER-N POLE-SUN
1270 AZ=2*RD*ATN(TR/SIN(SS-AA))  'AZIMUTH OF SUN,DEGREES
1280 CH=C/15 'HOURS VS C
1290 SU=12-.056+ET+MC-CH  'SUNRISE
1300 UP=INT(SU)   'HOUR PART
1310 MU=(SU-UP)*60  'MINUTES
1320 MU=INT(MU+.5)/100  'ROUND OFF TO NEAREST MINUTE
1330 IF MU=.6 THEN MU=0:UP=UP+1  'IF 60 MINS, MINS=0, HR=HR+1
1340 SU=UP+MU  'HOURS AND MINUTES
1350 SD=12+.056+ET+MC+CH  'SUNSET
1360 DN=INT(SD)
1370 MD=(SD-DN)*60
1380 MD=INT(MD+.5)/100
1390 IF MD=.6 THEN MD=0:DN=DN+1
1400 SD=DN+MD
1410 IF LA-Z<0 THEN AL=FIX(90*COS(MR+ER)-(Z-LA)*RD+.5) ELSE AL=INT
(90*COS(MR+ER)-(LA-Z)*RD+.5)
1420 GOSUB 1600
1430 LPRINT ,;:LPRINT USING P$;SU;:LPRINT" @"INT(AZ+MG+.5),;:LPRIN
T USING P$;SD;:LPRINT" @"INT(360-AZ+MG-.5),AL;"@"T
1440 Z$=INKEY$:IF Z$=" "GOTO 550  'ESCAPE FROM LOOP
1450 NEXT N
1460 GOTO 550
1470 END
1480 LPRINT N,"CAN'T DETERMINE"
1490 RESUME 1450
1500 L1=(279.575+(K*N))*DR   'LINES 1500-1590 COMPUTE
1510 G1=(356.967+(K*N))*DR   'LONG OF GP SUN AND EQ TIME
1520 LD=L1+(1.916*SIN(G1)+.02*SIN(2*G1))*DR
1530 DL=.39782*SIN(LD)
1540 Z=ATN(DL/SQR(-DL*DL+1))
1550 EL=-104.7*SIN(L1)+596.2*SIN(2*L1)+4.3*SIN(3*L1)-12.7*SIN(4*L1
)-429.3*COS(L1)-2*COS(2*L1)+19.3*COS(3*L1)
1560 ET=-EL/3600
1570 ED=ET*15
1580 ER=ED*DR
1590 RETURN
1600 IF N<=31 LPRINT "JAN" N;  'LINES 1600-1720 CONVERT DAY OF
1610 IF N>31 AND N<=59+Q1 LPRINT "FEB" N-31;'  YEAR TO DATE
1620 IF N>59+Q1 AND N<=90+Q1 LPRINT "MAR" N-(59+Q1);
1630 IF N>90+Q1 AND N<=120+Q1 LPRINT "APR" N-(90+Q1);
1640 IF N>120+Q1 AND N<=151+Q1 LPRINT "MAY" N-(120+Q1);
1650 IF N>151+Q1 AND N<=181+Q1 LPRINT "JUN" N-(151+Q1);
1660 IF N>181+Q1 AND N<=212+Q1 LPRINT "JLY" N-(181+Q1);
1670 IF N>212+Q1 AND N<=243+Q1 LPRINT "AUG" N-212+Q1;
1680 IF N>243+Q1 AND N<=273+Q1 LPRINT "SEP" N-(243+Q1);
1690 IF N>273+Q1 AND N<=304+Q1 LPRINT "OCT" N-(273+Q1);
1700 IF N>304+Q1 AND N<=334+Q1 LPRINT "NOV" N-(304+Q1);
1710 IF N>334+Q1 LPRINT "DEC" N-(334+Q1);
1720 RETURN
1730 ON M1 GOTO 1740 ,1750 ,1760 ,1770 ,1780 ,1790 ,1800 ,1810 ,18
20 ,1830 ,1840 ,1850
1740 NQ=D1:RETURN        'LINES 1730-1850 CONVERT DATE TO
1750 NQ=31+D1:RETURN     'DAY OF YEAR
1760 NQ=59+D1+Q1:RETURN
1770 NQ=90+D1+Q1:RETURN
1780 NQ=120+D1+Q1:RETURN
1790 NQ=151+D1+Q1:RETURN
1800 NQ=181+D1+Q1:RETURN
1810 NQ=212+D1+Q1:RETURN
1820 NQ=243+D1+Q1:RETURN
1830 NQ=273+D1+Q1:RETURN
1840 NQ=304+D1+Q1:RETURN
1850 NQ=334+D1+Q1:RETURN
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change your mind after you start printing, you can abort it and return to the menu by holding down the space bar for a moment.

A sample dialogue and examples of the results for Macon, GA, are shown in Fig. 2. All azimuths are rounded off to the nearest degree and time is rounded off to the nearest minute. Note that all times are expressed in standard time using the 24-hour clock. Daylight-saving time is not accounted for.

Some angles in solving the spherical triangle may turn out negative, especially when the sun is north of your location, and result in incorrect values for the sun's azimuth and altitude. The program accounts for these special cases, as well as the special case for noon in Where's the Sun, particularly in lines 980, 1000–1060, and 1180–1190.

The single-precision trigonometric routines the interpreter uses may result in a negative quantity under the radical in line 1240 at extreme northern or southern latitudes when the sun is near the horizon. An error-trapping routine displays the message CAN'T DETERMINE when this occurs and the program continues without crashing.

Times of sunrise and sunset agree with the tabulations in *The Astronomical Almanac* to within two minutes for the middle latitudes (40 degrees south to 40 degrees north). The actual times of sunrise and sunset where you are may vary slightly from the program's values because the index of the atmosphere's refraction may be different at your locality from that assumed and because of the absence of a true horizon.

The figures for azimuth and altitude of the sun agree to within a degree with charts given in *The Beginner's Guide to the Stars*. This figure is also consistent with the solution of the triangles. I believe that this accuracy is more than sufficient for any nonastronomical purpose. Execution time is limited chiefly by your printer's speed.

Conclusions

Sunfinder predicts the azimuth and altitude of the sun, the times of sunrise and sunset and the corresponding azimuths of the sun, and the altitude and azimuth of the noon sun for any day and hour. Its use is not limited to the continental limits of the United States or even to the Northern Hemisphere — it works for any location, anywhere. Its accuracy is more than sufficient for any practical application. ■

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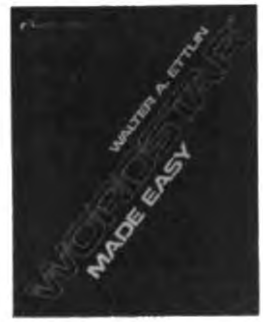

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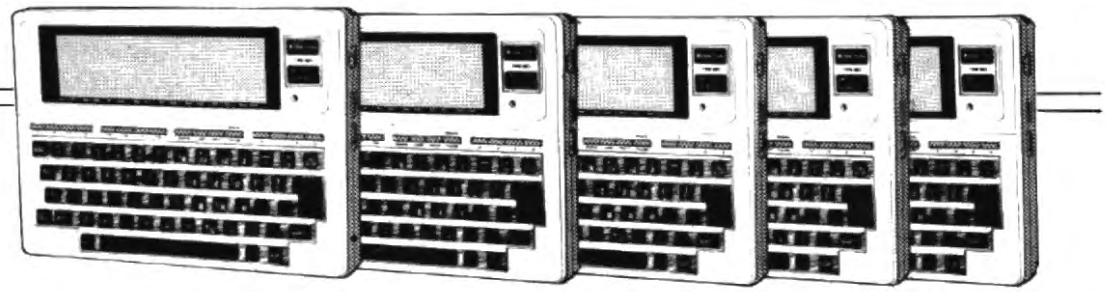

Mighty Write

by Bradford N. Dixon
***80 Micro* Technical Editor**

One of the Model 100's most useful firmware utilities is its word processing program. Unfortunately, however, it provides no formatting commands similar to those found in other word processing programs. PRNTXT.BA is a short Basic program that reads text stored in do-files and prints it according to a user-specified format (see Program Listing 1).

Running the Program

When you run PRNTXT.BA, the first screen displays the programs resident in the Model 100's RAM. The program informs you that it formats text in do-files only.

Select the text file you want printed. Type in the file name and press the enter key. The File to Print prompt disappears and the program asks you to set the right and left margins. Then it asks whether you want the text single- or double-spaced. As soon as you answer, the program goes to work.

Program Operation

Line 130 opens the file you specified and the program reads each character one by one. Lines 160–280 test for the presence of a character. Lines 160 and 170 check the position of the print head.

When the print head is at its starting point at the left margin and the next character is a space, the program reads the following character. But if the print head encounters a space within 10 characters of the right margin, the program automatically generates a carriage return and line feed to prevent a word break (line 240).

The program also checks to see if a character is a carriage return. A carriage return brings the print head to the start of the next line and inserts the appropriate number of line feeds. Otherwise, the program moves to line 310 to check the line counter, then returns to line 140 to read another character.

The line counter in this program is set to 57 single-spaced lines per page. If you want to use a different sized paper, modify lines 230 and 310. You could also make the line counter a user-defined variable at the start of the program.

When the line counter reaches 57 lines, printing stops, the screen clears, and a short menu appears. For multipage printouts, press the N key to start printing the next page. Lines 350–370 contain a loop that generates 10 line feeds to provide proper spacing at page breaks for fan fold and roll paper, or a top margin of 10 spaces for cut-sheet paper.

Press the enter key to close a previously opened file and send the program back to the first screen at line 40. The E key terminates the print formatting program.

Enhancements

One advantage inherent to this program is its size. PRNTXT.BA occupies less than 1,400 bytes—small enough so that it doesn't restrict the size of text files.

With a bit more imagination, you could add options such as page numbering, page titles, and top/bottom margins. A modification that allows more than double spacing is also a possibility.

Nevertheless, this simple utility gives you an easy and versatile text formatter. ■

Key Box

The programs in "Mighty Write," "Consulting the I Ching," and "Cram 100" will run in 8K RAM. The programs in "Quick On-Site Job Estimate" and "To Market, To Market" require 24K RAM.

Variable	Description
CR$	Carriage return
F$	File name
LC	Line counter
LM	Left margin
RM	Right margin
S	Spacing (single or double)

Table 1. Variables list for PRNTXT.BA.

Program Listing 1. PRNTXT.BA.

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10 ' Text Formatting Program
20 ' by Bradford N. Dixon
30 ' 80 Micro Technical Editor
40 CR$=CHR$(13):SP$=" "
50 CLS:LC=1:FILES
60 PRINT@170,CHR$(27);"p";" Text files o
nly (.DO) ";CHR$(27);"q";
70 PRINT@240,"File to print: ";:INPUT F$
80 GOSUB 440:PRINT@240,"Left Margin: ";:
INPUT LM
90 GOSUB 440:PRINT@249,"Right Margin: ";
:INPUT RM
100 GOSUB 440:PRINT@244,"Single or Doubl
e Spacing (1/2): ";:INPUT S:S=S-1
110 GOSUB 450
120 LPRINTTAB(LM)
130 OPEN F$ FOR INPUT AS 1
140 IF EOF(1) THEN 420
150 A$=INPUT$(1,1)
160 IF LPOS(0)=LM AND A$=SP$ THEN 140
170 IF LPOS(0) < RM-10 THEN 240
180 IF A$<>SP$ THEN 240
190 LPRINT A$
200 LC=LC+1
210 GOSUB 450
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Listing 1 continued

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220 LPRINTTAB(LM)
230 IF LC<57 THEN 140 ELSE GOTO 340
240 LPRINT A$;
250 IF A$<>CR$ THEN 310
260 LC=LC+1
270 A$=INPUT$(1,1)
280 IFA$=SP$ THEN 270
290 GOSUB 450
300 LPRINTTAB(LM);
310 IF LC<57 THEN GOTO140
320 CLS:PRINT@50,"PRESS 'N' to print nex
t page":PRINT@90,"<ENTER> to print anoth
er file":PRINT@130,"'E' to end printing"
330 I$=INKEY$:IF I$="N" THEN 340 ELSE IF
 I$=CHR$(13) THEN 430 ELSE IF I$="E" THE
N 400 ELSE 330
340 LC=1
350 FOR I=1 TO 10
360 LPRINT
370 NEXT I
380 LPRINTTAB(LM);
390 GOTO 140
400 CLOSE
410 END
420 CLOSE:GOTO 320
430 CLOSE:GOTO 40
440 PRINT@240,SPACE$(40);:RETURN
450 IF S=1 THEN LC=LC+1 ELSE RETURN
460 LPRINT:RETURN
```

Consulting the *I Ching*

Conversion by Amee Eisenberg
***80 Micro* Technical Editor**

People often seek guidance when they're faced with a tough decision. Some seek out the peace of a forest, others find solace in the rhythm of the sea. But some people need more than nature's solitude. I wrote a conversion of Anthony Scarpelli's *I Ching* program (*80 Micro*, April 1980, p. 123) so Model 100 owners can find spiritual guidance on land or sea.

The I Ching

The ancient Chinese consulted the *I Ching*, or *Book of Changes*, as an oracle whose messages could align the people with the cosmic forces governing their lives. They believed their fate was the result of a balance between opposing life forces—the dark and the light, the negative and the positive, the receptive and the active, devolution and evolution—what the Chinese generally called yin and yang. The *I Ching* (pronounced Yee Jing) provided guidance in periods of change by revealing the relative influences of these opposing forces.

The Chinese defined 64 patterns of life change in the *I Ching*. In ancient times, they cast yarrow stalks and, from the random pattern the stalks created, developed a hexagram identifying one of those life patterns. By throwing the *I Ching*, the Chinese believed they could determine appropriate responses to present circumstances and future events.

More recently, three coins are used to throw the *I Ching*. The two sides of a coin represent the opposing forces. You throw the coins six times to generate a pattern that corresponds to broken (yin) and solid (yang) lines called a hexagram (see Fig. 1).

Today, Westerners use the ancient book to forecast events and make decisions—not according to principles of cause and effect, but through the dynamics of chance and coincidence.

Model 100 *I Ching*

The program I converted puts the *I Ching* at your fingertips. Type Program Listing 2 into your Model 100 and save it; I use the file name ICHING.BA. Run the program by positioning the cursor over the menu listing and pressing the enter key. The program doesn't accept lowercase input, so press your 100's caps lock key or remember to answer in uppercase letters.

The program first asks you if you want instructions. If you do, the instructions appear and the display automatically continues to the next screen until all the instructions have appeared.

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The computer highlights the hexagram lines that indicate change with an arrow. It posts the changed hexagram next to the original. Consult the *I Ching* to read the interpretations for your hexagram, the changing lines and the final hexagram.

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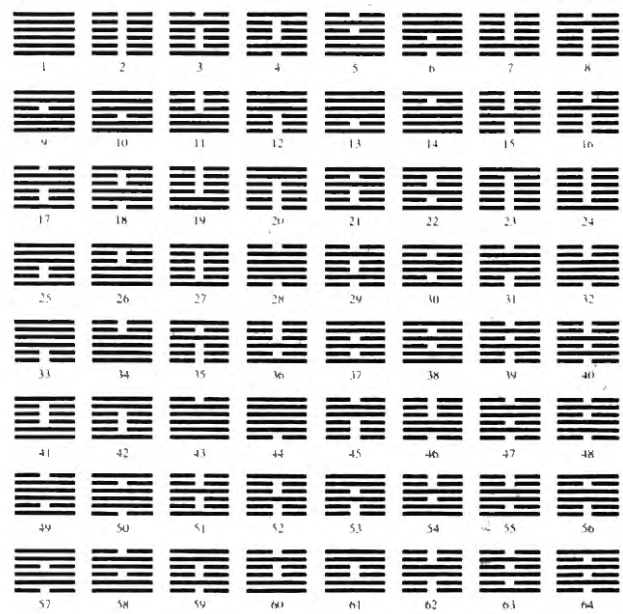

Figure 1. The King Wen sequence of hexagrams (devised in 1143 B.C.). In this arrangement the even numbered hexagram mirrors the previous odd numbered hexagram, reversing or inverting the pattern of broken and unbroken lines.

Ching hexagram. If you choose not to continue, press the break key to end the program.

Program Operation

As you run ICHING.BA, the program repeatedly counts from six to nine until you press the space bar. Six is a changing yin (broken) line that resolves itself to seven, a yang (solid) line. Nine, a changing yang line, resolves itself to eight, a yin line. Wherever the computer is in its count when you press the space bar determines the line cast.

The program counts with a nested For...Next loop in lines 300–400. Line 300 maintains a count from one to six to keep track of which of the six hexagrams it's casting. Line 310 generates the repeating count from six to nine. Line 320 checks to see if you've pressed the space bar. If you have, the program reads line 350, which jumps out of the six to nine counting loop to record which line it generates. Line 370 prints the generated line and line 390 adjusts the video display to accommodate the new line. If the hexagram is not complete by line 400, the program goes back to line 300 to start the process again. If you haven't pressed the space bar, lines 330 and 340 send the computer back to continue counting from six to nine.

Variable C acts as a flag to mark whether you've thrown a changing line. If C equals 1 after the program casts the original hexagram, the computer continues to the routine in lines 410–500. These lines write the changed hexagram.

By listing the numbers of the 64 hexagrams in the order of their progress from all yin to all yang lines, it's possible to have the computer calculate which hexagram is cast. After arranging the data, you then use the addressing routine in lines 520–590 (similarly for the changed hexagram in lines 710–810).

Line 520 initializes the variables A and T for the addressing routine. Line 530 begins another loop that counts to six. If the hexagram line is a broken line (a yin), the program skips to line 550. For example, if the hexagram comprises all yin lines, you count only A*2, or one. Six times through the loop still leaves T equal to 1. So in line 580, when the program counts from zero to T, it takes only one step.

The computer reads H, the first piece of data, and ends its loop. Line 610 prints H under the hexagram displayed on the screen. In the example presented here, the Model 100 displays a hexagram composed of all broken lines shown with the number 2 under it. And in fact, K'un or Natural Response is the second hexagram.

I've included a list of the hexagram names (see Fig. 2). As you become familiar with the *I Ching* and its hexagrams, knowing the name of the hexagram reminds you of its meaning. A simple program modification displays the hexagram name on the screen. Change the data statements in lines 620–670 to include the hexagram's name following its number. For example, DATA 2,Natural Response,....

Then, in lines 590 and 780, change READ H to READ H,H$. This tells the computer to put the numeric data, 2, in H and the string data, Natural Response, in H$. Modify PRINT H in lines 610 and 800 to PRINT H, H$. *Voila*! The computer now names the hexagrams. ■

Hexagram number	Hexagram name	Hexagram number	Hexagram name
1.	Creative Power	33.	Retreat
2.	Natural Response	34.	Great Power
3.	Difficult Beginnings	35.	Progress
4.	Inexperience	36.	Censorship
5.	Calculated Waiting	37.	Family
6.	Conflict	38.	Contradiction
7.	Collective Force	39.	Obstacles
8.	Unity	40.	Liberation
9.	Restrained	41.	Decline
10.	Conduct	42.	Benefit
11.	Prospering	43.	Resolution
12.	Stagnation	44.	Temptation
13.	Community	45.	Assembling
14.	Sovereignty	46.	Advancement
15.	Moderation	47.	Adversity
16.	Harmonize	48.	The Source
17.	Adapting	49.	Changing
18.	Repair	50.	Cosmic Order
19.	Promotion	51.	Shocking
20.	Contemplating	52.	Meditation
21.	Reform	53.	Developing
22.	Grace	54.	Subordinate
23.	Deterioration	55.	Zenith
24.	Returning	56.	Traveling
25.	Innocence	57.	Penetrating Influence
26.	Potential Energy	58.	Encouraging
27.	Nourishing	59.	Reuniting
28.	Critical Mass	60.	Limitations
29.	Danger	61.	Insight
30.	Synergy	62.	Conscientiousness
31.	Attraction	63.	After the End
32.	Continuing	64.	Before the End

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Figure 2. Hexagram names.

Program Listing 2. ICHING.BA

```
10 REM INSTRUCTIONS AND QUESTION
20 CLS:INPUT "Do you want instructions
(Y/N)";Y$
30 IF Y$="Y"THEN1000ELSEIFY$<>"N"THEN20
40 CLEAR:CLS:PRINT"What is your
question(enter)";:INPUTQ$
60 CLS:PRINTQ$
110 CLEAR 60:DEFINT Y,C,D,I,L,J,A,T,H
120 DIM C(6):DIMD(6):DIML$(9)
150 A$=CHR$(231):C$=CHR$(154):D$="
"
210 L$(6)=A$+A$+A$+D$+A$+A$+A$+D$+C$
220 L$(7)=A$+A$+A$+A$+A$+A$+A$
230 L$(8)=A$+A$+A$+D$+A$+A$+A$
240 L$(9)=A$+A$+A$+A$+A$+A$+A$+D$+C$
250 Y=240
260 YC=255
270 C=0
300 FOR I=1TO6
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Listing 2 continued

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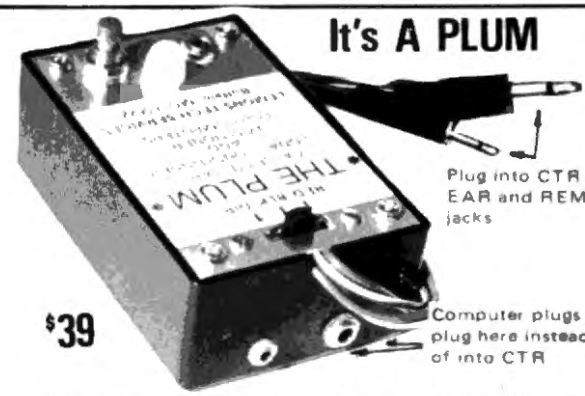

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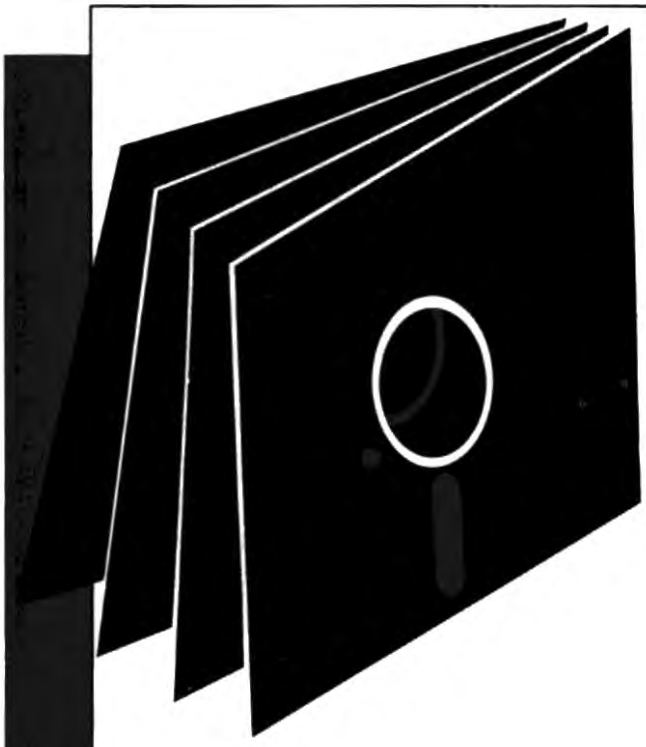

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310 FOR J=6TO9
320 T$=INKEY$:IFT$=" "THEN350
330 NEXT J
340 GOTO 310
350 L=J
360 D(I)=L
370 PRINT@Y,I;" ";L$(L);
380 IF L=6 OR L=9 THENC=1
390 Y=Y-40
400 NEXT I
410 IF C=0THEN520
420 FOR I=1TO6
430 IF D(I)=6THENL=7:GOTO470
440 IF D(I)=9THENL=8:GOTO470
450 L=D(I)
470 C(I)=L
480 PRINT@YC,L$(L);"  ";
490 YC=YC-40
500 NEXT I
520 A=1:T=0
530 FOR I=1TO6
540 IF D(I)=6ORD(I)=8THEN560
550 T=T+A
560 A=A*2
570 NEXT I
580 FOR I=0TOT
590 READ H
600 NEXT I
610 PRINT @286,H;:RESTORE:GOTO700
620 DATA 2,24,7,19,15,36,46, 11,16,51,40,54
630 DATA62,55,32,34,8,3,29,60,39,63,48,5
640 DATA 45,17,47,58,31,49, 28,43,23,27,4,41
650 DATA 52,22,18,26,35, 21,64,38,56,30,50,14
660 DATA20,42,59,61,53,37,57,9,12,25,6
670 DATA10,33,13,44,1
680 PRINT"Press space bar to do
another hexagram";
690 T$=INKEY$:IFT$=" "THEN 40 ELSE
690
700 IF C=0 THEN 680
710 A=1:T=0
720 FOR I=1TO6
730 IF C(I)=8 THEN750
740 T=T+A
750 A=A*2
760 NEXT I
770 FOR I=0TOT
780 READ H
790 NEXT I
800 PRINT@298,H
810 RESTORE
820 GOTO680
1000 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"The oracle
of the I Ching speaks to you of
the changing patterns and compelling
forces in the cosmos."
1010 FORX=1TO2500:NEXTX:CLS
1020 PRINT:PRINT"Concentrate on
your question.":PRINT"The computer
allows  you  to write down your
question, if you choose."
1030 FORX=1TO2500:NEXTX:PRINT"'Throw'
your hexagram when the question
is clear in your mind. "
1040 FORX=1TO2500:NEXTX
1050 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"When  you
feel  it's right,  press the space
bar.  This throws  three symbolic
coins; a line appears."
1060 FORX=1TO2500:NEXTX
1070 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"Press the
space bar six times, once for each
line of the hexagram.  There will
be no prompts, just a blank screen"
1080 FORX=1TO2500:NEXTX
1090 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"The six lines
of  your hexagram compose the oracle's
answer. The hexagram's num-ber
appears underneath it."
1100 FORX=1TO2500:NEXTX
1110 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"Some of  the
lines you  throw  will be changing.
These are marked with  small  arrows."
1120 PRINT"The changed hexagram
and its number are shown to the
right of the first."
1130 FORX=1TO2500:NEXTX
1140 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"Consult  your
copy  of the  I Ching for insight
into the meaning of the hexagram..."
1150 FORX=1TO2500:NEXTX
1160 CLS:PRINT:INPUT "Are you ready
(Y)";Y$
1170 IFY$="Y"ORY$="y"THEN40ELSEGOTO1120
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A( )	Numeric array for part number (1) and cost (2)
A$( )	String array for part description
AD	Number of parts to be added
C	Cost of part
CA	Number of new parts input
D	Length of arrays
D$	Description of part
DL$	Decision—delete or not?
H	Loop counter
I$	Pause control
K	Loop counter
L	Line counter
N	Menu choice number
NA$	Name of part for search
NU	Number of part for search
P	Part number
R	Array row location for new part input
S	Array row location for file input
S$	Decision—search by part or number
X	Array row location for file output
Z	Part not found flag

Table 2. Parts set-up variables.

When the program finds the part, it prints the part number, description, and cost. If you choose the Change option, the program prompts you for the new cost. If you choose the Delete option, the program prompts you for a confirmation or cancellation. After each option, the program returns you to the menu.

Option 5, the Quit option, writes the file from the array and ends the program. If you don't use option 5, all additions, changes, and deletions made are lost.

Getting Estimates

Program Listing 4 is the job estimate program. The program reads the parts file into an array. You are asked for a job title and a job description. A menu gives you the option of entering a part needed, printing an estimate, printing the parts array, performing a special calculation, or ending the program.

Call up a part either by the part number or name. If the program can't find the part, you are notified and returned to the menu.

Enter the number of the parts you need, and the computer prints the quantity, description, and the calculated cost of the part.

The Print Estimate and Print Parts Array listings pause when they fill the screen; press any key to continue.

The Print Estimate option prints a list of the quantity, description, unit cost, and total parts cost of each item you need to complete a job. It then prints a parts estimate and a final estimate.

The Print Parts Array prints all parts in your inventory.

The program adds an overhead/profit markup of 35 percent to the parts estimate. Change this margin by changing the .35 in line 370. Pressing any key returns you to the main menu.

Program Listing 3. Parts set-up.

```
10 MAXFILES=1
20 F$="###  \         \  ##.##   ###"
30 OPEN"RAM:PARTS.DO" FOR INPUT AS 1
40 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"   SETTING UP ARRAY"
50 IF EOF(1) THEN CLOSE:GOTO70
60 INPUT#1,P,D$,C:R=R+1:GOTO50
70 PRINT:INPUT" HOW MANY NEW PARTS WILL
YOU ADD ";AD:D=R+AD
80 OPEN"RAM:PARTS.DO" FOR INPUT AS 1
90 DIM A$(D),A(D,2)
100 IF EOF(1) THEN CLOSE:GOTO140
110 INPUT#1,P,D$,C:S=S+1
120 A$(S)=D$:A(S,1)=P:A(S,2)=C
130 GOTO100
140 NU=0:NA$=" ":Z=0:CLS:PRINT@18,"MENU"
150 PRINT@50,"1. CHANGE PART PRICE"
160 PRINT@90,"2. ADD NEW PART"
170 PRINT@130,"3. DELETE PART"
180 PRINT@170,"4. PRINT ARRAY"
190 PRINT@210,"5. QUIT"
200 PRINT:INPUT"ENTER CHOICE NUMBER:";N
210 IF N>5 THEN140
220 IF N=5 THEN CLOSE:GOTO520
230 CLS:ON N GOTO 240,270,330,380
240 GOSUB420:IF Z=1THEN140
250 INPUT"NEW COST ";A(K,2)
260 GOTO140
270 R=R+1:CA=CA+1
280 IF CA>AD THEN PRINT@88, "BEYOND ADD
LIMIT":FOR H=1TO500:NEXT:GOTO140
290 PRINT:INPUT"PART NUMBER: ";A(R,1)
300 PRINT:INPUT"DESCRIPTION: ";A$(R)
310 PRINT:INPUT"COST: ";A(R,2)
320 GOTO140
330 GOSUB420:IFZ=1THEN140
340 INPUT"DELETE?  Y/N ";DL$
350 IF DL$="N"THEN 140
360 IF DL$="Y"THEN A(K,1)=0:GOTO140
370 GOTO340
380 FOR H=1TOD
390 PRINTUSINGF$;A(H,1),A$(H),A(H,2)
400 L=L+1:IFL=7THEN L=0:INPUTI$
410 NEXT:INPUTI$:GOTO140
420 CLS:INPUT"SEARCH BY PART NUMBER, OR
NAME? U/A:";S$:PRINT
430 IF S$="U" THEN INPUT"PART NUMBER ";N
U:GOTO460
440 IF S$="A" THEN INPUT"PART NAME ";NA$
:GOTO460
450 GOTO420
460 FOR K=1TOD
470 IF NU=A(K,1)OR NA$=A$(K)THEN510
480 NEXT
490 PRINT@210,"PART NOT FOUND":Z=1
500 FORH=1TO500:NEXT:RETURN
510 PRINT:PRINT"  "A(K,1)"  "A$(K)"  "A(
K,2):PRINT:RETURN
520 OPEN"RAM:PARTS.DO" FOR OUTPUT AS 1
530 CLS:PRINT" PRINTING NEW PARTS FILE"
540 FORX=1TOD
550 IF A(X,1)=0 THEN570
560 PRINT#1,A(X,1);",";A$(X);",";A(X,2)
570 NEXT:CLOSE:END
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Variable	Description
A( )	Numeric array for part number (1), cost (2), amount (3)
A$( )	String array for part description
AD	Number of parts to be added
C	Cost of part
CR	Calculation result
C1	First calculation input
C2	Second calculation input
C3	Third calculation input
D	Length of arrays
D$	Description of part
E	Estimate including markup
F$	Parts print format
FF$	Job estimate file name
G$	Estimate print format
H	Loop counter
I$	Pause control
J$	Job description
K	Loop counter
L	Line counter
N	Menu choice number
NA$	Name of part for search
NU	Number of part for search
P	Part number
PE	Total parts estimate
PP	Cost of total number of specific part wanted
PX	Calculated cost of specific part wanted
S	Array row location
T$	Job title
WF$	Write file print format
X	Number of parts
Z	Part not found flag

Table 3. Job estimator variables.

Do Calculations lets you perform up to five calculations related to your estimates. I included calculations for square footage and cubic footage. Customize this part of the program area to suit your needs.

All calculation variables are set to zero (line 550) when the program prints the calculation menu in lines 540–600. Place your own function names here. Function 1 starts in line 640, function 2 in line 680, and so on (see line 630).

Use the Input command to enter commands to input the variables needed for the function in the first line (see lines 650 and 690). Put any comment that helps you understand the required input inside the quotes. If you use more variables than C1, C2, and C3, be sure to set them to zero in line 550.

The function formula goes in the next line. Use the variable name where you want the variable number put. Set up the formula in the format CR = (write in your own formula):GOTO 790. Line 790 prints the answer, waits for you to enter any key, and returns you to the main menu.

Quit writes the estimate file. H uses the first six letters of the job title and adds the .DO extension to the file name. This file contains the parts and quantity for a specific job, the parts' estimate, and the final estimate with the markup. Don't exit the program without the Quit option, or you'll lose all your data.

Read the estimate file by placing the cursor over the file name and pressing enter. Print a hard copy by using the Model 100's shift-print key function. ■

Program Listing 4. Job estimator.

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10 CLS:MAXFILES=3
20 F$="###   \          \  ##.##    ###"
30 G$="###   \          \  ##.##   ####.##"
40 WF$="###   \          \  ##.##    ###   #
###.##"
50 PRINT:INPUT"    ENTER JOB TITLE: ";T$
60 PRINT:PRINT"    ENTER JOB DESCRIPTION:
 ":PRINT:INPUT J$
70 OPEN"RAM:PARTS.DO"FOR INPUT AS 1
80 CLS: PRINT "SETTING UP ARRAY"
90 IF EOF(1) THEN CLOSE:GOTO110
100 INPUT#1,P,D$,C:D=D+1:GOTO90
110 OPEN"RAM:PARTS.DO" FOR INPUT AS 1
120 DIM A$(D),A(D,3)
130 IF EOF(1) THEN CLOSE:GOTO170
140 INPUT#1,P,D$,C:S=S+1
150 A$(S)=D$:A(S,1)=P:A(S,2)=C
160 GOTO130
170 CLS:PRINT@18,"MENU"
180 PRINT@50,"1. ENTER PART"
190 PRINT@90,"2. PRINT ESTIMATE"
200 PRINT@130,"3. PRINT PARTS ARRAY"
210 PRINT@170,"4. DO CALCULATION"
220 PRINT@210,"5. WRITE JOB FILE/QUIT"
230 PRINT:INPUT"ENTER CHOICE NUMBER:";N
240 CLS:ON N GOTO 250,380,500,540,800
250 NU=0:X=0:NA$=" "
260 PRINT:INPUT" PART NUMBER ";NU
270 IF NU=0 THEN PRINT:INPUT"PART NAME "
;NA$
280 FOR K=1TOD
290 IF NU=A(K,1)OR NA$=A$(K)THEN330
300 NEXT
310 PRINT@210,"PART NOT FOUND":Z=1
320 FORH=1TO500:NEXT:GOTO170
330 PRINT:INPUT"NUMBER OF PARTS ";X
340 PX=X*A(K,2)
350 PRINT:PRINTUSINGF$;X,A$(K),A(K,2)
360 A(K,3)=A(K,3)+X
370 FOR H=1 TO 500:NEXT:GOTO170
380 PRINT:PRINTTAB(10);J$:PRINT:L=0:PP=0
:PE=0
390 FORK=1TOD
400 IFA(K,3)=0THEN 450
410 PP=A(K,2)*A(K,3)
420 L=L+1:IF L=8 THEN INPUTI$:L=0
430 PRINTUSINGG$;A(K,3),A$(K),A(K,2),PP
440 PE=PE+PP
450 NEXT:L=0
460 E=PE+(PE*.35) :E=(INT((E+.005)*100))
/100
470 PRINT:PRINT" PARTS ESTIMATE IS ";PE
480 PRINT:PRINT"       ESTIMATE IS ";E:I
NPUTI$
490 GOTO170
500 FOR H=1TOD
510 L=L+1:IFL=8THEN INPUTI$:L=0
520 PRINTUSINGF$;A(H,1),A$(H),A(H,2),A(H
,3)
530 NEXT:L=0:INPUTI$:GOTO170
540 CLS:PRINT@18,"MENU"
550 C1=0:C2=0:C3=0:CR=0
560 PRINT@50,"1. SQUARE FEET"
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570 PRINT@90,"2. CUBIC FEET"
580 PRINT@130,"3. FUNCTION 3"
590 PRINT@170,"4. FUNCTION 4"
600 PRINT@210,"5. RETURN TO MAIN MENU"
610 PRINT:INPUT"ENTER CHOICE NUMBER:";N
620 IFN>5THEN540
630 CLS:ON N GOTO 640,680,720,760,170
640 CLS:PRINT:PRINTTAB(5)"SQUARE FOOTAGE
 CALCULATION":PRINT
650 INPUT"LENGTH ";C1:INPUT"WIDTH  ";C2
660 CR=C1*C2:PRINT:PRINT"SQUARE FOOTAGE
IS ";CR
670 GOTO790
680 CLS:PRINT:PRINTTAB(5)"CUBIC FOOTAGE
CALCULATION":PRINT
690 INPUT"LENGTH ";C1:INPUT"WIDTH  ";C2:
 INPUT"HEIGHT ";C3
700 CR=C1*C2*C3:PRINT:PRINT"CUBIC FOOTAG
E IS ";CR
710 GOTO790
720 'place TITLE for function 3 here
730 'place INPUT for function 3 here
740 'place FORMULA for function 3 here
750 GOTO790
760 'place TITLE for function 4 here
770 'place INPUT for function 4 here
780 'place FORMULA for function 4 here
790 INPUTI$:GOTO170
800 FF$="RAM:"+LEFT$(T$,6)+".DO"
810 OPEN FF$ FOR OUTPUT AS2
820 PRINT" PRINTING JOB ESTIMATE FILE"
830 PRINT#2,T$
840 PRINT#2,J$
850 FORK=1TOD
860 IF A(K,3)=0 THEN880
870 PRINT#2,USINGWF$;A(K,1),A$(K),A(K,2)
,A(K,3),A(K,2)*A(K,3)
880 NEXT
890 PRINT#2,"PARTS ESTIMATE = ";PE
900 PRINT#2,"TOTAL ESTIMATE = ";E
910 CLOSE:END
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Line	Description
10	Open file channel
20	Print format
40–70	Find array size for dimensioning
80–130	Dimension and set up array
140–230	Main menu print and choice
240–260	Change part price
230	GOSUB for search
250–260	Input new cost and return to menu
270–320	Add a new part
270	Calculate row location and number of parts added
280	Check for beyond add limit
290–320	Input new part information
330–370	Delete part
380–410	Print array
420–450	Get search name or number
460–500	Search for part
510	Print part information
520–570	Write parts file

Table 4. Parts set-up line descriptions.

Line	Description
10	Open file channels
20–40	Print formats
50–60	Title and description inputs
70–100	Find array size for dimensioning
110–160	Dimension and set up array
170–240	Main menu print and choice
250–370	Enter part wanted
250–270	Input part number or name
280–320	Search for part
330–370	Input number of parts wanted and print cost
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640–670	Square footage calculation
680–710	Cubic footage calculation
720–750	Third calculation
760–780	Fourth calculation
790	Pause and return to main menu
800–910	Print job estimate file

Table 5. Job estimator line descriptions.

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Conversion by Mare-Anne Jarvela
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You need at least 16K of memory to run this program. The listing itself is only 5K but you need space for the data file.

When you run the program for the first time it asks you if you have a data file. Answer N and enter your first item. The program now creates the Shop.DO file. Line 20 sets maxfiles to two. After this, the program starts and you can add more items, delete, change, select items to buy, reset, flip pages, and get printouts of your shopping list.

If you already have a data file, answer Y on the first question or the computer writes over your existing file. When you finish changing, selecting, and so on, enter Q (quit) and your data file is automatically updated. If you break out of the program, you lose your changes.

With the Enter option (line 530) you can enter up to 250 items on your master list. Start the program, entering the grocery items you regularly buy. You don't have to reenter the list; pressing Q stores them on the data file. If there's not enough memory, change lines 50 and 60 to fit your computer.

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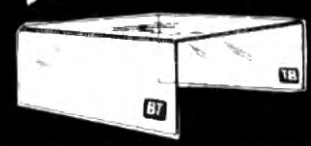

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Program Listing 5. Shoplist.

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10 REM SHOPLIST
20 MAXFILES=2
30 CLS:PRINT@53,"S H O P  L I S T"
40 FORX=1TO1000:NEXT
50 CLEAR5000:DEFINTA-Z
60 DIM ML$(250),ML(250),TL$(50),TL(50)
70 R$=STRING$(26," ")
80 F1$="(###) ## "
90 FB$="          ## "
100 F2$="(###) "
110 F3$="   ## "
120 F4$="          ## "
130 CLS:GOSUB2040
140 CLS:PRINT@15,"SHOP LIST"
150 REM READ LIST FROM DISK
160 DATAC,D,E,L,P,S,Q,R
170 OPEN"RAM:SHOP.DO"FORINPUTAS1
180 N=1
190 J=1
200 INPUT #1,ML$(N),ML(N)
210 N=N+1
220 IF NOT EOF(1) THEN 200
230 I=N
240 CLOSE 1
250 START=1:REM ASSIGN 1 AS PAGE TO BE
PRINTED
260 COUNT=14:REM NUMBER OF LINES OF
ITEMS PRINTED (14 HERE)
270 REM MENU PRINT
280 V=0
290 CLS
300 G=INT((I-1)/14)
310 IFG<>((I-1)/14)THENG=INT((I-1)/14)+
1ELSEG=INT((I-1)/14)
320 J=J:IFJ<1THENJ=1
330 IFJ>GTHENJ=G
340 PRINT"MASTER LIST:";I-1;"ITEMS
FOR";G;"PAGES,PAGE";J
350 PRINT"FORMAT:(CODE #) (QTY NEEDED) (
ITEM NAME)"
360 PRINT"PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE"
370 IFINKEY$=""THEN370
380 GOSUB1780
390 PRINT:PRINT"PRESS ANY KEY TO
CONTINUE"
400 IFINKEY$=""THEN400
410 CLS:PRINT@200," <C>HANGE "," <D>
ELETE "," <E>NTER "," <L>IST ":PRINT" <P
>AGE",
420 PRINT" <R>ESET "," <S>ELECT "," <Q>
UIT"
430 FORY=1TO8:READB$(Y):NEXT
440 ONERRORGOTO460
450 GOTO480
460 RESUME 470
470 FORT=1TO20:NEXTT
480 PRINT"YOUR CHOICE: "
490 GOSUB 2020:D=1
500 IFB$(D)=A$THEN510:ELSED=D+1:IFD<
10THEN500ELSE490
510 ONDGOSUB 1060,1360,530,860,
720,650,1980,1170
520 GOTO270
530 REM ENTER
540 INPUT"NAME OF ITEM TO ADD TO LIST (0
TO ABORT)";N$
550 IFN$="0"THEN270
560 FOR N=1 TO I-1
```

Listing 5 continued

Use the Change option (line 1060) if you make a mistake entering an item. You provide the code number and enter the new name for that item. You also provide the code number of the item you want to delete (line 1360).

The Page command (line 720) lets you look at different pages (one page is equivalent to 14 items). At the top of the screen you'll see how many items your file contains and the number of the page displayed. To display a different page, hit P and then the page number, or N for next page, P for previous page. This lets you look at your entire file. Since the program stores items in alphabetical order, you'll have a general idea which page to look for.

To start your list for the grocery store, use the Select option (line 650). This lets you enter the quantity you need to buy. Hit S, enter the code number of the item, and then the quantity needed. When you print the list, the amount appears to the left of the item.

When it's time to go to the store, use the List (line 860) command. You have the option to print a full list or a short list. If you answer Y to the question "Is the printer ready?" you'll get a printout. Answer N and your list appears only on the screen.

The short list (line 1490) prompts you to enter the item and amount. It is only a temporary list—the program doesn't save it to the data file. This is a good option when you're in a hurry and want a quick list.

The Reset option (line 1170) lets you change the values to zero after you finish your shopping (answer Y on the first question), or reset the quantity needed for each item. Answer N and you'll see the first item on your shopping list. When all the items on your list are reset, the program returns to the main menu. Remember to hit Q so that all your changes appear on the data file.

If for any reason you want a listing of all the items in your data file, load Shop.DO from the Model 100's menu. It will appear on the screen, and you can print it as a text file.

This is a handy program to use if you have a lot of grocery shopping to do. If you're single, you'll probably be better off with a piece of paper and a pencil.

You can also use this program for other types of inventory control. Use your imagination, and good luck. ■

C•Notes text continued on p. 283

Variable	Description	Variable	Description
X	Time delay.		
ML$	Item (full list).	I	Counter.
ML	Code number (full list).	J	Counter.
TL$	Item (short list).	Y	Menu choice.
TL	Code number (short list).	T	Time delay.
R$	String variable.	D	Menu choice.
F1$	Print format.	A$	INKEY.
FB$	Print format.	N$	Item to add.
F2$	Print format.	C	Code number of item.
F3$	Print format.	PA$	What page ?
F4$	Print format.	K	Counter.
N	Counter.	P	Print ?
J	Counter.	Q	Change.
V	Counter.	H	Page Counter.
G	Counter.	E	Counter.

Table 6. Shopping list variables.

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570 IF N$>ML$(N)THEN NEXT N
580 FOR N1=I TO N+1 STEP -1
590 ML$(N1)=ML$(N1-1)
600 ML(N1)=ML(N1-1)
610 NEXT N1
620 ML$(N)=N$: ML(N)=0
630 I=I+1
640 RETURN
650 REM SELECT
660 INPUT"CODE NUMBER OF ITEM TO BE
BOUGHT (0 TO ABORT)";C
670 IF C>=I OR C<0 THEN PRINT:GOTO660
680 IFC=0THEN270
690 PRINT:PRINT"WHAT QUANTITY OF ";ML$(C
);
700 INPUT ML(C)
710 RETURN
720 REM PAGE COMMAND
730 INPUT"WHAT PAGE # (ENTER N FOR NEXT,
P FOR PREVIOUS, OR PG #) ";PA$
740 IFPA$="P"THENV=1:J=J-1:GOTO760
750 IFPA$="N" THENJ=J+1:GOTO790
760 IFV=1THEN START=START-1*
COUNT:GOTO810
770 J=VAL(PA$)
780 START=(VAL(PA$)-1)*COUNT+1:GOTO810
790 IF(START+1)+COUNT>I THEN RETURN
800 START=START+COUNT
810 IF VAL(PA$)>GTHENPRINT:GOTO730
820 IF I-COUNT<1 THEN RETURN
830 IF START <1 THEN START=1
840 IF START>I-COUNT THEN START=START
850 RETURN
860 REM PRINT LIST TO PRINTER
870 A$="":CLS:PRINT"DO YOU WANT THE FULL
LIST OR A SHORT ONE (F OR S) ? ";
880 A$=INKEY$:IF A$="" THEN880
890 IF A$="S" THENPRINTA$: FORZ=1TO250:
NEXT:GOTO1490
900 IF A$="F" THENPRINTA$:FORZ=1TO250:
NEXT:GOTO920
910 GOTO880
920 PRINT:INPUT"IS THE PRINTER READY (Y/
N)";A$
950 CLS:PRINTTAB(15);"SHOPPING LIST"
960 IF A$="Y"THEN LPRINT TAB(32)
;"SHOPPING LIST"
970 PRINT:IF A$="Y"THENFORK=1TO3:LPRINT"
":NEXTK
980 FOR N=1 TO I-1
990 IF ML(N)=0 THEN 1020
1000 PRINT:PRINTUSING F1$;N,ML(N)
;:PRINTLEFT$(ML$(N)+R$,15);
1005 IF A$="N"THEN1020
1010 LPRINT:LPRINTUSING FB$;ML(N)
;:LPRINTLEFT$(ML$(N)+R$,15);
1020 NEXT N
1030 IF A$="Y"THENLPRINTLEFT$(ML$(I-1))
1040 IFA$="N"THENPRINT:PRINT:INPUT"HIT <
ENTER> TO CONTINUE ";AN$
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1050 RETURN
1060 REM CHANGE COMMAND
1070 INPUT"CODE NUMBER OF ITEM TO CHANGE
(0 TO ABORT)";C
1080 IF C>=I OR C<0 THEN PRINT:GOTO1070
1090 IFC=0THEN270
1100 PRINT:PRINT"CHANGE ";ML$(C);" TO
WHAT ";
1110 INPUT N$
1120 Q=ML(C)
1130 GOSUB 1400: REM DELETE PREVIOUS
ENTRY
1140 GOSUB 560: REM ENTER NEW ENTRY
1150 ML(N)=Q
1160 RETURN
1170 REM RESET COMMAND
1180 INPUT"ARE ALL ITEMS TO BE RESET";A$
1190 IF A$="N"GOTO1240
1195 IF A$<>"Y"THEN1180
1200 FOR N=1 TO I-1
1210 ML(N)=0
1220 NEXT N
1230 RETURN
1240 PRINT
1250 CLS:PRINT"HERE IS A LIST OF THE
ITEMS YOU WERE TO BUY."
1260 PRINT"FOR EACH ITEM, HIT ENTER IF
IT WAS PURCHASED,"
1270 PRINT"OR ENTER THE QUANTITY
REMAINING TO BUY."
1280 FOR N=1 TO I-1
1290 IF ML(N)=0 THEN 1340
1300 PRINT:PRINT@200, ML(N);"  ";ML$(N);
1310 ML(N)=0
1320 INPUT ML(N)
1330 PRINT CHR$(13)
1340 NEXT N
1350 CLS:PRINT"THERE ARE NO MORE ITEMS
TO BE RESET":FORX=1TO1500:NEXT:RETURN
1360 REM DELETE
1370 INPUT"CODE NUMBER OF ITEM TO DELETE
(0 TO ABORT)";C
1380 IF C>=I OR C<0 THEN PRINT:GOTO1370
1390 IFC=0THENGOTO270
1400 FOR N=C+1 TO I-1
1410 ML$(N-1)=ML$(N)
1420 ML(N-1)=ML(N)
1430 NEXT N
1440 I=I-1
1450 H=INT((I-1)/14)
1460 IFH<>((I-1)/14)THEN RETURN
1470 START=START-14
1480 RETURN
1490 REM TEMPORARY LIST
1500 TI=1
1510 COUNT=14:REM NUMBER OF ITEMS TO
PRINT
1520 CLS
```
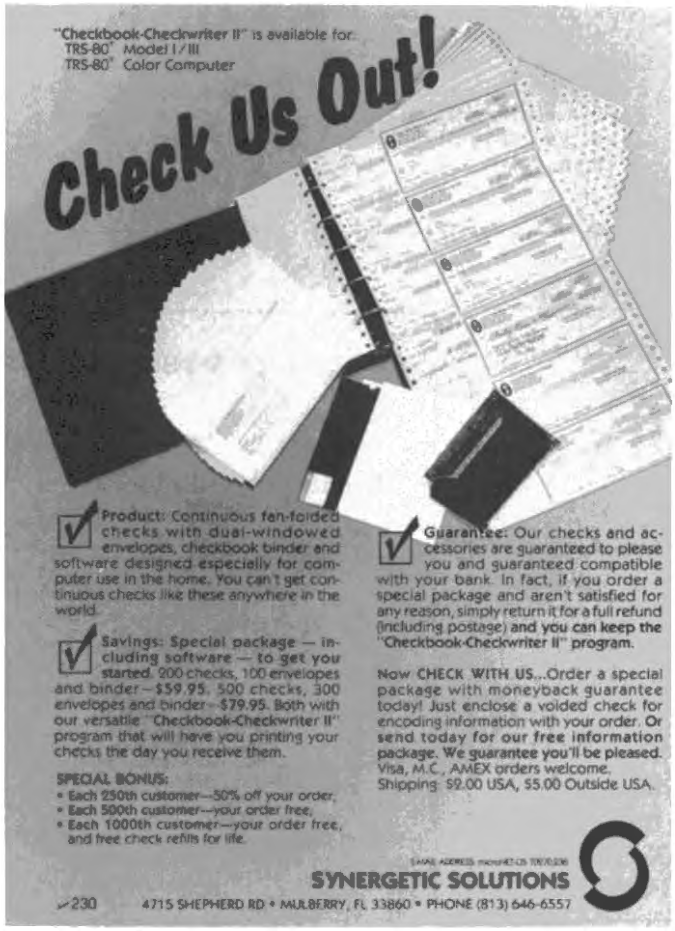

Listing 5 continued



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1530 PRINT"TYPE IN ANY SPECIAL ITEMS
THAT YOU WISH TO BUY."
1540 GOSUB1700
1550 PRINT:PRINT"IS THE PRINTER READY?";
1560 GOSUB1920
1570 P=ANSWER
1580 CLS:PRINTTAB(15);"QUICK LIST"
1590 LPRINTTAB(32);"QUICK LIST"
1600 PRINT:FORE=1TO3:LPRINT"  ":NEXTE
1610 FOR N=1 TO TI-1
1620 PRINT:PRINTUSING F3$;TL(N)
;:PRINTLEFT$(TL$(N)+R$,15);
1630 IF P THEN LPRINT:LPRINTUSING F4$;TL
(N);:LPRINTLEFT$(TL$(N)+R$,15);
1640 NEXT N
1650 LPRINTLEFT$(TL(N)+R$,15)
1660 COUNT=14
1670 PA$="1"
1680 GOSUB 750
1690 RETURN
1700 PRINT:PRINT"HIT <ENTER> TO STOP"
1710 PRINTUSING"NAME OF ITEM ##";TI;
1720 INPUT TL$(TI)
1730 IF LEN(TL$(TI))=0 THEN RETURN
1740 PRINT"WHAT QUANTITY OF ";TL$(TI);
1750 INPUT TL(TI)
1760 TI=TI+1
1770 PRINT:GOTO1710
1780 REM PRINT LIST
1790 FOR N=START TO START+COUNT-1
1800 IF ML(N)=0 THEN 1820
1810 PRINT:PRINTUSING F1$;N,ML(N)
;:PRINTLEFT$(ML$(N)+R$,15);:GOTO1830
1820 PRINT:PRINTUSING F2$;N;:PRINTLEFT$(
ML$(N)+R$,15);
1830 IF N<I-1 THEN NEXT N
1840 RETURN
1850 REM UPDATE DATA FILE
1860 OPEN"RAM:SHOP.DO"FOROUTPUTAS1
1870 FOR N=1 TO I-1
1880 PRINT#1,CHR$(34);ML$(N);CHR$(34)
;",";ML(N)
1890 NEXT N
1900 CLOSE 1
1910 RETURN
1920 REM YES/NO ANSWER
1930 ANSWER=1
1940 AN$=INKEY$:IFAN$=""THEN1940
1950 IF AN$="Y" THEN ANSWER=-
1:PRINTAN$:FORZ=1TO250:NEXT:RETURN
1960 IF AN$="N" THEN
ANSWER=0:PRINTAN$:FORZ=1TO250
NEXT:RETURN
1970 GOTO1940
1980 REM QUIT
1990 GOSUB 1850
2000 END
2010 REM DATA FILE CREATION
2020 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN2020:RETURN
2030 RETURN
2040 A$="":PRINT"DO YOU ALREADY HAVE A
DATA FILE CREATED ?";
2050 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN2050 ELSE
PRINTA$:FOR Z=1 TO 250:NEXT
2060 IF A$="Y" THEN RETURN
2070 IF A$="N" THEN 2090
2080 GOTO 2050
2090 CLS:PRINT"NOTE: THIS SECTION WILL
CREATE YOUR SHOP LIST DATA FOR ONE
ITEM."
2100 PRINT"AFTER YOU PLACE IN THE FIRST
ITEM, THE PROGRAM WILL THEN START
RUNNING"
2110 PRINT
2120 INPUT"NAME OF AN ITEM TO PLACE ON
YOUR SHOPPING LIST ";N$
2130 ML$(N)=N$:ML(N)=0
2140 I=I
2150 OPEN"RAM:SHOP.DO"FOROUTPUTAS1
2160 N=0
2170 PRINT#1,CHR$(34);ML$(N);CHR$(34)
;",";ML(N)
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2180 CLOSE
2190 RETURN
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Cram 100

Conversion by Bradford N. Dixon
***80 Micro* Technical Editor**

Since Cram first appeared in *80 Micro* (August 1982, p. 234) it has been the object of much gaming interest and at least one conversion (Take II, *80 Micro*, August 1983, p. 320). This Model 100 version of Cram uses the portable's graphics and sound capabilities to make for an exciting game that you take wherever you go.

Cram is easy to learn and addictive. The object of this version is to draw a line around the display without running into the screen edge or a previously drawn line.

The line starts in the upper left corner of the screen and runs to the right. Press any key and the line turns down. Press a key again and the line turns left, press a key again to go up, and so on.

The 100 emits a tone whenever you press a key and again when the game ends. During play, the program displays the previous high score and the last score at the top of the screen.

Program housekeeping takes place in lines 30 and 40 of Program Listing 6. The code that moves the line across the screen follows.

A counter keeps track of the line position and acts as a check for collisions with the sides or another part of the line. To get the most out of the program, I used PSET to light the pixels in the line. I could have used characters as in other versions of the game, but I was limited by the 100's screen size.

The Model 100, like the Model II, doesn't have a POINT (X,Y) function to check for lit pixels, so the counters keep track of the line while allowing full use of the 240- by 64-pixel matrix available on the 100's LCD screen. An INKEY$ routine initiates the line turns and facilitates the game's fast pace.

Program instructions are located in a subroutine at the end of Listing 6. You can bypass the directions after you know how to play. ■

Program Listing 6. Cram 100.

```
10 ' CRAM, A game by Hardin Brothers
20 ' ** Conversion by Brad Dixon **
25 ' ** 80 Micro Technical Staff **
30 DEFINTA-Z:GOSUB270
35 CLS:PRINT@14,"*** CRAM ***"
40 L=0:R=239:T=7:B=64:N=0:GOSUB250
50 ' MOVE RIGHT
60 J=J+1:IF J=R THEN 200 ELSE PSET(J,I)
70 IF INKEY$="" THEN60 ELSE
N=N+1:R=J:SOUND 2216,2
80 ' MOVE DOWN
90 I=I+1:IF I=B THEN 200 ELSE PSET(J,I)
100 IF INKEY$=""THEN90 ELSE
N=N+1:B=I:SOUND 2216,2
110 ' MOVE LEFT
120 J=J-1:IFJ=LTHEN 200 ELSE PSET(J,I)
130 IFINKEY$=""THEN120 ELSE
N=N+1:L=J:SOUND 2216,2
140 ' MOVE UP
150 I=I-1:IFI=TTHEN 200 ELSE PSET(J,I)
160 IF INKEY$=""THEN 150ELSE
N=N+1:T=I:SOUND 2216,2:GOTO60
190 ' GAME OVER
200 FORX=1TO5:BEEP:NEXTX:CLS:
PRINT@5,"TURNS=";N;"   PREVIOUS
HIGH=";M:IF N>MTHENM=N
210 FOR I=1TO2000:NEXTI:GOTO40
250 I=7:J=0:A$=INKEY$:RETURN
260 ' DIRECTIONS
270 CLS:PRINT@134,"*** CRAM
***":PRINT:PRINT:INPUT"DO YOU WANT
INSTRUCTIONS (Y/N)";Y$
280 IF Y$="Y"ORY$="y"THEN290 ELSE35
290 CLS:PRINT:PRINTTAB(5)"THE OBJECT OF
THE GAME IS TO SPIRALTHE LINE AROUND
THE SCREEN WITHOUT IT   RUNNING INTO
THE EDGES OR ITSELF. ":PRINT"PRESS
ENTER TO CONTINUE.":GOSUB320
300 CLS:PRINT:PRINTTAB(5)"PRESS ANY KEY
TO CHANGE THE        DIRECTION OF THE
LINE. THE GAME IS OVER WHEN YOU HIT THE
SIDES OR THE LINE."
310 PRINTTAB(5)"TO GET OUT OF THE GAME,
PRESS THE  'BREAK' KEY. WHEN YOU'RE
READY TO PLAY, PRESS 'ENTER'."
320 A$=INKEY$:IF A$=""THEN320ELSERETURN
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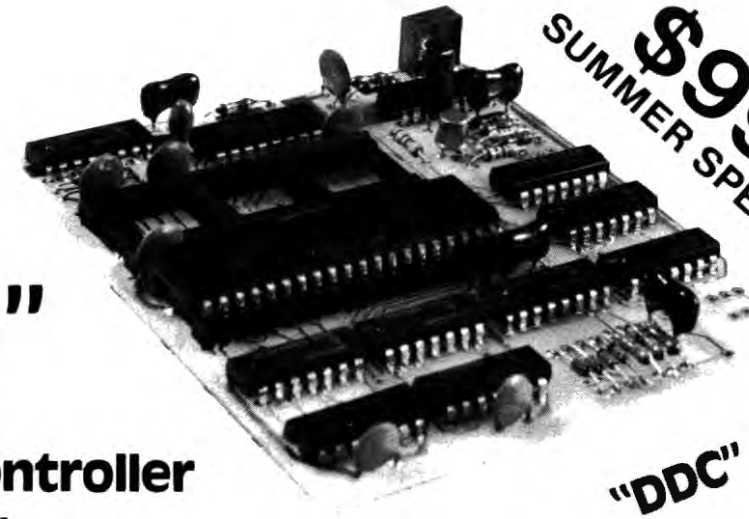

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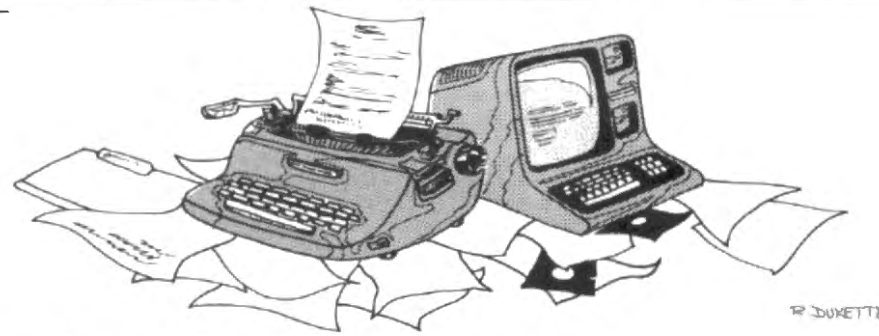

Monday the 13th

The TI plunge and micro industry implications.

In February of 1983, Texas Instruments discovered a transformer defect in the popular 99/4A home computer that could cause electric shock under certain conditions. TI halted shipments for four weeks while curing the problem, and subsequently declared a $30 million reduction in projected first-quarter profits.

By May, while announcing that net income fell 74 percent on first-quarter earnings to $7.1 million (compared to $27.7 million in 1982), a TI representative told *ISO World* that the sales slump caused by the transformer fix and stiff competition was over. The company shipped its millionth 99/4A in April, the spokesperson said, and the number of stores selling the machine had doubled from 10,000 to 20,000.

At the company's annual meeting on April 21, President J. Fred Bucy gave shareholders a mixed financial forecast. "Price movements in the home computer market continue to be aggressive and will impact our second quarter," Bucy said, but nevertheless, "1983 holds the promise of being a significantly better year for TI than 1982."

Late on Friday, June 10, after the New York markets closed, Texas Instruments announced a loss of $100 million in the second quarter. When trading opened the following Monday, even a 2½-hour delay wasn't time enough to find a price low enough to reopen bidding on TI stock. "A huge stack of sell orders," as *Business Week* put it, drove TI stock down 39 points, with another 11 points lost on Tuesday. The downturn had a contagious effect on other micro makers. The same two days saw Tandy lose four points and Commodore and Coleco five each.

By the end of the week, TI shares struggled up to $116.25 from their Tuesday low of $107. But the Monday plunge—which cost stockholders over $1 billion—started a debate that's still going on, about nothing less than the future of the home computer industry. Atari's multimillion-dollar losses of late 1982 had led onlookers to pronounce the video game industry dead; now an analyst interviewed on CBS predicted that computers would be going the way of CB radio.

Industry experts were less apocalyptic, but by late June some were telling *ISO World*'s Susan Carlson that "the current turmoil in the low end of the home market will look pale in comparison to a more serious crisis that will hit the upper reaches of that market by fall." People were careful to say "shakeup" rather than "shakeout," but it seemed that the obvious—that the micro industry cannot support 200 companies selling products at cost—had reared its ugly head.

What happened? Specifically, TI had put itself in an appalling position: it was selling a machine introduced in 1979 for $1,150 for $99. As Everett Purdy of the Service Merchandise showroom chain summarized the low-end market for the *New York Times*, "I've been in retailing 30 years and I have never seen any category of goods get on a self-destruct

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The march of the low-end lemmings began in August 1982, when TI offered a $100 rebate, bringing its micro to $149. Commodore cut VIC prices to match, then went still lower as Christmas approached. Atari started giving away software with its 400 and Timex stuck a rebate on the TS1000, but by early 1983 the slugfest came down to TI and Commodore.

In January, the Commodore 64 left computer stores for mass merchandise outlets at under $400, and the VIC reached the $130 range. By April, the VIC broke the $100 barrier; TI announced it would follow with a 99/4A rebate and price-cutting program in June, but its refusal to match Commodore's move immediately hurt sales.

By May, the Timex listed at $49 and a rebate brought the Atari 800 under $400. TI shelved the 99/2, intended as a Timex competitor and already out of contention, and started giving away a $300 expansion box for the 99/4A. On the fateful June 13, Commodore cut the 64's dealer cost to $200; retail prices quickly followed.

Besides suicidal pricing, the 99/4A was plagued by a lack of software. In March, *ISO World*'s Stewart Alsop II reports, a TI senior executive affirmed Austin's go-it-alone stance and dismissed microcomputer software firms: "Those companies don't know anything about consumer electronics marketing."

Rather than promote independent programmers, Alsop wrote, TI "actually discouraged third-party software and put hundreds of its own programs—largely undifferentiated and of marginal utility—on the market." 99/4A owners could choose from a fair amount of educational software and very little else, while VIC-20 buffs had a dozen companies' lineups to choose from.

"As TI discovered, it couldn't make its money on software if no one buys it," Alsop wrote, adding a sarcastic comment: "Given the company's performance in three markets—calculators, watches, and now home computers—it's easy to wonder who it is that really understands consumer electronics marketing."

More generally, TI's nosedive was interpreted as a symptom of overexuberance in the industry as a whole. Talmis, the Oak Park, IL, market research firm, reports that U.S. manufacturers make nearly half a million computers per month, but sell only 275,000 (though the figure rises during the Christmas rush).

Talmis predicts sales of 3.6 million home computers in 1983. Future Computing Inc. of Richardson, TX, is more optimistic with a sales figure of 5 million units, compared to 2.2 million in 1982. Texas Instruments, however, anticipated sales of 6.7 million micros this year—and hoped to account for half of that number single-handedly.

"The home market is being devastated and the impact is being felt at the higher end of the market already."

"TI went on a binge and created an oversupply of computers," Future Computing chairman Egil Juliussen told *Business Week*. Agreed the Yankee Group's Clive Smith, "TI was counting on extraordinary growth instead of merely exceptional growth."

TI now, needless to say, is in some disorder. The firm faces two lawsuits claiming it misled stockholders with optimistic forecasts such as Bucy's at the April 21 meeting, and the Consumer Group plans drastic cost-cutting measures such as a two-week involuntary vacation for employees and fire sale prices on existing inventory. Onlookers expected the company to survive overall, helped by TI's role as an electronics and military supplier and perhaps by some upscale computers.

Said TI spokesman Norman Neuriter, "We are not exiting this business. We will be in the market with higher priced, high-performance systems." TI's Professional Computer, an IBM PC competitor made by the Data Systems Group rather than the Consumer Group, has received favorable reviews. The high-end 99/8, on the other hand, was reportedly withdrawn from the Chicago Consumer Electronics Show in June and has not yet been unveiled.

The machine that allegedly upstaged the 99/8 may be partially responsible for the even greater shakeup that *ISO World* anticipates this fall: Coleco's Adam, an 80K, CP/M-compatible micro designed to sell for $600 with word processing firmware, bulk storage device, and daisy-wheel printer, is probably the first computer to occupy the "middle end," blurring the distinction between low- and high-end micros as we know it.

"If we were just talking about price cutting, it wouldn't be so bad," the Yankee Group's Smith said in Carlson's June 27 *ISO World* article. "But what we're seeing is an improving price-performance ratio. Sooner or later, that kind of performance will start impinging on what is currently regarded as the personal, as opposed to home, computer. The line between high-end home and business computers, in functional terms at least, will be completely blurred."

Atari, which has never made a profit in the computer business, has already moved to join Coleco, bundling its 16K 600XL micro with word processing software and a printer for $600. And an entry expected in October—IBM's Peanut, rumored to cost between $600 and $800 with 64K or more memory and a built-in disk drive—should establish the middle ground once and for all.

"The home market is being devastated and the impact is being felt at the higher end of the market already," Seymour Merrin, president of Computerworks in Westport, CT, told Carlson. "Customers at the Tiffany end of the home market are still buying the Apple and IBM computers, but their psychology is being changed by manufacturers and dealers who keep trying to drive prices down.

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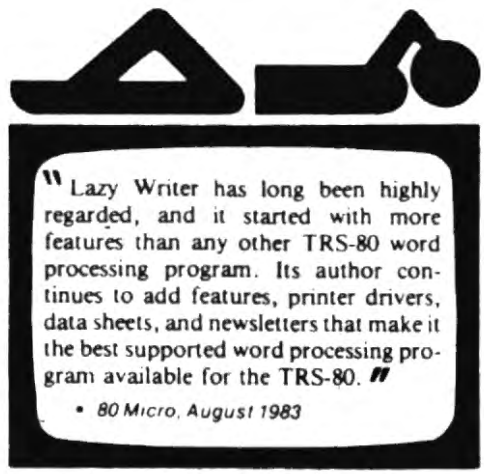

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				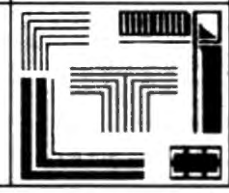	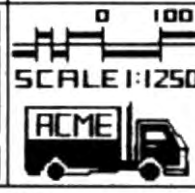

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Today, Microsoft is doing its best to become the General Motors of software, if not the ROM of the whole computer industry. At May's National Computer Conference in Anaheim, CA, Altos President Dave Jackson, fueled by "too many meetings selling to OEM customers" and "five Mexican beers," complained about Microsoft to a *MicroScope* reporter. "According to Jackson," the British magazine said, "[Microsoft Chairman] Bill Gates is not 'humane' enough, and should stop riding roughshod over nice people with his MS-DOS."

Meanwhile, Microsoft seems less and less likely to soft-shoe. Besides being the OEM force behind the two hottest machines in computing, the IBM PC and Tandy's Model 100, Gates' team—directed by new President Jon Shirley, formerly Radio Shack's vice-president of computer merchandising—is aiming at success in the software retail market, taking on bestsellers VisiCalc and WordStar.

And if that's not enough, a new agreement among Japanese manufacturers could establish the longtime dream of standardized micros with interchangeable software—and 32K of Microsoft ROM in every household.

Microsoft's ticket to stardom was MS-DOS, and "riding roughshod" may be an accurate phrase for the success of the IBM Personal Computer operating system. The MS-DOS story started in 1980, when IBM approached Gates about languages and a DOS for

Gates: "riding roughshod over nice people"?

the forthcoming PC. Gates, *Fortune* magazine says, referred Big Blue to the CP/M leaders, Digital Research Inc.; unfortunately for DRI, however, founder Gary Kildall was out of town and IBM was in a hurry.

The PC team went back to Microsoft, where Gates acquired an infant system—originally called QDOS, for Quick and Dirty Operating System—from Seattle Computer Products and set about making it the 8086 standard.

Today, MS-DOS rules the single-user, 16-bit world, perhaps more completely than CP/M does the 8-bit arena. Digital's CP/M-86 trailed the PC to market by more than six months; when it finally appeared, IBM priced it at four times MS-DOS' retail. As a result, 95 percent of IBM micros shipped to date use Microsoft's DOS, as do most of the dozen-plus PC clones. *Fortune* quotes a DRI director as admitting, "We suffered a terrible injury."

So may a lot of applications software companies. Microsoft's Multiplan has been acclaimed as a superior successor to VisiCalc; Microsoft Word, a new word processor, links with Multiplan to begin a series of Lisa- or VisiOn-style integrated software packages, controlled by the Microsoft Mouse.

Responsible for selling these products is Jon Shirley, who left Tandy after 25 years with the words, "I believe Microsoft will lead an industry on the edge of explosive growth." Shirley told *80 Micro*, "I'll be essentially in charge of managing the operations side of the business, so Bill Gates can concentrate on research and development on the software side."

Besides selling to individuals, Microsoft plans to compete with such firms as MicroPro (makers of WordStar) and Lotus Development Corp. (1-2-3 marketers) in volume shipments. During the week of Shirley's appointment, Microsoft announced the addition of a major accounts division, which will concentrate on government, education, and Fortune 1000 customers. Former national sales manager Nicholas Roche told *Computer Retail News* that his Corporate Sales Group will occupy the same level in the Microsoft hierarchy as the OEM and retail divisions.

Most software houses would be content with Microsoft Basic, MS-DOS, and Multiplan, but Gates isn't sitting still. The newest development from Bellevue is MSX, a set of specifications designed to create a market for low-end micros in Japan. While Microsoft downplays the possible significance of MSX for the U.S., the guidelines establish an 8-bit standard that could rival the success of PC architecture and MS-DOS among IBM imitators.

The MSX concept—design parameters shared by a dozen companies, whose resulting computers could swap cartridge software—was created by Matsushita and NEC in Japan and Spectravideo in the U.S., with Microsoft coming aboard when asked to provide a common version of its Basic interpreter. Other subscribers include Hitachi, Sony, Canon, Mitsubishi, Toshiba, Kyocera, General, Yamaha, Pioneer, Sanyo, and JVC.

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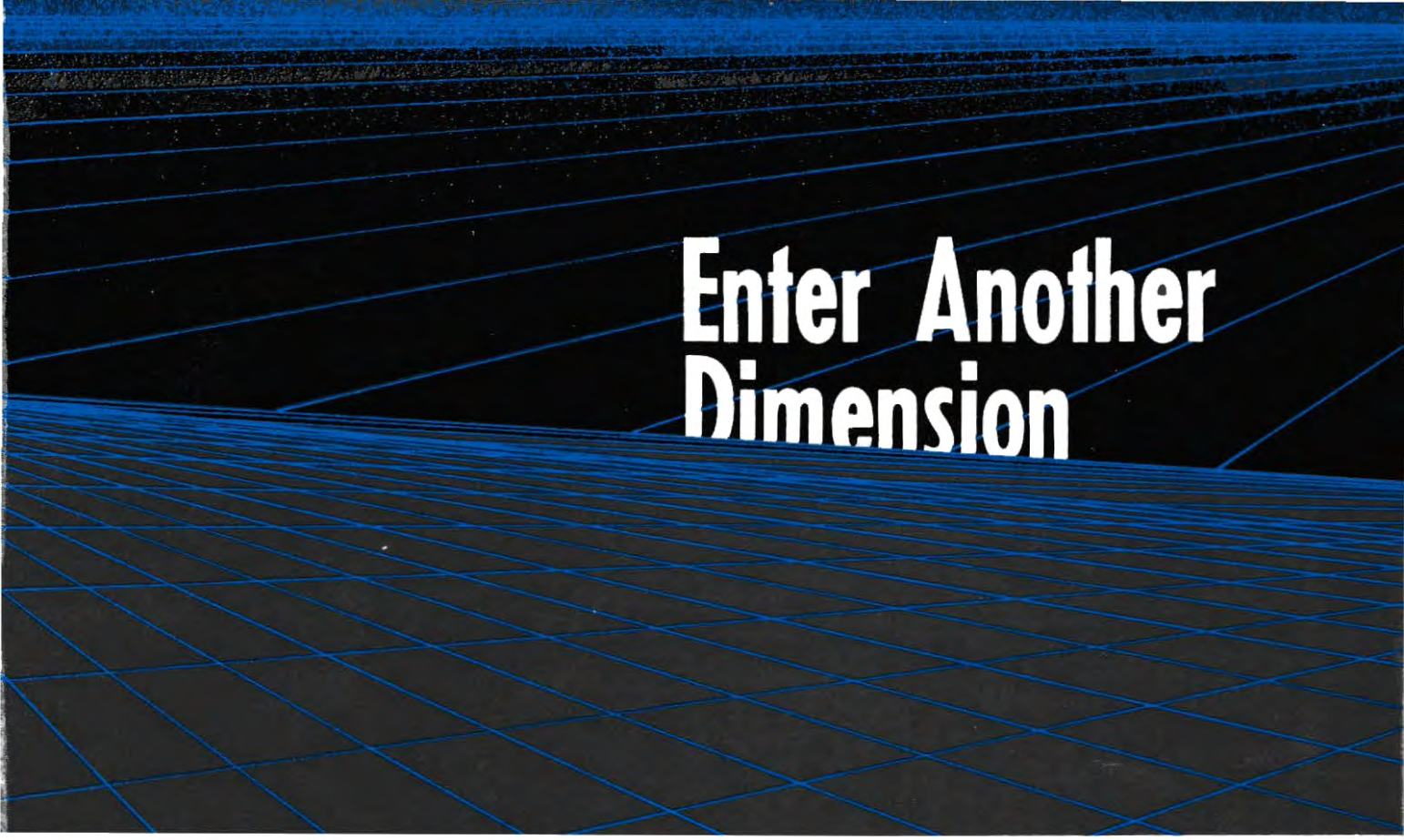

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MSX is not taking over Japan, let alone the world, quite yet. Fujitsu, Sharp, and NEC withdrew their support at the last minute to consider proposals for other standards (notably one from Digital Research). The Japan Electronic Industry Development Association is working on a homegrown standard, though MSX backers argue that a unified market for home computers in Japan—between 200,000 and 500,000 units in 1984, guesses Yankee Group analyst Clive Smith—would rely on American firms' supplying software.

Some Japanese, according to *Business Week*, feel Microsoft's licensing fees are too steep. Masayoshi Son, chairman of Japan Soft Bank, claims that Bellevue wants $250,000 per participant and $3 to $4 per MSX micro sold.

Nevertheless, MSX could mean a boost for Japanese hardware and U.S. software firms alike. As for U.S. hardware, Spectravideo President Harry Fox plans a $50 MSX adapter for his SV-318 computer, though Microsoft's Edstrom is noncommittal about other manufacturers: "There are some companies that have come to us and that we're talking with, but nothing's been settled yet."

As to whether the Japanese might join the low-end wars in America, Edstrom was doubtful. "If I were a manufacturer from any country, I would seriously question whether I wanted to get into that market," she told *80 Micro*. "There's been extensive price cutting, and it's starting to have financial effects on firms such as Texas Instruments and Atari."

"Microsoft is the broadest-based systems software company."

So will ten Japanese companies invade America with home computers this Christmas? "Well, geez, would you? I mean, what's the advantage?" Edstrom asked. "Traditionally, people have said about the Japanese that they come into a market and they're able to price very competitively, because they've had low production costs. But the U.S. companies in the low end are producing overseas already, making computers in countries like Korea and Hong Kong, where labor is cheaper than it is in Japan."

While Altos' Jackson may mutter about Gates and MS-DOS, Microsoft seems to have plenty of eggs besides those in the MS-DOS basket.

"Microsoft is the broadest-based systems software company," Edstrom claims. "In operating systems we compete with Digital Research, in applications we compete with VisiCorp, in word processing we're going to compete with MicroPro, in languages there are several companies—Ryan-McFarland in Cobol, for instance.

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In fact, as of this summer there seemed to be only two clouds on Microsoft's horizon. One was Commodore's announced intention to sell Multiplan for under $100, less than dealers currently pay for the spreadsheet, and the other was Microsoft Word—not the product, but the name. It was introduced as Multi-Tool Word, emphasizing its status as one of a series of integrated packages; the computer press, however, decided that that was the clumsiest program name in software history. Microsoft Word is the new title.

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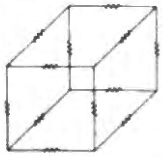

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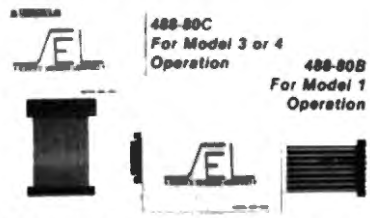

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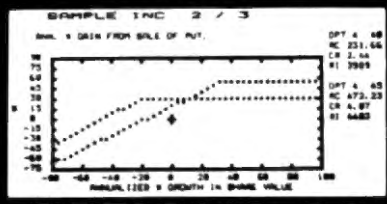

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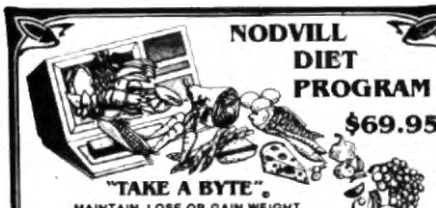

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If you think the whole idea, and particularly the emphasis on "unrestricted," sounds less like a trial service than an invitation to software piracy, you agree with MicroPro International Corp., the makers of WordStar. MicroPro is suing the advertiser, United Computer Corp. of Culver City, CA, for $14 million, plus $50,000 for each copyright infringement.

MicroPro's suit, filed June 17 in U.S. District Court in San Francisco, charges United with violating WordStar and other programs' nontransferable purchase agreement. Under the agreement, a customer does not "own" but is licensed to use the product—and is prohibited from lending it to others for copying.

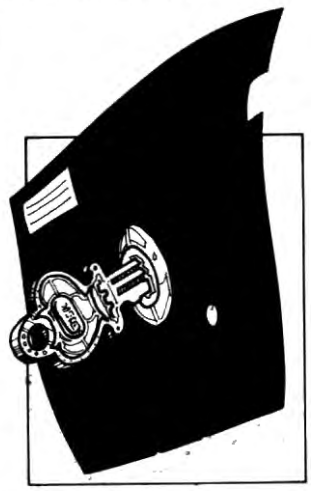
The San Rafael, CA, publisher accuses United of buying MicroPro's software, removing the printed license agreement, repackaging the disk, and renting the product to the public. "It is abundantly clear that United Computer is renting software programs so that customers can illegally copy them," claims MicroPro's general counsel, E. Ric Giardina.

The lawsuit claims United Computer "devised, set up, and conducted their software rental business in the belief and with the knowledge that the great majority of their customers will unlawfully copy the rented software and return it to the defendants prior to, or at the end of, the one-week rental period."

United's executive vice president, George Pollack, whom *InfoWorld* says admits removing manufacturers' licensing agreements, claims that his firm substituted its own anti-piracy notice.

Describing the MicroPro suit as "unfair harassment, untrue, and without grounds," Pollack declares, "We abhor any illegal usage of our rental software and have never violated any of the copyright agreements for the programs we provide our nationwide subscriber list. In fact, we include additional warnings in our literature concerning the illegal pirating of software and the consequences involved."

In a press release, Pollack accused MicroPro of trying to "unfairly interrupt a legitimate rental service to potential buyers of personal computer software." Pollack told *Computer Retail News*, "We're a marketer of software and give people the opportunity to try it first before they buy it. We're going to make sure this case is tested and that we continue to do business."



MicroPro is suing to protect its software.

The lawsuit, believed to be the first copyright infringement case of its kind, will come to a preliminary hearing in September. While MicroPro predicts "a lengthy court battle," according to *InfoWorld*'s Barbara Wierzbicki, Pollack looks for "a short trial" and a ruling in United Computer's favor: "MicroPro has as much chance of winning this case as I do of walking across the Charles River."

More CRT concern

Some people know them as CRTs, while others swear VDTs is the proper term. Whatever you call them, the monitor screens in microcomputers and word processors continue to attract attention as possible health hazards. Labor organizations like 9 to 5, the National Association of Working Women, are lobbying for worker safeguards and research, and several states are considering laws to regulate monitors or working hours.

In early June, Maine and Connecticut became the first states to pass CRT safety legislation. The Maine law directs the state's bureau of labor standards to investigate CRT health issues and, if necessary, establish rules to protect public employees. Connecticut's law authorizes the Department of Consumer Protection to study eye or muscular fatigue and radiation emission.

In Oregon, pressure from the business community and complaints of high implementation cost have watered down a CRT safety bill introduced in March. The original bill required that business offices provide lighting to minimize screen glare, semiannual CRT maintenance and radiation checks, free annual eye examinations for employees, and a maximum of two hours' consecutive time at a CRT between periods of work elsewhere.

Oregon's revised bill calls for "administrative rules" instead of "statutes," and offers eye exams only to operators who spend four or more hours per day before a screen.

Concern about the effects of CRTs on pregnancy is increasing. New York's Assembly Labor Committee passed a bill requiring CRT manufacturers to incorporate radiation shielding into their product and employers to guarantee pregnant women the right to non-CRT work, as well as Oregon-style eye exams and work breaks. An identical bill is before the corresponding Senate committee.

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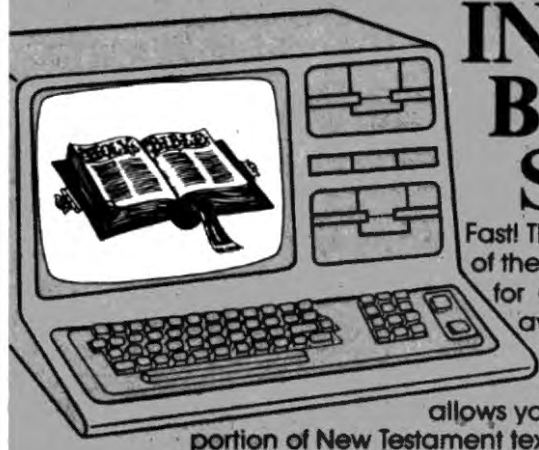

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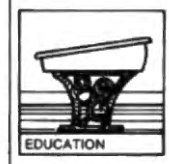
On the other hand, the CRT group had fewer psychological stress symptoms such as depression and tension. This, said UW psychologist Steven Sauter, confirms a 1981 study of CRT-using copy editors at a daily newspaper. Editors complained about eyestrain and irritation but, perhaps because they have considerable control over their work, didn't suffer from stress or job dissatisfaction.

"Even though health problems were not dramatically elevated among VDT users in our study, these problems should not be ignored," concluded Sauter. "About one-fourth to one-third of users complained of chronic eyestrain and musculoskeletal problems. More research is needed to determine how to improve working conditions to enhance VDT users' well-being and productivity."

How schools use micros



After its study showing that 42 percent of elementary and 85 percent of high schools in the U.S. have at least one computer (see *80 Micro*, August 1983, p. 292), Johns Hopkins' Center for Social Organization of Schools has gone on to investigate how widely micros are actually used. While a few schools' computers are gathering dust, most of the 1,086 schools surveyed report brisk traffic at the keyboard—though only a small minority of students have a turn.

In most institutions, one or two teachers regularly use computers in class; about half of the schools have more than two regular users among the faculty, and a majority have at least one spare-time computer hobbyist or programmer. About one in four elementary and one in five secondary schools use their equipment no more than an hour per day, but nearly the same number report five or

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How many students get hands-on computing experience, and what do they do with it? The survey concludes that the typical computer-owning elementary school has two machines, each used for 11 hours a week—about 20 minutes for each of 62 students (in a student body of 400). About 40 percent of this time goes for drill and practice; a third of it involves programming, and 20 percent is spent playing games under teacher supervision.

The corresponding secondary school has five micros, each used for 13 hours weekly; this provides 45 minutes of computer time to each of 80 students (out of a population of 700). Fully two-thirds of this time is spent in programming and computer literacy work.

As elementary schools get more micros, they give access to more students. Secondary schools acquiring extra machines give longer access to the same number of learners.

Retail traffic patterns

What's it like to be a computer store manager? You see about 17 customers a day, maybe 10 prospective buyers and seven casual shoppers. Your customers make several visits before buying, but most still don't correctly predict the price. Their main reasons for buying are games and educational programs; their favorite peripherals are printers, trailed by disk drives and modems.

Newsweek just tracked the habits of computer consumers in a survey on "Personal Computers: The Retailer's Perspective." The 300 managers polled—225 in computer stores, 75 in discount, department, and toy stores—describe their clients as serious, though not always well-informed, consumers.

Seven out of 10 customers are intentional visitors rather than walk-ins, and six of 10 are prospective buyers. An impressive 83 percent make two or three visits before buying a micro, though 24 percent underestimate and 31 percent overestimate the cost (an average of $1,800 for a machine and accessories for home use, $3,750 for a business system).

Of the *Newsweek* poll's choices, managers tend to describe first-time buyers—a whopping 87 percent of home and 77 percent of business customers—as "confused/scared/lacking knowledge," "curious/questioning," and "middle/high income, male." Retailers say most customers choose a computer outlet based on service (59 percent mentioned) or knowledge of sales staff (67 percent) rather than brands carried or software available (47 and 28 percent respectively). Friends, sales clerks, and advertising influence a buyer's decision far more than employers or spouses.

About 38 percent of the computers sold, managers say, are for business use, with 35 percent for personal use and 26 percent for both. Games and education lead word processing, accounting, and "for children" as reasons for purchase.

As for best-selling brands, the figures are mixed. Apple took first place, mentioned by 26 percent of managers, while Atari, Texas Instruments, IBM, and Radio Shack scored from 14 to 10 percent each. TI and Atari, however, dominated sales in general outlets but trailed the field in computer stores, where Apple, IBM, and Tandy set the pace among customers.

Proper protocol

If the Network Nation is ever to achieve its potential, different sizes and types of computers will have to be able to transfer more than ASCII text files. Microcom Inc., a data communications software and modem manufacturer located in Norwood, MA, claims it has the answer—and the big-name support to back it up.

The Microcom Networking Protocol is, as its name implies, a set of rules governing the transmission of data over standard telephone lines, with features designed to detect and correct garbled data. According to Microcom President James Dow, the system handles not only text but graphics, programs, and material such as VisiCalc charts and tables.

Because of its near-universal capability, the protocol carries the endorsement of Apple, Radio Shack, Victor, VisiCorp, and GTE, with IBM rumored to be not far behind. "VisiCorp will incorporate the protocol into the dial-up applications of its software product, VisiOn; it will be incorporated into software for the Apple IIe and Lisa this fall; and GTE's Telenet will be available to users of the Protocol network," Dow said.

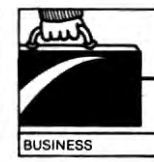
"The Networking Protocol allows transfer of data or text files between microcomputers, or between a microcomputer and a minicomputer or a mainframe," Dow continued. "It is the first networking protocol that integrates error correction, flow control, and total data transparency."

If accepted as a standard, Microcom's "virtual file format" and error-trapping routines could let businesses swap data among different micros and between micros and larger machines, whether in different offices or across the country. To encourage other hardware and software suppliers to join the Microcom roster, Dow's firm will license its technology and supply a one-day training session for $2,500.

"Our goal from the day we started this company was to develop a networking protocol for personal computers and make it a standard," Dow told the *Boston Globe*. "We are now reaching it."

—TOM WOODS

Selling with stars



Dick Cavett is the voice of Apple. William Shatner, playing off his Star Trek image, beams down to upstage a George Plimpton lookalike in Commodore commercials. Atari recently signed Alan Alda to a five-year contract said to total $10 million.

Like aspirin and coffee manufacturers, computer companies have turned to film and TV celebrities for product endorsements, borrowing the star's luster for the company name. At best, as *InfoWorld*'s Kathy Chin reports, celebrities make "today's technological breakthroughs as palatable as possible" to middle America; at worst, they provide a name that's worth more than the machine. Chicago Consumer Electronics Show watchers were unimpressed with toymaker Tomy Corp.'s $150, 16K, chiclet-keyboard Tutor,

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but consumers may be impressed with "Real People" host Sarah Purcell.

Manufacturers' reasons for hiring a given celebrity tend to be vague, but then the idea that a particular name lends authority or reassurance is vague in itself. Apple advertising manager Henry Whitfield told Chin, "Cavett represents the everyman. He's not heavy-handed, and not a computer buff. He's the middle manager who just wants to learn."

Atari's public relations head Bruce Entin is delighted with Alda, who inspected the Sunnyvale, CA, firm in several visits before signing: "His name has the highest credibility among anyone and that sincerity will be communicated to consumers," Entin said. Similarly, a Texas Instruments spokesman praised Bill Cosby, now in his third year of TI 99/4A ads: "He's got a Ph.D. in education and also he's got good rapport with kids and adults."

While companies don't want a formidably scientific front man, a technically up-to-date image doesn't hurt. Model II owner Isaac Asimov appears in Radio Shack's newspaper and magazine ads, as does pianist Peter Nero—a computer buff, according to RS Marketing Vice-President David Beckerman.

While Tandy appreciates

Moore: Would you buy a micro from this man?

Asimov and Nero, however, the company will not use celebrities in its TV spots. "All of our television ads are high-impact sell ads," Beckerman points out. "We only have about 26 seconds; using a celebrity would take up too much time. Even if we had President Reagan in our ads, we wouldn't sell any more computers."

Spectravideo, by contrast, has gone the celebrity route to the point of tongue-in-cheek chic. Public relations director Bob Griffin announced at CES that Roger Moore, known to gadget fans as James Bond 007, would appear in Spectravideo TV and print ads through 1985.

Said Griffin of Moore's contribution to computer marketing: "When people see him, they can't help but think of high tech." ■

Free home demonstration

END BYTES

● Idea of the week: 15,000 IBM PC buyers are getting a **FREE** "trial size" version of Software Publishing Corp.'s PFS:Write word processor. The sample, according to the Mt. View, CA, firm, "allows buyers to use all aspects of the program except the print or save functions." Sort of like buying a washing machine with a free box of detergent that cleans your clothes but won't rinse out.

● If you've been waiting for the **DRAGON** since the January 1983 *80 Micro* (p. 370), the Welsh Color Computer work-alike has finally arrived. Tano Corp. of New Orleans, LA, will manufacture and distribute the 64K, under-$400 micro in the U.S., selling it with both the Dragon and Tano names.

● Just as VisiCorp owns all rights to the prefix "Visi," ComputerLand Corp. is attempting to tie down the suffix "-land." The company has filed trademark infringement **LAWSUITS** against Softwareland Corp., an Arizona store chain, and Microland Computers, a California retailer.

Softwareland President Taylor Coleman, announcing an immediate countersuit, said, "There are a lot of other lands out there, like Toyland, Disneyland, and Musicland. We wonder which one will be next."

● A new reason to go to Comdex this November: The Softsel distributing chain, copying the Oscar, Emmy, Grammy, and Tony honors, will give the industry's first **AWARDS** for excellence in computer software. Publishers will be praised "for outstanding achievements in sales, packaging, performance, and innovation," with the first criterion—based on Softsel's "Hot List" dealer figures—preeminent.

● Other firms may be more glamorous, but **TANDY** is content with its lot. The Fort Worth titan's preliminary sales for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983 were $2.47 billion, a 22 percent rise from 1981-82's $2.03 billion.

● **ATARI**, hoping to improve its share of the software market, is taking a radical step: producing programs for IBM, Apple, Commodore, and Radio Shack computers. Says division head Fred Simon: "We're giving the consumers what they want, and they want hits on systems that aren't Atari."

Simon, developer of Walt Disney Productions' software business, told *ISO World* that non-Atari versions of popular Atari games would be available by late summer, with educational and business programs to follow in 1984.

● If you've finally written the Great American Program, you can market it the way you would a novel or film script. Carolyn Kuhn, a former Control Data executive, has launched Software Mart Inc. of Austin, TX, to serve as an **AGENT** between developers and publishers, matching the latter's needs to the former's new products.

● According to Gary Thorne, marketing vice-president for the nationwide Team Electronics chain, consumers now expect **STEREO** stores to stock microcomputer products as well as sound equipment.

Thorne, speaking at June's Chicago CES, told *Computer Retail News* that today's educated customers demand computer-wise salespeople and a choice of different systems. Team also found that computers sell better in the back of the store than up front: "It's difficult to do a demo on a word processing package with Donna Summer disco playing," Thorne admitted. ■

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by Amee Eisenberg

Memory-related errors

Last month, Load 80 included a communications package called UTerm. If you get Load 80 on cassette, then TRSDOS's Tape command uploads the object code files UT1–UT5 to TRSDOS. Save the files to your disk; then create the Build file according to the author's instructions.

I know UTerm works from TRSDOS, but I was unable to write a Build file that would run it from DOSPLUS. Does anyone know the syntax that makes it run from DOSPLUS or NEWDOS?

Memory Error Messages

Judging from my mail, some of the error messages Load 80 users encounter need clarification.

Three interrelated errors are Out of Memory (OM), Out of String Space (OS), and Overflow (OV). These indicate the computer has reached the physical limits of its memory space; each tells you about a different kind of limit.

The Out of Memory (OM) message appears if you load a program that requires more memory than your system has available. Sometimes, this happens because your computer's memory still holds the last program you ran. More often, this occurs because you didn't read the key box to make sure the program suits your system.

You can avoid this error by always clearing memory before loading a program. In Basic, use the command New before CLOAD or Load. With source code listings, delete the buffer before loading a new listing. When using a system tape, type SYSTEM and answer the * prompt with /0. Then, providing the program fits into your system's memory, you shouldn't get an OM error.

On a side track, Basic programmers can save some memory using colons to stack many statements into a program line. Each line number takes 4 bytes of memory. Additionally, each space in a line takes up memory. In a short program, the amount of memory saved is negligible; but on a long program, packed, multi-statement lines use memory economically. Their disadvantages are that they are hard to read when you're debugging, and they're more apt to pick up bugs when you CSAVE and CLOAD them.

The Out of String Space (OS) message is a Basic error. It appears under two conditions: when your response to the program's prompt is too long, or when the programmer didn't allocate enough space for string variables in the Clear statement(s).

The first case, a user error, shows up after you've answered a program's question. Out of String Space appears on the screen as the program crashes. The usual cure is to try a shorter response. If all else fails, read the program's directions.

The second case, a program error, usually appears as the computer begins running the program. Although the computer generates an error message at a specific line number, you probably won't notice anything wrong with the line when you list it. The problem is with the statement that says "CLEAR xx" (where xx is a number). The programmer didn't clear enough memory space to handle the variables. To correct this, try clearing more space. For example, if the original line reads CLEAR

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50, try CLEAR 100. Another potential problem is that the dimension (DIM) statements may take up more space than was cleared. Again, try clearing more memory space.

Why, you may wonder, don't programmers just clear huge amounts of memory to insure against OS errors? Economy and efficiency are the answers. It pays to be economical with memory use; clearing vast amounts of memory means that the program needs more memory to run. Smaller programs run on more machines without creating OM errors.

Additionally, since the computer has to check every byte of reserved space when it manipulates strings, longer strings mean longer run times. Good programmers use the smallest amount of memory possible.

An Overflow (OV) error occurs when a mathematical calculation yields a number too large or too small for the computer to handle. Due to the way the computer handles these numbers, an overflow results in changing the answer's negative or positive sign.

Since the sign change occurs by accident, it yields an erroneous value. Rather than let this slip by, the computer sends you a message. Correcting OV errors requires changing the numbers the computer handles to smaller values.

Load 80 Trivia

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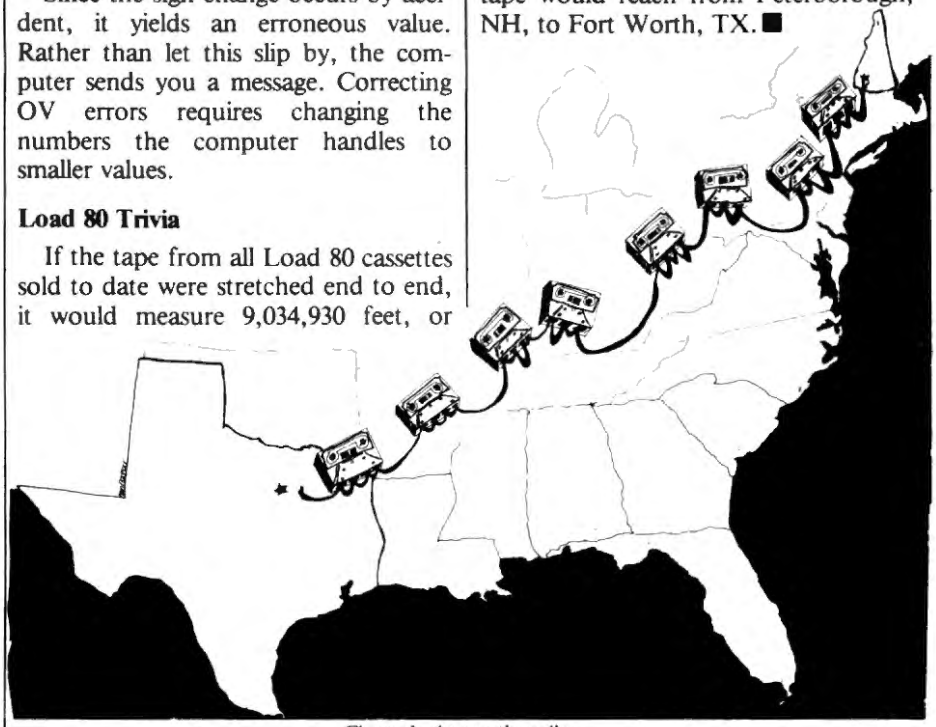

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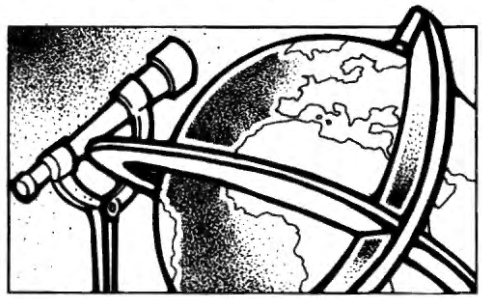

Theory of edge detection

Vision is a fascinating and complex phenomenon. Consider Fig. 1. What do you see?

Chances are you see more than some black scribbles or strokes. Chances are you see a young woman with short hair, lightly dressed, seated with her knees bent in front of her. You might even say she is scratching her back or applying suntan lotion as she basks in the sun.

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Although not renowned in the animal kingdom for vision, humans detect various wavelengths of light (colors) over a very wide range of intensity (brightness). Using vague clues you can identify objects without ambiguity regardless of spatial orientation. You can recognize a picture of a person even if it's upside down.

This is possible because visual systems, animal or artificial, rely primarily on detection of edges. Marr and Hildreth of the MIT Artificial Intelligence Laboratory have developed a theory of edge detection with wide implications both in understanding how humans and animals process visual information and in constructing machines that recognize visual information.

To better understand the concept of machine visual systems, you should first understand the human visual system. I'll briefly cover the organization and information processing of the human visual system, then go into Marr and Hildreth's theory of edge detection. At the end I have developed a simple routine to illustrate edge detection.

The Human Visual System

The human visual system comprises two types of photoreceptor cells in the eye's retina, rods and cones—named for their shapes. (See Fig. 2.) Cones mediate color vision, but require more light to operate than rods. Rods aren't good at detecting colors, but don't require much light, particularly blue-green light. Cones correspond to *acuity*, or sharpness of an image, whereas rods are used for night vision. Acuity is achieved as follows.

Each photodetector in the retina communicates with, or innervates, a receiving cell called a ganglion. This ganglion cell sends its visual information to higher processing centers. If many photodetectors innervate the same ganglion cell (a situation called convergence), that cell is more likely to receive visual information than one with fewer photodetectors innervating it.

Thus, the ganglion cell with many photodetectors innervating it receives light from a larger area than one with fewer photodetectors. This means that the former is more sensitive to light and more useful in low-light situations. The latter receives light from a smaller area and defines a smaller area of the image field, providing greater acuity. However, since it receives less light, it is useful only in situations with sufficient light.

More rods than cones typically innervate a ganglion cell. You can see this

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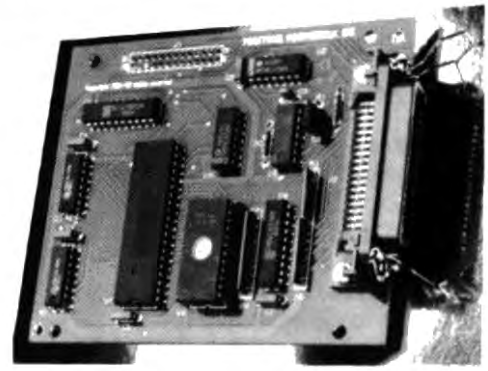

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schematically in Fig. 2.

In humans, there is a specialized area called the fovea adapted for high acuity. The fovea contains only cones; its ratio of cones to ganglion cells is about 1-to-1. This area is densely packed; 1 square inch viewed at a distance of 3 feet covers an area of about 40,000 photoreceptors.

When light stimulates a ganglion cell, it sends a bit of visual information down its axon to the optic nerve. Once there, the information goes to the preliminary vision centers, and on to the primary visual center at the base of the cerebral cortex. Ganglion cells are also inhibited. This means they are less likely to send a bit of information. An inhibited cell requires more light before it transmits information.

The Nobel Prize-winning work of Hubel and Weisel elucidated the receptive field for a typical ganglion cell (Fig. 3). The receptive field of a cell is the area of sensory cells that innervate it. Retinal ganglion cells are usually divided into two areas, on and off.

Figure 3 represents the on area with plus signs and the off area with minus signs. This particular receptive field is called a center-on, surround-off field. Light falling on the on area excites the ganglion cell, while light falling on the off area inhibits the cell. Diffuse, highly scattered light falling equally on both areas has no effect, since the two effects balance one another out. However, when differential (distinctive) light falls on the two areas, one effect prevails.

"In humans, there is a specialized area called the fovea adapted for high acuity."

Figure 4 shows the effects of light on certain areas of this center-on, surround-off cell. The dark area shows the parts of the receptive field receiving light. Beside each is a simplified plot of the frequency of firing of the ganglion cell before and during illumination.

The sensitivity of the center is greater in the middle than at the edges. The same is true of the surround. Both areas appear to act as though described by a two-dimensional Gaussian distribution. This is mathematically described as:

$$G(X,Y) = EXP(-r^2/(2\sigma^2)/(2\pi\sigma))$$

The σ is a spatial scale constant for the Gaussian curve. It differs between the two areas of the receptive field. The radius from the center is r. In X,Y coordinates, $r = SQR(x^2 + x^2)$. The two-dimension spatial coordinates of a specific pixel or image area are X and Y. G(X,Y) is the Gaussian distribution that approximates the sensitivity of the area of light. Together, the entire area acts as the difference of these two Gaussian distributions. This is known as the DoG function (Difference of two Gaussians):

$$G_1-G_2 = EXP(-r^2/(2\sigma_1^2)/(2\pi\sigma_1) - EXP(-r^2/(2\sigma_2^2)/(2\pi\sigma_2)$$

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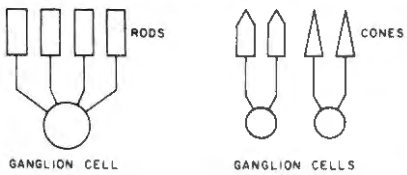

Figure 2. Rods and cones.

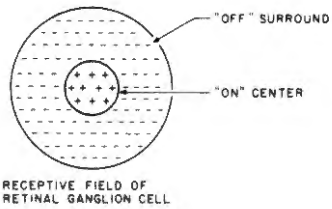

Figure 3. Receptive field of a ganglion cell.

processing. More intricate processing occurs in other areas of the cerebral cortex—the vision processing areas. These areas of the brain are called the striate and peristriate cortex because of their appearance. There are three types of visual receptor cells in the striate cortex: the simple, complex, and hypercomplex cells.

The simple cells in the striate cortex receive information from many retinal ganglion cells. This enables their connections to have more complicated receptive fields than the retinal ganglion cells. They also have discrete excitatory and inhibitory areas. Figure 5 shows examples of such receptive fields for simple cells in the striate cortex.

The receptive fields are divided into on and off areas as well, but the shapes are different. Typically, the receptive field is rectangular with one axis longer than the other. The rectangular area is oriented in a specific direction. If the receptive field is similar to that of Fig. 5, then it is most excited by a narrow line of light at a 45 degree angle. If the line of light is rotated slightly, the simple cell is still excited, but not as strongly. If the rotation is greater, then the cell isn't excited by the line of light. A rotation of 10 or 20 degrees can abolish the response.

This is an important point. The simple cells of the striate cortex are orientation-sensitive. Figure 6 shows how this is accomplished by wiring together a few retinal ganglion cells with on-centers and off-surrounds.

As their name implies, complex cells have more complex receptive fields. Unlike simple cells that are sensitive to lines of light, complex cells are sensitive to specific shapes (such as an L shape). A shape moving across their visual field with a certain orientation and direction of movement can also excite them. Complex cells innervate hypercomplex cells, which have more complicated receptive fields.

At the level of the simple cell, however, we view images as collections of edges.

This is a brief introduction to visual physiology and a number of simplifications have been made.

The Theory of Edge Detection

You might have noticed that the simple cells of the striate cortex are really detecting edges at various rotational orientations. It is then important to understand what an edge is.

An edge is an area at which the intensity of light changes significantly. This is shown in Fig. 7. Figure 8 shows what an edge looks like mathematically. In Fig. 8a, the ordinate axis is the intensity of light, a constant until the edge, where the intensity level changes abruptly. This is the graphic representation of an edge.

Figure 8b illustrates an edge in terms of the first derivative of the intensity function. (Remember, a derivative is the rate of change of a function.) The rate of change in intensity is small until the edge. Here, the rate of change is large. Continue away from the edge and the rate of change diminishes again, since the intensity function is a constant (though at a new level of intensity).

Figure 8c shows an edge in terms of the second derivative—the rate of change of the rate of change of the intensity of light. At the peak of the first derivative (the edge), the first derivative is at a maximum value and is, therefore, not changing. The second derivative at the edge must therefore be zero. That is, the edge occurs at the zero-crossing of the second derivative of the intensity function.

Our theory states that edge detection takes place in three stages. First, the image is smoothed, then differentiated, and then the derivatives are scanned for peaks (if the first derivative is used) or zero-crossings (if the second derivative is used).

In the visual system, the DoG function is the smoothing filter. We need a

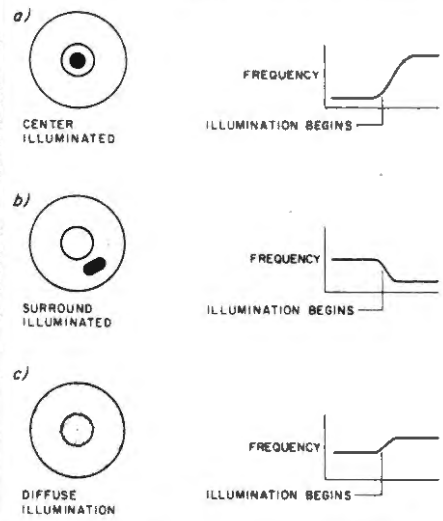

Figure 4. Effects of illumination on ganglion cell.

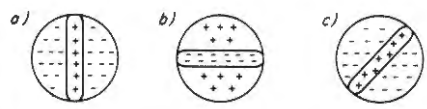

Figure 5. Receptive fields of simple cells.

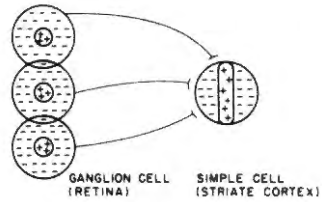

Figure 6. Wiring a receptor field.

derivatizer that operates in two dimensions. The Laplacian operator

$$\nabla^2 \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta x^2} + \frac{\delta}{\delta y^2} \right)$$

is such an operator. $\nabla^2 G$ is the spatial derivative of the smoothing function G. When the DoG function's spatial scaling parameters σ_1 and σ_2 are close in value, the DoG function is similar to the $\nabla^2 G$ function. The DoG function is normally used to describe what occurs in the retina, while the $\nabla^2 G$ is the ideal smoothing function.

A smoothed image is created by convolving the image I(X,Y) with the smoothing filter G. This is written $G * I$; the $*$ is the convolving operator in conventional mathematical notation. We then differentiate the smoothed image by applying the Laplacian operator

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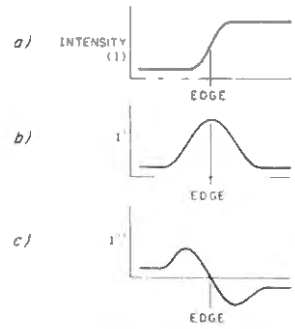

Figure 8. Edges—intensity changes.

to this smoothed image. The result is:

$$\nabla^2(G * I)$$

This smoothed and differentiated image is scanned for zeros, which indicate edges. The Marr-Hildreth theory of edge detection states that $\nabla^2(G * I)$ is what takes place in the retinal ganglion cells. The DoG function approximates the Laplacian of the image convolved with a two-dimensional Gaussian filter. This is the center-surround receptive field we noted previously. So, biology has a simple way of performing a computationally intensive task.

In this theory, the simple cells of the striate cortex scan for zeros (edges). The complex and hypercomplex cells in the striate and peristriate cortex use the edges to put together higher-order pieces of the image.

The G operator smooths the image according to the spatial scaling constants in the DoG function. Different constants detect different types of edges. One of the problems in detecting edges is that they don't all appear with the same smoothing filter. Some edges may be sharp and well delineated. Others may be more gradual. Varying the scaling constants allows us to detect edges over a wide range of scales. Creating several maps of the image, each at a different scale, produces a raw sketch of the image. The purpose of smoothing the image is to limit the range of scales over which edges occur. In this way, they are easily detected.

Convolution

I will deal briefly with convolution. In continuous mathematics, convolution is mathematically represented by the double-convolution integral:

$$S_{ij} = f * I = \int_v \int_u f(u,v)I(i-u,j-v)dudv$$

which has a discrete formulation:

$$S_{ij} = \sum_u \sum_v f(u,v)I(i-u,j-v)/n$$

The image I(X,Y) consists of pixels uniquely defined by the spatial coordinates (X,Y). It is a spatial map of pixels, each representing an intensity of light. S is the smoothed image. The smoothed image is thought of as a two-dimensional weighted average of the local area. Here the smoothing function f is the Laplacian of the Gaussian operator. This filter weighs the points near the center of the (I,J) pixel more than points further away. As you move away from the I,J position, the pixels contribute less and less to the smoothing of the I,J pixel, until the effect is essentially zero.

The convolution operator smooths and differentiates the image simultaneously, saving considerable computation. You can define r to be the radius

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20  FOR I = 1 TO 20
30      FOR J = 1 TO 20
40          S(I,J) = 0
50          FOR U = 1 TO 20
60              FOR V = 1 TO 20
70                  IF U > I OR J > V THEN GOTO 90
80                  S(I,J) = S(I,J) + I(I - U,J - V) * FN LP(U,V,S)
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Figure 9. Image-smoothing subroutine.

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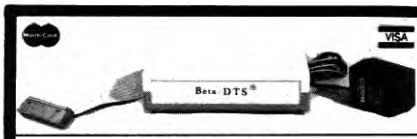

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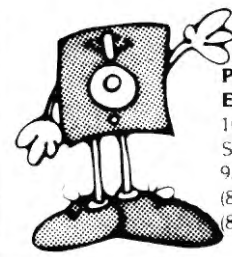

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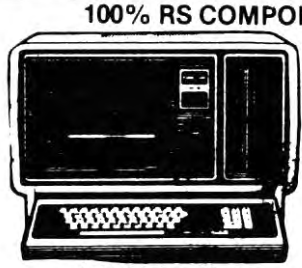

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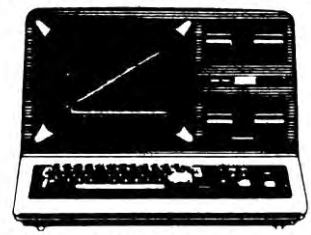

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from the (I,J) pixel you are currently smoothing. In terms of the (X,Y) spatial coordinate system, r = SQR ($X^2 + Y^2$). The Laplacian of the Gaussian operator is:

$$\nabla^2 G = -(1-r^2/2\sigma^2)\,EXP(-r^2/(2\sigma^2))/\pi\sigma^4$$

We can easily define a function in Basic that performs this function (after removing the scaling factors):

```
DEF FN LG(X,Y,S)=(2-(X↑2+Y↑2)/S↑2)
*EXP(-(X↑2+Y↑2)/2/S↑2)
```

For example, the routine in Fig. 9 takes a 20- by 20-pixel image in the array I(X,Y) and smooths it by convolving it with the Laplacian of the Gaussian operator.

Conclusion

I have (superficially) explored a computational model of vision. The method

"This theory of edge detection aids the understanding of human and animal vision..."

is computationally expensive for microcomputers, but more efficient than if convolution were not used. You can build special hardware to perform the smoothing function via convolution, differentiation, and scanning for zeros. With this hardware, it's possible to sample an image at high resolution, convolve it with the appropriate operator, and do so quickly.

This theory of edge detection aids the understanding of human and animal vision, as well as the construction of computer-based, robotic vision systems in the future. For those interested in pursuing the matter further, I recommened Dr. Marr's book, *Vision: A Computational Investigation into the Human Representation and Processing of Visual Information*.

Further suggested references are E. Hildreth's "Edge Detection in Man and Machine" (*Robotics Age*, Sept./Oct. 1981, p. 8), D. Hubel and I. Weisel's "Brain Mechanisms of Vision" (*Scientific American*, September 1979, p. 150), and D. Marr and E. Hildreth's "Theory of Edge Detection" (Proceedings from the Royal Society of London, Series B, Volume 207, 1980, p. 187). ■

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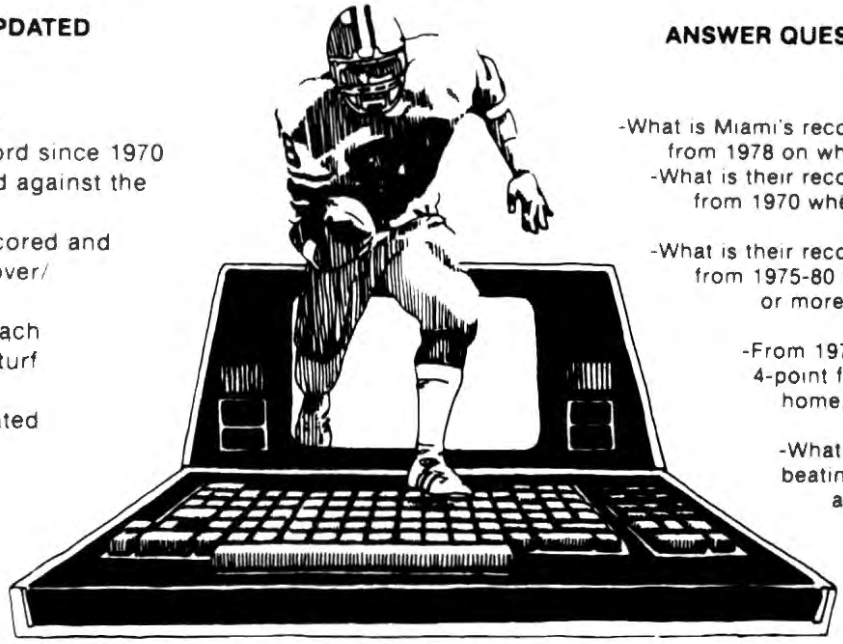

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School Stuff

by Richard Ramella

This month I've decorated the Fun House as a little red schoolhouse to get you kids in the spirit of trying a few programs that will amaze your teachers and parents.

I'm not talking about education. I'm talking about school stuff. School stuff is when the teacher asks you to learn the capital of Rhode Island, even if you don't live there. It's when you have to know what nine times nine is and be quick about it.

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States-Capitals helps you learn to match and spell the 50 U.S. states and their capitals. O Canada teaches you about that country's provinces and territories. And Recess for Numbers is a break from all this brain stuff—a number magic trick.

If this sounds like school, it isn't. Remember, we're in the Fun House, not the Work House.

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100 REM * ESPANOL * TRS-80 LEVEL II AND COLOR BASIC
110 REM * FUN HOUSE/ OCT. 83/ SCHOOL STUFF /R.RAMELLA
120 CLS
130 DATA ROJO,RED,EL SOL,SUN,LA LUNA,MOON,EL GATO,CAT
140 DATA EL PERRO,DOG,QUANDO,WHEN,AQUI,HERE,GORDO,FAT,NO,NO,SI,YES
150 CLEAR 1000
160 DIM A$(20)
170 FOR A=1 TO 20
180 READ A$(A)
190 NEXT
200 A=RND(20)
210 IF A/2=INT(A/2) THEN B$=A$(A-1) ELSE B$=A$(A+1)
220 PRINT A$(A)
230 PRINT
240 INPUT C$
250 PRINT
260 IF C$=B$ THEN PRINT "RIGHT" ELSE PRINT "NO... "B$
270 PRINT
280 INPUT "TAP ENTER TO CONTINUE";X
290 CLS
300 GOTO 200
310 END
```

Español

Español

This program is simple but elegant. Lines 130 and 140 contain 20 words, 10 in Spanish and 10 in English. Each Spanish word is followed by the same word in English. In line 130, the Spanish *rojo* is followed by the English *red*.

When the program runs, it randomly displays a word. If it's an English word, type in the

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Multiply

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100 REM*MULTIPLY*TRS-80 LEVEL II AND COLOR BASIC 4K/R.RAMELLA
110 REM*FUN HOUSE/OCTOBER 83/SCHOOL STUFF
120 CLS
130 CLEAR 1000
140 DIM A$(81)
150 C=1
160 D=81
170 FOR A=1 TO 9
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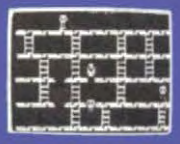

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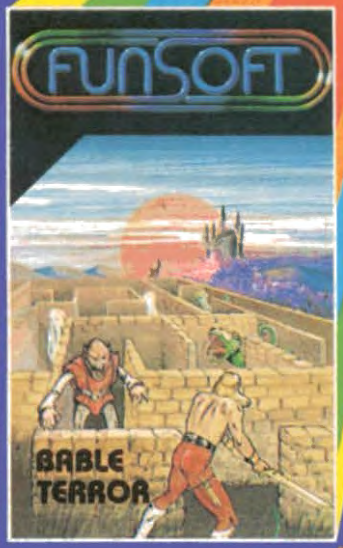

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3. Documentation should consist of an explanation of the program, its purpose, how to use it, and the necessary software and hardware needed to use it (including memory requirements). Good documentation also points out the interesting algorithms and program techniques used without giving a line-by-line account.
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Spanish word with the same meaning. If it's a Spanish word, type in the English word. The program continues doing this as long as you wish.

No one will stop you from changing the words in data lines 130 and 140. Italian, German, French...they all work. You could also put in opposites such as far and near, and big and small, or present and past tenses such as swim and swam, and hope and hoped.

You might want a list longer than 20 words. Use any line number from 130 to 149 for data lines. Make sure the list contains sets of two words. When your list is complete, count the words. If you don't have an even number, find out why.

Let's say you have 200 words in the list. Now make three line changes:

160 DIM A$(200)
170 FOR A = 1 TO 200
200 A = RND(200)

You had to change the 20 to a 200 because you have 200 words in your data list. If you put hundreds of words in your list, you might run out of memory or string space.

Depending on how much memory your computer has, you can try increasing the number in line 150. Line 150, as I have left it, clears 1,000 bytes for strings.

You can save different versions of this program to tape and it becomes a real workhorse.

Multiply

All right, I see all you kids trying to sneak out! Come on back here! The program Multi-

Listing continued

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180 FOR B=1 TO 9
190 A$(C)=STR$(A)+STR$(B)
200 C=C+1
210 NEXT B
220 NEXT A
230 CLS
240 E=RND(D)
250 IF D=0 THEN 500
260 IF A$(E)="" THEN 240
270 F=VAL(LEFT$(A$(E),2))
280 G=VAL(RIGHT$(A$(E),1))
290 CLS
300 PRINT F"X"G
310 INPUT H$
320 IF H$="QUIT" THEN 510
330 H=VAL(H$)
340 IF H=F*G THEN 400
350 PRINT "NO..."
360 PRINT F"X"G"="F*G
370 FOR T=1 TO 750
380 NEXT T
390 GOTO 230
400 PRINT
410 PRINT "R-I-G-H-T ! ! !"
420 IF E=D THEN A$(E)="":D=D-1: GOTO 240
430 FOR E=E TO D-1
440 A$(E)=A$(E+1)
450 NEXT
460 A$(E)=""
470 D=D-1
480 GOTO 230
490 END
500 PRINT "YOU ARE A CHAMPION MULTIPLIER."
510 FOR A=1 TO 81
520 IF A$(A)<>"" THEN PRINT LEFT$(A$(A),2)"X"RIGHT$(A$(A),1)" -";
530 NEXT
540 END
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100 REM*STATES-CAPITALS*TRS-80 LEVEL II AND COLOR BASIC
110 REM*FUN HOUSE/ OCT. 83/SCHOOL STUFF/R.RAMELLA
120 DATA ALABAMA,MONTGOMERY,ALASKA,JUNEAU,ARIZONA,PHOENIX
130 DATA ARKANSAS,LITTLE ROCK,CALIFORNIA,SACRAMENTO,COLORADO
140 DATA DENVER,CONNECTICUT,HARTFORD,DELAWARE,DOVER,FLORIDA
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290 DATA WASHINGTON,OLYMPIA,WEST VIRGINIA,CHARLESTON,WISCONSIN
300 DATA MADISON,WYOMING,CHEYENNE
310 CLS
320 CLEAR 200
330 DIM A$(100)
340 INPUT "WANT STATES(1) OR CAPITALS(2)";M
350 IF M<>1 AND M<>2 THEN CLS: PRINT "ENTER NUMBER 1 OR 2": GOTO
 340
360 V=50
370 FOR A=1 TO 100
380 READ A$(A)
390 NEXT
400 CLS
410 A=RND(100)
420 IF V=0 GOTO 560
430 IF A$(A)="" THEN 410
440 IF M=1 AND A/2=INT(A/2) THEN 410
450 IF M=2 AND A/2<>INT(A/2) THEN 410
460 IF M=1 THEN B$=A$(A+1) ELSE B$=A$(A-1)
470 PRINT A$(A)
480 PRINT
490 INPUT C$
500 PRINT
510 IF C$=B$ THEN A$(A)="":PRINT "RIGHT";:V=V-1:R=R+1:PRINT R:EL
SE PRINT "NO..."B$
520 PRINT
530 INPUT "TAP ENTER TO CONTINUE";X
540 CLS
550 GOTO 410
560 CLS
570 PRINT "YOU GOT THEM ALL."
580 PRINT "WELL DONE..."
590 END
```

States-Capitals

FUN HOUSE

ply is fun. This is the easy way to learn the multiplication tables. The program randomly presents 81 different multiplication problems—from one times one to nine times nine. You type in the answer and tap the enter key.

If you're right, you'll never see that same problem again during one play of the game. Remember that four times five and five times four are different problems although they have the same answer. If your answer is wrong, the program tells you the right answer. What could be fairer than that?

When you have all 81 answers right, the program names you a champion multiplier. At any time you want to stop the game, type the word Quit instead of an answer. The program lists all the combinations you haven't answered. This provides a handy study list.

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100 REM*O CANADA*TRS-80 LEVEL II AND COLOR BASIC 4K/R.RAMELLA
110 REM*FUN HOUSE/ OCTOBER 83/ SCHOOL STUFF
120 CLS
130 DATA 1,QUEBEC,QUEBEC,WHITE GARDEN LILY,1867
140 DATA 2,ONTARIO,TORONTO,WHITE TRILLIUM,1867
150 DATA 3,BRITISH COLUMBIA,VICTORIA,FLOWERING DOGWOOD,1871
160 DATA 4,ALBERTA,EDMONTON,WILD ROSE,1905
170 DATA 5,SASKATCHEWAN,REGINA,PRAIRIE LILY,1905
180 DATA 6,MANITOBA,WINNIPEG,PASQUEFLOWER,1870
190 DATA 7,NEWFOUNDLAND,ST. JOHN'S,PITCHER PLANT,1949
200 DATA 8,NEW BRUNSWICK,FREDERICTON,VIOLET,1867
210 DATA 9,NOVA SCOTIA,HALIFAX,TRAILING ARBUTUS,1867
220 DATA 10,PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,CHARLOTTETOWN,LADY'S-SLIPPER,18
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230 DATA 0,NORTHWEST TERRITORIES,YELLOWKNIFE,MOUNTAIN AVENS,0
240 DATA 0,YUKON TERRITORY,WHITEHORSE,FIREWEED,0
250 CLEAR 200
260 DIM A$(60)
270 FOR A=1 TO 60
280 READ A$(A)
290 NEXT
300 CLS
310 A=RND(5)
320 B=RND(12)*5-4
330 ON A GOSUB 350,410,470,530,610
340 GOTO 300
350 PRINT "WHAT IS THE CAPITAL"
360 PRINT "OF "A$(B+1)"?"
370 INPUT B$
380 IF B$=A$(B+2) THEN PRINT "RIGHT" ELSE PRINT "IT'S "A$(B+2)
390 GOSUB 670
400 RETURN
410 PRINT "OF WHAT PROVINCE OR TERRITORY"
420 PRINT "IS "A$(B+2)" CAPITAL?"
430 INPUT B$
440 IF B$=A$(B+1) THEN PRINT "RIGHT"ELSE PRINT "IT'S ";A$(B+1)
450 GOSUB 670
460 RETURN
470 PRINT "WHAT IS THE FLORAL EMBLEM"
480 PRINT "OF "A$(B+1)"?"
490 INPUT B$
500 IF B$<>A$(B+3)THEN PRINT "IT'S "A$(B+3) ELSE PRINT "RIGHT"
510 GOSUB 670
520 RETURN
530 IF B>50 THEN RETURN
540 PRINT "IN WHAT YEAR DID"
550 PRINT A$(B+1)"
560 PRINT "BECOME A PROVINCE?"
570 INPUT B$
580 IF B$<>A$(B+4) THEN PRINT "IT WAS "A$(B+4) ELSE PRINT "CORRE
CT!"
590 GOSUB 670
600 RETURN
610 IF B>50 THEN RETURN
620 PRINT "AMONG THE PROVINCES,"
630 PRINT "WHAT IS RANK IN AREA"
640 PRINT "OF "A$(B+1)"?"
650 INPUT B$
660 IF B$<>A$(B) THEN PRINT "IT IS NO. ";A$(B);" IN SIZE" ELSE P
RINT "RIGHT"
670 FOR T=1 TO 750
680 NEXT T
690 RETURN
700 END
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States-Capitals

Along about the fifth grade you'll have a teacher who insists that everyone in the class learns to spell and match the 50 U.S. states and their capitals.

In this program, you choose states or capitals and then match the missing part. If you choose capitals, the program might present Charleston. It waits for the answer, West Virginia.

If you're wrong, it gives the answer and continues randomly. If you're right, that problem won't come back to haunt you during that program run. Remember that you have to spell the answers correctly.

Every time the computer tells you Right, it also displays a number telling you how many right answers you have so far. That way you know how you're progressing toward spelling all 50 capitals.

Near the end of a run, this program might pause for a while as it searches for the few remaining questions you haven't answered. Be patient.

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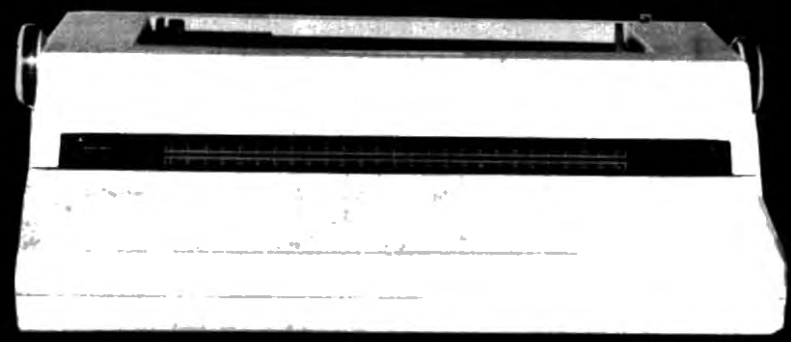

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130 DATA 8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31
140 DATA 4,5,6,7,12,13,14,15,20,21,22,23,28,29,30,31
150 DATA 2,3,6,7,10,11,14,15,18,19,22,23,26,27,30,31
160 DATA 1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19,21,23,25,27,29,31
170 CLS
180 PRINT "  THINK OF A WHOLE NUMBER FROM"
190 PRINT "  0 TO 31. DON'T TELL IT TO ME."
200 PRINT
210 INPUT "TAP ENTER TO CONTINUE";X
220 CLS
230 C=0
240 FOR A=1 TO 10
250 V$=V$+CHR$(32)
260 NEXT A
270 DIM B(80)
280 FOR A=1 TO 80
290 READ B(A)
300 NEXT A
310 FOR D=1 TO 5
320 X=C+RND(16)
330 IF B(X)=0 THEN 320
340 PRINTB(X);
350 B(X)=0
360 V=V+1
370 IF V<16 THEN 320
380 PRINT
390 PRINT "IS YOUR NUMBER IN THIS GROUP?"
400 PRINT
410 INPUT "YES OR NO";A$
420 IF A$<>"YES"AND A$<>"NO" THEN PRINT @ 160,V$;:PRINT @ 160,"";:GOTO 410
430 IF A$="NO" THEN 470
440 IF D=1 THEN F=F+16 ELSE IF D=2 THEN F=F+8
450 IF D=3 THEN F=F+4 ELSE IF D=4 THEN F=F+2
460 IF D=5 THEN F=F+1
470 C=C+16
480 V=0
490 CLS
500 NEXT D
510 CLS
520 PRINT "YOUR NUMBER SEEMS TO BE";F
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The GAMER'S CAFE

by Rodney Gambicus

The Cafe settles down

Yucko," said Mercedes. "Don't they have anything in this state besides condos and K-Marts?"

We were cruising down McGregor Blvd. in Ft. Meyers, FL, en route to our time-sharing bungalow by the sea. Mad Max had the radio cranked up to about 100 decibels and was lip-synching to Peggy Lee's "Fever." Mercedes had been griping about one thing or another ever since the Epcot Center. It was about 150 degrees, and I thought wistfully of blizzards in Utah.

"I'm hungry," Mercedes whined. "I'm bored. I'm carsick. I—I—" She glanced at a piece of paper in her hand. "Lessee...oh, yes—I have to go to the bathroom."

"Why don't you go write a new operating system or something?" I said.

"I'm tired of operating systems," she complained. "They're never finished. I'm already up to SilverDOS 1.3.1.1.1."

"Hey, how about a language?" said Max. "You haven't written a new language in weeks."

"Yeah," I chipped in. "You could call it Condo."

"Hmmm," Mercedes said. She wrinkled her brow for a moment, and then disappeared into the back of the van.

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We stopped at a phone booth where Max hooked up the Model 100 and collected our CompuServe e-mail from NHHQ.

"More high scores," he grumbled. "How come nobody ever sends us money?"

"You can't send money through e-mail," I pointed out. "Besides, high scores is our business."

Max had been turning sour ever since the scores on the Big Board started looking like the populations of Far Eastern countries.

"Aw, for heaven's sake," he said. "Do we have to take this 750,000 on Eliminator? And after you published Greg Hanssen's 99-ship patch."

The score did seem a little outrageous, and after several minutes' discussion we added Eliminator to our Games Non Grata list.

"A couple of new ones from West Germany," Max continued. "Martin Freiss of Aachen aces Apple Panic and Weerd, and Stefan Kunze of Moers checks in on Astroball. But Uwe Zimmermann of Bochum falls short in Flying Saucers.

"Hmmm...here's one for Olympic Decathlon from Adrie van Geffen of Rotterdam. William Hughes of Brussels, Belgium, misses in Penetrator. Sorry, Bill."

Max dutifully logged the new scores, and went on.

"What do you make of this?" he said. "These two guys from Long Valley, NJ, Brent Lewis and Mike Danke, say Strike Force is a pushover. Quote: 'The game is very easy to beat. After you have destroyed the enemy base about eight times, the game reverts back to the easiest level of play, and stays there indefinitely. We just took turns playing until we reached 1 million.' "

We then got into a long argument on endurance records. I thought that we should set up a special board for games like Galaxy Invasion that can be played for hours, or even days. We would record the time played as well as the score. Max argued that such activity entirely violated the spirit of gaming, and called me a fascist for suggesting otherwise. I gave in when he threatened to smash the windshield with his head.

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We finally reached our destination at Ft. Meyers Beach. The bungalow we had been promised by the time-sharing salesman (and which, you may recall from last month, was billed to our old buddy Winthrop) turned out to be a condo overlooking the ocean.

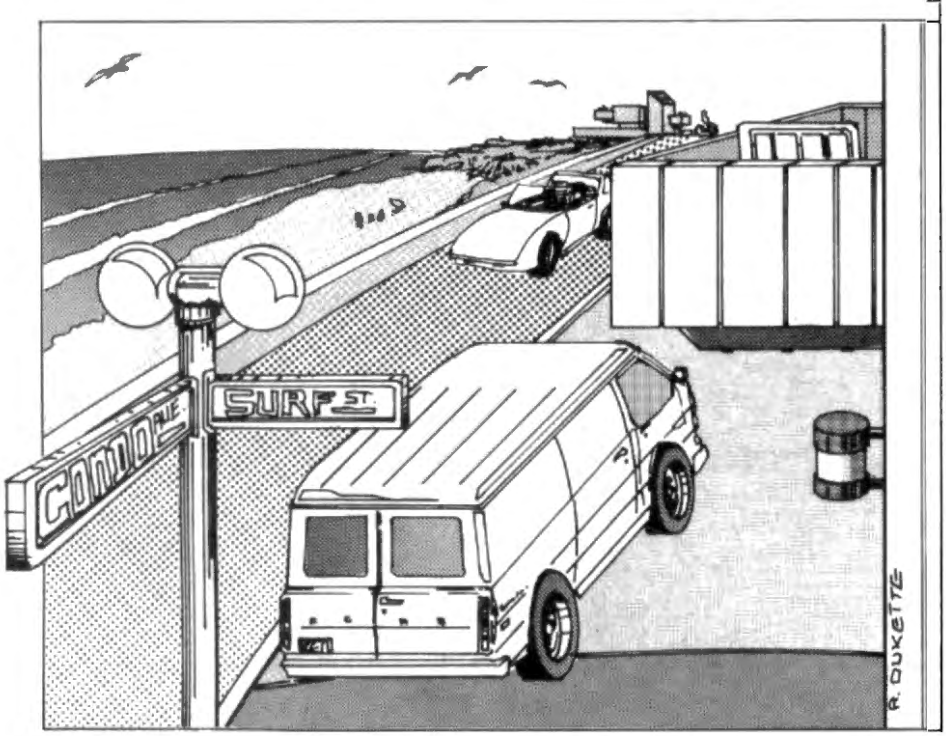
"Wow," Max whooped as he leaped from the van. "Look at all that sand! And sky! And surf! And sun!"

"Yeah, and all of those disgusting seagulls," Mercedes added sulkily.

We found our apartment, which, much to our delight, turned out to face the beach. This was too good to be true, I thought. Had Max finally done something right?

I slipped the key in the lock, and gently swung open the door. We gasped. Our summer retreat, our precious moments of solitude before we once again hit the open road, dissolved like sugar in water.

The apartment had been destroyed. The chairs and couches were stacked in the corners, and the pillows scattered about the room. Newspapers, TV din-



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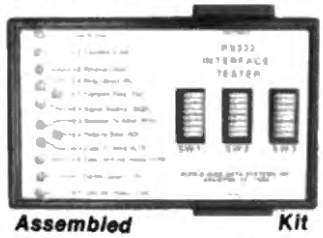

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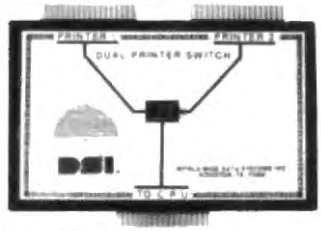

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ner trays, and beer cans littered the floor. The furniture was covered with candy wrappers, coffee cups, and old *TV Guides*.

"You didn't tell us we had to share the place with a team of sumo wrestlers," Mercedes muttered at Max.

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Max called the real estate office. The woman was effusively apologetic, and promised to send a cleaning crew.

"Make sure they bring their sand-blasters," Max warned.

We retreated onto the balcony, where Max continued with our e-mail. Richard Clope of Waukegan, IL, annihilated Kyle Hoyt's 265,800 in Dig Out with 3,276,500, and then proceeded to explain his secrets.

"I discovered that if I found a safe location just off the vertical tunnel or cave," he wrote, "almost all of the creatures would eventually end up at the top of the screen scurrying along the main horizontal tunnel. When they foolishly ventured into the vertical tunnel, I was there waiting."

"Sounds like something to contact the author about," I said.

Max immediately called John Crane, who was incredulous. "I've got very little over 100,000," he told us. "I'm really shocked that somebody could score that. I'm not saying that he couldn't get that score; I'm saying I'd like to be there next time someone gets it."

"You gotta have faith in human nature."

And Dig Out isn't the only game people are questioning. The next letter was from Dave Westfall of N. Olmstead, OH, who claimed that the last few months' scores on Missile Attack were all impossible.

"'You don't get points for attacking missiles, only for spare missiles in your silos and remaining cities,'" Max read. "'You can only clear 12 waves, and then the game is over.' And he's got a chart here saying the highest score you can get is 18,900."

Max got on the phone to the Cornsoft Group, which produced the program, but the author was out of town. "Innocent until proven guilty," Max proclaimed. "You gotta have faith in human nature."

"This from the man who took Eliminator off the board," Mercedes remarked. "Why do people always raise questions about games we don't have in the van?"

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As Max read, I began to feel the hair on my neck prickle.

"Don't look now," Mercedes whispered. "But there's a guy standing behind us."

I spun around. Sure enough, a man was in the middle of the room, staring grimly at us. He was short, a bit stocky, and balding. He wore a Hawaiian shirt, Bermuda shorts, and rubber flip-flops. Most disturbing of all, he had a gun in

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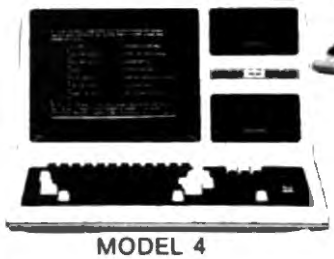

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his hand.

"Missiles, eh?" he growled. "I knew it! I knew you guys'd try to start without me!"

"Start what?" Max asked nervously.

"You know what," he said. "The invasion! The march to Cuba!"

"What's he talking about?" Max murmured.

"Uh—the Bay of Pigs, I believe," I said.

"Gee, mister, that all ended a million years ago," Mercedes said.

"It did?" He lowered his gun.

"Golly, yes. That was even before Woodstock."

He sighed and sat on the edge of the coffee table.

"Oh, dear," he said. "I must be having another flashback. Could you tell me what year it is?"

"1983," I said.

"Oh, dear," he said again. "It's never been this bad before. That means I've been living here for five years."

"If you call this living," said Max.

"Are you a CIA agent?" Mercedes asked.

"Mercedes!" I scolded. "Don't be rude to strangers."

"That's OK," the man said. "It doesn't matter any more. No, I'm not. But I was once. A pretty good one, too, I don't mind admitting. I retired back in '70, and moved to Sanibel Island to write spy novels. Everybody around here is an ex-CIA agent, you know. But every once in a while I get these—spells."

"Well," said Mercedes. "I'm Mercedes Silver, and this is Mad Max, and Rodney Gambicus. We're the Gamer's Cafe. What's your name?"

The man cleared his throat; he seemed embarrassed. "I know this is going to sound silly, but I used my code name for so long that I don't remember my real one any more. You can just call me P.F."

"What's P.F. stand for?" I asked.

He cleared his throat again. "Umm...Pink Flamingo."

We saw then and there that here was a man to be reckoned with. So we camped out on the balcony while the cleaners took care of the apartment, and drank pina coladas (Mercedes had a Shirley Temple) and watched the sun set over the Gulf.

There must be other ways to make a living, I thought. Thank goodness I don't know any of them. ■

Rapid Apshai

by Charles C. Edwards

From time to time, 80 Micro *receives articles that are (a) kind of short and (b) about games. We're happy to share Cafe space with the first such article, Charles Edwards' patch for Epyx Inc.'s Temple of Apshai. According to Charles, his disk conversion doubles Apshai's graphics speed and cuts the time to load a dungeon level by 96 percent. ("Swell," said Max. "Get killed faster.")—R.G.*

Temple of Apshai is an engrossing and stimulating game, but has one major disadvantage: It is s-l-o-w. Besides having to display a tremendous amount of material on the screen (Basic graphics are not known for their lightning speed), the game takes an inordinate amount of time to load a level of the dungeon from disk—about one and a half minutes for Level 1.

If you have the tape version of Apshai, some sort of renumbering utility (I used TRSDOS 2.3's BASICR, but any renumbering utility tucked away in high memory will do), and a 48K Model I/III, you can load a dungeon level in four seconds and halve the time required to draw a room.

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10013 FORI=0TO8:LSETA$=PM$(I):PUT1:NEXT:CLOSE1
10014 PRINT"LEVEL";STR$(PEEK(KA));" SAVED":STOP
10020 POKEKB+10,SM:RUN12000
11010 PRINT"THOU ART EATEN":POKEKB-12,0:RUN12000
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12030 C%=15360:KA=-2288:Q=60:KB=KA+2251
12550 INPUT"ENTER DUNGEON LEVEL";L$:LV=VAL(L$)
12580 AN$="LEVEL"+L$+"/DAT":OPEN"R",1,AN$:FIELD1,249ASA$
12590 GET1:LQ=ASC(LEFT$(A$,1)):PRINT"LEVEL:"LQ
12610 I=1:IFLV=LQTHENGOSUB12710
12650 GET1:IFLV=LQTHENGOSUB12710
12690 POKEKB-12,123:PRINT"LEVEL COMPLETE":RUN5
12710 LSETPM$(I-1)=A$:RETURN
12720 REM *** THIS LINE HAS BEEN DELETED ***
12730 REM *** THIS LINE HAS BEEN DELETED ***
15000 DIMPM$(8),X1,AD,X1,X2,I:FORI=0TO8:AD=VARPTR(PM$(I)):X1=63248
+I*249:X2=FIX(X1/256):X1=X1-X2*256:POKEAD,249:POKEAD+1,X1:POKEAD+2
,X2:NEXT:RETURN
```

Program Listing 1. Main Modifications.

modify them to point after Dunjonmaster, so that you can load Innkeeper right behind it, type in the following:

```
IF PEEK(16633)>=2 THEN
  POKE16548,PEEK(16633)-2:
  POKE16549,PEEK(16634)
ELSE
  POKE16548,PEEK(16633)+254:
  POKE16549,PEEK(16634)-1
```

At this point, if you try to list the program, you won't see anything in memory. Don't panic; Dunjonmaster is still there, hidden below the Basic start-of-program pointer.

Now CLOAD Innkeeper. Its line numbers overlap Dunjonmaster's, so renumber Innkeeper in increments of 10 starting with line number 12000. (In BASICR the syntax to do this is NAME 12000,,10.)

The programs should now have compatible line numbers, so POKE 16548 and 16459 back to their original values. Both programs are now merged in memory. Before making more changes, save this copy to disk so you'll have a backup.

Next, make the changes shown in Program Listing 1. These changes fall into three categories. Lines 1–16 modify the program for 48K and reset memory to its proper value for Apshai, letting you skip the "MEMORY SIZE?" prompt.

Lines 18–155 change the graphics processing, using machine-language subroutines instead of SET and RESET graphics to draw and erase Apshai's horizontal and vertical lines. Listing 2 shows the source code of this routine.

```
00110 LINE  CALL  0A7FH     ;GET X AND Y START
00120       LD    B,1       ;GET LENGTH OF LINE
                            ;(CHANGED FROM BASIC)
00130 LOOP  PUSH  BC        ;SAVE LENGTH
00140       PUSH  HL        ;SAVE COORDINATES
00150       LD    B,H       ;PUT COORDINATES
00160       LD    C,L       ;     INTO BC
00170       CALL  000BH     ;FIND OUT WHERE WE ARE
00180       LD    DE,RET-$  ;GET OFFSET
00190       ADD   HL,DE     ;COMPUTE RETURN ADDRESS
00200       PUSH  HL        ;PUT IT ON STACK
00210       LD    D,80H     ;80 = SET 01 = RESET
                            ;(CHANGED FROM BASIC)
00220       PUSH  DE        ;SAVE SET OR RESET
00230       PUSH  BC        ;SAVE X COORDINATE
00240       LD    A,C       ;GET Y INTO A
00241       DEC   HL        ;BACK UP POINTER
00242       DEC   HL
00250       JP    0150H     ;GO SET THE POINT
00253       DEFM  '):'      ;TERMINATOR FOR ROM
00260 RET   POP   HL        ;RESTORE COORDINATES
00270       POP   BC        ;RESTORE LENGTH
00280       INC   H         ;H=X L=Y (CHANGED FROM BASIC)
00290       DJNZ  LOOP      ;CONTINUE
00300       RET             ;BACK TO BASIC
00310       END   LINE
```

Program Listing 2. Graphics Speedup.

```
10 CLEAR30000:DEFINTA-Z
20 FORI=1TO4:AN$="LEVEL"+RIGHT$(STR$(I),1)+"/DAT":PRINT"LOADING ";
AN$:FORJ=0TO8:INPUT#-1,S$(J):NEXT
30 OPEN"R",1,AN$:FIELD1,249ASAS:PRINT"DUMPING ";AN$
40 FORJ=0TO8:S$="":FORK=1TO249:S$=S$+CHR$(ASC(MID$(S$(J),K,1))-59)
:NEXT:LSETA$=S$:PUT1:NEXT:CLOSE1
50 NEXT
```

Program Listing 3. Tape/Disk Transfer.

Finally, lines 10011–15000 speed up the loading and dumping of the dungeon. This is accomplished by "pointing" nine strings at the high memory where the dungeon is stored and LSETing these strings directly from the file buffer, a technique described in Lewis Rosenfelder's *Basic Faster and Better & Other Mysteries* (Upland, CA: IJG Inc., 1981; Radio Shack #62-1002).

After saving this final version to disk, run the program shown in Listing 3 to transfer the four dungeon levels from tape to disk. You must use this program and not the one provided by Epyx, since the accelerated Apshai uses a different disk format. ■

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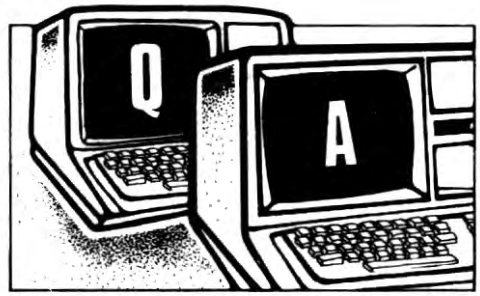

Send any questions or problems dealing with any area of TRS-80 microcomputing to Feedback Loop, 80 Micro, *80 Pine St., Peterborough, NH 03458.*

I am interested in writing documentation for microcomputer systems. I recall seeing a program that provides a documentation boilerplate. That is, the author fills in a documentation model with a built-in word processor. Do you know where I can find the program?

P.M.
Portsmouth, VA

Offhand I don't know where to find the software you describe. If you're seriously interested in writing software documentation, forget about fill-in-the-blank and change-only-what-you-need outlines. You must tailor documentation to the software that it's describing. I've written several documentation books, and there isn't anything that makes it quicker or easier than having a firm grasp of the English language.

When you write a piece of documentation, hire someone who has a strong English background, and have him proofread your work. If he can read your documentation and understand the program when he's finished, then you've written good documentation. If he doesn't understand what you're saying, you'll have to rewrite it since your customers will also be unable to understand what you're saying.

I use that system and it really pays off. There have been many times I've had to rewrite whole sections because what I wrote and what I meant weren't the same. This is especially true when you're very familiar with the program. You are too close to it and forget that your reader will not understand any assumptions you make.

Necessities include a copy of Webster's *Collegiate Dictionary*, Strunk and White's *Elements of Style*, a thesaurus, and a spelling-checker program for your computer.

When writing, define all terms (everyone knows that TGIF means Tell Gertrude It's Finished), show the relationship of cause and effect (Press the 'A' key. The drives will spin.), avoid the voice-of-God syndrome, use active voice construction, and don't use technical terms for their own sake.

The most important consideration is documentation that's easy to read, doesn't confuse, and flows evenly from one topic to the next.

*About C.J. of Monaca, PA (June 1983, p. 344), who has a problem loading certain machine-language programs from tape to disk: I believe this is an old problem whose solution was published as far back as October 1979 (*Microcomputing, *p. 53). Programs that are loaded into low RAM, even indirectly as described by C.J., overwrite the low RAM keyboard debounce routine pointer address and crash the system.*

Most DOSes provide a method to defeat the debounce routine and avoid these crashes. Hold down the shift and up-arrow keys while powering up or resetting the computer. When the DOS logo appears, release the keys and start working. The debounce routine is lost, but it's a small price to pay to get low RAM programs to operate.

Next, W.C. of Cary, NC (June 1983, p. 352), has problems with disk reboots and syntax errors. His problem has a solution that I feel hasn't received enough publicity. Dennis Kitsz published a fix in the September 1981 issue of 80 Micro *(p. 76) that involves a minor change in the wiring for integrated circuit Z69 in the keyboard of the Model I. W.C. should take a look at it.*

G.S.
Orlando, FL

Good point about the debounce pointer; I'd forgotten about that.

As for the fix mentioned by G.S., he says it "...is necessary in situations where any part of the memory-select circuitry is marginal, and will improve reliability anyway. The simplest version: Locate Z69 in the keyboard unit, and find pin 5. You'll see that a circuit trace goes off to the left, around, and back underneath Z69. It leads to pin 12. Cut that trace. Now attach a jumper wire between pin 12 and pin 10."

S.M. wrote about a swaying screen trace (June 1983, p. 349). Your reply was RFI. Not so. RFI doesn't generally affect the stability of the trace, but rather the stability of the image. S.M.'s problem is simply a bad filter capacitor in his power supply. The amount of swaying depends on the temperature of the electrolytic capacitor, among other things.

You can verify this easily and quickly by paralleling a good capacitor of equal or a higher value around the big electrolytic(s) in your power supply section. When you find the bad capacitor, evident by a clear screen, you can replace it with the good one.

M.K.
Chagrin Falls, OH

Thanks for the advice; it's much appreciated.

I have a question concerning the terminal program (TCP) written by F. Barry Mulligan and distributed by The Bottom Shelf (TBS).

I bought the cassette version, and now I want to put it on disk. I also want to access the Dutch PTT Videotex network with my Model I. The network uses 75/1200 baud and I need to change TCP accordingly. How do I put the program on disk, and how can I change the baud rate? TBS doesn't respond to my letters.

I.A.W.R.
Vlissingen, Netherlands

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I'm not familiar with the TCP pro-

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gram and can't give you any direct advice on moving or altering it. Can someone else come to the rescue?

I want to upgrade my Model II to a full-memory Model 16, but Radio Shack memory cards are too expensive right now. Does anyone else offer cards for my Model II?

G.M.
Troy, NY

I can't find anything on second sources for converting a Model II to a Model 16 with full memory. Does anyone else have anything?

Where can I get a Technical Reference Manual *for the Model I and the* Technical Repair Manual *for both the Model I and the CTR-81 cassette recorder?*

Is the Internal Expansion Board (from Daltex Systems) still available?

Can I install a CRT from Langley-St. Clair in a Phillips TV?

There are two wires (white and yellow) and a ground from my computer to the monitor. Which is the 5-volt line?

K.W.S.
Singapore, Rep. of Singapore

The *Technical Reference Manual* and the *Technical Repair Manual* for the Model I are the same book. To get it, write to National Parts Division, 900 East Northside Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76102, 817-870-5662. It costs $15.25, and the order number is MT260-2103. The CTR-81 technical manual is $1; the order number MS260-1208. Be sure to include the $1.50 shipping charge with your order.

I can't find anything on Daltex Systems, although Holmes Engineering Inc. (5175 Green Pine Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84107, 801-261-5652) does sell such a unit. There are two versions: IM-2 with 16K RAM costs $119.50, and IM-2 with 32K RAM costs $139.50.

You need to write directly to Langley-St. Clair to find out if their tubes fit your non-standard monitor. Tell them the exact model and type of Phillips TV you have, as well as the video tube type and serial number.

According to my technical manual, pin 5 of the DIN plug is the ground, pin 4 is the signal line, and pin 1 is the +5-volt line. The pins are numbered 1, 4, 2, 5, 3, going clockwise from the plug's front. Check the socket itself; the jacks should be numbered. Going by the colors alone isn't always a good idea, so check them with a volt/ohmmeter.

The backspace key on my Model III doesn't register. Do I have to replace the whole keyboard? If so, how can I do it cheaply?

N.I.
Daytona Beach, FL

No, you don't have to replace the entire keyboard. First, find someone who's skilled at soldering. Second, write National Parts (see previous letter) and ask for a keyswitch (#AS0992, cost $1.04) for your Model III. If you need a new keycap, specify the character and enclose an additional $1.04.

When the pieces arrive, have the technician install the new keyswitch in place of the old one. If you want to replace the entire keyboard (#AXX0205), it will cost you $68.95 plus $1.50 for shipping charges.

I have a Model I with an MDX-2 board (32K). I'm using a Percom disk drive and a Line Printer VII. The operating system is DOSPLUS 3.4. My problem is that I can't get the system clock to display on the screen. Everything else functions as advertised. I tried my DOS with a friend's Radio Shack expansion interface system and the clock feature worked. What gives?

J.L.
Kingwood, TX

Your problem is with the MDX board. When you're operating in a DOS environment, the DOS usually maintains an ongoing clock. There's a clash between DOSPLUS and the MDX board. The MDX board either prevents DOSPLUS from maintaining the clock or interferes when DOSPLUS tries to display the clock feature on the video. One way to test this is to go to Basic and try using the TIME$ and DATE$ commands to access the clock. If they work, then the MDX is interfering when DOSPLUS tries to display the time.

For a more thorough explanation, you'll have to contact the MDX board manufacturer. You may discover that your board is flawed and should be working perfectly with DOSPLUS in all respects.

I would like to purchase an APL package for my Model I, but I can't find a supplier. STSC sells one for the Model III, but not for the Model I. Can you help?

F.D.
Philadelphia, PA

APL for the Model I is available from four suppliers: Algorix/Allen Gelder Software (Box 11721, San Francisco, CA 94101, 415-681-9371, requires NEWDOS or LDOS), Alan Pearman Ltd. (Maple House, Mortlake Crescent, Chester, CM3 SUR, England, requires CP/M), Telecomputer Integrated Systems Inc. (251 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Ontario M5T 2E2, Canada, 416-363-9295, requires TRS-DOS, and Ramparts (Box S-8, Gulf Road, Greenfield, NH 03047, comes with DOSPLUS).

For the money, Ramparts has the best to offer. For $79.95 you get a package that contains Pascal, APL, Dome Bookkeeping, Inventory S, Typing Tutor, Floppy Disk Diagnostic (a necessity for disk drives), Tiny Comp (a compiler Basic), and Ninegames (for children).

By the way, my sources tell me that STSC does have a Model I version of APL.

My father is an electronics technician and I'm a second year electronics student. We recently bought and assembled a Model I expansion board from Micro Mint.

We can't seem to get the memory or anything else to work. What we need to know is whether the address line A15 is supposed to pulse all the time or not? Also, where can we get a schematic for a revision G board and one for our video display?

D.J.
Cleveland, TN

While I'm not an expert with the Micro Mint board, I do know that it's one of the best designed expansion units on the market for the Model I. In general, line A15 shows no activity if no expansion box is attached, or if there's no memory in the expansion box when it's attached. With memory and a properly operating unit, a logic probe picks up,

through the address lines, the pulsing of the system clock.

Check to make sure you don't have any solder bridges, and that all the socket pins are cleanly and firmly soldered. Either one of these conditions could cause the unit to fail to operate. If you can, get someone else to look at the board for mistakes. They may spot something you missed through familiarity. You can get the Technical Reference Manual from National Parts, as well as the manual for your video display (see previous letter for the address).

I'm a professional writer and I own a 48K tape-based Model III. I want to send text to a computer typesetter through a modem, but I can't find a program that sends tape-based Scripsit files over a modem. Radio Shack says I should get disk drives, but I don't see the need for them for this one purpose. I'd rather save my money for a good letter-quality printer.

Also, my typesetter uses braces to embed typesetting codes, but the Model III doesn't have braces on the keyboard. Is there a way I could use the < and > symbols and change them to braces? Fort Worth says it can't be done in tape-based Scripsit, just with disk drives. Can you help?

B.L.
Deerfield, IL

I checked all my files and couldn't find a terminal program to match your requirements. I'm sure there's one out there, but I don't know of it.

Does anyone know of a tape-based terminal program that can read in, then send out a Scripsit file? If it could change the < and > to ASCII codes 123 and 125 it would be perfect for B.L.'s needs. Thanks.

Using a Model I with Scripsit, I saved a lengthy and important file to tape. Later, I accidentally recorded another file over the end of the first file. Now when Scripsit tries to load the file, it fails and I end up with an empty screen and no file in the text buffer.

Using a For...Next loop, I can input the aborted file to RAM and then write it to disk. However, when the file is read by Scripsit it's all garbage, mostly alphanumeric gobbledegook.

It seems that all I need to do is decode the garbage. How do I do it? Or is there another way to recover the file?

W.L.
Manassas, VA

Have you tried reading, and then writing, the file to a new tape? Disk Scripsit and tape Scripsit use different methods of encoding data. If that fails, try using LINEINPUT# instead of INPUT#. These commands treat data differently.

If those suggestions don't work, I can think of only two ways out of this mess. The first is to go back to the second file and record over it. To do this, rewind to the end of the first file and record a new end by saving a series of blank spaces (set up to save a file, press the pause button, and start saving; after a second, release the pause button). If you time it right, you might be able to fool Scripsit into accepting the new file end as the end of the first file, and recover the first portion of your lost text.

The other method is to decode the text. Your familiarity with the text and how it starts gives you a clue to the cipher. The difficulties lie with the embedded Scripsit control codes, the block address (two for every 255-character block sent to the tape), and any special characters you may have.

In structure, Scripsit sends data to the tape as blocks. Each block consists of up to 255 characters, and shorter blocks are defined as anything with fewer than 255 characters terminated by a carriage return and a line feed. Thus a short paragraph of text (fewer than 255 characters) has its own block. A series of short paragraphs implies a series of short blocks on tape. Longer text messages require more than one block. Experiment by saving short files and trying to decipher them. When you can get them right, you'll know how to decode your lost file.

While trying to convert a cassette-based word processor to disk, I went to a Radio Shack Computer Center for a little help. The problem happened to be

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a reserved word in a field statement (i.e., 2ASC$). Surprisingly, the computer assistant didn't know why the line constantly bombed on a syntax error. He suggested separating the 2, AS, and C$ with blanks. This worked, of course.

After we solved the problem, he asked why I was making the conversion. He then gave me a disk containing SCRIPSIT/CMD and SCRIPS/CMD. Not wanting to look a gift horse in the mouth, I made a backup copy on their computer and took it home. My question is: What's SCRIPS/CMD? Also, has 80 Micro *published any type of patch to Scripsit that lets you read a directory or send printer codes to an Epson MX-80?*

R.P.
Weatherford, TX

The salesman who gave you Scripsit was out of place. Giving away software like that will get him fired if Tandy hears about it. That's a flagrant violation of their rules, not to mention a violation of federal copyright laws.

SCRIPS/CMD should be a duplicate of your Scripsit program. You don't mention what your computer system is, but Model I Scripsit comes in two versions, one supporting lowercase, the other not. Try SCRIPS/CMD and see. If you can't get it to recognize lowercase, you have the non-lowercase version as SCRIPS/CMD.

I don't think we've printed an article adapting Scripsit to read a directory and that lets you embed printer codes, but Acorn Software has a patch program called SuperScript that does support these features. I've used it for several years and I'm pleased with its performance. In fact, I have never bothered upgrading to Radio Shack's SuperScripsit because I already had all its features in my patched version of Scripsit.

SuperScript retails for $50 and is available for Model I/III computers with a minimum of 32K and one disk drive. To get it, write: Acorn Software Products, 634 North Carolina Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20003, 202-544-4259.

Your comments in the April issue were very interesting. I can tell reader D.F. (April 1983, p. 380) that Apparat has issued zaps for the SuperScripsit programs as of September 2, 1982.

New zaps are forthcoming for the revised SuperScripsit Version 1.1. Registered NEWDOS80 owners will receive these zaps.

B.T.
Saratoga, CA

Thanks for the information.

To make it easier to use, I saved the Series I EDTASM at 1500 baud. Unfortunately, it still outputs object and source code at 500 baud. Do you have any suggestions on how to switch the source and object outputs to 1500 baud?

R.W.
New York, NY

I don't know the patches for that. Can anyone else help R.W.?

Using Scripsit, I saved a five-page document on a Maxell disk. When I try to read the file I get a directory read error or HIT (hash index table) error. I sure would like to get this document back—it took a lot of work to make it. Could you tell me what I did wrong and if there's anything I can do about it?

I have a two-drive Model I with Percom Data Separator and the edge connections are all good. I have no other problems with the system. I do have Super Utility Plus, but I'm a neophyte with it.

R.S.
Santa Maria, CA

First, you didn't do anything wrong; these things happen now and then. The most likely cause is a piece of dirt on the disk surface that makes the drive head skip a crucial bit of data. The dirt may not even be there anymore, but the gap in data is. To help prevent this from occurring again, buy a disk drive cleaning kit and clean your drives on a regular basis.

Now for your document. Since you have Super Utility Plus, most of the battle is over. All you need now is the IJG (1953 West 11th St., Upland, CA 91786, 714-946-5805) book *TRS-80 Disk and Other Mysteries* by H.C. Pennington ($22.50). What you have to do is to use Super Utility Plus to find the errant sector, and use the IJG book to show you how to rebuild the disk. With these two tools you should have no trouble retrieving your file. Once you have it in memory, save it to a new disk.

One thing before you buy the IJG book—have you tried the Super Utility Plus disk repair utilities? If not, I suggest that you try them first.

I own a 48K Model I with Percom's original Doubler and one 80-track Percom drive. I want to sell it to my brother, but he'll buy it only if it's compatible with my new 48K Model III (double-density, 40-track drives).

Is it possible for the Model I to read and write to my Model III disks, run its programs, and vice versa? If so, how is it done? I'm confused by ads that imply LDOS, DOSPLUS, or Super Utility 3.0 are the solution.

C.W.
Neilsville, WI

The answer to your question is a qualified yes. LDOS, DOSPLUS, and MULTIDOS can read Model III disks on a Model I as long as both machines are running the same DOS. Super Utility 3.0 can also read Model III disks on a Model I and vice versa, but you have to know what you're doing to make it work right. You've already overcome the biggest stumbling block: double-density on the Model I.

Each of the three DOSes uses a slightly different approach to the problem, so you'll have to contact the manufacturers directly to find out the exact problems involved with swapping Model I and Model III disks.

Your next problem is the 80-track drive. An 80-track drive writes a data path half the width of a normal 40-track drive. Putting a 40-track disk in an 80-track drive causes no problems. As far as the 80-track drive is concerned, the 40-track disk is an 80-track disk with every other track a duplicate of the preceding track. Going the other way is the problem. An 80-track disk in a 40-track drive causes difficulties. The drive picks up two tracks every time it tries to read one. There is no simple or inexpensive solution to this problem.

The best solution is to get a second disk drive for the Model I: a 40-track drive. This makes it easy to swap the disks and their data.

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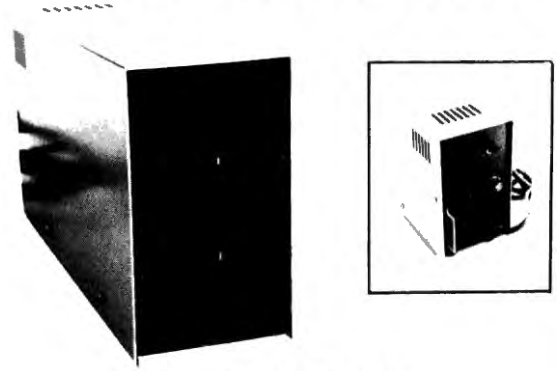

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grams that use any kind of cassette or disk I/O aren't transported as easily. The Model III uses different addresses for these purposes than the Model I. Also, if the machine-language programs contain any jumps to the ROMs, the programs will be incompatible.

I have a Model III with one Percom 80-track, double-density drive and an RS-232 board. My problem is with the disk drive. I've had trouble with it ever since I bought it, and now Percom tells me that they're discontinuing this product because of its unreliability.

Would there be a problem if I purchased a drive such as a Teac or Tandon and installed it as drive zero, and then installed the 80-track unit as drive 1? I know I can buy a second Percom drive and install it in either position.

F.C.
Grover, PA

I don't blame you for being wary, but as far as I know you can use almost any drive made for the Model III as drive zero. To maintain compatibility with commercial Model III software, make drive zero a 40-track, double-density unit. Whether the drive is single- or double-sided is up to you. The controller won't care one way or another.

I need a National Weather Bureau chart to use with A.P.'s weather forecasting program (January 1983, Feedback Loop, p. 400). Do you know where I can get one?

J.D.
Pocasset, MA

They're available from Richard E. Hallgren, National Weather Service, 8060 13th St., Silver Spring, MD 20910.

My Model I screen always filled with garbage, so Radio Shack replaced its ROMs. That solved the problem, but another problem arose: The machine rebooted at random intervals. Since I had just installed the Holmes IM2 expansion board, I sent the keyboard to them to check it out. The technician replaced the three-chip ROM set with a two-chip ROM set. This prevented reboots, but still another problem cropped up.

I have an Alpha Products joystick, which worked fine with my computer until this point. After I received my computer back from Holmes, the joystick wouldn't work. Using the Basic test routine supplied by Alpha Products, I discovered that instead of getting the proper number displayed, I got only 255! I then tried the joystick on a friend's computer and it worked fine.

I tried disabling the XRX modification with no results. I contacted Alpha Products and they replied that they weren't familiar with the Holmes board and so couldn't help me. Holmes didn't know anything about the joystick, and they couldn't help me either.

Help!

A.L.H.
Raritan, NJ

Shame on them. The Alpha Products people should have told you to check the 5-volt line on the card-edge connector of the keyboard. Alpha Products uses the 5-volt line of the expansion bus to drive the joystick. If that line is disabled, the joystick won't work.

The Holmes technician must be a good worker, since it's supposed to be standard practice with Radio Shack technicians when upgrading to the two-chip ROM set to disable the 5-volt line at the expansion interface edge connection, especially if there are problems with random reboots (many technicians forget to do this).

Disabling this 5-volt line reduces the amount of interference on the address and data lines. If you're skilled at soldering and know your way around the insides of the keyboard unit, open it up and examine the expansion port circuitry. You should see that the trace leading to pin 39 has been cut. Placing a jumper over the cut should restore the operation of your joystick. You may also find that it will restore the problem of random reboots.

I installed an amber video display in my Model I monitor cabinet. The problem is that the image is rather unsteady and responds visibly to power line fluctuations. Could I improve the performance by improving the electronics of the CRT? Would larger capacitors help?

J.P.
Cambridge, MA

According to my Radio Shack technician, there's no way to do that. But he does say that the Model I video unit is an RCA television and that they might know of a way to do what you want. He suggests you contact an RCA TV repair center and ask them.

I have an 11-year-old son who has a significant vision problem. Do you know of any word processing programs that use the 32-character display mode on the Model III? He doesn't need a real fancy program, but it has to be able to handle a minimum of 30–40 words per minute.

C.W.
Sacramento, CA

None of the word processors I can find are set up to operate in the 32-character mode. The best I can offer is a Basic word processor, which you can probably adapt to your needs, published by *80 Micro* in the May 1980 issue (p. 50).

A friend gave me Brian Smith's "Inverse Video" article that explains how to use inverse video on the Model I (May 1981, p. 176). To do this you need a lowercase modification. Radio Shack has the modification, but warns that some non-Radio Shack software won't run with their modification.

Do you know of any companies with a kit that avoids this problem, or a list of programs that don't work with the Radio Shack modification?

M.S.
Elmira, Ontario

I don't have a list of programs that don't work with the Radio Shack modification, and I don't know of a company that sells a lowercase kit. But you can install the Electric Pencil lowercase modification yourself in about an hour for less than $7.

The IJG book *The Custom TRS-80* (pp. 103–106) has the procedure on how to install the lowercase. All you need is a 2102 RAM chip, an SPST switch, and a little solder. You can order the book from the *80 Micro* Bookshelf, Wayne Green Books, Peterborough, NH 03458, #BK1218. The book costs $29.95.

I'm using a 32K Color Computer with one disk drive and a Daisywriter 2000 printer. Everything works fine except Disk Scripsit. When printing, I get a line of cents symbols. My printer manual says this symbol indicates a

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parity, framing, or overrun error.

Radio Shack suggests that I create a Spool file on disk and then print from disk to printer. It works, but it's an extra step I could do without. I'm also having trouble editing the Spool file, so I have to save a text file, print a spool file to disk, and then print the file to the printer. Do you have any suggestions? Would another program such as Telewriter-64 have the same problem?

R.M.
Westminster, MD

Color Computer Scripsit seems to cause many people problems when printing. It doesn't send at precisely 600 baud, which makes things difficult for the printers. I suggest you get another word processor, such as Telewriter-64 or Super Color Writer. These programs seem to work better with most printers and offer more features for creating, manipulating, and printing text.

I just installed a lowercase modification (Radio Shack compatible) on my 48K Model I. Everything works fine, except when I try to enter Disk Basic. The machine hangs up after attempting to read the disk. I use DOSPLUS 3.4D, but their custom service desk never heard of this problem before. Do you have any suggestions?

T.R.
Edgewood, KY

My first thought is: Have you checked your keyboard/CPU board cable in the keyboard unit for broken lines? Since you just finished a new modification that involved moving the cable, that's the most likely spot to start with. Trouble here results in all kinds of weird reactions from the system.

The next step is to check your solder connections on the CPU board. If both these suggestions fail to correct the problem, clean all the edge connectors on the computer and the drive. If that doesn't work, I don't know what to suggest.

I have a 16K Model III with an RS-232. I recently upgraded to 48K, which I understood to be a plug-in-and-go operation. With the new chips, PRINT MEM gives an answer of 48068, but when I try to access any address over 32767 with PEEK or POKE, I get an OV error. Switching the RAMs didn't help. The new memory, therefore, is inaccessible to me.

Tandy suggested the problem might be in the ROM, but I don't want to take the unit to a repair center, have them remove my RAM, and then tell me that they can't find a problem. Now what do I do?

F.K.
Huntington, NY

I'm constantly amazed at the number of people with this problem. There's nothing wrong with your RAM, the ROM, or anything else in your computer. The problem is that you're using the PEEK and POKE commands incorrectly.

PEEK and POKE require the address specified be an integer between −32768 and +32767. To address memory in locations 32768–65535, you have to use a negative number as the specified address. To get the number used for the address above 32767, use this formula: −1*(65535 − desired address). To PEEK or POKE location 65000, you would use the number −535 (i.e., PEEK(−535) or POKE −535,32).

I tried to upgrade my 16K Model III to 48K using a kit from one of your advertisers. Their instructions mentioned three jumpers at the top of the logic board. I don't know what a jumper is or what it looks like, and their instructions didn't pinpoint jumper locations. When reassembling the computer I did notice a cable in the front of the logic board with three or four wires and I noticed a little black coupling about 2 inches long with three or four wires terminated. I didn't know what to do with this cable of wires, or where they went. There were no wires going to the CRT from the logic board. There was, however, one wire going from the board under the tube, but I presume this was ground.

When I put the computer together, plugged it in, and turned it on, there was no response or power to the CRT.

J.B.
Houston, TX

You need the Model III Technical Manual. Call National Parts 817-870-5662 in Fort Worth and order it from them.

I suspect your problem is the loose cable. You must have accidentally unplugged the cable while putting in the new chips. The video monitor has three or four wires coming from the logic board that tell it what to display and when. When you have the manual, you can easily track down the proper location for the loose cable. Good luck.

Quite some time ago I read a few articles about computing the ratio π to several thousand decimal places. I've tried several times to get more than 16 decimal places by using series calculations. However, shortly after starting the programs it's obvious that the numbers used in the calculations are getting so small that they cause errors due to limited decimal places. What method will ensure accuracy to as many places as you want?

B.C.
Wilmington, IL

That's an easy one: use long division. That is, use the same method on the computer the way you would on paper. Make each calculation as if it were an integer calculation. For an example, see Program Listing 1. With a little work, you can adapt this program to your own needs. ■

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10 A$ = ""
20 INPUT"Numerator";N
30 INPUT"Denominator";D
40 IFD>NTHENA$ = A$ + ".":GOTO190
50 R = NMODD
60 A = (N − R)/D
70 B$ = STR$(A)
80 A$ = A$ + RIGHT$(B$,LEN(B$) − 1)
90 IFR = 0THENPRINT"The answer is "
   A$:END
100 N = R
110 GOTO40
190 PRINT"The answer is :"A$;
200 IFD>NTHENN = N*10:IFD>NTHEN
   PRINT"0";:GOTO200
210 R = NMODD
220 A = (N − R)/D
230 PRINTRIGHT$(STR$(A),1);
240 IFR = 0THENEND
250 N = R
260 GOTO200
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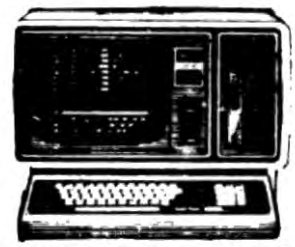

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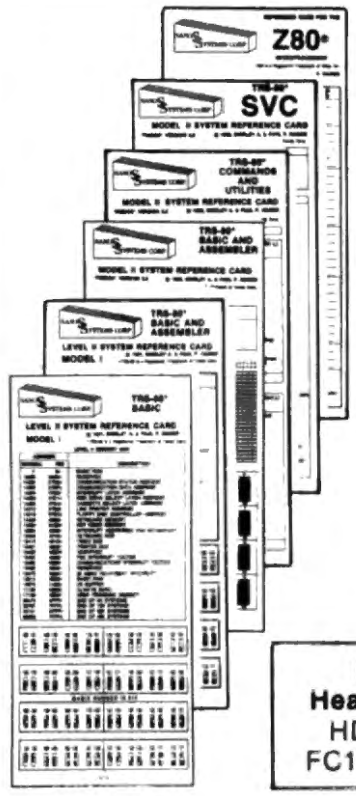

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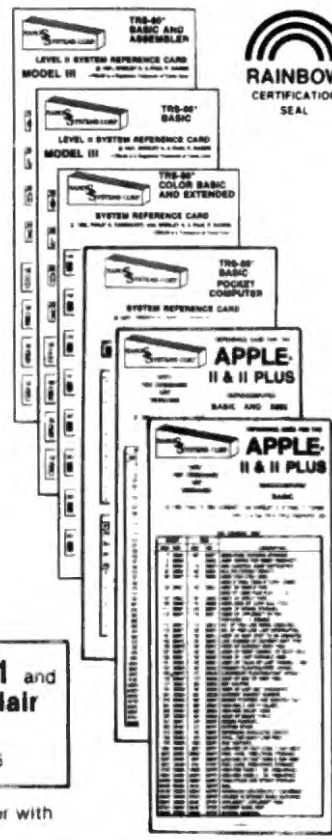

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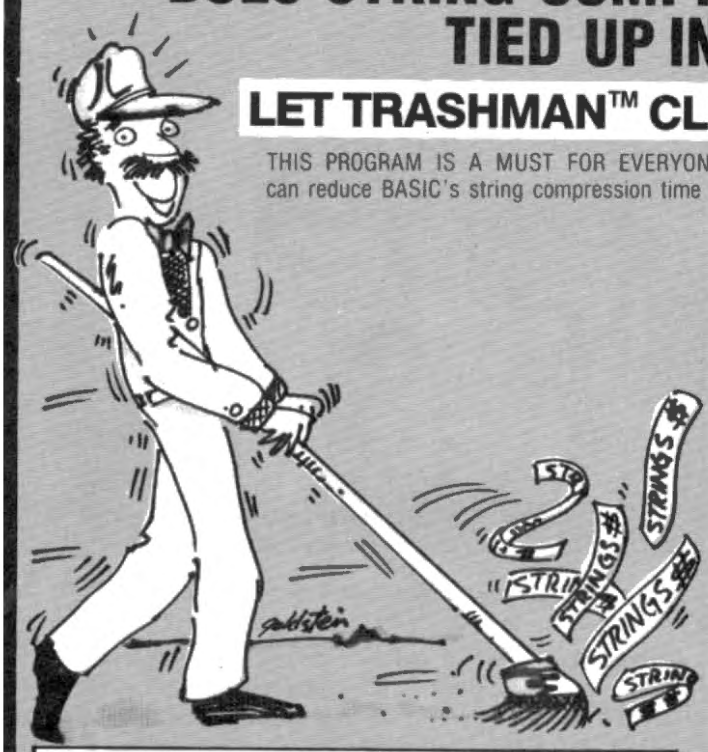

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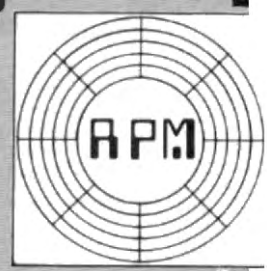

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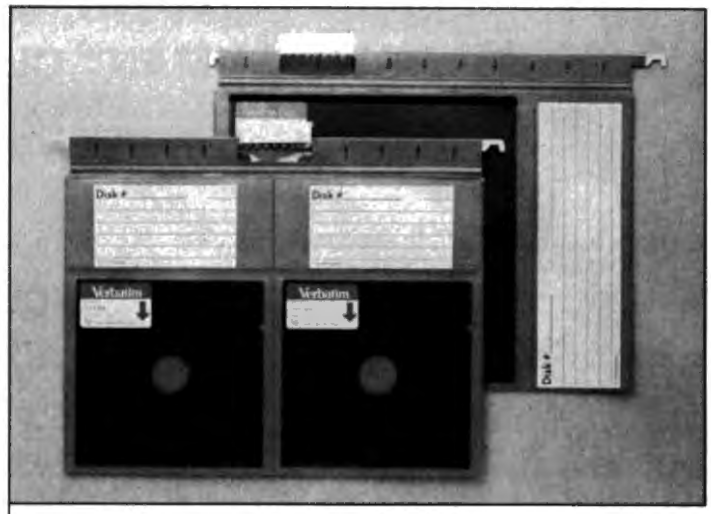

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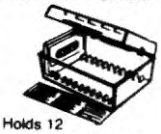

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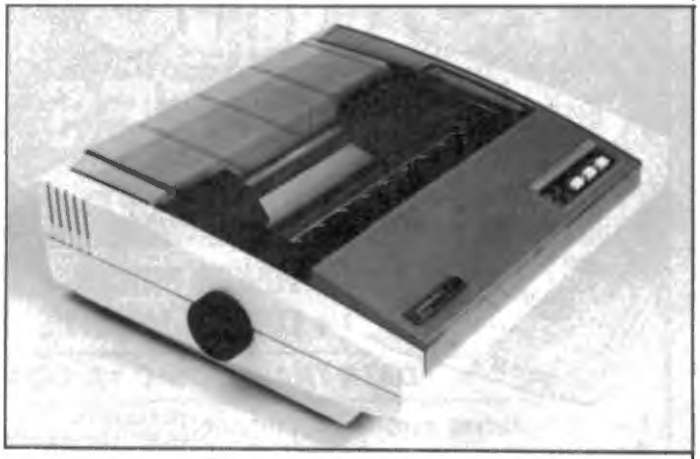

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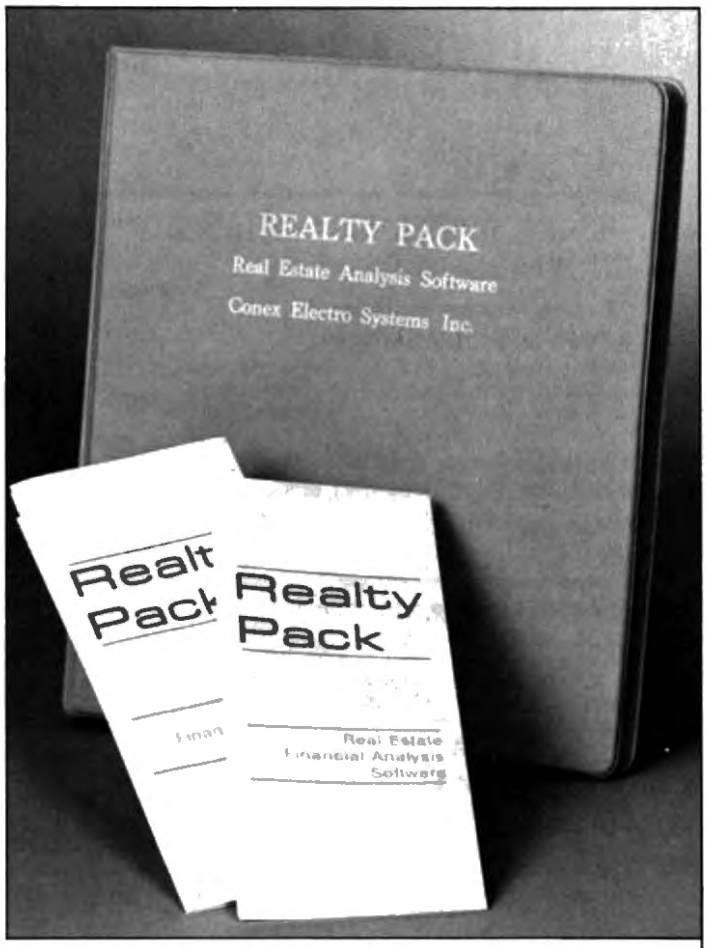

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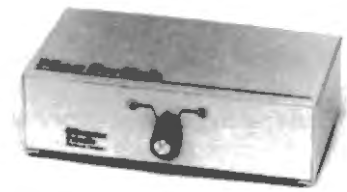

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Owners of the Lazy Writer Word Processing System can now create dramatic custom letterheads, logos, headlines, and illustrations with LazyFont from AlphaBit Communications Inc. (13349 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI 48126, 313-581-2896). LazyFont lets you make up your own type fonts, whether an entire alphabet or graphics symbols, such as logos. The program consists of two parts: one for drawing the characters, the other for printing the characters.

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You can center, indent, or randomly position the fonts anywhere on the paper using Lazy Writer printer commands. The program generates fonts double-wide, compressed, emphasized, or double-struck for additional effect.

LazyFont works only in conjunction with Lazy Writer on Epson printers with Graftrax or Graftrax Plus. LazyFont costs $49.95; Lazy Writer $175.

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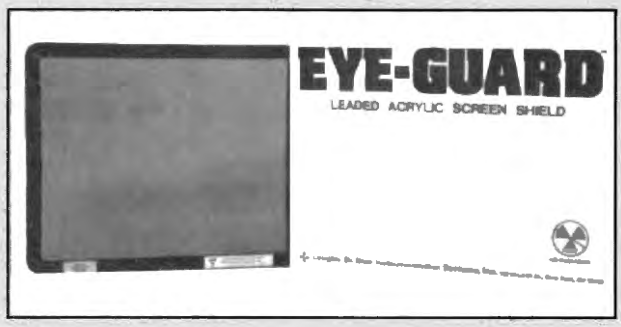

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Eye-Guard is the newest anti-eye-fatigue screen shield from Langley-St. Clair. What separates this shield from all the others is that it's made with lead-impregnated acrylic plastic, the same material used for windows in nuclear plants and hospital X-ray rooms. The new Eye-Guard is a 7-millimeter thick sheet of transparent plastic that contains 30 percent lead by weight. It affixes to the front of your computer with velcro tabs. The front surface is covered with a nylon-netting, anti-glare screen.

The Eye-Guard costs $129.95 and comes with a 100 percent money-back guarantee that it will stop even the worst case of eye-fatigue. It is available from Langley-St. Clair Instrumentation Systems Inc., 132 West 24th St., New York, NY 10011, 212-989-6876.

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Time for a Test

Worried about your cables shorting out? There's no need to be with the Examiner, a microprocessor-based cable tester from Matra Technology Inc. (120 Albright Way, Los Gatos, CA 95030, 408-866-6606). It checks from one to 120 cable lines for proper contact, opens, shorts, and variations in resistance. A 16-key pad and a 16-character LED display communicate with the tester. A versatile mechanical interface unit allows you to connect a variety of cable connections, and you can use an auxiliary probe to detect opens and shorts and determine the approximate location of a short in the cable.

The Examiner is based on a 2MHz Z80 processor with 4K of ROM, 32K of RAM, and two parallel ports. It costs $2,650, and an optional 20-column printer that provides hardcopy output of test data or system status is available for an additional $196.

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Test Your Peripherals

The Model CPU-1 Computer Emulator is designed to test and demonstrate computer peripherals such as printers, terminals, and modems. Measuring 3 by 5 by 1½ inches, it features a 16-button keyboard, a 3-digit LED display, and a customized 4K EPROM with data files that go to the peripheral undergoing testing.

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To operate the CPU-1, simply connect it to the device you want to test, enter a three-digit configuration code for the computer you want to emulate, and select a data file you want to send. The CPU-1 then sends the data file in a format identical to that of the emulated computer.

Since the CPU-1 emulates all possible data formats, baud rates, and handshake protocols, you can demonstrate and test a peripheral device to ensure its compatibility with your computer system.

Shipped with an accessory power supply module that plugs into any standard 117-volt ac outlet, an EPROM, and a universal cable assembly for interfacing, the CPU-1 costs $390 from Selectone Corporation (28301 Industrial Blvd., Hayward, CA 94545, 800-227-0376).

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