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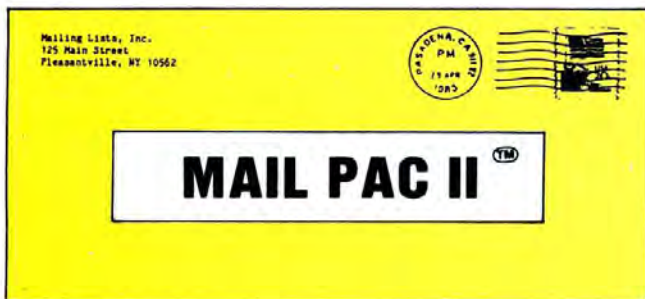
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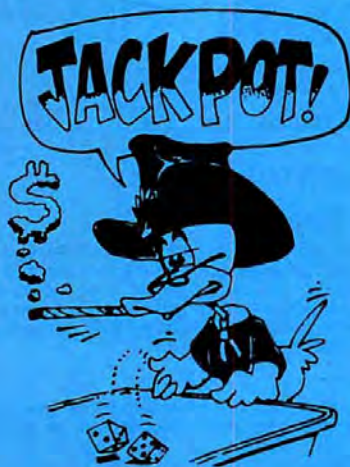
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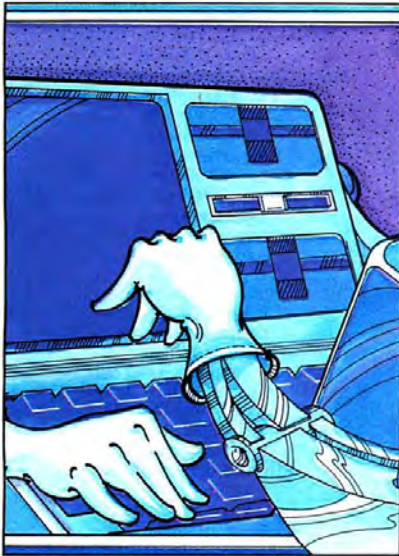
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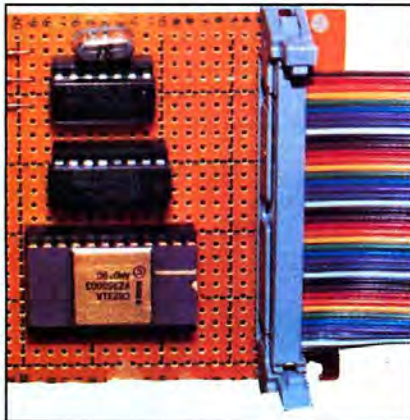
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Tandy's Model 2000: No Cloning Around

The gold dust hadn't settled at Comdex in Las Vegas last November before TRS-80 users were engaged in a vigorous debate: Shouldn't the Model 2000 have been IBM PC compatible?

Tandy bills the Model 2000 as an "ultra-high performance MS-DOS system." In other words, it will run software that conforms to MS-DOS conventions. It will not run software written for the IBM PC.

Of some 100 IBM PC programs tested by Tandy on the 2000, about half ran. The other half presumably used the IBM PC hardware, and gave the 2000 indigestion. This second group included such heavyweights as Lotus 1-2-3, the Easy series from Info Sys Unlimited, the Star series from MicroPro, and the Visi series from VisiCorp.

Tandy has often been taken to task for its sins of omission, and rightfully so. They introduced the Model 16 before a decent operating system was available. They announced CP/M for the Model 4 and then didn't deliver.

But this time, Fort Worth made the right decision. And make no mistake about it: the decision was deliberate, one that Director of Merchandising Ed Juge has called "religious."

Anybody can make an IBM clone. In fact, just about anybody has. What Tandy delivered was a high-powered 16-bit machine that takes advantage of MS-DOS's popularity, but that can potentially give MS-DOS a new dimension. Its speed, graphics, memory, and ease of use should make for a computer that will surpass the IBM PC in performance. And ultimately, making a better product is what business is all about.

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modifications to their programs.

The Model 2000 has yet to be sufficiently road-tested for final judgments to be made. We're running it through its paces, and will be sharing our results with you in the next few months.

But whether it lives up to its press clippings or turns out to be a disappointment, the 2000 should be evaluated on its merits, not according to how IBM-compatible it is. To do so would be to give IBM final sanction as the only standard in micros, a prospect both distasteful and disdainful.

Comments on Comdex

Some people have noted the Tandy TRS-80 Model 2000's name: the Radio Shack logo has been dropped. Obviously, Tandy has come to the realization that many businesses don't like to have a piece of equipment in the office that comes from the Shack. But there is a precedent: Fort Worth sells through their OEM program under the Tandy logo....

The 80186 has emerged as a chip to be reckoned with, but at Comdex it appeared mostly in multi-user systems such as the Mad 1, the North Star Dimension, the Onyx, and the DBS 16. ACT-North America President Christopher J. Buckham, when asked why his company's Apricot used the 8086 instead, commented, "80186 comput-

ers are not mass-market machines." Indeed, word has it that Intel may not be able to produce the chip in sufficient quantity, which might mean that some Model 2000 buyers will have to wait in line....

What would you get if you crossed a Model 2000 with a Model 100? The Magnum, from Dulmont Electronic Systems in Australia. It's an 8-pound, 80186 lap computer that would make the average Model 100 owner drool with envy. It comes with a 16-line by 80-column flip-up screen, 128K of ROM, up to 256K of CMOS RAM, up to 256K in ROM packs, MS-DOS 2.0, and Basic 86. Its ROM-based software includes a word processor, a spreadsheet, and a planner/diary. Dulmont hopes to sell the machine in the U.S. for about \$2,000. It remains to be seen whether they can successfully market the computer here....

And Finally...

In the wake of the Model 2000 emerges an interesting question: What next? Tandy has several options, including a 2000 at-home model (similar to the PCjr) or a 2000 transportable. But first, they're going to have to address the growing competition for the Model 100. Tandy is still ahead in the portable market by virtue of being first with the most, but being a leader in this business is tenuous, as Tandy itself proved with the Model I. A revamped Model 100 is a good bet, sometime in mid-1984.

We've got several feature articles on the 2000 in the works for the next few issues. We will, of course, give the machine a complete review. We'll also bring you a pair of in-depth articles on MS-DOS and GW-Basic, and we'll give you the lowdown on just exactly what MS-DOS and IBM software the 2000 will and won't run. In the future, we'll take a closer look at the Intel 80186 and explore the impact the 2000 will have on the rest of the Tandy line. ■

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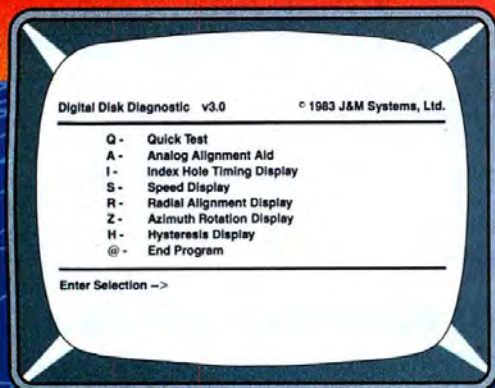
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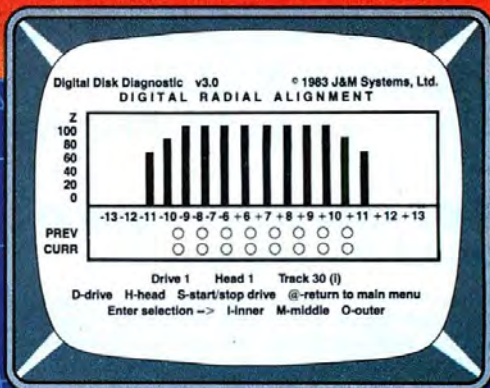


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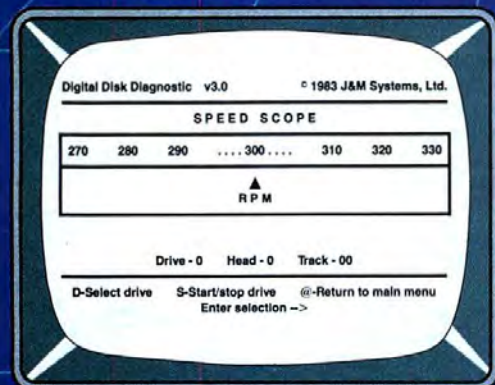
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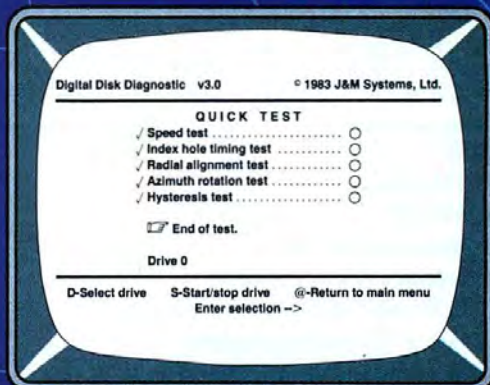
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*Thomas T.S. Huang
Department of Chemistry
East Tennessee State University
Johnson City, TN*

Caveat Emptor

A lot of TRS-80 software advertised as usable on the Models I, III, and 4 often turns out to be a Model III version.

I know that a Model III version of a program runs in Model III mode on my Model 4, but when I order a Model 4 version of a program I expect it to fully utilize the features of my Model 4.

I will not buy a Model III program if the Model 4 version is available. This borders on false advertising, and if the trend continues, Model 4 software buyers will not know what they are getting.

*Marvin E. Decker
San Antonio, TX*

DOSPLUS 3.5

While I enjoyed John B. Harrell's review of DOSPLUS 3.5 (October 1983, p. 160), he failed to mention a few important features that DOSPLUS 3.5 lacks.

DOSPLUS 3.5 does not contain the 8-inch disk driver included in version 3.4. Also, the manual's example for setting aside memory is BASIC - M61000. I have a program that calls Basic as follows: BASIC - M53248. I then run a user program that zeros out



memory from this address to FFFF hexadecimal. The program displays the MEMORY SIZE message but doesn't return to my original program. DOSPLUS 3.4 runs the same program without failure.

Finally, DOSPLUS 3.5 contains various patches on disk but gives no information on how to install or use them.

*John F. Reedich Jr.
Port Orange, FL*

Pillow Piracy

Eric Maloney's comments about whether *80 Micro's* programs are in the public domain (Side Tracks, October 1983, p. 6) were undoubtedly correct, but are removed from reality. I am reminded of those tags on cushions and mattresses that say "Do not remove under penalty of law."

Let's examine the implications of Maloney's statement that only the subscriber/purchaser can use programs published in *80 Micro*. The license accompanies title to the magazine, so when I give my old magazines to a computer club, I must destroy my programs that came from those magazines.

Who, among the members of the club, may then use the programs? An institution holds the title to the magazine. Can just one person use each program, or can they all use it?

Did you warn your librarian that her borrowers must never use any of the programs in *80 Micro*? Does the FBI get into this, or does interstate transport of pirated programs have to occur first?

If I use only one program, may I tear it out and give the rest of the magazine to a friend? If I throw an old issue away and a computer freak salvages the magazine and makes second use of it, who is liable for copyright violation? Should I run my old magazines through a paper shredder?

It is foolish to threaten enforcement of unenforceable laws. I realized that truth the first time I tore the tag off my pillow.

*Edward M. Roberts
Glen Head, NY*

Seal Me

Are any of your staff old enough to remember the *Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval*?

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*A. Ray Crawley
Ooltwah, TN*

At this point, there are simply too many products on the market for us to do the kind of thorough critique you suggest. The responsibility for policing the industry rests with the industry itself.—Eds.

INPUT

Pascal Blues

Where, O where is my Pascal? I like *80 Micro*, and I know that Basic is popular, but Pascal is a more structured language. Why don't you try to start a column dedicated to Pascal, or better yet, a Pascal magazine?

*Rob Williamson
Hacienda Heights, CA*

Look for our new Pascal column in May.—Eds.

Dismal Dept.

I am watching—with a tear in my eye and memories of the past—as *80 Micro* slowly but surely changes into a hardware magazine.

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rates. They simply can't afford to advertise and not even break even on the cost of their ad.

I cannot offer a solution, although lower ad rates and new products would help. In order to survive, my Model III needs love and support from software authors and manufacturers.

*Bob Krotts
Kettering, OH*

Name Calling

Why don't you change the name of your magazine to *TRS-80 Models I, III, and 4?*

*Curtis L. King
Knoxville, TN*

It's too hard to type.—Eds.

Lost in Space

We have a long way to go in personal programming if Brian Durell has to sound apologetic over his style ("Brief

Exposures," October 1983, pp. 236-241). With his spacing, indentations, and plentiful remarks, he has produced one of the most intelligible listings I've ever seen in a microcomputer publication.

Sure, it takes more memory and print space, but the increased value to readers makes it worthwhile.

*Victor G. Feser
Bismarck, ND*

Unfortunately, such listings are longer, and take space from other articles. We opted for more articles.—Eds.

Tough Guys

You should be tougher in your reviews of computer products. More effective use of charts and graphs and other aids for comparison would be of vital interest to your readers.

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You'll be seeing more visual aids in the near future.—Eds.

80 ALERT

Occasionally, 80 Micro receives letters from readers who have had difficulties with our advertisers. Most of the time, these problems are resolved to the satisfaction of all parties, but some problems appear to be insoluble.

As a service to readers and advertisers alike, 80 Alert will pinpoint distributors who cannot be reached, by readers or by our advertising department, for customer service. Anyone who has current information about a manufacturer or distributor mentioned in the column is welcome to write and update our data.

Victor Andrews, president of Software Central (P.O. Box 247, Westland, MI 48185), has informed *80 Micro* that Software Central went out of business as of Oct. 31, 1983. Andrews will handle all correspondence mailed to the above address.

80 Micro has received a number of complaints regarding advertisements for *Briefcase Portable* magazine (560 South Hartz Ave., Suite 447, Danville, CA 94526). David Gourley has told *80 Micro* he was experiencing trouble producing the magazine, but that he expected the first issue to be out by Dec. 6, 1983. Readers with questions should call Gourley at 415-820-8149. Due to the number of complaints received, we have cancelled advertisements for *Briefcase Portable*.

Meta Technologies Corp. (26111 Brush Ave., Euclid, OH 44132) has gone out of business and will no longer market AIDS-III. Softrends Inc. (26111 Brush Ave., Euclid, OH 44132) says that it will market an upgraded version of the database management program in the near future.

80 Micro has received complaints from readers that Omikron Systems (1127 Hearst St., Berkeley, CA 94702) has not filled orders or issued refunds. Omikron informed *80 Micro* that it was issuing refunds and expected to be shipping within a few weeks. Customers who contacted *80 Micro* had received refund checks by press time.

Computex/World Wide Data Systems has filed for bankruptcy. Customers seeking refunds should contact Rod Hardie at Huges, Waters, Askanase & Redford, Attorneys at Law, Suite 2153, 1100 Milam Building, Houston, TX 77002. Customers in need of technical assistance should contact Greg Taylor, Medcomp Data Systems of Texas, 15502 Old Galveston Road, Suite 112, Webster, TX 77598.

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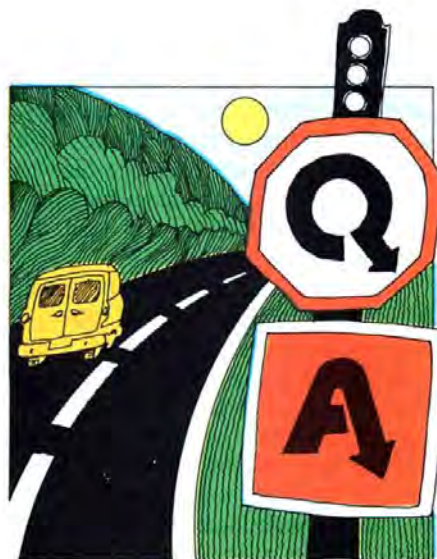
Q: I have a Model I with Percom TFD40 and TFD100 drives. Whenever I attempt to back up a disk from the TFD40 to the TFD100 I get a DOS Error 4 (CRC Error During Read) on the TFD40. This also occurs when I try to transfer a file from the TFD40 to the TFD100, though not all the time. Whenever this happens I have to use a disk zap utility to correct the parity in order to make the disk usable again.

This error occurs no matter which drive I use as drive zero. In all cases I have the terminator resistor pack in drive zero. This error occurs in single-density with a Percom data separator installed and in both single- and double-density with a Percom Doubler II installed. It occurs with TRSDOS, NEWDOS Plus, and DOSPLUS 3.4D. It occurs no matter what brand disk I use, including new Verbatim double-density disks. I'm using a Percom two-drive cable that places drive zero at the end of the cable.

The TFD40 works fine when used by itself. Backing up or copying from the TFD100 to the TFD40 works perfectly every time. A single-drive back-up also works fine. It seems the error only occurs when I use both drives at the same time, with the TFD100 writing and the TFD40 reading.

I've used Floppy Doctor on both drives and never had any errors on either drive, although occasionally, when checking the motor speed on the TFD40, the message alternates between "Speed within + - 33%" and "Speed Too Slow."

Percom has looked at the TFD40



several times and seems to think that nothing is wrong with the drive. (Stephen Milliken, Randolph, MA)

A: My first thought is to check the stepping speed configuration of your drives. Using DOSPLUS, type CONFIG. The DOS then indicates how your drives are set up. Using the CONFIG command changes the stepping time to a higher number. It could be that the TFD40 is slower at stepping from track to track than your TFD100 and that's what's causing the problem.

Other than that, I don't know what to suggest. You've already done everything I would've tried. Good luck.

Q: I've purchased a few cassettes from Load 80, but I prefer to get disks since I have a two-disk system. However, I have trouble knowing what to do with programs that are in assembler or source-code format. I purchased the disk version of EDTASM from Radio Shack, but find it very confusing. I don't want to be a programmer, but I would like to know how to type in a program using EDTASM.

I have downloaded programs from CompuServe in machine language, and can, on rare occasions, get them to work, even when I change the extension to CMD. Is there a simple way to deal with these programs from Load 80 and CompuServe? Is there a back issue that describes how to develop a module that loads and runs a source-code program? The example in the EDTASM manual is confusing.

I purchased a book from Radio Shack about Assembly language, but it applies to the Model I. I have a Model III. I also don't want to have to read an entire book just to learn how to load and run programs from Load 80 and CompuServe. I can use the TRSDOS Load command, but I can't get it to run. Run doesn't work in TRSDOS. The source program may be loaded, but I can't access it.

Trying to run something from Basic gets "Direct Statement in File" errors, and running it from TRSDOS by appending a CMD extension gets a "Not a Program File" error. Help! (William Nicholson, Wheaton, IL)

A: First you need to establish a few ground rules. A machine-language program takes control of your computer when you execute it. If you call a machine-language program from Basic, Basic gives up all control and passes it to the machine-language program. If the machine-language program works properly, control returns to Basic when the machine-language program is finished. If something goes wrong, the result is a complete reset of the computer, leaving you back at first base.

There are many ways to integrate a machine-language program with a Basic program. The most common method is to make the machine-language program a partner to the Basic program. When you go to Basic, you

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answer the Memory Size question with an address. This tells Basic that it can't use any of the memory above that address for any purpose at all, that it's reserved for your direct use only.

Once you're in Basic, you usually use the System command to load the machine-language program into memory (the location you protected earlier), and then return to Basic to load the Basic program (all this assumes you're working in cassette Basic only). The Basic program must contain two POKEs to tell the operating system that a machine-language module is in memory and where its start address is. Now when the operating system reaches the A=USR instruction in your Basic program, it will transfer control from Basic to your machine-language program, which hopefully will return to Basic when it's through.

Another common method uses only one cassette-load operation: The machine-language routine and the Basic program are combined. Several subsequent methods are used to make this combination. One is to make a series of data statements in the Basic program that contain all the instructions of the machine-language program. When the Basic program is executed, the machine-language program is POKEd into place, the operating system is informed of the machine-language program, and you proceed on your way. This method is generally used only with small machine-language programs of a hundred or so bytes in length.

Another way is to make a string variable in the program the carrier of the machine-language program. This is very limited since certain machine-language instructions are interpreted by the operating system as line or data delimiters in the Basic program, prematurely cutting the program short.

A third method uses numeric variable arrays to form strings of machine-language instructions. This is the most complex method, but wastes the least amount of space.

All these methods try to accomplish the same purpose: combining Basic and machine-language programs to speed up the operation of Basic by assigning certain time-consuming tasks to machine-language routines.

If you have a disk system, it becomes a bit easier to make the

machine-language and Basic programs cooperate. Since you want to load a machine-language program into memory and then load in a Basic program, you don't want to turn over control of the computer to the machine-language program just yet. Instead, you want the DOS to load the machine-language program into memory, and return control to you. This is the purpose of the DOS Load command. It takes the machine-language file specified (usually ending with the extension CIM), puts it in memory, and then returns to the DOS. Now you can load Basic, set Memory Size to protect the machine-language program you just loaded, and load the Basic program.

When you run the Basic program, tell the operating system that a machine-language program is available by using the DEFUSR(*n*) command, where *n* is the number of the routine (DOS lets you have up to 10 independent machine-language routines in memory simultaneously, but not at the same location). Now when Basic reaches a line in your program that says A=USR(*n*), Basic transfers control to the appropriate machine-language routine. If all goes well, control comes back to Basic and your program continues to operate.

By definition, you can't load machine-language programs with Basic commands (Basic commands are for loading and saving Basic programs or data). Therefore, attempting to load a machine-language program results in Direct Statement in File errors (machine-language programs don't have line numbers, and Basic expects to see line numbers after every carriage return character [CHR\$(13)]. It also expects to see a carriage return at least every 240 characters during program loading). I hope this at least partially explains some of the strange things you see in hybrid machine-language/Basic programs.

Most of the instructions in your Model I machine-language book apply to the Model III. The only differences involve the printer and RS-232 ports, and certain ROM locations. Most of the book concentrates on the Z80 CPU native to both computers.

When you want to use a machine-language program without Basic, you use a different set of rules. Usually, these programs come in one of two

formats: source code or object code. You can't execute source-code files with either DOS or Basic. You can only load or write them with an editor/assembler. Object-code programs execute only with either the DOS or the System command. Object-code programs are indicated by the extension CMD; source-code files by SRC. Just adding the extension CMD to a program doesn't make it an object-code program, however.

As far as EDTASM and Load 80 machine-language files are concerned, the procedure is as follows: Load EDTASM, and use the L file name command to load the source-code file you want. Then use the A command to assemble source code into an object-code program, and write the finished program to tape or disk.

If you're using tape EDTASM, you won't have any problems loading the Load 80 SRC files into it. However, there's a problem with disk EDTASM: The disk Load 80 SRC files require a conversion to load properly. While some may load and assemble, very few work correctly. The April 1983 *80 Micro* Reload 80 (p. 404) has a program that provides this conversion. If you don't have access to this issue, you can send a TRSDOS-formatted disk to *80 Micro*, attention to Reload 80, and they'll put the program on it for you.

Learning machine-language programming isn't easy, it requires study and hard work. However, if you only want to type in programs and use them, you can easily accomplish that with EDTASM, and without having to read a book to do it. EDTASM uses line numbers to keep track of program logic while you're writing it, just like Basic. Unlike Basic, however, when you want to execute the program, EDTASM assembles the source program and converts the mnemonic codes into machine codes, removing the line numbers, and assigning the machine code to memory locations for execution. During this assembly, EDTASM checks the program for errors in syntax and structure. Any error is reported immediately.

Many of the programs listed in magazines use one of two formats. The first is the format you see when you type in a program to EDTASM: a line number column, a column for a labeling subroutine, a column for a machine-lan-

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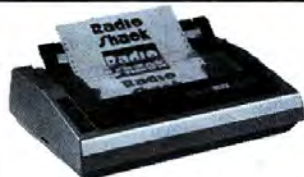
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guage mnemonic, another column for an extended machine-language mnemonic, and then a column for comments. The second format is the same as the first, except that it is preceded by two additional columns, the first giving the starting address of the machine code generated for that line, the second giving the machine code generated by that line's mnemonic instructions.

The editor/assembler generates and prints second format during assembly of the source code to object code.

Magazines prefer that all machine-language programs be submitted in source-code format so that they can assemble the programs and see if they contain any errors.

CompuServe is another problem. Transmitting machine code over phone lines can lead to problems since CompuServe uses some machine-language codes as control-code instructions to your terminal program. To get around this, machine code is usually sent in hexadecimal-ASCII code. To use a CompuServe program requires that you convert it from this code to normal machine code. For more information about that I'll have to refer you to one of the Radio Shack SIGs on CompuServe. One of their experts can give you better instructions than I.

Q: I agree with J.B. Harrell ("Fortran Breakout," July 1983, p. 186) that Microsoft's Fortran 80 and Macro 80 make a powerful team. It's disappointing they haven't received more attention in the magazines. As a newcomer, however, I'm puzzled by the problem of how to create a relocatable subroutine library.

Mr. Harrell's USRLIB functioned perfectly when linked with Breakout, but when I attempted to use a few of Mr. Harrell's subroutines with a Fortran program of my own I found a surprising result. The L80 picked up all the subroutines, not just the undefined globals from the main program. With a small program this is clearly a minor problem, but with large programs the memory wasted could be significant. The manuals don't give a clue as to how to avoid this problem. (Roger Curran, Warrington, PA)

A: I seem to recall reading that the system was designed to op-

erate in that manner, the idea being that the larger programs would use more of the subroutines, not wasting the space. And the waste wouldn't matter on small programs.

Of course, even I can think of some reasons to avoid integrating the whole library into the program, but I don't know enough about that package to actually help you. Does anyone else have a solution?

Q: I hope you can answer a couple of questions from a beginner. I have a Model III with two Percom dual-headed drives. I have tape Scripsit and put it on disk. My question is: Is there a patch or simple way to store and retrieve files onto disk? I really don't want to buy disk Scripsit when the version I have suits my needs.

My second question concerns programs in Assembly language. I have tape EDTASM, but can't seem to get any of *80 Micro's* programs to run when I load them from Load 80. First I load EDTASM, then type L file name, A (for assemble), W (for write), go to SYSTEM mode, load target tape, and press the enter key when the asterisk prompt appears. Invariably, nothing happens. What am I doing wrong? (J.E. Guffey, St. Peters, MO)

A: Trying to alter tape Scripsit to work with disk storage is not a job for a beginner. I have heard of people who've made the transition, but it usually took a lot of time and work. I think it would be more cost-effective, in terms of your time, to buy the disk version.

You're also using the wrong procedure for assembling machine-language programs. First load EDTASM, then use the L file name command to load the source-code file into EDTASM. Then type A for assemble. EDTASM should prompt you to ready your tape for the object code. When you press the enter key, EDTASM writes the object code to tape. Go to Level II Basic and type SYSTEM. At the asterisk prompt, type the file name used for the object-code file and load the tape into memory. When the prompt reappears, type the slash (or type /### where ### is the execution address of the program) and press the enter key. The

program should begin to execute.

EDTASM's W command writes a source code duplicate of the program in EDTASM's buffer, which can only be used by EDTASM for working on the program. The object-code file (A command) creates a file capable of being executed by the Z80 CPU of the Model III.

Q: For the last few months I've been using a second-hand Model I (48K with expansion interface and one disk drive) and the Radio Shack Line Printer VII for word processing.

As you probably know, the lower-case set for the LP VII has no true descenders, and requires special programming to produce graphics characters (making normal screen dumps of graphics characters very difficult). I'd also like to add at least one user-defined sign (an English pound sign), for use with Scripsit as a replacement for a rarely used symbol.

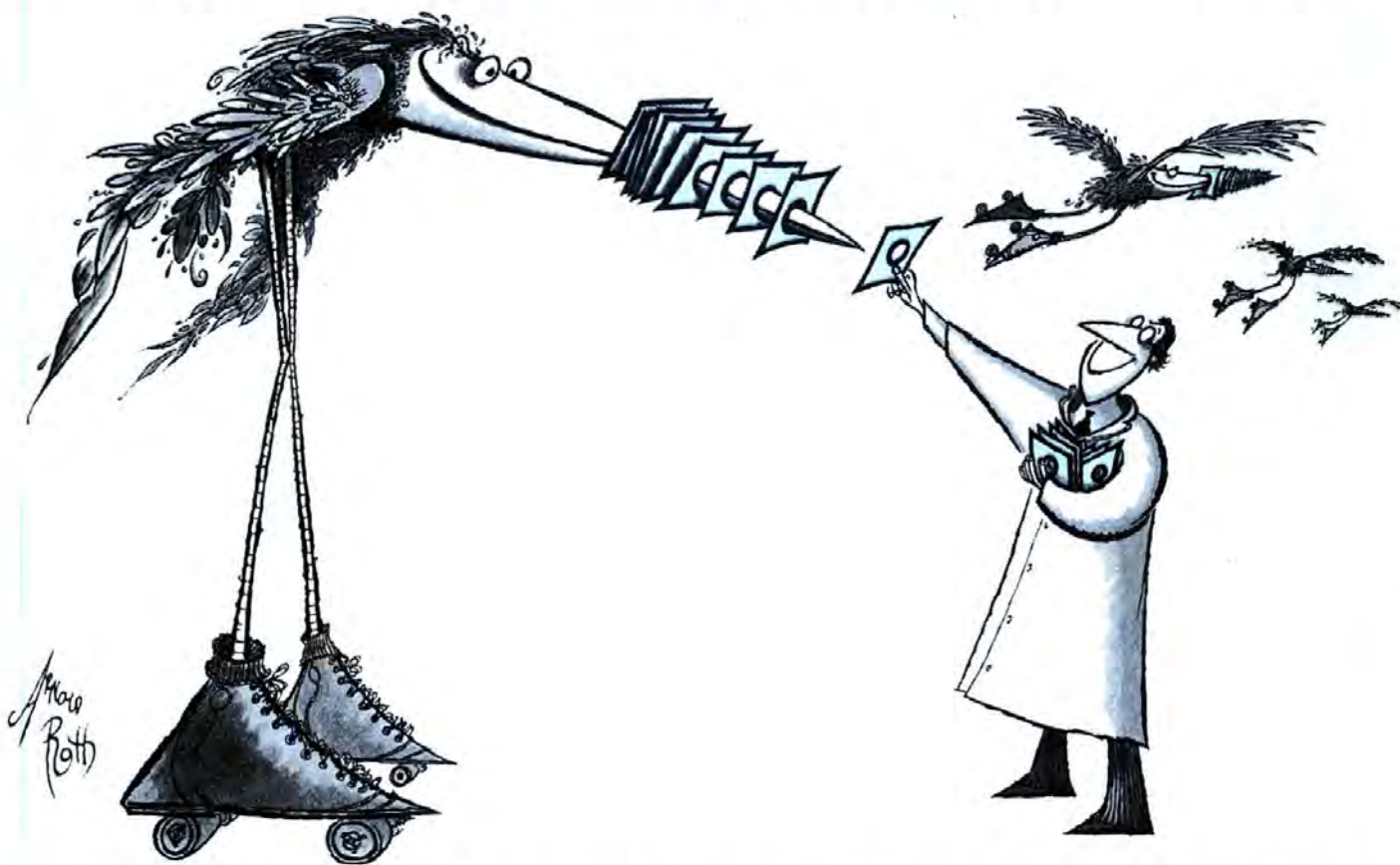
Do you know of a program that will overcome these problems by setting up a protected character set in the computer's memory, and then print all text in the graphics mode? A spooler routine would be useful, but not essential, and compatibility with TRSDOS 2.3 would be advantageous.

Alternatively, does anyone sell a hardware modification for the printer that will give a better character set? (Marcus Rowland, London, England)

A: What you want is no small task. Designing a new character set for the LP VII would take a good amount of time, and about 2K of RAM. Just the design, in bit graphics, of the new characters would take almost 1K. The driver software would probably take just as much room since it would have to intercept the Scripsit printer driver and substitute the appropriate bit-image character. Of course, such a driver would make possible things like underlining, boldfacing, super- and subscripting, and other special functions.

Replacing the character-generator chip in the LP VII would be possible if someone has a redesigned character set for it. Otherwise you will have to design and burn-in your own character set, using the appropriate hardware

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tools. As yet, I don't know of any second-source character sets for the LP VII.

Q: I have a cassette-based Model III with a Daisy Wheel II printer. I remember reading, some months ago, about a program to use the printer as a typewriter, but I can't find the article.

Also, I'm considering upgrading to a disk system and I'm concerned about using a non-Radio Shack drive. I don't know anything about the inner workings of the computer, and living overseas (no computer repair center, and import taxes are a problem, even on things sent out for repair), I'm worried that if I do install a non-Radio Shack drive and it doesn't work, I'll be stuck without a computer. Any advice? (Monica Beukenkamp, San Jose, Costa Rica)

A: I can't find the article either, but it's a rather simple program. Just use INKEY\$ to input characters into a character string, which prints when the number of characters reaches a preset line length.

The problem with using the printer as a typewriter is that the printer doesn't print one character at a time: It prints only when its character buffer is full, or when it receives a carriage return. So you can't use it to fill out forms because you can't get the print-head to space over before you start typing letters or numbers.

From what I've seen here as comments from readers with problems, the non-Radio Shack disk systems are as reliable as the Radio Shack systems. I haven't reviewed or used any of the upgrade kits myself, so I can't recommend any particular one. Even if you install a disk system and have problems, you can always disconnect the drives, ship them out, and continue to use your cassette system.

Q: I have a Model I and an Okidata 82A printer. I'm tired of printing on the perforations and would like to modify the Basic LPRINT and LLIST commands so I can get automatic perforation skip-over every 60 lines printed.

How do I modify NEWDOS so that

I obtain a POKE 14312,12 command every 60 lines? (David Ansley, Hall, NY)

A: If you're using NEWDOS, and not NEWDOS80 version 1.0 or 2.0, then your only choice is to write a supervisor program that takes control away from the ROM line printer routine.

For LPRINT, this is fairly easy: Write a Basic subroutine that calculates the number of lines printed each time you use the printer. That is, store whatever you want printed in a string variable, and go to this subroutine (which counts how many lines' worth of information are in that string and which adds it to a counter before printing the string). When you reach the line limit, the routine sends a CHR\$(12) to form feed the printer.

Intercepting LLIST is essentially done with the same technique, but done in machine language.

If you don't want to do the work yourself, Ramparts (Box S-8, Greenfield, NH 03047, 603-924-9406) sells a product called KVP for \$24.95, which gives NEWDOS a Forms command, letting you control line length, page length, and automatic indentation for subsequent lines of any line that exceed one full line in length.

Q: I have a problem with my new disk system and printer: I can't back up my machine-language tapes to disk. It seems the addresses of the programs in memory are too low to be dumped to disk since TRSDOS 2.3 won't accept any address below 7000 hex. (J. S. Bellefontaine, New York, NY)

A: Your problem is rather simple to solve. On your TRSDOS disk is a program called Tapedisk. This DOS program is designed to load non-disk machine-language tapes into memory and transfer them to disk. This puts your tape programs on disk for execution with the disk drives. The programs aren't altered in any way and won't load or save data to the disk drives. In fact, once you execute one of these programs by typing its name at the DOS prompt, the computer ignores the DOS system until you reset it.

Another choice is to buy one of the machine-language monitor programs with tape and disk commands, and use it to transfer the tapes for you.

An important consideration is whether or not the system programs disable the disk interrupts. If the programs don't disable the interrupts, then it's possible for the programs to crash during operation by having a disk interrupt signal from the system-clock trigger a disk reboot. If the programs contain a Disable Interrupts command, this won't be a problem.

Q: I recently completed writing a Basic program on my new Model 4 which I believe could be of interest to special interest groups. It works well and does all things I had hoped for during conception, but it's far too slow to be useful. I think the problem is its string pool organization. I've been told that the problem would be cured, and the program would run much faster, if it were compiled into machine language.

I don't understand what a Basic compiler really does, and I can't find one for Model 4 TRSDOS 6.0. Is there a program that will convert my Basic programs into machine language that can be operated by a Basic language programmer who knows nothing about machine language? If there is, will it solve the string pool reorganization problem, as well as speed up the Basic program? And where can I get such a program? (Dwain Hankins, Casper, WY)

A: Normally, Basic takes your program one line at a time and converts it into machine-code instructions so it will know what to do. After it converts and executes a line, it loads the next line and ignores the previous converted code. So if you branch back to a line previously executed, Basic converts it to machine code again. At any given instant, only one line of your Basic program is in machine code.

A Basic compiler takes a Basic program and converts it into direct machine-code instructions. The converted program is then saved as a machine-language program. From this

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Which Chip Is Which?

Today's MS-DOS and tomorrow's 80186.

Things were easier when personal computers either had Z80's or 6502's, but today's micros carry a baffling variety of CPU's or microprocessors. Intel Corp. of Santa Clara, CA, has a family of four chips, found in machines ranging from IBM's PC and PCjr to Tandy's new Model 2000; the chips offer wildly different specs, nearly identical names, and—at least to some extent—the ability to run the same software.

This makes for powerful computers and confused owners. For instance, though home computer buyers rarely care about chip counts and input/output (I/O) buses, a few PCjr owners will learn that their computer uses the same Intel 8088 microprocessor found in IBM's PC. They may even pick up enough jargon to tell friends they have a "16-bit computer," more impressive than 8-bit micros. They'll be wrong.

The 8088 is not strictly a 16-bit chip. It does process data in 16-bit registers, but it's limited to an 8-bit bus; in effect, its operations are fast but its I/O is slow. Its big brother, the 8086, is a true 16-bit device with a 16-bit bus.

And both are obsolete. Intel's new single-user flagship, the 80186, is not only a true 16-bit chip but a whole CPU board in itself: an enhanced 8-MHz 8086, plus a clock generator, two direct memory access channels, a programmable interrupt controller and timer/counters, and other support chips—all on one integrated circuit, which not only replaces as many as 20 other chips in an 8086-based system, but runs twice as fast.

To micro manufacturers, the 80186 is cause to rejoice: drastically reduced

edited by Eric Grevstad



size, weight, power requirements, and cost, with increased performance—and compatibility with existing 8086/8 software.

Tandy, of course, chose the 80186 for its state-of-the-art Model 2000. Australia's Dulmont Electronic Systems launched its briefcase-sized 80186 Magnum (256K RAM, 128K ROM including MS-DOS, 16-by-80 LCD display) at the Fall 1983 Comdex, and other manufacturers are jumping on the Intel bandwagon.

And, just as there are two versions of the older chip, Intel has two versions of the newer: the 80186 and the 80188. It was originally rumored that the mysterious Peanut would use the 80188—an integrated chip with an 8-bit interface, less expensive than the 80186 and allowing the use of cheaper 8-bit peripherals.

But IBM stayed with the 8088. Why is a matter for speculation. *InfoWorld's* John Dvorak, citing a Santa

Ana, CA, industry newsletter and "gossip rag," reports that, in writing MS-DOS, Microsoft programmers overlooked Intel's documentation and used some 8088 vector addresses, reserved by Intel for future hardware functions.

Although such a slip would be Microsoft's and not Intel's fault, market factors would oblige an angry Intel to redesign the 80188, rather than have Microsoft belatedly change MS-DOS and render thousands of current programs unusable. This, if you believe the rumor, is why PCjr uses the old 8088, and why an 80188 machine hasn't appeared yet.

(The other IBM rumor is that Big Blue is tired of sharing the world with Microsoft, and will eventually drop MS-DOS in favor of a proprietary operating system. This prediction's been around for over a year, but new hardware that won't run MS-DOS might give IBM a chance to make its break.)

Meanwhile, companies like Tandy and Dulmont are counting on being able to use today's software in their 80186-based systems. It's certain the Model 2000 will expand Tandy's software library—even if MS-DOS programs should require minor changes to run on the 80186, publishers are a lot more likely to make those than to write 8-bit TRSDOS versions—but program crashes could give the new machines a stumbling start.

This, according to Model 2000 Product Line Manager Don White, is why Tandy sent back its first batch of 80186's. "[Compatibility] is not a problem for us in that we are not using the earlier version of the chip, which

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to have trouble."*

did have problems with MS-DOS," White told *80 Micro*.

"We found out when we got the machines in and did some testing that there were problems, which is why we sent them back and are using the latest version," White said. "There have been several different [80186] masks and we're only using the last one."

Tandy's software product planner, Doug Dillhoff, gave more details: "The first [80186] had a Move String function that wasn't working. That was no go, because our MS-DOS linker uses [that function], so we sent them back. That's one reason we had a little bit of delay, because Intel wasn't able to deliver the new versions as fast as we would have liked."

Though not every IBM PC program will run on the Model 2000, Dillhoff said, fears of MS-DOS incompatibility are groundless: "The big thing is that we don't use 80186 instructions, so we don't use any of those [reserved] vectors. We do require that people go through the BIOS for everything for documented calls, so programs that go directly to video will have problems, since our video memory's not in the same place as IBM's."

"If you violate the operating system, you're going to have trouble. Things are becoming more standard [as MS-DOS becomes the norm], so we stayed within the operating system," Dillhoff said.

"We've been doing some tests and seeing what will run, and the only trouble is if people go directly to memory. Otherwise there's no problem, and of course [programs] run a lot faster."

Looking to the future, neither Microsoft nor anyone else is talking about MS-DOS 3.0, the Bellevue, WA, company's long-awaited multi-tasking system—Microsoft's answer to Digital Research Inc.'s Concurrent CP/M, which lets users run several applications programs at once. On

Nov. 10, however, Microsoft announced Windows (due in April 1984), a window management extension to MS-DOS 2.0 that competes with VisiCorp's new VisiOn. Radio Shack is among the manufacturers listed as supporting Windows.

As for hardware, the 80186 won't be the new chip on the block forever. Intel already markets the multi-user 80286, which includes a pair of 8086's and is two or three times faster than the Model 16's Motorola 68000, and plans a frighteningly powerful CMOS 32-bit 80386 for late 1984 or 1985. ■

—E.G.

PCjr: There They Go Again

Fair performance, whopping price.

In 1981, IBM introduced its Personal Computer to titanic publicity and divided opinions: The PC had the industry's biggest name behind it, and its 16-bit 8088 chip was more impressive than its 8-bit competitors'. But its performance was only adequate, it had an awkward, nonstandard keyboard, and its price—even for a stripped-down model—was far above its rivals'.

Even so, the PC not only defied but outsold other desktops. On Nov. 1, 1983, Big Blue repeated its successful strategy.

After a year of mounting, if not hysterical, press speculation, IBM unveiled the "Peanut," formally named PCjr—an 8088-based home computer that can run many of its big brother's MS-DOS programs, but otherwise flies in the face of the year's trend to more powerful, less expensive low-end micros.

IBM offers two PCjr models, each consisting of a 25-ounce keyboard and a 9-pound system unit that connects to a color monitor or TV set. The base model offers 64K of RAM, a cassette interface for bulk storage, and two cartridge slots for ROMpack programs; its suggested retail price is \$669.

The enhanced version, which IBM expects to account for 90 percent of PCjr sales, has 128K RAM, an 80-column display (twice as wide as the base model's), and comes with

both cartridge slots and one 360K double-sided disk drive. It costs \$1,269.

The disk-based Junior runs under PC-DOS (IBM's name for MS-DOS) 2.1, an update of version 2.0. But not all MS-DOS 1.1 or 2.0 programs may be compatible with the PCjr—besides DOS differences, some 1.1 or 2.0 software requires more than 128K RAM.

While PCjr owners may not be able to bring their 1-2-3 disks home from the office, they will have access to a large library of software. Besides four cartridge-based games (\$35 each), IBM announced PCjr versions of 20-odd disk programs, ranging from Bumble Games and Juggles' Butterfly to PFS:File, Time Manager, and EasyWriter. Peanut's color and graphics capabilities are better than the PC's, but no match for Commodore or Atari machines' game animation.

Even allowing for the attraction of MS-DOS, PCjr prices seem outrageous. The 64K model is more than three times the current price of the Commodore 64 (\$200), and the 128K one-disk Junior costs about twice Coleco's Adam—which offers 80K RAM, a fast tape storage device, and a daisy-wheel printer for \$600 (\$750 after Jan. 1).

Also, some of PCjr's specifications are bizarre. Rather than expand the system's skimpy cassette Basic (a fuller Basic is available on cartridge for \$75), IBM opted to dedicate some of its 64K ROM to a cartoon tutorial called Keyboard Adventure, similar to the "Apple Presents Apple" disk included with the IIe.

The PCjr's sole innovation is its infrared keyboard, which runs on four AA batteries and permits cordless operation from up to 20 feet away (keyboard cords, \$20 each, are required with two or more Peanuts in one room, lest signals get scrambled).

On the other hand, as the *New York Times*' Andrew Pollack wrote, "As reporters first caught sight of the keyboard at a demonstration, there were gasps of dismay." Unlike the full-travel keyboards of the Adam, C64, or 64K Color Computer, Junior's has rubberized chiclet keys, unsuitable for long periods of typing.

The inadequate keyboard, in fact, may be an indication of PCjr's awk-



Will families flock to PCjr?

ward market position: as a 128K MS-DOS system, Peanut is competing with the original PC as much as with Commodore or Atari. Obviously, a functionally identical PCjr would stop sales of the more costly PC overnight.

Hence, the new machine has an inferior keyboard and, at least officially, no potential for expansion—128K and one disk is as far as IBM will go, though PCjr's architecture seems open to outsiders who'd like to add a second drive or up to a megabyte of RAM. Also, if family history is any guide, buyers can expect less expensive PCjr clones—Compaq Juniors or Eagle Juniors, perhaps.

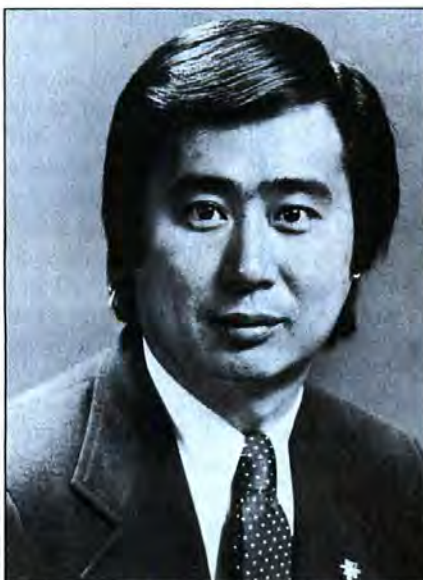
At this writing, though, they can't even expect a PCjr. Though the Nov. 1 announcement attracted network TV news and front-page newspaper coverage, Juniors will not reach IBM's 1,100 dealers until the first quarter of 1984. Even then, a press release admitted, "Initial supplies will be limited and may not be sufficient to meet expected demand."

What that means, cynics declared, is that Big Blue was not only announcing the year's most awaited product at breathtaking prices, but relying on its clout to freeze everyone else's Christmas sales—hoping that families would wait to buy a \$1,269 PCjr in March, rather than a \$200 Commodore in December.

The more generous interpretation

was that IBM was, as the release said, bracing for high demand. It's been rumored since summer that Teledyne Inc. of Irvine, CA, which assembles the PCjr to IBM's specifications, has a warehouse full of units ready to ship, but—judging from the PC's skyrocketing success—a warehouse might not be enough.

Dave O'Connell, IBM's PCjr product manager, summed it up for reporters: "We are going to sell as many of these things as we can possibly make." ■



Yamagata: Tandy welcomes IBM's company. (Radio Shack photo)

Mixed Peanut Reviews

Rivals and writers react to PCjr.

Now that months of second-guessing the PCjr's specs are over, industry watchers are trying to predict its success. No one believes an IBM machine will flop, but the new machine's price and performance kept critics from getting enthusiastic.

The Seybold Report on Professional Computing put it bluntly: "[The PCjr] is a surprisingly modest machine, embodying relatively little innovation. It is priced much higher than the systems against which it will be sold. If the system is a success it won't be deserved based on the technology or features; rather, it will be because of the IBM name. If it were not for [that] name, we could write the machine off as an interesting but overpriced also-ran."

Many onlookers, however, feel that IBM's name is exactly what the topsyturvy home market needs—that PCjr will not only pep up the field, but stabilize it, reassuring buyers who've watched the chaos of Commodore price cutting and TI and Atari losses.

Mark Yamagata, Radio Shack's director of merchandising for personal computer products, told *80 Micro*, "I think it's been said by everybody that IBM is going to give some credibility to the whole industry. We don't consider ourselves a failure, but people have been seeing what's happened to TI, Atari, and others, and it's nice to see someone with some credibility coming into the business. It'll be good company for us."

As for PCjr's price, Yamagata is charitable: "Well, their unit is 16-bit equipment, to be fair to them. This is their first venture into the home computer business, and I'm sure they probably have a fair price point."

Others expect the PCjr to sell well, but not to dominate its field as the PC does. Talmis' analysts say, "The suggestion that IBM will take over the home computer market is similar to suggesting that Porsche will take over the auto market. Everyone might want one, but few would buy one to teach their teenager to drive."

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"With the PC, IBM gambled that it could sell machines on the strength of its name alone."

prices, Talmis' logic is generally accepted. Few expect the PCjr, for instance, to wipe out Commodore overnight; the 64 has a sizable installed base, which is growing as fast as Commodore can ship the \$200 machines.

In fact, Morrow Inc. President George Morrow told *InfoWorld* that Commodore "is going to make mincemeat of these people [IBM]." The PCjr's "toylike" specs and Commodore's no-holds-barred discounting, the desktop manufacturer said, would leave IBM as a high-priced novelty in the low-end arena.

But if its price puts Commodore safely in a sub-IBM part of the market, you can't say the same for Apple. Many analysts expect PCjr to spell trouble for the IIe, now selling for \$1,795 with a monitor and one disk drive. Apple dealers are already offering several bundled packages with different peripherals and software, and further IIe discounts seem likely.

Apple II inventor Steve Wozniak told *InfoWorld* he wasn't worried: "We're solidly entrenched. We have a ton of software."

Nevertheless, everyone expects the PCjr to leave its mark on the industry. International Resource Development's Joan de Regt told *ISO World* that Commodore would fall from first place, with 25 percent of 1983's home computer market, to third place, with 15 percent of 1984's. Coleco's Adam, she predicted, would take second place, and the winner—seizing 20 percent of the market in its first year—would be PCjr.

Future Computing Inc. Chairman Egil Juliussen agreed, noting, "In its first full year of production, the IBM PC got 18 percent of the office computer market. The PC Junior could do the same."

Still, as the *Seybold Report* concluded, "With the PC, IBM gambled that it could sell machines on the strength of its name alone. It won that gamble. Now, with the PCjr, it is making the same gamble again." ■

—E.G.

One Down, Two to Go?

TI, Apple, and Commodore problems.

Compared to IBM's introduction of the PCjr, Texas Instruments' decision to leave the home computer business went almost unnoticed. The Austin, TX, firm officially threw in the towel on Oct. 28, ending a two-year saga of optimistic sales forecasts and profit-slashing price cuts with the words, "It became clear that fourth-quarter demand wouldn't be sufficient to prevent large additional losses. In order to limit further financial drain on TI we have made the decision to withdraw."

While TI's last hurrah, slashing its half-million remaining 99/4A's, to \$49, upstaged rivals' Christmas sales, the company kept its seat at the micro table with the well-received Professional Computer, reportedly outselling all but IBM's and Compaq's entries in the MS-DOS market.

A similar shift, focusing marketing attention on a different machine, may await Apple Computer Inc. when its McIntosh debuts in early 1984. Not only does PCjr pose a threat to the IIe, IBM may have dealt a death blow to Apple's Lisa.

Shortly before Peanut's debut, Big Blue quietly announced two new desktops, the 3270 PC and the PC XT/370, with, respectively, terminal capability and the ability to run most IBM 370 mainframe software.

Priced competitively with Lisa, which already trails the PC in sales and which still lacks mainframe communications, the new versions may shut Apple out of the office market.

Still, the Cupertino, CA, orchards aren't barren yet. The IIe should receive a hard disk and Lisa-type windowing software soon, and Chatsworth, CA's Rana Systems has announced a box with an Intel 8086 and two disk drives that will let the

popular Apple run MS-DOS programs. And McIntosh, though the latest rumors describe it as a \$2,400 desktop instead of a \$1,200 home micro, could give Apple a happy new year.

"If Apple did nothing, it would be devastated," Future Computing Inc. Chairman Egil Juliussen told *ISO World*. "But Apple has plenty of room to change things. They'll have to make a lot of changes, but they'll continue to be number two in personal computers."

Commodore, meanwhile, is having troubles of its own. The 64's discount price has reportedly led to cash flow problems for the company, even as stupendous sales cause product shortages.

Commodore is rumored to be pushing aside its smaller dealers to concentrate on large chains; nevertheless, 64's are scarce, and the 1541 disk drive is in such short supply that one Commodore software company, HES of Brisbane, CA, may produce its own drive to protect its investment.

Finally, there's talk that overtime production is affecting Commodore quality. An industry newsletter claimed the firm rejected a shipment of 30,000 drives, and *InfoWorld* reports that some smaller retailers have been returning defective 64's in unusually high numbers. ■

Tandy's Fiscal Fitness

While Apple's third-quarter profits declined 73 percent and Texas Instruments pulled out of the home computer market after half-billion-dollar losses, Radio Shack's cash registers keep ringing.

According to Tandy Corp.'s annual report, fiscal 1983 net sales were \$2.48 billion, up 22 percent from last year. Net income was \$278.5 million (\$2.67 per average common share), up 24 percent. And Tandy's retail sales outlets increased from 8,518 to 8,868.

Except for CB radios, walkie-talkies, police band scanners, and PA systems, every class of Radio Shack merchandise posted increased sales in the year ending June 30, 1983. Microcomputers and software led the way, with sales up 34 percent from last year.

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34.6 percent of Tandy warehouse shipments, followed by audio equipment and tape recorders (18.2 percent) and electronic parts, test equipment, and batteries (13.2 percent).

Radios, phonographs, and TV sets slipped from 9.4 to 8.6 percent of Tandy business. Telephones and intercoms climbed from 6.5 to 8 percent, with more expected as Radio Shack increases its Telephone Center campaign.

A closer look at Tandy's micro sales reveals that the Models I/III/4 represented 28.1 percent of TRS-80 shipments. The Models II/12/16 trailed with 21.4 percent, followed by printers (16.5 percent), Color Computers (9.8 percent), and software (9.2 percent). Other equipment contributed 11.9 percent of TRS-80 totals; the Model 100 hadn't been around long enough to boost portable and pocket computer sales beyond 3.1 percent.

Looking ahead, Fort Worth admits that slugging it out with IBM, Apple, Pioneer, and Panasonic isn't easy: "The consumer electronics business is highly competitive. . . . The products which compete with [Radio Shack's] are manufactured by numerous domestic and foreign manufacturers and many of them carry nationally recognized brand names or private labels. Many of the Company's competitors have financial resources equal to or greater than the Company's resources."

Nevertheless, the report blandly concludes, "Management believes that among the factors that are important to its competitive position are price, quality, service, and the wide selection of electronic products carried at conveniently located retail outlets."

And, at least as of the first quarter of fiscal '84, Tandy's good fortune seems to be holding. Figures released for that period show consolidated sales of \$583.4 million and net income of \$59.6 million, up 11 percent from a year ago.

Finally, there's a vote of confidence from John Gantz, editor of the *Tech Street Journal*, in the Nov. 14 *InfoWorld*: "Tandy is not only a financial fat cat—its current assets dwarf its current liabilities, and the company has close to \$3 cash per share in the bank—but it is uniquely situated among personal computer vendors.

"With more than 8,500 stores, it is probably the only [micro] vendor that really understands retailing. By making money in the distribution side of the business, it insulates its margins.

"Tandy's stock, close to an all-time low, looks like a bargain. And it would be one at almost twice the price."

Stores Within Shacks?

It wasn't long ago that TRS-80 owners could buy software from anyone they wanted, as long as it was Radio Shack. Recently, however, Tandy's drawbridge has been coming down, with LDOS, CP/M Plus, Multiplan, and PFS:File ending the TRS-DOS monopoly in Radio Shack stores and catalogs.

But that's nothing compared to an experiment now being conducted by Tandy and PC Telemart, an independent software distributor based in Fairfax, VA. Under a pilot project, PC Telemart is putting information booths and ordering facilities, similar to catalog sales desks in department stores, inside 12 Computer Centers around Washington, DC—giving TRS-80 buyers access to thousands of non-Tandy programs.

According to *ISO World's* Steven Burke, Radio Shack has "signed a preliminary agreement" allowing PC Telemart "to sell software not owned, licensed, or labeled by Tandy in Radio Shack stores."

The PC Telemart kiosks, Burke reports, will use a microcomputer to "provide a detailed listing and

description of software available for Tandy machines." The distributor must test each program offered to make sure it runs on TRS-80's, and will be responsible for after-sale support.

Customers will order directly from PC Telemart, which will deliver programs to their homes or businesses. The agreement will increase Radio Shack store traffic and, presumably, provide some revenue from space rental for sales desks; however, Fort Worth reportedly will not share in the distributor's profits.

Tandy officials stress that the Washington plan is currently only experimental. Director of Personal Computer Merchandising Mark Yamagata told *80 Micro*, "That's just a test market in the Washington, DC, area. We'll decide [whether to expand the program] once we have more information."

PC Telemart spokesmen, meanwhile, claimed that the project would increase Radio Shack customers' choices from 300 to 3,000 software packages—and that was referring to CP/M, before news of the Model 2000 and Tandy's entry into the booming MS-DOS market. Whether Tandy or PC Telemart makes more money, it looks like the joint venture will profit TRS-80 owners the most.

1983: Desktops

A year after *Time's* "Machine of the Year" story, the Yankee Group has belatedly named 1983 "the Year of the Desktop Computer." Worldwide, the Boston, MA, analysts say,

Live from Las Vegas

The Model 2000, released at Comdex/Fall's halfway point, easily upstaged a raft of 8088-based PC copies and portables (including entries from big names Sperry and ITT). Next month, Pulse Train reports on the industry's and Las Vegas' biggest convention, and on the few entries that managed to share Tandy's spotlight.

Incidentally, Tandy's news blackout held almost intact until the 2000's Caesars Palace press debut on Nov. 30. The *New York Times* had a story that day and the Dec. 12 *InfoWorld* broke the story as did January's *80 Micro*, but *Micro MarketWorld's* Nov. 28 issue declared, "[Tandy's MS-DOS] system, possibly to be called the Model 14, will be introduced before April. It will undoubtedly be built by taking the Model 12 and adding a new board with an 8088 microprocessor."

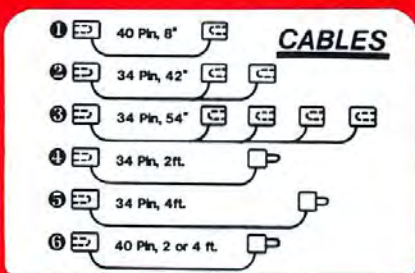
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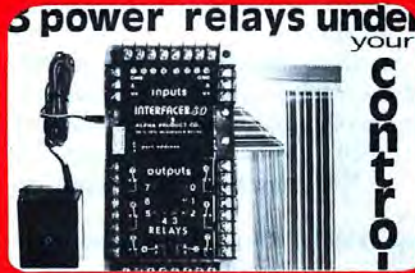


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Of the 2.3 million desktops sold stateside, Apple led the way with approximately 700,000, to IBM's

550,000 and Tandy's 335,000. Hewlett-Packard and DEC trailed with 250,000 and 110,000 respectively.

Where are these machines going? Seven of 10, Yankee says, are sold to businesses ranging from Fortune 1000 offices to independent professionals. Scientific or engineering users and high-end home computer buyers each

claim 10 percent, and educational institutions take 5 percent.

"Between 1983 and 1984," Yankee analysts predict, "technology will continue to drive desktop computers' price-performance." In other words, micros will keep getting better—hard disks and high-resolution color graphics will become cheaper, and 256K RAM "will become the standard offering"—as prices keep shrinking. The Group "estimates that prices will fall 13.5 percent annually between 1980 and 1986."

For 1987, Yankee forecasts over 10 million desktops sold at an average price of \$1,700, bringing the U.S. installed base to over 24 million units.

END BYTES

Two 2000's

● A week before Tandy's Comdex unveiling of the top-secret Model 2000, Monroe Business Systems unwittingly provided the year's biggest **COINCIDENCE**: The Morris Plains, NJ, firm introduced a near-identical micro (128K RAM, 640-by-400 resolution, MS-DOS), joining the wave of manufacturers using Intel's 80186. Monroe's name for its machine? System 2000.

● Buying the house brand: According to Talmis, "Home **SOFTWARE** is dominated by hardware manufacturers." Seven micro makers' programs, the research firm says, accounted for 37 percent of 1983's \$1.2 billion in home software sales. Microsoft, VisiCorp, and MicroPro teamed for another 10 percent, while Sierra On-Line, Adventure International, and Broderbund claimed 4 percent. The remaining 49 percent of the pie was divided by all other software vendors.

● There was a **HALLOWEEN** treat for Atari owners on CompuServe: In the first message from an employee of Warner Communications Inc.'s struggling subsidiary, public relations man Bill Cabeche went on AtariSIG to reassure users that "WCI and Atari remain deeply committed to the home computer industry and continue to analyze the market very carefully." WCI Vice President Geoff Holmes, Cabeche said, would become a CompuServe regular to answer worried Atarians' questions.

● Another sign that Atari's making a comeback: Schools can now receive Atari micros and Verbatim disks for proofs of purchase from Post **CEREAL BOXES**. The year-long promotion, "Catch on to Computers," will also sponsor "computer learning festivals" in 10 U.S. cities.

● Turning from home and school to the office, Talmis reports that **SECRETARIES** are more computer literate than their bosses. Only 52 percent of companies that provide computer training teach managers or executives to use micros, but 69 percent train clerical workers.

● Oklahoma's **MODEM** blues (see *80 Micro*, November 1983, p. 285) may be over. An Oklahoma City *Oklahoman* story quoted on CompuServe says that the \$50 monthly tariff for telecommunications users will end with AT&T's Jan. 1 divestiture; Southwestern Bell's \$14 basic service charge will entitle users to connect "anything they like," so long as it's FCC approved, to their phone lines.

● Last month, End Bytes reported that **COMDEX** had grown from two to three shows a year with the addition of Comdex/Winter (April 5-7 is winter?) in Los Angeles. Now The Interface Group has added Comdex in Japan, slated to debut at the Tokyo International Trade Center on March 26-28, 1985.

● It's not news that at least three publishers (led by Wayne Green Inc.) plan IBM PCjr **MAGAZINES**, but one new entry is more specialized still: *MUM*, the MicroPro Users' Monthly, a Larkspur, CA, journal for users of WordStar and other MicroPro software.

● And, with **BOOK** publishers like Dell and Harcourt Brace Jovanovich starting computer magazines, a software superpower is getting into the book business. Microsoft Corp.'s newest division, Microsoft Press, plans 30-35 titles a year, focusing on company products such as Multiplan and MS-DOS. The books will be distributed by Simon and Schuster. ■

1983: Grand Totals

If the Yankee Group numbers look impressive, remember that they're only for high-end desktop systems. Counting "personal computers," including home micros, Future Computing Inc. has some even bigger figures.

In 1983, the Richardson, TX, market watchers say, U.S. retail sales of micro hardware and software exceeded \$10 billion. IBM led the top ten with \$1.5 billion in PC sales, and Apple and Tandy tied for second with about \$1.1 billion in sales each. Commodore moved into fourth place, moving \$800 million worth of VIC's and 64's.

Ranked fifth through tenth were Hewlett-Packard, Texas Instruments, Atari, and three newcomers—DEC, Victor, and TeleVideo, who pushed Zenith, Altos, and Osborne from the list.

The 1983 numbers are formidable, but they're just the beginning. "Only 7 percent of U.S. office workers and under 10 percent of U.S. households" had computers by year's end, FCI admits; by 1990, the firm's *Personal Computer Industry Report* anticipates micros for 40 percent of office workers and two-thirds of American homes. In short, "the personal computer industry is still in its infancy."

"Sales of personal computers will surpass those of minicomputers by 1985 and mainframe computers by the end of the '80s," the report states, while hardware and software sales will pass the \$40 billion mark by 1988. ■

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Catching an Improvement

I've made an improvement to Smith Harris' "Catching Rays" program (October 1983, p. 256). In line 1530 the program uses the number 0.39782 radians for the value of the obliquity of the ecliptic. Actually this number, which is slowly getting smaller, won't reach that value until approximately 6000 AD.

The correct present value is 0.409106 radians. This compares somewhat favorably with the value found on p. 93 of the article (0.409191 for 1950). The "Catching Rays" program can be made to function until 4000 AD with the following quadratic function:

$$\text{Obliquity} = 0.413648 - 2.12972E - 06 * \text{Year} - 7.99123E - 11 * \text{Year} * \text{Year}.$$

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Bar Code Modifications

I found the bar code articles in the November 1983 issue very interesting. Not having an Epson printer, however, I had to change some of the programs to work on my C.Itoh ProWriter. Here's a sample, using Davey Thornton's "Bars and Stripes Forever" program (p. 104), of how to make such a modification.

First, the print subroutine is changed as follows:

```
770 LPRINTCHR$(27)“P”;CHR$(27)
    “T14”;CHR$(27)“>”;
780 QZ$=STR$(N6)
    :QZ$="0000"+RIGHT$(QZ$,
    LEN(QZ$)-1)
    :PT$=RIGHT$(QZ$,4)
790 FORM=1TO8
800 LPRINTCHR$(27)“S”;PT$;
820 K=0
830 FORJ=1TON1
840 IFK=0THENK=1ELSEK=0
850 FORI=1TO(R(J)*C2+C1)*2
855 QP=127*K
```



```
860 IFPEEK(14312)<>59THEN860ELSE
    POKE14312,QP
870 NEXTI
880 NEXTJ
890 LPRINT
910 NEXTM
915 LPRINT
920 LPRINTCHR$(27)“A”“QS”“*”;
    CHR$(27)“<”;STRING$(3,13)
940 RETURN
950 END
```

Lines 770, 780, 800, 920, and 940 are changed to the C.Itoh's graphics commands. Lines 855 and 860 are used instead of LPRINT CHR\$(127*K) because the Model I's printer driver doesn't pass some of the codes to the printer. Line 850 is changed to get better print quality, but only if you also change line 620 to: 620 N6=N6+(R(I)*C2+C1)*2:NEXTI. This allows maximum print density.

After some experimentation, I found that the program printed the best-looking bar code when I replaced line 250 with 250 C1=2:C2=2 and deleted line 260. I also changed line 340 to accommodate the maximum length of 22 characters: 340 IFLEN(Q\$)>22THENPRINT “STRING TOO LONG REENTER”:GOTO 310.

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Model 4 Hints

Here's how you can get your Model 4, when running on Model III TRSDOS 1.3, to operate at the higher (4MHz) clock speed. At the beginning of your Basic program, type: X=PEEK(16912):X=XOR64:POKE 16912,X.

Also, rather than getting your Model 4 to make sounds via JCL commands, you can make it generate tones in Basic by using the Sound command. The structure of the command is: SOUND tone,duration. The tone may be any value of zero through 7, and duration may be any value of zero through 31 (ex. SOUND 4,22).

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Upgrading COS

After using Richard Castor's machine-code Save and Load routines ("Cassette Operating System," March 1983, p. 226), I upgraded my system to 48K and found that I needed to put the machine-code routines into higher RAM. Since the modification proved to be difficult, I thought I'd give some assistance to others trying to do the same thing.

The modifications load the routines into RAM above 65421 and change two addresses in each routine to accommodate the jumps.

- Delete line 3.
- Change line 4 to: POKE 16561, 141:POKE 16562,255. This sets the memory at 65421.
- In line 6, change both 127s to 255. This is necessary because of jumps to specific addresses within the machine-code Save routine.
- Change line 7 to: FOR I=-108 TO -84: READ X: POKE I,X: NEXT I. This puts the Save routine in 65428-65452.
- Change the 127s to 255s in line 8. This is necessary because of jumps to

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specific addresses within the machine-code Load routine.

● Change line 9 to: FOR I = -83 TO -59: READ X: POKE I,X: NEXT I. This puts the Load routine in 65453-65477.

● Replace line 850 with: POKE 16526,148: POKE 16527,255. This points to the first byte of the saved routine.

- Delete lines 855 and 860.
- Replace line 950 with: POKE 16526,173: POKE 16527,255:CLS. This points to the first byte of the Load routine.
- Delete lines 955 and 960.

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Beyond AIDS-III

Robert Fiorelli's enhancements to his AIDS-III program (Input, August 1983, p. 12) are quite good, but they present a slight drawback. The ASCII code for the up-arrow (91) command key is beyond the range of the 32 (space) and 122 (lowercase "z"). Therefore, you not only lose the ability to return to a previous field when

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DEBUG

Killing Bugs

Table 1 (Sort Logic) in my "Sorting in Place" article is incomplete (October 1983, p. 172). Subset 1 under the Unsorted List column should consist of C, H, and A; Subset 2: H, B, and G; Subset 3: E, D, and F.

I also found two bugs that prevent the sort from working properly or mix data in the resulting sorted files. To correct these bugs, first add three characters to the end of line 50 so that it reads:

```
50 IFFB = <S1 + ITHENB2 =  
IELSEB2 = FB - S1
```

Second, add an LSET to the middle of line 10030 so that it reads:

```
10030 Y = CVI(RIGHT$(S$(W),2)):  
IFY = ZTHENT = Y:GOSUB13000:  
LSETF1$ = D1$:LSETF2$ = D2$:  
PUT1,J:MID$(S$(Y),1,2) = MKI$(0):  
GOTO10050
```

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Don't Drop Your Letters

I enjoyed James Blatt's "In Search of..." article (October 1983, p. 244), but I found a serious bug in the program that causes letters to drop out under certain conditions.

The program works by picking a random spot and testing to see if it can insert the word. It checks the first spot to see if A(H,V) = 0$ or whether the ASCII value of A(H,V)$ equals the ASCII value of the current position of W(n)$. If the condition is met, then it throws

two flags and R = A(H,V) .

The program makes A(H,V)$ equal the ASCII value of the current position of W(X)$. It increments the position count and repeats the test for the next position of W(X)$. If the test fails, the program decrements the counter and replaces the original value of A(H,V)$ by recalling the temporary variable $R$$.

Now comes the problem. If two or more letters match, the program drops the first match and replaces the proper letter in the array with zero. This is done in each of the insertion routines. To fix this problem, make the following changes:

● In lines 3050, 3120, 3190, 3260, 3330, and 3400 change $E = 0:F = 0:R$ = "0"$ to $FOR W = 0 TO 10: E(W) = 0: F(W) = 0: R$(W) = "0": NEXTW: W = 0$.

● In lines 3075, 3145, 3215, 3285, 3355, and 3425 change $E = H: F = V: R$ = A(H,V) to $E(W) = H: F(W) = V: R$(W) = A(H,V) .

● In lines 3110, 3180, 3250, 3320, 3390, and 3460 insert $W = W - 1$ at the beginning of each line and change $IF E = H AND F = V THEN A$(H,V) = R$$ to $IF E(W) = H AND F(W) = V THEN A$(H,V) = R$(W)$.

● Finally, in lines 3070, 3140, 3210, 3280, 3350, and 3420 insert $W = W + 1$ at the end of each line.

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Graftrax Fix

I have discovered an error in my "Graftrax Art Palette" article (No-

vember 1983, p. 140). The section titled "Running the Program" should be ignored. If followed, it will mess up programs 3 and 4.

I programmed the listings' statements for user key-in after first loading Program Listing 1. To save memory, I frequently used the edit function to push past the 240-character limit imposed by ASCII formatting used in merging programs. Saving Program Listings 3 or 4 in ASCII format deletes all statement line code and command word characters beyond the 240-character limit.

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A Calculating Mistake

I've detected and fixed a bug in Robert Fiorelli's CALCS-III program ("Inside AIDS-III—Part II," April 1983, p. 168). The program doesn't generate totals for the fields specified. I discovered that line 11721 is not following the flow to the total print subroutine (lines 11800-11870), because the dump flag ($DP = -1$) is set to zero, although the total print flag (TP) is set to minus one.

I fixed this problem by adding a $DP = -1$ to line 11120, just after the $TP = -1$:

```
11120 IF ZT > 0 THEN FOR I = 1 TO ZT:  
J = ZT(I): ZT#(J) = ZT#(J) + ZF#(J): NEXT  
I: TP = -1: DP = -1
```

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you enter data, but you also get a useless bracket on the screen.

To fix this, search for line 180 in AIDS-III, line 950 in MAPS-III, line 16 in CALCS-III, and line 9070 in MERGE-III. Then simply change IF IC<CL OR IC>CH THEN... to IF IC<CL OR IC=91 THEN...

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Brasil

Blast 'Em on the III

I've found a way to change John Beringer's "Star Guard" game (August 1981, p. 116) so that the subroutine, which causes the screen to appear to shake when the defending spaceship is hit, works on the Model III as it does on the Model I.

To make this modification, change line 7600 to:

```
7600 FORA1=1TO10:OUT236,4:  
FORA2=1TO5:NEXTA2:OUT  
236,0:FORA2=1TO5:NEXTA2:  
NEXTA1:PRINT@896,CHR$(30);
```

Robert Pillischafske
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Model III One-Liner

Here's a nice one-liner: If you sequentially number your Model III disks and insert them sequentially into drive 1 in response to the prompt, this program produces a comprehensive directory of all disk files on any printer. Also, it's easy to modify the program to include system and invisible files.

```
10 FOR X=1TO50: LPRINT:  
LPRINT "DIRECTORY FOR DISK  
ETTE NO. ";X: CMD"Z";"ON"  
:CMD "D:1": CMD"Z";"OFF":  
INPUT "CHANGE DISKETTE  
IN DRIVE 1; PRESS ENTER TO  
CONTINUE; BREAK TO END";C:  
NEXT.
```

Thomas Longstaff
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Waterville, ME 04901

Looking for Help

Our school district is trying to find a serial printer driver for Scripsit on the Model III. Presently, all our printing

is done with a Scripsit printer driver on an old Model I. Can someone help us adapt the Model I driver for the Model III?

John Robbins
Monterey School District
P.O. Box 1031
Monterey, CA 93940

I'd like to hear from anyone who can tell me where I can buy Microsoft's EDTASM Plus on either tape or disk.

T.E. Bennett
425 Leisure World
Mesa, AZ 85206

Can someone tell me where I can get a new print head for my Line Printer IV (Centronics parallel interface) that costs less than the \$200 Radio Shack wants to charge me?

Julie Petersen
1245 Toledo St.
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I'm searching for software that will let me generate straightforward graphs, bar charts, pie charts, and so forth with the simple input of data that is "non-programmer" friendly. Does anyone have any recommendations where I can find this elusive program?

Robert Brickhouse
724 N.W. 61st Terrace
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I have a Model III and I recently bought a Xerox 615 Memorywriter. I'm wondering if anyone makes an interface for this electronic typewriter. Does anyone know?

John Rack
10425 South Kenton Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

I have a Model III with the high-resolution graphics board. I recently bought Radio Shack's Pascal and found that I'm unable to use the graphics subroutines that are supplied on the board (Line, Paint, Put, etc.). Has anyone written or translated these routines meant for use with Fortran,

into a form that I can call from Pascal?

David Maharry
Wabash College
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Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Can anyone supply me with an Assembly listing of a relocatable lowercase driver that works with Phillip Van Praag's lowercase modification ("Lower Cost Lowercase," April 1981, p. 228)? All the ones I've found so far print lowercase characters when I press the shift key.

Robert Moquin
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80 Micro frequently receives information about user's groups from all parts of the country. The list below contains current information about the groups; it is arranged in alphabetical order by state and province.

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The Juki 6100: A Printer with Personality

by David Dalton

The Juki 6100 might be the best daisy-wheel printer in its price range. It's smart, looks durable, and has plenty of features, including true proportional spacing. It comes with a 2K buffer and is compatible with the Diablo 630. The print quality is excellent.

Description

This is a big printer: 20½ inches wide, 18 inches deep, and 6 inches high (see Photo). It weighs 31 pounds. Strong rubber feet cut down on vibration, and the foam-lined case reduces noise. The Juki 6100 is one of the quietest daisy-wheel printers I've seen, rated at 62 decibels. It won't shake the table.

A 2K data buffer is standard and expandable to 8K of memory. Memory chips list for \$28.02 for each 2K. A serial interface is available as an option for \$59, and the bidirectional tractor lists for \$149.

The Juki uses Triumph-Adler daisy wheels, available in many typewriter stores for about \$20. You can get these wheels in more than 20 type styles in 10, 12, and 15 characters per inch (cpi) as well as proportional and foreign language sets.

The Juki 6100 prints at 18 characters per second (cps). It's bidirectional and logic-seeking, which makes it faster.

This printer uses a linear motor. You'll find no belts and pulleys inside. A magnetic field across a heavy metal rail moves the carriage. Juki says this gives better print positioning and longer service.

edited by Lynne M. Nadeau



Photo. The Juki 6100 daisy-wheel printer.

You'll need IBM Selectric II ribbons, which cost \$3.50 or less for a single-strike film ribbon. The fact that daisy wheels and ribbons are available from a variety of suppliers, usually locally, should make this printer easy to own.

One Courier daisy wheel and one ribbon are included. The printer comes with a 90-day warranty. Juki's 13 regional distributors handle service, and they promise a fast turnaround on repairs.

The Juki distributor in my area received my check on a Monday, and the printer arrived the following Thursday morning. I had it up and running in a few minutes without a hitch. It connects to your TRS-80 with the standard Radio Shack cable. The 25-page manual gives clear instructions on unpacking and setting up the printer, installing the daisy wheel and ribbon, and so on.

You need to set 10 DIP-switch pins under the lid. The printer comes with all the pins in the off position.

I had to move two switches: one to tell the printer that I was using cut sheets rather than continuous-feed

paper and another to tell it to trigger an automatic line feed on receiving a carriage return. The manual clearly explains the function of these switches, and they are readily accessible.

Features

This printer does everything I want a printer to do. To load a sheet of paper, place it behind the roller and pull the paper-bail lever forward. The paper-bail lever trips a switch. The machine makes a soft whir and pulls the paper in automatically, always stopping at just the right spot.

Nine times out of 10, the paper goes in straight and needs no adjustment. If the paper does need straightening, you release a lever and straighten it as you would on a typewriter.

The word processor I usually use is Scriplus, Powersoft's upgrade to Scripsit. Because Scriplus lets you embed printer control codes in text, You can obtain all the Juki's features except proportional spacing. Any word processor would work well with the Juki as long as it permits embedded control codes.

The printer's front panel has four switches and three lights. A slide switch selects 10, 12, or 15 pitch and proportional spacing. Three membrane switches are marked Reset, Pause, and Form Feed. The lights are marked Power, Ready, and Check.

Assume you want to print a document that's two pages long. The Juki prints the first page and ejects it, then waits for you to insert the next sheet of paper. When the paper is in place, press the reset switch to resume printing.

If the two pages contain fewer than

2,048 characters of data (more if you order a bigger buffer), your computer doesn't have to wait for the printer to finish. And even without an automatic sheet feed, printing a long document isn't too tedious. You don't even have to touch the platen knob because a motor turns the platen.

I do feel that the reset switch should be labeled Resume, because I expect a reset switch to clear the buffer and return all the printing parameters to their defaults. But the Juki desperately wants to protect your data. You can't clear the buffer with the reset switch. You can clear the buffer only by sending control codes from the computer, or by turning the printer off and back on again.

A Juki technician told me it's not harmful to turn the machine off and on, but I don't like it. And sending the control code might not be easy if you have a file in your word processor.

The technician, by the way, was easily accessible by phone and very helpful, as was an executive in Juki's main office who answered some of my questions. I think you can expect good support from Juki.

Control Codes

The manual lists almost 50 special control codes. You execute them by sending an ESC, or ASCII 27, followed by a code.

One special function is a graphics mode, which I have not yet explored. The Juki 6100 spaces horizontally as little as 1/120 inch and vertically as little as 1/96 inch. It also feeds the paper

backward. You'd need a lot of help from your software to take advantage of the graphics mode.

Other control codes set the tabs, margins, and page length. You can turn automatic underlining and bold printing on or off.

A shadow print option gives a nice effect. The printer types the character, then offsets the print head 1/120 inch and types it again. Shadow print is very nice for highlighting text.

You can also use control codes to execute all the functions handled by the hardware switches. The manual does a good job of explaining the control codes, and enough of them exist to give you full control over the printer.

Juki's advertising does not mention that this printer's control set is compatible with the Diablo 630. But they say they've tested Diablo software drivers with the Juki and the printer works fine. Juki has prepared a printer driver for SuperScript, and Juki distributors supply it.

Proportional Spacing

With the Juki 6100, you can have proportional type just by buying a proportional daisy wheel. However, printing proportional type and justifying proportional type are two different matters.

Not all word processing programs support justification of proportional type. SuperScript and Newsprint do. I tested Newsprint with the Juki, using the Diablo-compatible option, and it worked. But for proportional justification with Newsprint you must buy Newsprint's daisy-wheel proportional option.

I found that SuperScript works with the Juki, using the Radio Shack Daisy Wheel II driver, as long as you don't try to use proportional mode or try anything too fancy. I recommend that you get the Juki software driver if you plan to use SuperScript, or you're not taking full advantage of this printer.

Evaluation

I am very satisfied with this printer and recommend it to anyone in the market for a daisy wheel. I studied three other daisy-wheel printers under \$800 and came to the conclusion that the Juki 6100 was by far the best choice.

It's quiet, pleasant to use, and has a good service network. Wheels and ribbons are cheap and easy to find. It even has a nice personality. When you press the reset switch, the Juki 6100 whirs and clicks much like R2D2. ■

More Model 4: 6.0 Plus

by John B. Harrell III

6.0 Plus is a powerful enhancement package to the Model 4's TRSDOS 6.0 operating system. It thoroughly augments the Model 4's already strong disk operating system, making the combination extremely powerful. If you're satisfied with TRSDOS 6.0 and don't need DOSPLUS compatibility, this feature-loaded package is a great buy for a little money. I recommend it as an addition to every Model 4 owner's library.

The utilities provided are standard DOSPLUS 3.5 utilities that work exactly as specified (see Table 1). 6.0 Plus also provides enhancements to the Basic interpreter that let you access features currently found in most Model I/III DOSes but missing from the Model 4's MBasic (see Table 2).

6.0 Plus comes with a distribution disk that contains all the DOS enhancements and TRSDOS 6.0. The disk is ready to boot and back up, something I highly recommend. The distribution disk doesn't have the Basic interpreter enhancements installed yet, but the accompanying manual provides instructions on doing so.

The manual is well prepared and easy to read. It clearly and concisely explains each of the DOS's extensions, using good examples to illustrate their functions.

The Enhancements

Other than changing the system calls to the Model 4's SVC calls, I suspect that little was done to change 6.0 Plus's utilities from their DOSPLUS counterparts. This has the advantage of providing utilities that are relatively free of bugs.

Each utility listed in Table 1 is commonplace today and exists in several other forms under different operating

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Software could sell DISKZAP and DISKDUMP alone for the price of this package.

Utility	Description
DIRCHECK	Checks the integrity of the disk's directory, reports errors, and can automatically correct most errors.
DISKZAP	Provides capability of displaying, modifying, copying, verifying, and printing sectors or tracks, and formatting individual tracks on the disk.
DISKDUMP	Provides features similar to DISKZAP for files.
Map	Provides a file-by-file allocation map of the disk.
Restore	Reclaims files that you have removed from the disk. Restore is subject to certain limitations.

Table 1. DOS utilities.

Feature	Description
DI pln,nln	Deletes the present line number (pln) and inserts the Basic statement at the new line number (nln).
DR pln,nln	Deletes the present line number and inserts the Basic statement at the new line number. Renumbers all references to the old file.
DU pln,nln	Duplicates the line at the present line number to the location specified by the new line number.
Shorthand	<i>Immediate Commands:</i> Up arrow Lists the preceding line of the program. Down arrow Lists the next line of the program. Shift/up arrow Lists the first line of the program. Shift/down arrow Lists the last line of the program. ; Lists the last line of the program. / Lists the last line of the program. . Lists the current line of the program. , Edits the current line of the program. <i>Abbreviated Statements:</i> A Auto D Delete E Edit G GOTO I Input K" Kill L or L" List N Name R or R" Run S" Save ! System
"REF",opt,opt,	Performs a cross-reference of selected Basic information.
"SR",sexp,rexp	Performs global search and/or replace.
"SORT"	Sorts any data type Basic array.
INPUT @	Allows easy input of string data from anywhere on the screen and complete control over input format.
Label Addressing	Offers full use of names as labels within Basic programs. Names can include Basic keywords.
OPTION <c>	Option S allows entry of Basic programs in the format compatible with Model III Basic. Option L restores the interpreter to the normal Model 4 mode.
"RESOLVE"	Reads a Basic source text and resolves all named references into line numbers.
Error Messages	Adds a detailed error message display.

Table 2. Basic interpreter enhancements.

The Basic interpreter enhancements are powerful. Microsoft Basic (MBasic) is already renowned as the industry standard for microcomputers. To add to this superior interpreter, the routines listed in Table 2 change the interpreter to operate in the manner of the major DOSes produced for the Models I and III.

Other Features

In addition to many favorite shortcuts, 6.0 Plus also provides other options. The machine-language sort facility is the most powerful. It allows sorting of up to 10 key arrays in ascending or descending order specified individually by array.

You can also specify up to 30 tag-along arrays. These arrays don't participate in the sort comparisons, but the elements tag along with the key array elements whenever the program must make a swap.

For example, assume that you have a videotape movie-title manager with the following data structure: The variable TIS\$ contains the movie title, FMS\$ contains the tape format, NU contains the tape volume number, MY contains the movie number on a tape, and CAS\$ contains the type of movie. The following Basic code sorts the movie list into alphabetical order categorized by tape format:

```
10 MAX = <number of movies>
20 DIM TIS(MAX),FMS(MAX),NU(MAX),
   MV(MAX),CAS$(MAX)
...
900 SYSTEM "SORT",MAX,FMS(1) + TIS,
   NU,MV,CAS
```

One feature of the Basic enhancement patches the error display capabilities. The changes aid immensely in troubleshooting a program. The full-length error message appears followed by the program line with an arrow pointing to the offending part of the statement.

The most incompatible facet of MBasic is its requirement for delimiting keywords with blanks or other suitable delimiters. This is disturbing because of the overwhelming quantity of Model III software that you must now relegate to the slow Model III mode. Compressed Basic programs aren't portable under MBasic.

6.0 Plus has two extra alternatives

to the Option statement, S and L. They let you place the Basic interpreter in the long (Model 4) mode or the short (Model III) mode. When in the short mode, the program automatically inserts blanks around the keywords in any program line it reads. If you save a program to disk using the A option under Model III Basic and reload it with MBasic using the Options S mode, the program is already converted to run on the Model 4.

The Option statement doesn't automatically change PRINT@ addresses, tab values, or PEEK/POKE statements to the correct values. You still have to do this by hand, but this function removes the majority of the conversion effort.

Conclusion

I have used this system thoroughly and I could do no better for the money spent.

I noticed only one problem with the enhancements to the Basic interpreter. When you're in the Option L mode and enter a code segment such as the code on the left below:

Keyboard Input	Internal Program
10 FOR I=1 TO 10000	10 FOR I=1 TO 10000
20 NEXT I	20 NAME EXT I

the interpreter converts it to the code listed on the right.

This is one of the disadvantages of the shorthand notations in Table 2. The Micro-Systems Software enhancement sees the special abbrevi-

ated statement if it is the first character of a program statement, and automatically converts it to its appropriate keyword format.

The 6.0 Plus software enhancements are powerful. If you remember to avoid situations such as the one described above, you'll have no problems with this excellent product from Micro-Systems Software. ■

MicroEditor II Versus Scribe

by Eric Grevstad
80 Micro staff

The Model 100's Text program is admirable for putting words on the screen, but it's rotten at putting them on paper. The portable's unformatted, single-spaced Print and Shift Print commands have inspired a dozen patch programs, ranging from simple print formatters to elaborate word processors.

Scribe, one of the former, is reasonably powerful and inexpensive; MicroEditor II, one of the latter, is practically unusable.

Dear AS

MicroEditor offers two sophisticated features. One, the ability to print a series of form letters, works nicely. Insert underline (shift/minus key) characters in text where appropriate, and the program replaces them with words stored in an auxiliary file and read as Basic data statements.

However, MicroEditor's other good idea—a help menu for those who lose the manual—isn't much help. Guardian consists of two screens giving vague advice, but few instructions ("Use Search & Replace for quick editing").

The Search and Replace function is worse than Text's built-in Find and Paste commands; as soon as you replace an item, the program returns you to the menu. You must reinitiate a search and specify the item again, rather than proceed to its next occurrence.

And MicroEditor is awkward to use. Instead of simply pressing the enter key, you must end paragraphs with Grph E, which is almost impossi-

ble to type with one hand. This keeps different paragraphs on the same screen line—extremely puzzling to LCD readers.

The main menu's cursor only moves down, even if you press the up-arrow key, and you return to the top after every option. After viewing Status, which lets you set pagination, page length, and left and right margins, you must scroll through the menu again to the next choice, Print.

MicroEditor II sends copy to either the printer or LCD, and offers justification, line numbering, and page headings, but you're still stuck with single-spaced text.

Worst of all, the program takes a whopping amount of memory. It's big by Model 100 standards anyway (4,664 bytes), but it also prints a Text file by copying it, very slowly, into its own memory (CLEAR 9500 in the first line).

I have a 24K Model 100; repeated tries to use MicroEditor with as many as 10,000 bytes free, not counting the program or text file, produced out-of-memory errors. In effect, MicroEditor II is a 15K program.

A Modest Success

Scribe, on the other hand, might even be useful to 8K Model 100 owners. It's only 2,031 bytes long, and prints files from cassette as well as from RAM—allowing infinitely long printouts, since it reads one line from tape at a time and lets you chain files with different page numbers.

While it works well with daisy-wheel printers, Scribe shines with dot-matrix machines. Its rather homely (cryptic abbreviations and all caps) format menu supports double-strike and emphasized as well as normal printing. Its embedded command vocabulary lets you send printer codes for these or other functions, such as underlining and italics, from within text.

Scribe's embedded codes are much more powerful than its stripped-down menu. You can set and alter top, bottom, and left margins and line width; indent text; start a new page; center or skip a line or a number of lines; and turn justification on or off by adding commands such as .ce or .lm12 to your prose.

Except for line spacing—though, unlike MicroEditor, Scribe lets you

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choose single, double, or whatever at startup—you can create or change nearly any formatting effect while you write. You can even turn Scribe's formatting off (.fo off), which is the only way to make the program recognize a carriage return without a special command.

This is the quirk that took me longest to learn: With formatting on, pressing the enter key has no effect. You must press the enter key, type .br or .sk (to break for a new printing line or skip a line between paragraphs), and press the enter key again.

The manual, otherwise adequate, doesn't specify that it's best to use .fo

off for, say, the date and address at the top of a letter, and then muddle through with paragraph commands.

Also, it's safer to use the space bar rather than the tab key to indent the first line of a paragraph. Scribe indents properly, but counts a tab as only one character, letting the first line run past the other lines' right margins.

Given these foibles, though, Scribe performs swiftly and skillfully. Users without tractor-feed printers can order a pause for paper insertion between pages.

Finally, there's Scribe version 2.0, released at press time: Not only is the manual a little better, but the new pro-

gram supports headers atop pages as well as centered numbers at bottom.

A new embedded command, .ke, lets you pause printing while entering text directly from the keyboard—not as elegant as MicroEditor's auxiliary file, but more than adequate for addressing a few form letters (the opening menu lets you tell Scribe to print a file several times). Used alone, the new feature turns your 100 and printer into a typewriter, if you can make a mental note to press the enter key every time you reach the proper line length.

Three Choices

Neither of these programs is the best Model 100 word processor I've seen; that would be Portable Computer Support Group's Write+, which combines copious embedded commands with a do-file full of changeable defaults (see review, December 1983, p. 65). Compared to Scribe, though, Write+ is a little big (4K), and available only as part of a \$90 package.

If you have, perhaps, a 32K machine and must print many copies of a short form letter, MicroEditor II might be acceptable. Otherwise, Scribe offers more features in less memory, is much more flexible once you learn its idiosyncracies, and at \$25 is a bargain. ■

Good Words, Cheap: The Word Machine

by R. Walter Steur

The Word Machine is the Model I/III word processing sleeper of the year! If you're longing for a full-function word processor but can't justify the cost, The Word Machine is your solution. Pel-Tek makes it possible to have full-feature convenience at a reasonable cost.

Overview

The Word Machine is a line-oriented, machine-language program intended for preparing letters and short documents. Pel-Tek distributes the program on a nonsystem disk that appears to be compatible with most DOSes.

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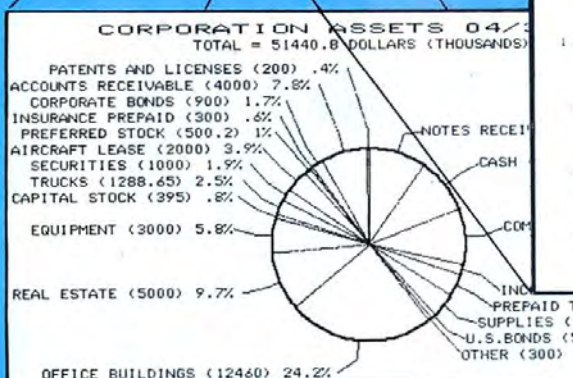
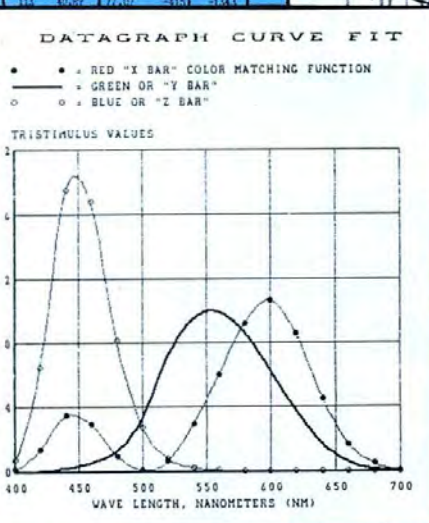
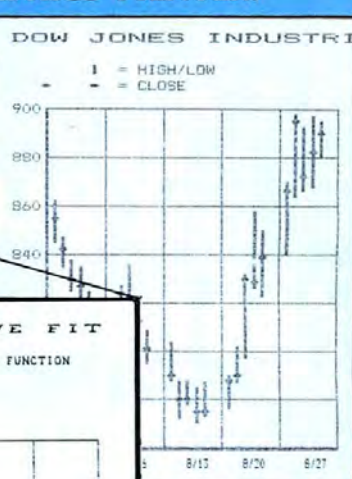
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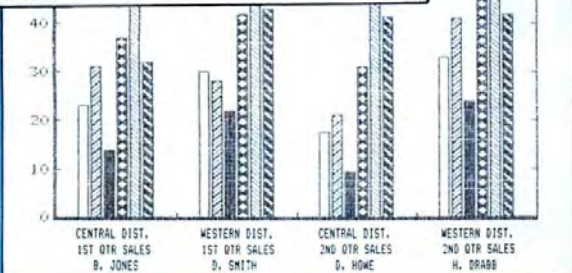
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Besides breaking into the Pentagon's mainframes and depositing money in Swiss bank accounts via overseas telecommunications, kids are writing programs for the TRS-80: games, utilities, graphics—and entering them in our second annual Young Programmer's Contest.

We selected winners from a field of nearly 200 entrants. No easy task, even for our technical staff, who characterized some of the programs as the most sophisticated they'd seen—in any age group.

The judges evaluated all entries on the basis of the following criteria:

Programming elegance. We looked at individual programming techniques: use of advanced commands, including shortcuts in otherwise linear program flow, overall programming logic, helpful comments within the listings.

Documentation. Here we expected a brief form of how-to manual: well-organized, and written to anticipate questions. Left alone with computer and documentation, could the user run the program without difficulty?

Originality. We asked ourselves: Have we seen this kind of program before? And if so, does the programmer handle a familiar concept in a unique and surprising way?

Error-trapping. We wanted user input so well defined that our deliberate attempts to subvert or crash the program failed.

Usefulness. Was a game fun? Could we anticipate using a utility or technique in our own programming?

The Winners' Circle

The grand prize winner is 16-year-old Stephen Roth's Play-Byte, a menu-driven machine-language program. Booting up Play-Byte turns you into an impresario on the Model III: You create stage sets for a play, then draw characters, program their movements, and get the computer to memorize your script.

What distinguishes this entry is that it provides endless possibilities for developing new programs within the main program—computer plays opening and closing—as you like it.

Get Lost!, a CoCo maze program for two players, unique in its double-screen presentation, won first prize for Steve Francis in the 15–18 category.

Winning entries from our young programmers transport you to Broadway, outer space, and then back to Basic.

While games were in the majority of entries, young programmers are writing—and winning with—utilities and other applications as well. A case in point is 14-year-old Brian Craft's SINSTEP, first place winner in his age group. His machine-language subroutine steps through Basic programs to make changes at any point during execution.

Mark Kennedy's Model III Adventure Sampler garnered a blue ribbon in the 11 and under category. The scenarios of this adventure game set in outer space include spaceship breakdowns and threatening aliens to contend with.

Second prize in the 15–18 category is Joseph Goldberg's Electronic Inkwell, a user-friendly word processor whose functions rival those of Scripsit. Nathaniel Koch's Pilot+ for the Model II, second prize winner in the 12–14 group, adds commands to a new computer language to make it even more powerful. Eric Bailey, age 11, created a Model 100 bar graph that won him second prize in his category.

Dungeon of Death, a Model III adventure game comprising both mazes and dialogue routines netted third place for Mike Erickson, 17, in the oldest group. Fourteen-year-old Scott Bradley's Haunted Mansion, another third place winner, is a high-resolution thriller for the CoCo. And Tyler Kim took third prize in the 11-and-under category with a flight simulation game for the Model III.

Honorable mention goes to the following: Lloyd Kupchanko, 17, for Fourth Dimension, an arcade-style machine-language game; Raul Acevedo, 14, for his Key Art graphics program; Kim Skidmore, 13, for her matchmaking entry that transformed the parameters of social life at 80 Micro; and Frank Conley, 11, for his Mad Libs game.

Originally, we'd intended to publish all the winning entries in this issue, but space limitations permit us to publish only three of the highest scorers. Space permitting, we'll publish other winners in future issues.

Further, when we first advertised the rules and regulations for this year's contest, we were still publishing programs for the Color Computer. Since then, we've suspended our CoCo coverage so that, though we've awarded prizes to CoCo entries, we're unable to print the Color Computer winners.

Already, the deadline for our third annual Young Programmer's Contest is less than a year away. To the current winners: Congratulations, and try again. To all other programmers under 18: Go for it!

—S.G.

Grand Prize

The Play's the Thing

by Stephen Roth

Play-Byte is a menu-driven Model III Assembly-language program that lets you stage plays on your computer screen. I modeled my animated computer play on a real play. First you design backgrounds, construct characters, and determine moves for the characters. Then you manipulate these backgrounds, characters, and moves using the program I wrote (see Program Listing 1). The end result is an animated play.

Play-Byte's main menu appears when you first load the program into memory. It allows you four choices:

- 1) define characters, background or moves;
- 2) construct the play;
- 3) view the action; or
- 4) return to TRSDOS.

Options 1 and 2 present you with sub-menus (refer to the Figure.)

Defining Characters, Backgrounds, and Moves

Main menu selection 1 lets you draw the backgrounds, characters, and moves. Choose from the submenu which of these you want to draw, and give it a file name when the program prompts you.

In the Background mode, you can draw up to 15 sets. Use the arrow keys to move the cursor. Keys 1, 2, or 3 adjust the speed of the drawing cursor. Press the enter key to draw, and the clear key to erase or move the cursor without drawing. The break key allows you to erase the screen, continue the drawing, or store the background in memory and return to the main menu (refer again to the Figure).

In the Character mode you can define a maximum of 20 players. Enter the name of the character. If you define more than one character, the program asks you for a base character (a previously created character to add to, subtract from, or use as a guide for constructing a new character). If you don't want to recall a base character, press the enter key, and you can create any new character on the clean matrix.

The Move option gives you up to 10 moves in your play. Each move can take up to 125 steps. You need the background and the character as a basis so you know where to define the steps. Enter the character name when prompted. In this mode you can move the character around with the arrow keys; it's a lot of fun!

Move commands are the same as those in the Background mode, except that dashes show where the steps are. Dashes, however, don't show up in the final play. Be careful erasing dashes; always erase starting at the last step you made.

Program Listing 1. Play-Byte, part 1.

LOAD 80

```
00100      ORG      7000H
00110      ;      DISPLAY MAIN MENU
00120 BEGIN CALL      01C9H
00130      LD      A,0C3H
00140      LD      (41C1H),A
00150      LD      A,3
00160      LD      (9300H),A
00170      LD      HL,LISNUA
00180      LD      (41C2H),HL
00190 INPUT LD      A,1
00200      LD      (POS),A
00210      LD      A,(FLAG12)
00220      OR      A
00230      JP      NZ,INPT1A
00240      LD      HL,3C00H+147
00250      LD      DE,MMENU
00260      CALL     OPTION ;DISPLAY MENU
00270      LD      HL,3C00H+147+192 ;MOVE CURSOR
00280      CALL     CURSOR ;WAIT FOR USER TO MOVE CURSOR
00290      CALL     01C9H
00300      LD      A,(POS)
00310      PUSH     AF
00320      LD      A,1
00330      LD      (POS),A
00340      POP      AF
00350      CP      1 ;WAS FIRST OPTION SELECTED
00360      JR      NZ,INPUT1
00370 ;      IF YES THEN DISPLAY ANOTHER MENU
00380      LD      HL,3C00H+150
00390      LD      DE,MMENU1
00400      CALL     OPTION
00410      LD      HL,3C00H+150+192
00420      CALL     CURSOR
00430      LD      HL,3C00H+598
00440      LD      DE,NAME
00450      LD      A,8
00460      LD      (LEN),A
00470      CALL     BOX ;GET NAME OF BCK/CHR/MV
00480      LD      HL,(SCRIN)
00490      LD      A,(HL)
00500      CP      '-'
00510      JP      Z,INPUT5
00520      LD      A,(POS)
00530      CP      1 ;IS BACKGROUND
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Listing 1 continued

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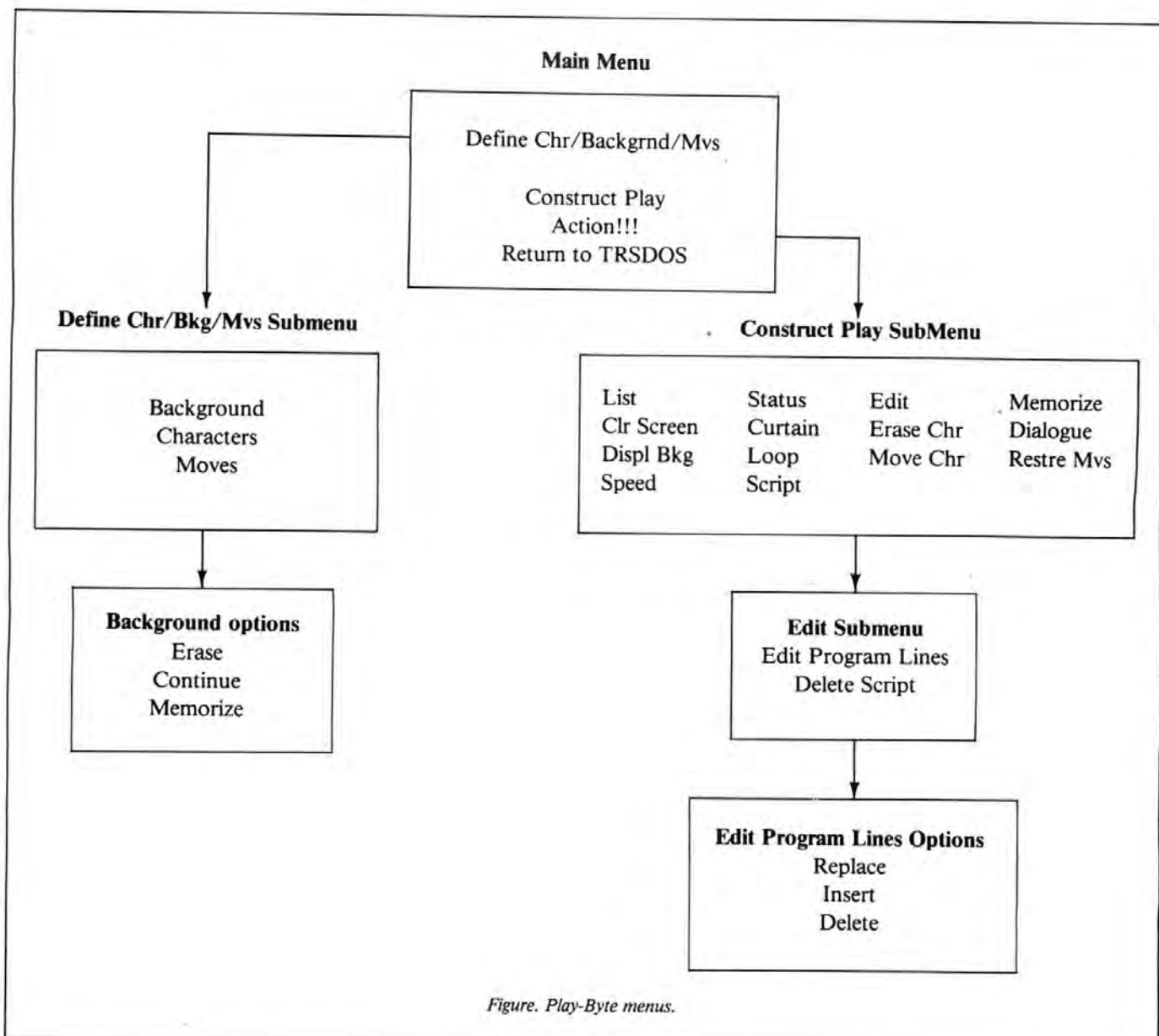


Figure. Play-Byte menus.

Directing the Play

Main menu option 2, Construct the Play, lets you animate the action. A submenu of 14 options appears when you enter this option (see the Figure). All Construct subcommands, except for five, are commands that you can use in the program (or play) you construct.

You can enter the commands described below as program statements. When you're prompted for a background, character, or move, the names are in menu-like format. Press the enter key when the cursor is on the choice you want.

The Clear Screen statement does just that.

The Curtain statement displays the background you request as though the stage curtain is opening. You have to see it to believe it.

The Dialogue statement prints a line of the play's script on the top of the

screen. Each time you use this statement it prints the next line of text. If no more text is left, nothing appears.

The Display Background statement displays the background of your choice.

The Loop statement lets you jump to a line for a specified amount of loops. You cannot have more than one loop to the same line.

The Move Character statement is the most important statement of all. It moves the character along the path you previously defined. You're asked for the name of the character and the move that you want to use. Each time you use this statement, it moves the character only one step along the path you defined. This is why it's important to define the number of moves along the path in order to loop to the line containing the Move statement the correct number of times (see Status).

The Restore Moves statement restores the pointer for the move you

specify, letting you start a character's move over again.

The Speed command lets you specify the execution rate. Enter a value from 1-9, with 1 being the fastest. You may have as many of these statements throughout the program as you want.

The Erase Character statement erases the character on the screen. It asks you which move the character uses. Use this command when two characters overlap one another. In addition, you can use it when the character finishes making its moves.

Four additional commands execute at the end of the program: List, Status, Edit, Memorize, and Script.

The List command lists the program you entered. It lists eight lines at a time; press any key to continue the listing.

The Status command lists the names of all the backgrounds, characters, and moves you've defined. It also shows the number of steps for each specific move,

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00540      JP      Z,DEFB1
00550      CP      2          ;IS IS CHAR
00560      JP      Z,DEFC1
00570      CP      3          ;IS IT MOVE
00580      JP      Z,DEFM1
00590      ; DISPLAY CONSTRUCTION MENU
00600 INPUT1 CP      2
00610      JP      NZ,INPUT2
00620 INPT1A PUSH   HL
00630      LD      HL,3C00H+147
00640      LD      DE,MMENU2
00650      CALL   OPTION
00660      LD      HL,3C00H+147+173
00670      LD      A,1
00680      LD      (FLAG9),A
00690      CALL   CURSOR
00700      XOR      A
00710      LD      (FLAG9),A
00720      POP     HT
00730      LD      A,(FLAG12)
00740      CP      1
00750      JP      Z,INPT1B
00760      LD      A,(POS)
00770      LD      HL,(EPROG)
00780      CP      1
00790      JP      Z,LIST
00800      CP      2
00810      JP      Z,STAT
00820      CP      3
00830      JP      Z,EDIT
00840      CP      4
00850      JP      Z,MEMOR
00860      PUSH   AF
00870      PUSH   HL
00880      LD      DE,PRGEND          ;IS PROGRAM LONG ENOUGH
00890      LD      HL,(EPROG)
00900      RST    18H
00910      JR      Z,INPT1D
00920      POP     HL
00930      POP     AF
00940 INPT1B LD      A,(POS)
00950      CP      5
00960      JP      Z,CLR
00970      CP      6
00980      JP      Z,CURT
00990      CP      7
01000     JP      Z,DELET
01010     CP      8
01020     JP      Z,DIALOG
01030     CP      9
01040     JP      Z,DISPL
01050     CP      10
01060     JP      Z,LPLIN
01070     CP      11
01080     JP      Z,MOVCHR
01090     CP      12
01100     JP      Z,RESTOR
01110     CP      13
01120     JP      Z,SPEED
01130     CP      14
01140     JP      Z,SCRIPT
01150 INPT1C XOR      A
01160     LD      (FLAG9),A
01170     LD      A,1
01180     LD      (POS),A
01190     PUSH   HL
01200     CALL   01C9H
01210     POP     HL
01220     JP      INPT1A
01230 INPT1D POP     HL
01240     POP     AF
01250     JR      INPT1C
01260 ; ACTION1
01270 INPUT2 CP      3
01280     JP      Z,RUN1          ;RUN THE PROGRAM
01290 INPUT3 JP      402DH
01300 INPUT4 POP     IX
01310 INPUT5 XOR      A
01320     LD      (FLAG9),A          ;RESET FLAGS
01330     LD      (FLAG10),A
01340     LD      (FLAG12),A
01350     CALL   01C9H
01360     JP      INPUT
01370 ; MOVE CURSOR
01380 CURSOR LD      A,(POS)
01390 WAITA LD      A,(HL)
01400     LD      (MCHR),A
01410     LD      A,143
01420     LD      (HL),A
01430 WAIT0 LD      (COORD),HL
01440 WAIT CALL   49H          ;WAIT FOR USER INPUT
01450     CP      0DH
01460     RET     Z
01470     CP      1
01480     JR      Z,INPUT4
01490     CP      10
01500     JR      Z,LOW          ;MOVE CURSOR DOWN
01510     CP      91
01520     JR      Z,HIGH        ;MOVE IT DOWN
01530     CP      9
01540     JP      Z,SIDER        ;MOVE IT TO THE RIGHT
01550     CP      8
01560     JP      Z,SIDEL        ;MOVE IT TO THE LEFT
01570     JR      WAIT
01580 LOW LD      DE,64

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Listing 1 continued on p. 166

and displays all the script lines you entered.

The Memorize utility lets you save and load your program to disk. If any DOS errors occur, the screen displays them. Press the enter key to return to the main menu if such an error occurs.

The Script command lets you enter a play script into a buffer. You may terminate each line by pressing the enter key. Press the break key to return to the Construction menu. Each time you use this utility, the program places the script that you enter at the end of the buffer.

A fifth command, the Edit command, lets you edit both the program and the script using its own submenus—Edit Program Lines and Delete Script. The Edit Program Lines option gives you three choices—to replace, insert, or delete program lines.

Main Menu Options 3 and 4

The Action mode runs the program you wrote. Press the break key to interrupt the program and return to the main menu. When the program executes fully, press any key to return to the main menu.

The Return to TRSDOS mode returns you to TRSDOS READY. Once you exit the program, you can never retrieve the information unless you saved it to disk.

Tips

Play-Byte is too long to type into your editor/assembler, which is why I divided it into two listings. Load both assembled programs into memory, and dump them to disk by using this format:

```
DUMP NAME OF PROGRAM (START =
7000, END = 8690, TRA = 867C)
```

When you use a menu, move the cursor with the arrow keys and press the enter key when the cursor is on the option you want. Any time you press the break key while in a submenu, you return to the main menu.

When you assign names to backgrounds, characters, and moves, you can't enter two names with the same beginning. For example, don't name one character BOY1 and another BOY2. You can, however, name them as IBOY and 2BOY. ■

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Stepping Through Basic

by Brian Craft

12-14

It's 12:30 a.m. You're sitting 3½ inches from your computer's CRT. Your eyes are bloodshot and bulging, your mouth hanging open. Slowly you type RUN and press the enter key. Your eyes widen as you peer into the screen.

Suddenly your hand crashes down on the break key. You pound a command into the machine and hit the enter key with a force that makes the entire table shake. You lean back your head and scream, "BUT L ISN'T SUPPOSED TO BE 47!!" A light comes on in the neighbor's house; a face appears at the window, peering intently out into the darkness.

If you've ever encountered flaws in program logic this way, then I have a utility for you. SINSTEP (Program Listing 3), lets you single-step through Basic programs, display and change variables, and change the screen, among other things, at any point during execution.

SINSTEP requires a 32K Model III, a disk drive, and an editor/assembler. If you have 32K of memory, set the ORG statement in line 100 to 0B000 hexadecimal (hex), the EQU statement in line 110 to 0BBFF hex, and the EQU statement in line 120 to 0B7FE hex. With 48K RAM, the program runs as is.

Using the Program

Assemble the program as SINSTEP/CMD. To run it, go into Basic. Set

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should appear to be locked up. To return to Basic Ready, depress the F key. Now run or type in the program you want to debug, then use SINSTEP as follows.

Because the program keeps track of two different screens—a normal screen and one displaying variables, line numbers, and so on—you can debug a program without affecting the appearance of the display. In the list of commands (see Table 1) use those preceded by one asterisk only in the data screen mode, those with two stars only in the normal screen mode, and those not starred in either mode.

When the SINSTEP program is in memory and you've initialized it with X=USR(0), commands typed in the immediate mode won't operate properly unless you hold down the F key. To break a program when using SINSTEP, hold down F and press the break key.

Program Listing 3. SINSTEP.



```
00050 ;SINGLE STEP BASIC UTILITY
00060 ; BY BRIAN CRAFT
00070 ;
00080 ; INITIALIZATION.
00090 ;
00100 ORG 0F000H ;NICE STARTING PLACE.
00110 NORMS EQU 0FBFFH ;LOCATION OF NORMAL SCREEN.
00120 DATAS EQU 0F7FEH ;LOCATION OF DATA SCREEN.
00130 LD HL,INIT ;SET DOS EXIT AT
00140 LD (41C5H),HL ;41C5H TO JP INIT.
00150 LD HL,DATAS ;CLEAR DATA AND
00160 LD DE,DATAS+1 ;REGULAR SCREENS
00170 LD BC,800H ;(STORED FROM F7FFH
00180 LD (HL),.32 ;TO F7FFH).
00190 LDIR ;
00200 RET ;GO BACK TO BASIC.
00220 INIT PUSH AF ;SAVE REGISTERS.
00230 PUSH BC ;
00240 PUSH DE ;
00250 PUSH HL ;
00260 LD HL,(4020H) ;SAVE CURSOR POSITION.
00270 PUSH HL ;
00280 START LD A,(SCREEN) ;IF NOT DATA SCREEN THEN
00290 CP 1 ;SKIP OVER PRINT LINE
00300 JP Z,KEY ;AND VARIABLES ROUTINE.
00310 ;
00320 ; PRINT CHOSEN VARIABLES
00330 ;
00340 LD A,63 ;SET CURSOR POSITION.
00350 LD (4021H),A ;
00360 LD A,250 ;
00370 LD (4020H),A ;
00380 LD HL,LOGO ;DISPLAY AUTHOR'S LOGO.
00390 CALL DISPL ;
00400 LD A,61 ;SET CURSOR POSITION.
00410 LD (4021H),A ;
00420 LD A,64 ;
00430 LD (4020H),A ;
00440 LD HL,BUFF4 ;HL=EMPTY BUFFER.
00450 LD BC,DISV ;BC=LIST OF VARIABLES.
00460 LOOPA LD A,(BC) ;GET CHARACTER.
00470 LD (HL),A ;TRANSFER TO BUFFER.
00480 CP 32 ;IF IT IS A BLANK
00490 JR Z,ERR ;THEN SKIP OVER IT.
00500 CP 0DH ;IF IT IS A CARIAGE RETURN
00510 CALL Z,PRINT ;THEN PRINT THE VARIABLE.
00520 INC HL ;ADD 1 TO POINTERS.
00530 ERR INC BC ;
00540 CALL 33H ;PRINT CHARACTER.
00550 LD A,(DISP+1) ;IF AT END OF VARIABLE
00560 CP B ;LIST THEN JP TO LINE
00570 JR NZ,LOOPA ;(DISP=END OF LIST
00580 LD A,(DISP) ;POINTER).
00590 CP C ;
00600 JR NZ,LOOPA ;IF NOT THEN LOOPA.
00610 JP LINE ;
00620 PRINT LD A,'=' ;DISPLAY AN "="
00630 CALL 33H ;
00640 PUSH BC ;SAVE LIST POINTER
00650 LD (HL),';' ;ADD A ";" TO END
00660 INC HL ;OF BUFFER.
```

Listing 3 continued

Be sure not to exit a program while in the data mode. If you do this, the program tries to display the current line when you type in a command in the immediate mode. Though this doesn't crash the system, it makes some commands behave strangely and makes a mess of the screen.

When I decided to write this program the first problem was how to make the Basic interpreter stop after each instruction. This proved to be an easy task. As the Basic interpreter works, it calls a keyboard routine at 358 hex. This keyboard routine calls a DOS exit at 41C5 hex. TRSDOS uses this exit for some unknown, apparently useless, reason—removing it has no effect on execution.

The first two lines of the SINSTEP program reroute the DOS exit to F000 (0B000 for 32K RAM systems). Thus, every time the interpreter scans the keyboard, it jumps to the SINSTEP program. The rest of the program consists mainly of reading the keyboard and calling various ROM locations. ■

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Command Description

F	Fast Execution command. Makes the program operate as close to normal speed as possible.
I	Single Instruction command. Makes the program execute one Basic statement.
R	Restart Program command. Makes the program execute a Run command.
S	Switch-screens command. Alternates between normal and data screen modes. In the data mode the program prints any variables you specify and the current line number. If you switch to the data screen, the program doesn't display the current line until you encounter a new line.
**A	Puts you in the Alter Screen mode. A cursor appears in the upper left-hand corner of the screen. To move it, use the arrow keys. To change the character over which the cursor appears, press the clear key or space bar. Pressing the space bar adds 1 to the ASCII value of the cursor location. Clear does the same at a much faster rate. To exit the Alter Screen mode, press the enter key.
*C	Change Variable command. The program asks for a variable name and a new value. After you enter both, it sets the specified variable to the value you entered. Enclose the value in quotes if you change a string variable. You can enter a variable name instead of a new value. This sets the first variable equal to the second variable.
*V	Display Variable command. The program asks for a variable name, then displays the specified variable.
*D	Constant Display command. The program asks for a variable name, then displays the specified variable constantly as long as you're in the data screen mode.
*M	Change Memory Location command. The program asks for a memory location and a new byte to put in the location.
*J	Jump command. The program asks for a line number, then executes a GOTO to that line number.
*N	New Screen command. Clears the data screen.

Table 1. SINSTEP Commands.

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00670 LD (HL),':';
00680 LD HL,BUFF4 ;SET HL TO BUFFER.
00690 LD A,(HL) ;LD A WITH FIRST CHARACTER.
00700 CALL 206FH ;PRINT VARIABLE.
00710 LD HL,BUFF4-1 ;RESET BUFFER POINTER.
00720 POP BC ;RESTORE LINE POINTER.
00730 RET ;GO BACK FOR NEXT VARIABLE.
00740 ;
00750 ; PRINT LINE NUMBER AND LINE.
00760 ;
00770 LINE LD A,60 ;SET CURSOR POSITION.
00780 LD (4021H),A ;
00790 XOR A ;
00800 LD (4020H),A ;
00810 INC SP ;MOVE SP AROUND THE CURSOR
00820 INC SP ;POSITION STORED EARLIER.
00830 POP HL ;SET REGISTERS TO THEIR
00840 POP DE ;ORIGINAL CONTENTS.
00850 POP BC ;
00860 POP AF ;
00870 PUSH AF ;
00880 PUSH BC ;
00890 PUSH DE ;
00900 PUSH HL ;
00910 DEC SP ;MOVE SP BACK TO
00920 DEC SP ;CORRECT POSITION.
00930 LD A,(HL) ;GET NEXT CHARACTER IN LINE.
00940 CP ':' ;IF IT IS A ':' THEN DON'T TRY
00950 JR Z,KEY ;TO PRINT A LINE # OR LINE.
00960 OR A ;IF IT IS NOT A 0 THEN
00970 JP NZ,BACK ;THERE IS AN ERROR, RETURN.
00980 INC HL ;IF NEXT TWO CHARACTERS
00990 LD A,(HL) ;ARE 0 WE ARE AT THE END
01000 INC HL ;OF THE PROGRAM,
01010 OR (HL) ;RETURN.
01020 JP Z,BACK ;
01030 INC HL ;GET LINE NUMBER INTO
01040 LD E,(HL) ;DE.
01050 INC HL ;
01060 LD D,(HL) ;
01070 EX DE,HL ;GET LINE # INTO HL.
01080 LD BC,(40A2H) ;SAVE CURRENT LINE
01090 PUSH BC ;POINTER.
01100 LD (40A2H),HL ;SET CURRENT LINE POINTER.
01110 PUSH DE ;SAVE DE.
01120 CALL 0FAFH ;PRINT LINE NUMBER.
01130 LD A,' ' ;PRINT A SPACE.
01140 CALL 32AH ;
01150 POP DE ;RESTORE DE.
01160 EX DE,HL ;RESTORE HL.
01170 INC HL ;POINT TO NEXT CHARACTER.
01180 CALL 2B7EH ;PUT LINE IN WORK AREA.
01190 LD HL,(40A7H) ;POINT TO WORK AREA.
01200 CALL 2B75H ;DISPLAY LINE.
01210 POP BC ;RESTORE
01220 LD (40A2H),BC ;CURRENT LINE POINTER.
01230 LD A,30 ;ERASE TO END OF LINE.
01240 CALL 33H ;
01250 ;
01260 ; CHECK KEYBOARD. JUMP TO OR CALL ROUTINES.
01270 ;
01280 KEY LD A,(3B01H) ;CHECK FOR "P".
01290 CP 64 ;
01300 JP Z,BACK ;
01310 WAIT CALL KBSCAN ;WAIT FOR CHARACTER.
01320 JP M,WAIT ;
01330 CP 'I' ;CHECK FOR "I".
01340 JP Z,BACK ;
01350 CP 'S' ;IF NOT "S" THEN TO NEXT1
01360 JR NZ,NEXT1 ;
01370 LD A,(SCREEN) ;SWITCH SCREEN POINTER.
01380 XOR 1 ;
01390 LD (SCREEN),A ;
01400 CP 1 ;
01410 JR Z,NORM ;IF SWITCHING TO NORMAL
;THEN TO NORM.

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01420 CALL VDS ;DISPLAY DATA SCREEN.
01430 POP HL ;RESTORE CURSOR
01440 LD (4020H),HL ;POSITION.
01450 POP HL ;RESTORE REGISTERS.
01460 POP DE ;
01470 POP BC ;
01480 POP AF ;
01490 JP INIT ;GO BACK TO BEGINING.
01500 NORM CALL VDS2 ;DISPLAY NORMAL SCREEN.
01510 POP HL ;RESTORE CURSOR
01520 LD (4020H),HL ;POSITION.
01530 POP HL ;RESTORE REGISTERS.
01540 POP DE ;
01550 POP BC ;
01560 POP AF ;
01570 JP INIT ;GO BACK TO BEGINING.
01580 NEXT1 CP 'R' ;IF "R" THEN CALL
01590 JP Z,RUN ;RUN.
01600 PUSH AF ;SAVE CHARACTER.
01610 LD A,(SCREEN) ;IF SCREEN NOT NORMAL
01620 CP 1 ;THEN TO NEXT2.
01630 JR NZ,NEXT2 ;
01640 POP AF ;RESTORE CHARACTER.
01650 CP 'A' ;IF "A" THEN CALL
01660 CALL Z,SCRN ;SCREEN ROUTINE.
01670 JP KEY ;GO GET ANOTHER CHARACTE
01680 NEXT2 POP AF ;RESTORE CHARACTER.
01690 CP 'C' ;IF "C" THEN CALL
01700 JP Z,VARIB ;VARIB.
01710 CP 'M' ;IF "M" THEN CALL MEM.
01720 CALL Z,MEM ;
01730 CP 'J' ;IF "J" THEN JUMP TO
01740 JP Z,JMPR ;JMPR.
01750 CP 'V' ;IF "V" THEN JUMP TO
01760 JP Z,VARIBL ;VARIBL.
01770 CP 'D' ;IF "D" THEN CALL SET.
01780 CALL Z,SET ;
01790 CP 'N' ;IF "N" THEN CALL
01800 CALL Z,CLS ;CLS.
01810 JR KEY ;GO GET ANOTHER CHARACTE
01820 ;
01830 ; KEYBOARD SCAN ROUTINE
01840 ;
01850 KBSCAN PUSH DE ;SAVE DE.
01860 CALL 02BH ;SCAN KEYBOARD.
01870 POP DE ;RESTORE DE.
01880 RET ;RETURN
01890 ;
01900 ; DISPLAY DATA SCREEN
01910 ;
01920 VDS LD HL,3C00H ;MOVE NORMAL SCREEN
01930 LD DE,NORMS ;INTO FBFFH.
01940 LD BC,400H ;
01950 LDIR ;
01960 LD HL,DATAS ;MOVE DATA SCREEN IN
01970 LD DE,3C00H ;FROM F7FEH.
01980 LD BC,400H ;
01990 LDIR ;
02000 RET ;RETURN.
02010 ;
02020 ; DISPLAY NORMAL SCREEN
02030 ;
02040 VDS2 LD HL,3C00H ;MOVE DATA SCREEN
02050 LD DE,DATAS ;INTO F7FEH.
02060 LD BC,400H ;
02070 LDIR ;
02080 LD HL,NORMS ;MOVE NORMAL SCREEN IN
02090 LD DE,3C00H ;FROM FBFFH.
02100 LD BC,400H ;
02110 LDIR ;
02120 RET ;RETURN.
02130 ;
02140 ; RETURN TO INTERPETER
02150 ;
02160 BACK POP HL ;RESTORE CURSOR POSITION.

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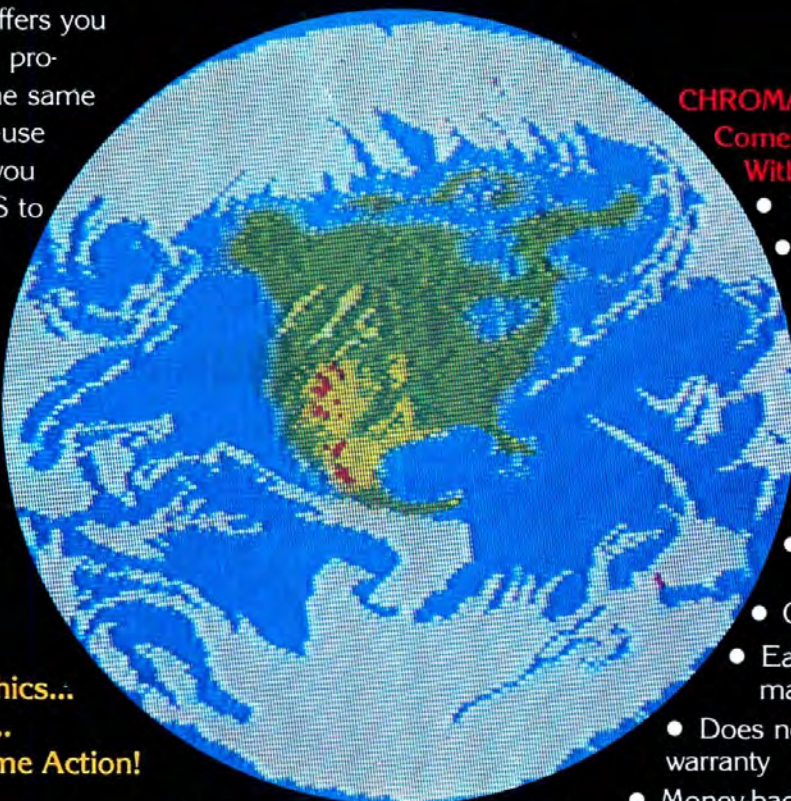
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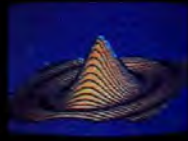
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02170 LD (4020H),HL ;
02180 POP HL ;RESTORE REGISTERS.
02190 POP DE ;
02200 POP BC ;
02210 POP AF ;
02220 RET ;RETURN TO INTERPETER.
02230 ;
02240 ; DISPLAY MESSAGE ROUTINE
02250 ;
02260 DISPL LD A,(HL) ;GET NEXT CHARACTER.
02270 OR A ;IF IT'S A 0 THEN RETURN.
02280 RET Z ;
02290 CALL 33H ;DISPLAY CHARACTER.
02300 INC HL ;ADD 1 TO POINTER.
02310 JR DISPL ;BACK TO DISPL.
02320 ;
02330 ; CHANGE A MEMORY LOCATION ROUTINE
02340 ;
02350 MEM LD A,0C9H ;RESET DOS JUMP.
02360 LD (41C4H),A ;
02370 LD A,64 ;SET CURSOR POSITION.
02380 LD (4020H),A ;
02390 LD A,63 ;
02400 LD (4021H),A ;
02410 LD HL,MEMES ;DISPLAY "MEMORY
02420 CALL DISPL ;LOCATION:".
02430 LD HL,BUFF ;INPUT MEMORY LOCATION
02440 LD B,5 ;INTO BUFF.
02450 CALL 5D9H ;
02460 LD HL,BYTE ;DISPLAY "BYTE:".
02470 CALL DISPL ;
02480 LD HL,BUFF2 ;INPUT BYTE INTO BUFF2.
02490 LD B,3 ;
02500 CALL 5D9H ;
02510 LD HL,BUFF ;CONVERT ADDRESS FROM
02520 CALL 1E5AH ;ASCII TO BINARY.
02530 PUSH DE ;SAVE ADDRESS.
02540 LD HL,BUFF2 ;CONVERT BYTE FROM ASCII
02550 CALL 1E5AH ;TO BINARY.
02560 LD A,E ;PUT BYTE INTO A.
02570 POP HL ;GET ADDRESS.
02580 LD (HL),A ;LD ADDRESS WITH BYTE.
02590 LD A,0C3H ;SET DOS JUMP AGAIN.
02600 LD (41C4H),A ;
02610 RET ;RETURN.
02620 ;
02630 ; CHANGE SCREEN ROUTINE
02640 ;
02650 SCRNL LD A,0C9H ;RESET DOS JUMP.
02660 LD (41C4H),A ;
02670 LD HL,3C00H ;HL=SCREEN ADDRESS
02680 LOOPB LD A,(HL) ;WAIT FOR KEY.
02690 LD (HL),191 ;BLINK CURSOR.
02700 LD B,0 ;
02710 PAUSE DJNZ PAUSE ;
02720 LD (HL),A ;
02730 CALL 2BH ;
02740 JP M,LOOPB ;
02750 CP 91 ;CHECK FOR UP-ARROW,
02760 JR NZ,NO1 ;JUMP IF NO.
02770 LD DE,40H ;MOVE CURSOR UP.
02780 SBC HL,DE ;
02790 LD DE,3C00H ;
02800 RST 18H ;
02810 JR NC,LOOPB ;
02820 LD DE,40H ;
02830 ADD HL,DE ;
02840 JR LOOPB ;BACK TO LOOP.
02850 NO1 CP 10 ;CHECK FOR DOWN-ARROW,
02860 JR NZ,NO2 ;JUMP IF NO.
02870 LD DE,40H ;MOVE CURSOR DOWN.
02880 ADD HL,DE ;
02890 LD DE,4000H ;
02900 RST 18H ;
02910 JR C,LOOPB ;

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02920 LD DE,40H ;
02930 SBC HL,DE ;
02940 JR LOOPB ;BACK TO LOOP.
02950 NO2 CP 8 ;CHECK FOR LEFT-ARROW,
02960 JR NZ,NO3 ;JUMP IF NO.
02970 DEC HL ;MOVE CURSOR LEFT.
02980 LD DE,3C00H ;
02990 RST 18H ;
03000 JR NC,LOOPB ;
03010 INC HL ;
03020 JR LOOPB ;BACK TO LOOP.
03030 NO3 CP 9 ;CHECK FOR RIGHT ARROW,
03040 JR NZ,NO4 ;JUMP IF NO.
03050 INC HL ;MOVE CURSOR RIGHT.
03060 LD DE,4000H ;
03070 RST 18H ;
03080 JR C,LOOPB ;
03090 DEC HL ;
03100 JR LOOPB ;BACK TO LOOP.
03110 NO4 CP 0DH ;RETURN IF <ENTER>.
03120 JR NZ,NO6 ;
03130 LD A,0C3H ;SET DOS JUMP AGAIN.
03140 LD (41C4H),A ;
03150 RET ;RETURN.
03160 NO6 CP 32 ;CHECK FOR SPACE.
03170 JR NZ,NO5 ;JP IF NO.
03180 INC (HL) ;INC SCREEN LOCATION.
03190 JR LOOPB ;BACK TO LOOP.
03200 NO5 LD A,(14400) ;CHECK FOR CLEAR.
03210 CP 2 ;
03220 JR NZ,LOOPB ;TO LOOP IF NO.
03230 INC (HL) ;INC SCREEN LOCATION.
03240 LD B,0 ;PAUSE.
03250 DLAY DJNZ DLAY ;
03260 JR NO5 ;LOOP.
03270 ;
03280 ; GOTO ROUTINE
03290 ;
03300 JMPRL LD A,0C9H ;RESET DOS JUMP.
03310 LD (41C4H),A ;
03320 LD A,64 ;SET CURSOR POSITION.
03330 LD (4020H),A ;
03340 LD A,63 ;
03350 LD (4021H),A ;
03360 LD HL,LINEN ;DISPLAY "LINE NUMBER:".
03370 CALL DISPL ;
03380 LD HL,BUFF3 ;INPUT LINE NUMBER INTO
03390 LD B,5 ;BUFF3.
03400 CALL 5D9H ;
03410 LD A,0C3H ;SET DOS JUMP AGAIN.
03420 LD (41C4H),A ;
03430 LD A,1 ;SET SCREEN FLAG.
03440 LD (SCREEN),A ;
03450 CALL VDS2 ;CHANGE SCREENS.
03460 POP HL ;RESTORE CURSOR.
03470 LD (4020H),HL ;
03480 POP HL ;RESTORE REGISTERS.
03490 POP DE ;
03500 POP BC ;
03510 POP AF ;
03520 LD HL,BUFF3 ;POINT TO LINE NUMBER.
03530 JP 1EC2H ;CALL JUMP ROUTINE.
03540 ;
03550 ; CHANGE VARIABLE ROUTINE
03560 ;
03570 VARIB LD A,0C9H ;RESET DOS JUMP.
03580 LD (41C4H),A ;
03590 LD A,64 ;SET CURSOR POSITION.
03600 LD (4020H),A ;
03610 LD A,63 ;
03620 LD (4021H),A ;
03630 LD HL,VARI ;DISPLAY "VARIABLE:".
03640 CALL DISPL ;
03650 LD HL,BUFF4 ;INPUT VARIABLE NAME.
03660 LD B,30 ;

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Listing 3 continued

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03670 CALL 5D9H ;
03680 LD HL,VALU ;DISPLAY "NEW VALUE:".
03690 CALL DISPL ;
03700 LD HL,BUFF5 ;INPUT NEW VALUE.
03710 LD B,247 ;
03720 CALL 5D9H ;
03730 LD BC,BUFF4 ;PUT BUFF 4 IN BUFF 6.
03740 LD HL,BUFF6 ;
03750 LOOPC LD A,(BC) ;
03760 CP 31 ;
03770 JR C,FINIS ;
03780 LD (HL),A ;
03790 INC HL ;
03800 INC BC ;
03810 JR LOOPC ;
03820 FINIS LD A,0D5H ;ADD A "=",.
03830 LD (HL),A ;
03840 INC HL ;
03850 LD BC,BUFF5 ;PUT BUFF 5 IN BUFF 6.
03860 LOOPD LD A,(BC) ;
03870 CP 31 ;
03880 JR C,FINIS2 ;
03890 LD (HL),A ;
03900 INC HL ;
03910 INC BC ;
03920 JR LOOPD ;
03930 FINIS2 LD A,58 ;ADD A ":",.
03940 LD (HL),A ;
03950 LD A,0C3H ;SET DOS JUMP AGAIN.
03960 LD (41C4H),A ;
03970 INC SP ;SKIP OVER CURSOR
03980 INC SP ;POSITION.
03990 POP HL ;RESTORE REGISTERS.
04000 POP DE ;
04010 POP BC ;
04020 POP AF ;
04030 PUSH AF ;
04040 PUSH BC ;
04050 PUSH DE ;
04060 PUSH HL ;
04070 DEC SP ;SET SP BACK TO CORRECT
04080 DEC SP ;POSITION.
04090 LD HL,BUFF6 ;POINT TO BUFFER.
04100 LD A,(HL) ;LD A WITH FIRST CHARACTER.
04110 CALL 1F21H ;CALL LET ROUTINE.
04120 JP KEY ;JUMP BACK TO KEY.
04130 ;
04140 ; DISPLAY VARIABLE ROUTINE.
04150 ;
04160 VARIBL LD A,0C9H ;RESET DOS JUMP.
04170 LD (41C4H),A ;
04180 LD A,63 ;SET CURSOR POSITION.
04190 LD (4021H),A ;
04200 LD A,64 ;
04210 LD (4020H),A ;
04220 LD HL,VARI ;DISPLAY "VARIABLE:".
04230 CALL DISPL ;
04240 LD HL,BUFF4 ;INPUT VARIABLE NAME.
04250 LD B,30 ;
04260 CALL 5D9H ;
04270 LD A,B ;ADD LENGTH OF VARIABLE
04280 ADD A,L ;NAME TO ADDRESS OF
04290 JR NC,NOCARY ;BUFFER.
04300 INC H ;
04310 NOCARY LD L,A ;
04320 LD (HL),':' ;ADD A ':' TO END STATEMENT.
04330 LD A,0C3H ;SET DOS JUMP AGAIN.
04340 LD (41C4H),A ;
04350 INC SP ;MOVE PAST CURSOR POSITION.
04360 INC SP ;
04370 POP HL ;RESTORE REGISTERS.
04380 POP DE ;
04390 POP BC ;
04400 POP AF ;
04410 PUSH AF ;
04420 PUSH BC ;
04430 PUSH DE ;
04440 PUSH HL ;
04450 DEC SP ;PUT SP BACK
04460 DEC SP ;IN PLACE.
04470 LD HL,BUFF4 ;POINT TO BUFFER.
04480 LD A,(HL) ;LOAD A WITH FIRST CHARACTER.
04490 CALL 206FH ;CALL PRINT ROUTINE.
04500 JP START ;BACK TO START.
04510 ;
04520 ; RUN ROUTINE
04530 ;
04540 RUN POP HL ;RESTORE CURSOR POSITION.
04550 LD (4020H),HL ;IN PLACE.
04560 POP HL ;RESTORE REGISTERS.
04570 POP DE ;
04580 POP BC ;
04590 POP AF ;
04600 LD HL,RUND ;POINT TO RUN DATA.
04610 LD A,':' ;
04620 RET ;RETURN TO INTERPETER.
04630 ;
04640 ; SET VARIABLE FOR CONSTANT DISPLAY
04650 ;
04660 SET LD A,0C9H ;RESET DOS JUMP
04670 LD (41C4H),A ;
04680 LD A,63 ;SET CURSOR POSITION.
04690 LD (4021H),A ;
04700 LD A,64 ;
04710 LD (4020H),A ;
04720 LD HL,VARI ;DISPLAY "VARIABLE".
04730 CALL DISPL ;
04740 LD HL,BUFF4 ;INPUT VARIABLE NAME.
04750 LD B,30 ;
04760 CALL 5D9H ;
04770 LD BC,(DISP) ;GET END OF LIST.
04780 PUSH HL ;PUT BUFF4 INTO DE.
04790 POP DE ;
04800 LD HL,DISP ;HL=END OF LIST POINTER LOCATION.
04810 LOOPE LD A,(DE) ;GET CHARACTER FROM BUFFER.
04820 LD (BC),A ;PUT INTO VARIABLE LIST.
04830 INC DE ;ADD 1 TO POINTERS.
04840 INC BC ;
04850 INC (HL) ;ADD ONE TO END OF LIST POINTER.
04860 CP 0DH ;JUMP IF NOT A CARIAGE
04870 JR NZ,LOOPE ;RETURN.
04880 LD A,0C3H ;SET DOS JUMP AGAIN.
04890 LD (41C4H),A ;
04900 RET ;RETURN.
04910 ;
04920 ; CLEAR SCREEN ROUTINE
04930 ;
04940 CLS LD A,28 ;OUTPUT A HOME CURSOR.
04950 CALL 33H ;
04960 LD A,31 ;CLS SCREEN.
04970 CALL 33H ;
04980 RET ;RETURN
04990 SCREEN DEFB 1
05000 MEMES DEFM 'MEMORY LOCATION: '
05010 DEFB 0
05020 BUFF DEFS 6
05030 BYTE DEFM 'BYTE: '
05040 DEFB 0
05050 BUFF2 DEFS 4
05060 BUFF3 DEFS 6
05070 LINEN DEFM 'LINE NUMBER: '
05080 DEFB 0
05090 VARI DEFM 'VARIABLE: '
05100 DEFB 0
05110 VALU DEFM 'NEW VALUE: '
05120 DEFB 0
05130 BUFF4 DEFS 30
05140 BUFF5 DEFS 247
05150 POINT DEFB 0
05160 BUFF6 DEFS 278
05170 RUND DEFM ':'
05180 DEFB 8EH
05190 DEFB ':'
05200 FLAG DEFB 0
05210 LOGO DEFM 'b.c.'
05220 DEFB 0
05230 DISP DEFW DISV+1
05240 DISV DEFB 32
05250 END

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At the start, you have a ship and crew, a laser pistol, a hook and rope, and an extra air tank for your space-suit (Table 2 lists all the game's equipment). But on your way back to earth, your ship is damaged and you begin a long trek through space, trying to get home.

You encounter alien creatures, strange civilizations, junk yards, jails, and many other dangers. You collect different point values for accomplishing certain feats, such as retrieving the treasure or entering the second shuttle (see Table 3). The bonus scoring system has a possible 300 points.

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When typing in Program Listing 4, spacing is unimportant, although it makes the program more attractive. Also, you may adjust the GOSUB 80 commands to your taste. I number the program lines in increments of ten, so you can use the Auto command. The game uses the linear method of play, but the bonus points and graphics make this program unique. ■

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Program Listing 4. Adventure Sampler.

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10 CLS:P=0
20 CLEAR9000
30 PRINT" ADVENTURE SAMPLER
   BY MARK E. KENNEDY
   INSTRUCTIONS(Y/N)"
40 INPUTX$
50 IFX$="Y"THEN70
60 IFX$="N"THEN150 ELSE30
70 GOTO 90
80 FORT=1TO1500:NEXT:RETURN
90 PRINT0345,"* * * ADVENTURE SAMPLER * * *":GOSUB80
100 PRINT0474,"* * * BY MARK E. KENNEDY * * *":GOSUB80 :CLS
110 PRINT089,"HELLO THERE!"
120 PRINT0217,"WELCOME TO THIS ADVENTURE!
   IN IT YOU ARE KNOWN AS JOHN FRANKLIN,
   WORLD FAMOUS ASTRONAUT.YOU ARE LOST
   IN SPACE,(UNFORTUNATELY),AND MAY NEVER"
130 PRINT0473,"GET BACK!":GOSUB80 :GOSUB80
140 PRINT0537,"YOU HAVE A HOOK & ROPE,LASER PISTOL,

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Listing continued

Available Objects

Laser rifle
Laser pistol
Air tank
Spacesuit
Treasure
Hook & rope

Table 2. Game objects.

Bonus Points

Winning trial 2
Shooting guards 8, 20, 25
Entering shuttle 75
Getting treasure 100
Password 15
Experience 50
Finding second city 5

Table 3. Scoring System.

Listing 4 continued

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AND AN AIR TANK THAT IS ATTACHED TO
YOUR SPACE SUIT.":GOSUB80
150 PRINT@729,"WELL,ON WITH THE ADVENTURE!":GOSUB80 :CLS
160 PRINT@64,"IT HAS BEEN 5 YEARS SINCE YOU LEFT EARTH IN YOUR
SHUTTLE WITH YOUR 8 CREW MEMBERS.IN THAT AMOUNT
OF TIME, YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR MISSION AND IT
IS NOW TIME TO GO HOME"
170 GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :CLS
180 PRINT@345,CHR$(23),"EMERGENCY!"
190 GOSUB80 :CLS
200 PRINT"YOUR SCREEN FLASHES ANXIOUSLY, AND YOU HEAR AN
EXPLOSION BEHIND YOU. . . SHOULD YOU. . . ."
210 PRINT"a) CALL ENGINEERING,THEY WILL TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED
220 PRINT"b) KEEP FLYING,IT MAY HAVE BEEN NOTHING
230 PRINT"c) OR TRY TO LAND ON A PLANET, YOU SEE ONE BELOW ?
240 INPUT" YOUR CHOICE ";A$
250 IFA$="A"GOTO360
260 IFA$="B"THENCLS:PRINT@480,CHR$(23)"B O O M !":GOTO290
270 IFA$="C"THENCLS:PRINT@480,CHR$(23)CHR$(166)CHR$(153):GOSUB80
:CLS:GOTO300
280 ELSE240
290 GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT@480,"YOU ARE BLOWN TO BITS!":GOSUB80 :C
LS:GOSUB200:END
300 PRINT"C R A S H I YOU'RE SHIP IS IN VERY BAD CONDITION! SUDDEN
LY, YOU SEE A SMALL ALIEN CREATURE COMING TOWARD YOU. . . ."
SHOULD YOU. . . ."
310 PRINT"a) SHOOT AT IT"
320 PRINT"b) OR TRY TO MAKE FRIENDS"
330 INPUT" YOUR CHOICE ";A$
340 IFA$="A"THEN380
350 IFA$="B"THEN390 ELSE330
360 CLS:PRINT"ENGINEERING REPORT

BAD DAMAGE DUE TO SHORT
METEOR SHOWER ="
370 PRINT" WEAK REACTOR
DAMAGED WING
AND NO SHIELDS ":GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :CLS:
GOTO200
380 SHO=1:CLS:PRINT"IT IS IMMUNE TO THE LASER BLASTS! ";GOSUB80
:CLS:GOTO390
390 CLS:PRINT"THE CREATURE TOUCHES A BUTTON ON HIS BELT AND YOU AR
E STRUCK DOWN IMMEDIATELY!":GOSUB80 :CLS
400 PRINT"WHEN YOU GET UP ,YOU ARE NO LONGER IN YOUR SHIP. YOU'RE
IN A SMALL CELL. SHOULD YOU. . . ."
410 PRINT"a) TRY TO ESCAPE"
420 PRINT"b) OR WAIT ?"
430 INPUT"YOUR CHOICE ";A$
440 IFA$="A"THENCLS:PRINTCHR$(23)"Y O U ' R E C A U G H T !":GOS
UB80 :CLS:GOSUB200:END
450 IFA$="B"THENCLS:PRINT"SOON, AN ALIEN COMES AND SHOWS YOU TO TH
E NEXT ROOM":GOSUB80 :CLS ELSE430
460 PRINT"IT IS TIME FOR YOUR TRIAL":GOSUB80 :CLS:IFSHO=1THENPRI
NT"YOU ARE FOUND GUILTY OF ATTEMPTED MURDER. ":GOSUB80 :CLS:PRIN
TCHR$(23);"SENTENCE : D E A T H !";GOTO80 :CLS:GOSUB200:END
470 P=P+2:PRINT"YOU ARE INNOCENT ; THEY SET YOU FREE !":GOSUB80
:CLS:PRINT"SHOULD YOU. . . ."
480 PRINT"a) GO EXPLORING"
490 PRINT"b) GO BACK TO YOUR SHIP"
500 INPUT"YOUR CHOICE";A$
510 IFA$="A"THEN590
520 IFA$="B"THEN650 ELSE500
530 PRINT"UPON REACHING YOUR SHIP, YOU FIND THAT YOUR CREW IS DEAD
. YOU MUST CONTINUE ALONE. . . SHOULD YOU. . . ."
540 PRINT"a) EXPLORE YOUR SHIP"
550 PRINT"b) OR LEAVE ?"
560 INPUT" YOUR CHOICE ";A$
570 IFA$="A"THEN820
580 IFA$="B"THEN590 ELSE560
590 CLS:GOSUB80 :PRINT"AFTER A WHILE, YOU FIND WHAT REMAINS OF A
N ALIEN CITY. . . SHOULD YOU. . . ."
600 PRINT"a) EXPLORE THE CITY"
610 PRINT"b) OR GO BACK TO YOUR SHIP"

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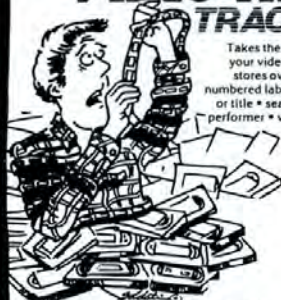
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620 INPUT"YOUR CHOICE ";A$
630 IFA$="A"THEN740
640 IFA$="B"THEN530 ELSE620
650 CLS:PRINT"WHEN YOU GET TO YOUR SHIP, YOU GET A WARM WELCOME FR
OM YOUR CREW MEMBERS. BUT SUDDENLY. . .
      B O O M !"
660 PRINT"YOUR SHIPS MAIN REACTOR BLOWS OUT ! SHOULD YOU. . ."
670 PRINT"a) LIMP AWAY"
680 PRINT"b) CHECK THE DAMAGE"
690 PRINT"c) OR ` HIT THE DECK ' ?"
700 INPUT" YOUR CHOICE ";A$
710 IFA$="A"THEN590
720 IFA$="B"THENPRINT"THE DAMAGE IS TOO GREAT TO REPAIR":GOTO700
730 IFA$="C"THEN890 ELSE700
740 PRINT"YOU ARE IN THE CITY. YOU SEE A SMALL, ONE MAN, SHUTTLE.
      SHOULD YOU. . . ."
750 PRINT"a) ENTER THE SHUTTLE"
760 PRINT"b) OR LEAVE"
770 INPUT"YOUR CHOICE";A$
780 IFA$="A"THEN800
790 IFA$="B"THEN530 ELSE770
800 CLS:PRINT@480,CHR$(23)"YOU ESCAPE !":PRINT@600,CHR$(23)CHR$(18
3)CHR$(179)CHR$(187):GOSUB80 :CLS:GOSUB2000:END
810 GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT@480," Y O U ' R E D E A D !":PRINT:P
RINT,CHR$(183)CHR$(179)CHR$(179)CHR$(179)CHR$(187):GOSUB80 :GOSU
B80 :CLS:GOSUB2000:END
820 CLS:GOSUB80 :PRINT"YOU ENTER YOUR SHIP,":GOSUB80 :PRINT"
IT IS HEAVILY DAMAGED":GOSUB80 :PRINT" YOU FIND A STRANGE LOOKI
NG ALIEN . IT REACHES OUT AT YOU ."
830 GOSUB80 :PRINT"SCREAMING, YOU RUSH OUT OF YOUR SHIP ONLY TO
RUN INTO A MASSIVE, ALIEN GUARD . . . SHOULD YOU. . . ."
840 PRINT"a) TRY TO FIGHT IT"
850 PRINT"b) OR TRY TO BE FREINDLY"
860 INPUT"YOUR CHOICE ";A$
870 IFA$="A"THEN900
880 IFA$="B"THEN920 ELSE860
890 CLS:PRINT"IT DOESN'T WORK !":GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT@480,"Y O
U ' R E D E A D !":GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :CLS:GOSUB2000:END
900 P=P+8:CLS:PRINTSTRING$(63,176):PRINT"PRINT" ZZZAAPPP111 !":GOSU
B80 :GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT" YOU DESTROYED HIM !":PRINT"YOU NOW H
AVE A LASER RIFLE !"
910 GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :GOTO1220
920 PRINT" HE GRABS YOU AND DRAGS YOU AWAY":GOSUB80 :PRINT" AF
TER A WHILE, HE COMES TO A SMALL PLATFORM OVER-LOOKING THE
ALIEN CIVILIZATION. YOU ARE HIGH IN THE MOUNTAINS. . .
      SHOULD YOU. . . ."
930 PRINT"a) JUMP OFF"
940 PRINT"b) FIGHT THE GUARD"
950 PRINT"c) YELL FOR HELP"
960 PRINT"d) OR LET THE GUARD KILL YOU"
970 INPUT"YOUR CHOICE ";A$
980 IFA$="A"ORAS$="D"THEN890
990 IFA$="B"THEN1010
1000 IFA$="C"THEN1080 ELSE970
1010 PRINT" YOU FAIL. . . ."
      HE PUSHES YOU OFF THE PLATFORM":GOSUB80 :GOSUB80
:CLS:PRINT" YOU LAND SAFELY "
1020 GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT" YOU ARE IN A JUN
K YARD . YOU FEEL HEAVY BREATHING AT YOUR BACK. TURNING AROU
ND, YOU SEE A LARGE ALIEN . HE DRAWS A LASER RIFLE : HE
AIMS CAREFULLY."
1030 GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :CLS
1040 ONRND(5)GOTO1050,1060,1050,1050,1060
1050 PRINT"HE MISSES !":GOTO1120
1060 PRINT" HE HITS YOU !":GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT@480,
"Y O U ' R E D E A D !"
1070 GOSUB2000:END
1080 PRINT
1090 CLS:PRINT" NOBODY COMES "
1100 PRINT" THE GUARD PUSHES YOU OFF THE PLATFORM ."
1110 GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT@480," YOU'RE D E A D ":G
OSUB80 :GOSUB80 :CLS:GOSUB2000:END
1120 GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT" CAUTIOUSLY, YOU C
IRCLE AROUND HIM. . . ."
1130 PRINT"a) THROW YOUR HOOK & ROPE AT HIM"
1140 PRINT"b) OR SHOOT AT HIM "
1150 INPUT"YOUR CHOICE ";A$
1160 IFA$="A"THEN1210
1170 IFA$="B"THEN1180 ELSE1150
1180 CLS:PRINTSTRING$(63,160):PRINT"PRINT" BLAM ! GOOD SHOT A
CE !"
1190 GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT" USING YOUR HOOK & ROPE YOU
CLIMB UP THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN":GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :CLS:GOSU
B80 :GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :PRINT"ALMOST TO THE TOP, YOU SLIP
AND FALL !":GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :CLS
1200 PRINT@480," YOU'RE D E A D !":GOSUB80 :GOSUB2000:END
1210 GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT"IT DOESN'T WORK !":GOTO1200
1220 GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT" SHOULD YOU. . . ."
1230 PRINT"a) GO EXPLORING, YOU MAY FIND SOMETHING"
1240 PRINT"b) OR QUIT WHILE YOU ARE AHEAD"
1250 INPUT" YOUR CHOICE ";A$

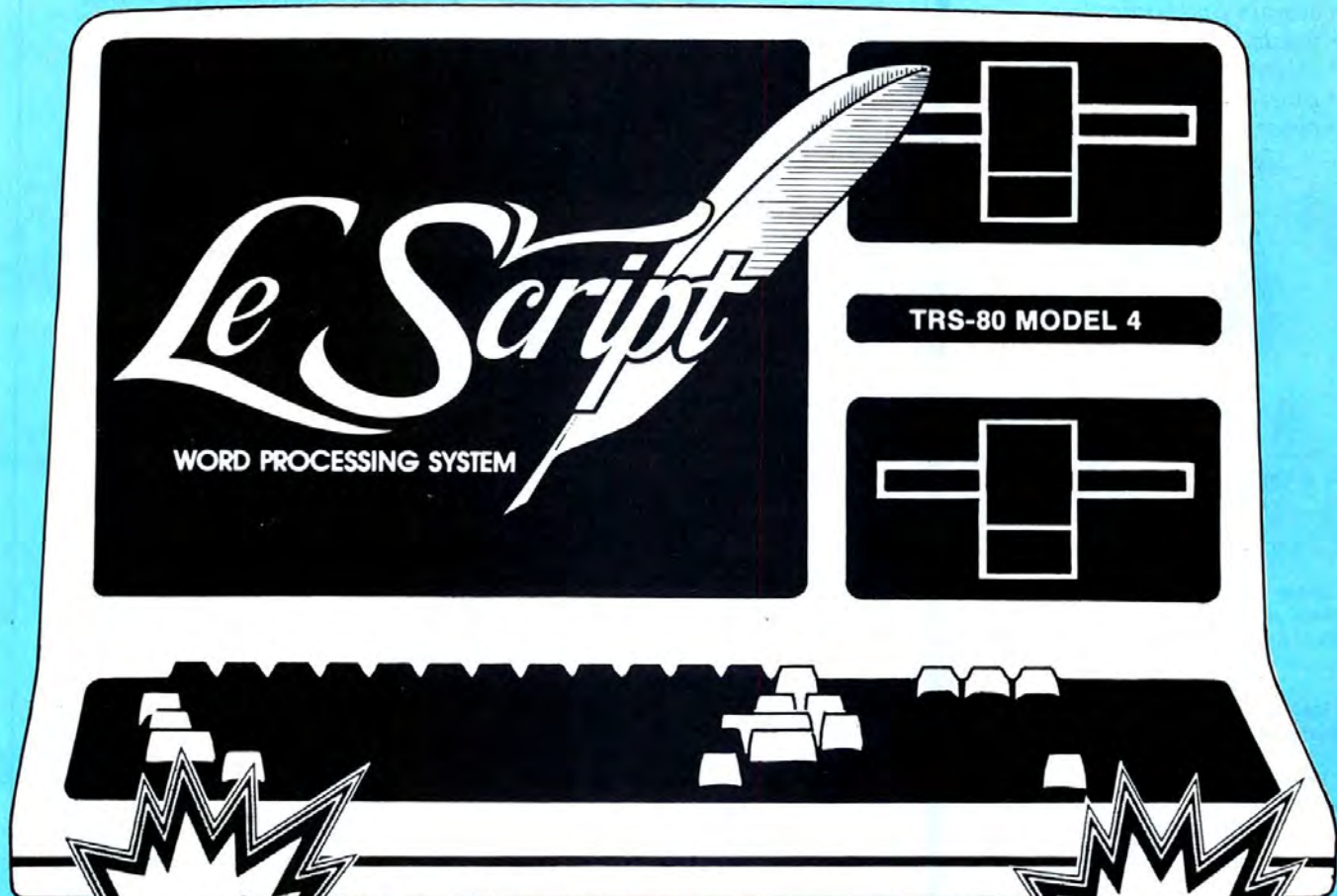
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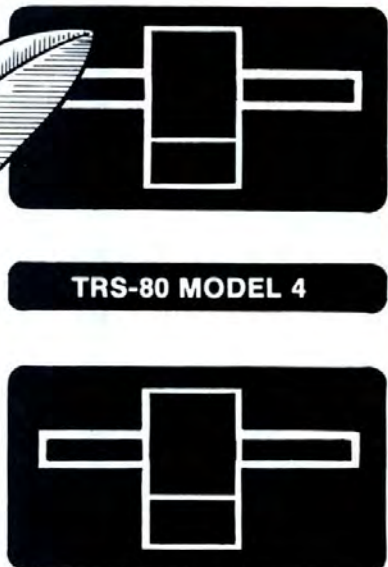
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1260 IFA$="A"THEN1300
1270 IFA$="B"THEN1280 ELSE1250
1280 GOSUB80 :GOSUB2000
1290 END
1300 GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :PRINT" AFTER A WHILE , YOU COME UPON
AN ALIEN CIVILIZATION"
1310 P=P+5:PRINT" SHOULD YOU. . . ."
1320 PRINT"a) EXPLORE IT, YOU MAY FIND SOMETHING "
1330 PRINT"b) LEAVE"
1340 PRINT"c) OR QUIT"
1350 INPUT"YOUR CHOICE ";A$
1360 IFA$="A"THEN1400
1370 IFA$="B"THEN1390
1380 IFA$="C"THEN1280 ELSE1350
1390 CLS:PRINT" YOU LEAVE. . . ." :GOSUB80 :PRINT" YOU GET LOST
. . .":GOSUB80 :PRINT" Y O U D I E":GOSUB80 :GOSUB2000:END
1400 CLS:PRINT" E N T E R C O D E":GOSUB80 :PRINT" SHOULD YO
U SAY. . . ."
1410 PRINT"a) SESAME"
1420 PRINT"b) SALEM"
1430 PRINT"c) OR ALABASTER"
1440 INPUT"YOUR CHOICE ";A$
1450 IFA$="A"ORA$="B"THENPRINT" WRONG ":GOTO1500
1460 IFA$="C"THEN1470 ELSE1440
1470 P=P+15
1480 PRINT" RIGHT I"
1490 PRINT
1500 GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT" YOU ARE IN THE CIVILIZATION"
1510 PRINT"THERE IS A TIME WARP MACHINE HERE"
1520 PRINT"SHOULD YOU. . . ."
1530 PRINT"a) GO TO THE FUTURE"
1540 PRINT"b) GO TO THE PAST"
1550 PRINT"c) OR PASS IT BY"
1560 INPUT"YOUR CHOICE ";A$
1570 IFA$="A"THEN1600
1580 IFA$="B"THENP=0:GOTO820
1590 IFA$="C"THENPRINT"LEAVING THE MACHINE, YOU TRIP INTO AN OPEN
CHASM":GOSUB80 :GOSUB2000:END ELSE1560
1600 GOSUB80 :CLS:GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT"YOU ARE STILL IN THE CITY
, BUT IT LOOKS DIFFERENT"
1610 PRINT"THE TOWN IS DESERTED, AND LOTS OF TREASURE IS THERE.
(DID SOMEONE SAY 'TREASURE' ? )"
1620 P=P+100
1630 PRINT" GRABBING AN ARM LOAD OF TREASURE,
YOU RE-ENTER THE TIME WARP MACHINE"
1640 GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :CLS:GO
SUB80 :PRINT" BOY, THIS TOWN SURE LOOKS FAMILIAR AGAIN"
1650 PRINT" JUST AHEAD, YOU SEE A SMALL SHUTTLE"
1660 PRINT"SHOULD YOU. . . ."
1670 PRINT"a) GO TOWARD THE SHUTTLE"
1680 PRINT"b) OR WALK AWAY"
1690 INPUT"YOUR CHOICE ";A$
1700 IFA$="A"THEN1980
1710 IFA$="B"THEN1720 ELSE1690
1720 GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT"YOU WANDER AROUND FOR A WHOLE HOUR"
1730 GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT"YOU SEE MANY NEW THINGS"
1740 PRINT"SUCH AS SOME ALIEN MILITARY BASES (?), SHUTTLE HANGARS,
AND THE ENTERTAINMENT CENTER "
1750 P=P+50
1760 GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT"YOU SEE AN ALIEN GUARD COMING
TOWARD YOU":PRINTCHR$(136)CHR$(172)CHR$(143)CHR$(172)CHR$(132)
1770 PRINT"(NOT ACTUAL SIZE)"
1780 PRINT"SHOULD YOU. . . ."
1790 PRINT"a) SHOOT AT IT"
1800 PRINT"b) OR SURRENDER"
1810 INPUT"YOUR CHOICE ";A$
1820 IFA$="A"THENCLS:PRINTSTRING$(63,191):PRINT"NICE SHOT!":GOTO18
40
1830 IFA$="B"THENPRINT"BAD CHOICE":GOSUB2000:END ELSE1810
1840 P=P+20
1850 GOSUB80 :GOSUB80 :CLS:PRINT"WALKING AWAY, YOU AGAIN NOTIC
E THE SHUTTLE"
1860 PRINT"IT IS A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT (IN GOOD CONDITION TOO)"
1870 PRINT"WHILE YOU STARE AT THE SHUTTLE, YOU FAIL TO NOTICE THE
GUARD BEHIND YOU. . . HIS LASER SHOT JUST MISSES YOU. .
"
1880 PRINT"SWINGING AROUND, YOU PULL OUT YOUR LASER RIFLE. . ."
1890 PRINT"SHOULD YOU. . . ."
1900 PRINT"a) FIRE AT THE GUARD"
1910 PRINT"b) OR RUN FOR THE SHUTTLE"
1920 INPUT"YOUR CHOICE ";A$
1930 IFA$="A"THEN1950
1940 IFA$="B"THEN1980 ELSE1920
1950 PRINT"YOU MISS. ."
1960 PRINT"YOU START FIRING MADLY. . HE IS HIT. . ."
1970 P=P+25
1980 PRINT"YOU RUN ABOARD THE SHUTTLE, START THE ENGINES (HOW YOU
DON'T KNOW),AND BLAST OFF"
1990 P=P+75:GOSUB2000:END
2000 PRINT"YOU SCORED "P;"OUT OF A POSSIBLE 300 POINTS":IFP=300THE
NPRINT"EXCELLENT":RETURN

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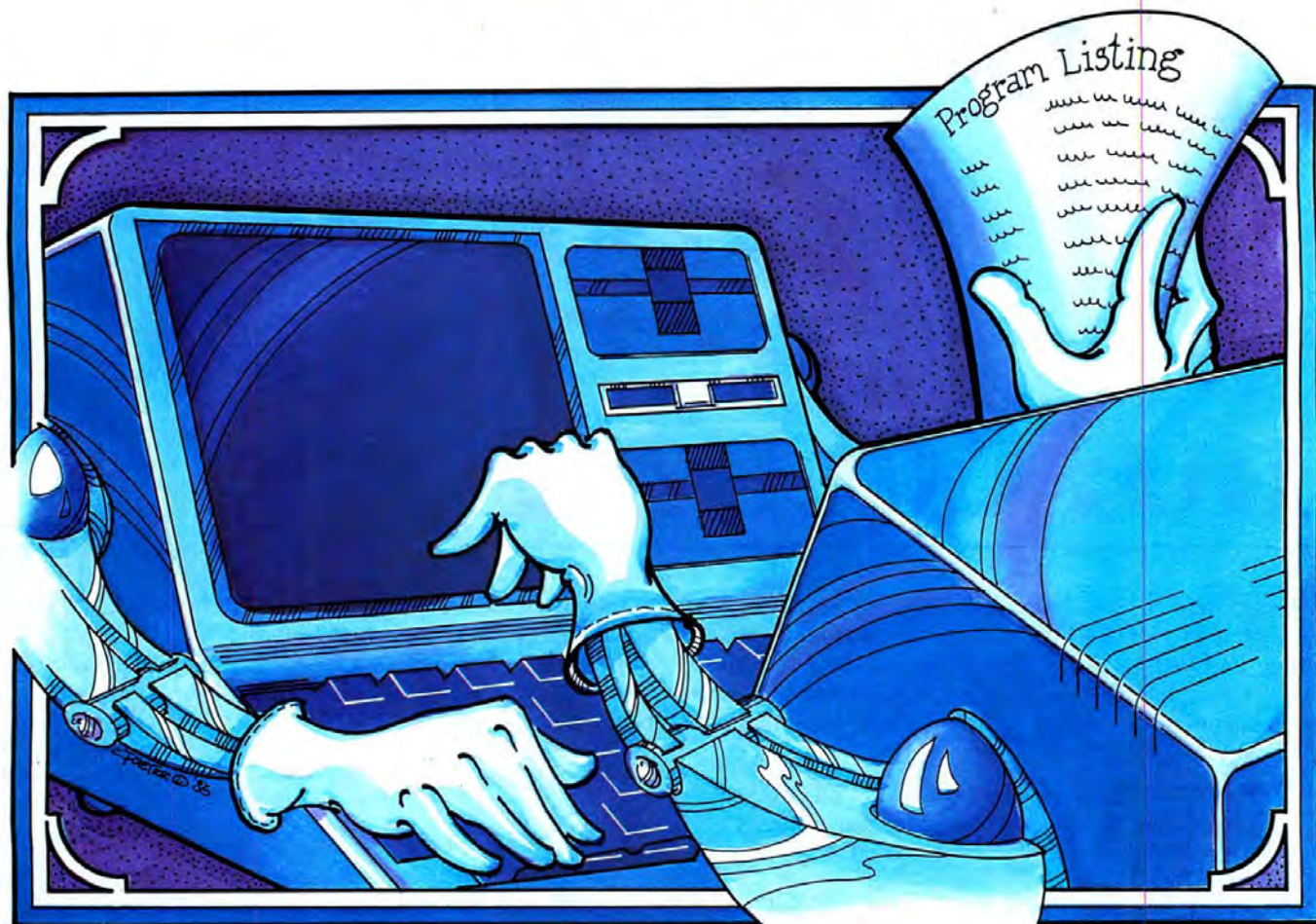
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The Creator Is Back!



by Bruce Tonkin

And on the second day, Tonkin wrote new versions of the Creator and the Reportor, then placed the programs in the public domain.

I made my splash, but I'm not done (see "The Creator," *80 Micro*, January 1983, p. 74).

I'm going to continue my policy: to make good software available to everyone. This article contains the listings of the new Creator/Reportor, along with some useful utilities. Type them in, buy a copy from me, or get one from a friend.

It's fun to rock the boat. I still don't

see other data base program generators coming down in price, so maybe I didn't rock it hard enough. Perhaps the Creator II will at least make some software manufacturers seasick.

The Creator II

Here are the improvements I made to the Creator II (see Program Listing 1):

1. Records can now span sectors—no more wasted disk space. If you use

TRSDOS 1.3 or 2.3, you must enter Basic with the 3V response for the number of files, though. Check your manual for the correct syntax. DOSPLUS users should remember to enter Basic with the command BASIC-F:3 since DOSPLUS defaults to zero files.

2. The data file grows dynamically as you enter records. The initialization process in the old version took a while because all space in the file was preallocated. The new method shortens initialization by about 90 percent and makes record scan much faster. For one thing, initialization now allocates space only in the pointer file. As a side benefit, the data in the file remains in the order in which you entered it, at least until you

delete a record or update on the key field. Once you've performed either of those two operations, a future record can reclaim that space.

3. You can alter the key after generating your program or to use existing data files without retyping the data. You can even use foreign data files (those not generated by one of the Creator's programs).

4. You can include up to 47 fields in each record, 23 more than in the original. You can run generated programs using the 47 fields unless you use a large number of edits or memory-intensive routines (see the next item, for example). A record can also contain up to 256 bytes.

5. You can now display computed data along with your records. Only memory limits the number of displayable fields, and the display can include the result of any combination of any number of Basic operations—string, logical, or mathematical. Shades of VisiCalc! Of course, each individual computation is limited to a single line: about 15 operations for each of the 200 displayable items is probably a practical limit. Computed data takes up no space whatever in your record. Why waste the space? And you can print-format the computed data for a nicer display.

6. Your generated programs now have more sophisticated error-handling routines. Failure to initialize is now

trapped out, for example. Not only that: the Creator warns you, before you've entered any data, if you've failed to initialize. The menu displays the current number of records in the file, including deleted records: if you add a record, reclaiming available space, the number of records in the file doesn't change.

7. Computational update lets you update a field by any of the four math functions (+, -, *, /), more, less, and/or by rounding the result of computations to any specified number of decimal places, up to Basic's limit of 16. You can tell your generated program to multiply a packed field by 1.23456 and round the result to two decimals, for example. Simply enter 1.23456*R02 for the update amount. Of course, the program recomputes and redisplay all computed data after any update. Unpacked data may not take advantage of this computational update feature.

8. You can scan, on alphabetic or numeric range, any field in the data file. Scan is much faster than in the original version. When you scan, the program asks if you want a delay after each record appears. If you don't, the scan may go so fast that only Evelyn Wood could keep up.

9. The prompt and operator answer can appear on the same line, making for a cleaner screen display.

10. The program no longer requires that you enter the key field and edit it against a lack of entry.

11. The generated routine contains only those routines necessary for the correct operation of your program. In other words, I've instructed the Creator to do a little code optimization. For example, if you don't use packed data, those routines are not included; if you don't use the Not Alpha edit, that routine is omitted as well.

12. When the program displays records, it strips most trailing blanks to use screen space more efficiently. I made the record display routine a little more attractive, too. If the screen fills when there is more to display, the display freezes and the program asks you to depress a key to see the rest.

13. I added a data type, too: packed half-precision (byte data for numbers in the range ± 127). Now you can easily pack dates into three spaces, or store small numbers in one.

14. To save space, I put the commonly used routines in a library file rather than in the program itself. The library file looks like a Basic program, but if you alter it you must save it as an ASCII text file. This approach makes it easier for you hackers to add special-purpose routines or to modify the generated programs.

Modifications to the Reportor

I also added a number of enhancements to the Reportor (see Program Listing 2).

1. I've added a sort interface. When you run it, the generated program asks if you want to read an index file for a sorted report. If so, it reads one of your choice.

2. Your data file can be on any drive. The program asks for the drive number at the time you run a report.

3. You can use plain English names to define your report columns. The Reportor now permits commands such as "VALUE = PRICE*ON HAND". Choose any names you like, with length up to 255 bytes for each name. The names can include key words and punctuation (but not quotation marks), even other column names.

4. You can easily format columns as you like. The program asks whether you want to print numbers or letters in the

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Program Listing 1. The Creator II.

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10 GOTO60
20 FX=0:IFLEN(CVS)<1 THENRETURN
30 FOR I=1 TO LEN(CVS):CVS=ASC(HIDS(CVS,I,1)):IFCVS=34ANDFX=0THEN
  FX=1:ELSEIFCVS=34ANDFX=1THENFX=0
40 IFCVS=90ANDFX=0THENCVS=CVSAND95
50 HIDS(CVS,I,1)=CHR$(CVS):NEXT:RETURN
60 CLS:PRINTCHR$(23);"CREATOR/BAS: COPYRIGHT (C) 1983":PRINT"BY BRUCE W.
  TONKIN":PRINT"34069 HAINESVILLE ROAD":PRINT"ROUND LAKE, IL 60073":PRINT"THIS WORK MAY NOT BE SOLD"
70 PRINT"WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN":PRINT"PERMISSION OF BRUCE W. TONKIN.":PRINT"
  BUT MAY BE FREELY REPRODUCED.":PRINT"GIVE A COPY TO A FRIEND!":PRINT"YOU MUST LEAVE THIS NOTICE":PRINT"IN PLACE AND UNCHANGED!"
75 PRINT"PROGRAM MANUALS ARE AVAILABLE.":PRINT"FOR $10+$1 POSTAGE, FROM THE":PRINT"PROGRAM'S AUTHOR."
80 FOR I=1 TO 4000:NEXT
90 CLS
100 CLEAR0:CLEAR6000:PRINT"You may now change diskettes, if you wish. However, please be":PRINT"sure you have the file called C451/LB on your drive 0.":PRINT"DEPRESS ANY KEY WHEN READY TO CONTINUE."
110
110 ANS=INKEYS:IF ANS="" THEN 118
120 CLS:PRINT"THIS IS THE CREATOR, VERSION 2.1. It will allow you to generate":PRINT"a program that will create, update, and access
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a hashed data":PRINT"file. First, you must tell me the name you want to give your":PRINT"program. ";
130 PRINT"YOU ARE LIMITED TO 8 ALPHABETIC CHARACTERS.":PRINT"PROGRAM NAME="";LINE INPUT PMS:CVS=PMS:GOSUB 20:PMS=CVS:IF LEN(PMS)>8 THEN PRINT"TOO LONG.":GOTO130
140 FOR I=1 TO LEN(PMS):IFRIDS(PMS,I,1)<"A"ORRIDS(PMS,I,1)>"Z"THENPRINT"INVALID CHARACTER USED.":EX=1:I=LEN(PMS)
150 NEXT:IFEX=1 THENEX=0:GOTO130
160 PRINT"The disk drives are numbered, 0 - 3. Which drive do you want":PRINT"the data file on, WHEN YOUR PROGRAM IS RUN: ";
170 ANS=INKEYS:IF ANS="" THEN 170:ELSEIF ANS<"0"ORANS>"3"THENPRINT:GOTO160
180 PRINT ANS
190 PRINT"what drive do you want your program written on: ";
200 BNS=INKEYS:IF BNS="" THEN200:ELSEIFBNS<"0"ORBNS>"3"THENPRINT:GOTO190
210 PRINT BNS
220 PRINT"what drive do you want your program to be on, when you are running it: ";
230 CNS=INKEYS:IFCNS="" THEN230:ELSEIFCNS<"0"ORCNS>"3"THENPRINT:GOTO220
240 PRINT CNS
250 ON ERROR GOTO 1930
260 OPEN"1",1,PMS+"/"+BAS"+":BNS:ERROR126
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Listing 1 continued

column; if letters, it asks how many spaces to allow; if numbers, it asks how many digits to the right and left of the decimal point, whether commas should be used, and so on.

5. All headings are left-justified over character data, and right-justified over numeric data, making your report cleaner and easier to read.

6. The Reportor computes totals for all the numeric columns automatically. You have only to specify whether you want them printed. You can use these totals to compute averages, for example.

7. You can choose any paper length.

8. When you run the report you can

specify whether you want it printed to the screen, the printer, or both.

9. The Reportor uses a library file,

“Creator II and Reportor handle errors better than do the originals.”

R451/LIB, to make enhancements and alterations easier (see Program Listing 3). At last: hacker-friendly software!

By running the menu program with no file-type extension, you can run any

program on the Creator II disk (see Program Listing 4).

Model I users will probably want to separate the files on the Creator II disk to free up some disk space; otherwise, no room is left. Those users should put Creator/BAS, C451/LIB (Program Listing 5), and C451MIN/LIB (Program Listing 6) on a system disk marked “Creator,” and use that disk for creating programs. The other files should go on another system disk.

Both Creator II and Reportor run easier and handle errors better than do the originals. As a bonus, they both need only minor changes to run under

Listing 1 continued

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270 KFS=POS*/KEY*"+ANS:DFS=PNS*/DAT*"+ANS:PNS=PNS*/BAS:O
PEN"O",1,PNS*"+BNS:PRINT #1,1 REM*PROGRAM NAME: ";PNS;"*PRINT
#1,2 REM*DATA FILE NAME IS ";DFS;"*PRINT #1,3 REM*DATA FILE I
S ON DRIVE "ABS;"*
280 CLS:PRINT"What is the maximum number of records (per data disk
1) you want:PRINT"to allow in your data file: ";LINEINPUTMS:MS=V
AL(MS):IFMS<LORNS>:27677THEN280
290 PRINT"what is the record length (1 to 256 is permitted): ";LI
NE INPUT RSS:RS=VAL(RSS):IF RS>256 OR RS<1 THEN 290
300 PRINT #1,4 REM*NUMBER OF RECORDS:"MS;"*PRINT #1,5 REM*REC
ORD LENGTH:"RS;"*QS=CHR$(34):PRINT"Please input the title you w
ant displayed for your program:"LINE INPUT TIS
310 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN,"CLEAR";10*RS+1000:LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN,"CL
S";LN=LN+10:IFRS<256 THENPRINT#1,LN,"OPEN";QS;"R";QS;"1";QS:DFS:
QS;"";RS;"OPEN";QS;"R";QS;"2";QS:KFS:QS;"2";FIELD#2,2 AS KPS"
320 IFRS<256THENPRINT#1,LN,"OPEN";QS;"R";QS;"1";QS:DFS:QS:"OPEN
";QS;"R";QS;"2";QS:KFS:QS;"2";FIELD#2,2 AS KPS"
330 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN,"ONERRORGOTO25000":LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN,"DI
MF$(50),GS(50)"
340 PRINT#1,"32040 LSET KPS=HK$(1)"
350 IFRS<256 THENPRINT#1,"32045 FIELD#1,";RS;" AS DLS:LSET DLS=STR
ING$(;"RS";250):PUTL,1":ELSEPRINT#1,"32045 FIELD#1,255 AS DLS,1 A
S DKS:LSETDLS=STRING$(255,250):LSETDKS=CHR$(250):PUTL,1"
360 PRINT#1,"32050 FOR I=1 TO N0:"MS:DIM FS(50)
370 CLS:PRINT"you may now choose, if you wish, an exit code or mes
sage. This:"PRINT"is an entry the operator may use in place of a n
ormal entry:"PRINT"in any field."
380 PRINT"if the operator makes this entry, the program will leave
entry:"PRINT"or update, and will return to the menu without addin
g to the:"PRINT"file or altering any more information on the disk.
Previous:"PRINT"changes remain, though."
390 PRINT"do you wish an exit code to be used (Y/N)?"
400 OOS=INKEYS:IF OOS="" THEN 400:ELSECVS=OOS:GOSUB20:OOS=CVS:PRN
TOO:IFOOO<>"Y"ANDOOO<>"N"THEN390
410 IPOOS="Y"THENPRINT"what is your message or code?":LINEINPUT O
TS
420 CLS:PRINT"now we must describe the positions of the fields in
the data:"PRINT"file. The fields may be smaller than you think nec
essary:"PRINT"Numbers can be PACKED --squeezed-- into less space
in the file:"PRINT"than they take to print on the screen."
430 PRINT"whole numbers in the:"PRINT"range -32767 to 32767 can b
e stored as packed integers, taking:"PRINT"up only two spaces. Num
bers needing up to six digits of:"PRINT"accuracy can be stored in
four spaces, and those needing up to"
440 PRINT"11 digits of accuracy can be stored in 8 spaces (double"
:PRINT"precision). Whole numbers in the range -127 to 127 can be:"
PRINT"stored as packed half-precision numbers, and take only one"
450 PRINT"space. Please take care to allocate the correct number o
f:"PRINT"spaces for each field. You must proceed from left to right
l in:"PRINT"your record as you allocate space. You have:"PRINT"RS;
"spaces in each record, and up to";(47+RS+ABS(RS-47))/2;
460 PRINT"fields."
470 PRINT"TYPE IN 999 FOR THE NUMBER OF SPACES TO ALLOCATE WHEN DO
NE."
480 A=1
490 PRINT"FIELD #";A:"USES: ";LINE INPUT FS(A):EX=EX+VAL(FS(A)):I
FEX>RS AND FS(A)<>"999"THENPRINT"EXCEEDS RECORD LENGTH. TRY AGAIN.
":EX=EX-VAL(FS(A)):GOTO490
500 IF FS(A)="999" THEN 560:ELSEIFVAL(FS(A)=0)THENPRINT"INVALID.":
GOTO490
510 PRINT"Is this field size ok (Y/N)?"
520 EX=INKEYS:IFEX=""THEN520:ELSECVS=EXS:GOSUB20:EXS=CVS:PRINTEX
S:IFEXS="N"THENEX=EX-VAL(FS(A)):GOTO490
530 IF EXS=""THEN510
540 IF RS=EX<L THENA=+1:GOTO560
550 PRINT"all right. You have";RS-EX;"spaces left in your record."
:A=A+1:GOTO490
560 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN,"REM*SET UP FIELDS IN THE DATA RECORD":A=
A+1:SL=LN:OFS="GOSUB36000":PORT=1TOA:PRINT#1,36000+I:"F";MID$(ST
R$(1,2),I):F$(I):NEXT
570 PRINT#1,"36000 CD#=#:PRINT#1,55 DIM F$(";A;""):"PRINT#1,"3601
0 FOR Z=1 TO";A
580 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"FOR I=1 TO";A:";GS(I)=1:QS:QS;"":NEXT:I=C:D
LS:UF=0:GS="":QS:QS;"":OFS:LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT TAB(21);";QS
;
;PRODUCED BY THE CREATOR";QS
590 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT TAB(";(64-LEN(TIS))/2;");";QS:TIS:QS
630 LN=190:IF OOS=""THEN650
640 PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT";QS;"":TO return to the menu from entry or upd
ate without entering or";QS:LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT";QS;"updati
ng your record. type in ";OFS;" for a field entry.";QS
650 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"ANS=INKEYS:IFANS="":QS;"":THEN";LN":ELSE
ON(INSTR("QS;"Eel155udBii1X";QS;"ANS)-1)/2+1 GOTO 1000,1000,3
5000,11000,12000,32000,38000);LN+20:LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN:"GOTO";SL
:LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"CLOSE:NEW:DIMD$(50)
660 CLS:PRINT"which field is the key field? Input the field number
:";INPUT KF

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670 PRINT#1,"35005 GET2,1:KF=CVI(KPS):FORK=1TOKF:RP=K:GET1,K":PRIN
T#1,"35010 IF FS(";KF;"")>CHR$(249)THEN35990"
680 PRINT#1,"35000 CLS:INPUT;QS;"field number to scan (1-";A;"")":
QS;"NS:IFNS<LORNS>";A;"THEN35000":PRINT#1,"35990 NEXT:GOTO";SL
690 LN=1000:FOR QR=1TOKF-1:FT=FT+VAL(FS(QR)):NEXT:GOSUB700:GOTO810
700 CLS:PRINT"now we must describe the input prompts the operator
will see:"PRINT"the edits to be performed, and the kind of data i
or each field:"PRINT"to do this, we will ask a series of question
s about each field."
710 PRINT"to the question KIND OF DATA, the possible responses are
":PRINT"N.....numeric data, not packed, stored as charac
ters."
720 PRINT"PH.....packed half-precision, stored as one cha
racter.":PRINT"PI.....packed integer data, stored as two ch
aracters."
730 PRINT"PS.....packed single precision data, stored as 4 char
acters.":PRINT"PD.....packed double precision data, stored as 8
characters."
740 PRINT"C.....character data, stored as chac
acters.":PRINT"to the PROMPT question, type the message the operat
or will see."
750 PRINT"to the BAD INPUT IF question, type as many edits as you
wish of:"PRINT"the form: >999 <<QS;"A";QS;" NOT NUMERIC
NO ENTRY:"PRINT"LENGTH>9 NOT ALPHA CONTAINS";QS;"*";
QS;">4 <>6"
760 PRINT"note the quotes around alpha edits. Depress any key for
more:"
770 PZ$=INKEYS:IF PZ$=""THEN770
780 CLS:PRINT"to the question ERROR MESSAGE, type the message the
operator:"PRINT"will see if that error is made. You may signal com
pletion of:"PRINT"edits for any field by just depressing the enter
key. To repeat"
790 PRINT"these directions, type HELP. NOW DEPRESS ANY KEY TO CONT
INUE:"
800 PS=INKEYS:IFPZ$=""THEN800:ELSEPRINT:RETURN
810 FOR I=1 TO A:I$=MID$(STR$(1),2):PRINT"FIELD #";I;" LENGTH=":L=VA
L(F$(I)):PRINTL
820 PS=""PRINT"PROMPT:";LINEINPUTPS:IFPS="HELP"THENGOSUB700:GOTO
820
830 INPUT"Should the prompt and reply be on the same line (Y/N)";
NYS:CVS=NYS:GOSUB20:NYS=CVS:IFCVS=""THENHENYS=""
840 KS=""PRINT"KIND OF DATA:";IFL<>LANDL<>2ANDL<>4ANDL<>8 THEN P
RINT"K";KS:"C":ELSE LINEINPUTK$:CVS=KS:GOSUB20:KS=CVS:IFKS="HELP"
THENGOSUB700:GOTO840
850 IFKS="PH"ORKS="PI"ORKS="PS"ORKS="PD"ORKS="C"ORKS="N"THEN870
860 PRINT"INVALID DATA TYPE: USE PH, PI, PS, PD, N OR C ONLY":GOT
O840
870 IF (KS="PH"ANDL=1)OR(KS="PI"ANDL=2)OR(KS="PS"ANDL=4)OR(KS="PD"
ANDL=8)OR(KS="N")OR(KS="C")THEN890
880 PRINT"INCORRECT LENGTH FOR VARIABLE TYPE!":GOTO840
890 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT";QS:PS;QS;NYS:BL=LN:IFKS<>"C"THENPR
INT#1,BL+1;"IFUF<>DANDGS=";QS:QS;"THENG=GS(";I$;"")
900 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"LINEINPUTG$(";I$;"");D$(I)=LN:IFOOO="N"
HENPRINT#1," "":ELSEPRINT#1,"";IFGS(";I$;"")";QS:OTS:QS;"THEN";SL
910 IFKS<>"PI"ANDKS<>"PH"THEN930
920 PRINT#1,LN+1;"IFUFTHENGOSUB40000":S1$=1
930 IFKS<>"PS"THEN950
940 PRINT#1,LN+1;"IFUFTHENGOSUB40500":S2$=1
950 IFKS<>"PD"THEN970
960 PRINT#1,LN+1;"IFUFTHENGOSUB40500":S2$=1
970 IFKS<>"PI"THEN990
980 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IF ABS(VAL(G$(;"I$;")))>32767THENPRINT";O
S;"NUMBER OUT OF RANGE. MUST BE FROM -32767 TO 32767.";QS:"GOTO";
BL
990 IFKS<>"PH"THEN1010
1000 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IF ABS(VAL(G$(;"I$;"))>127THENPRINT";QS
;"NUMBER OUT OF RANGE. MUST BE FROM -127 TO 127.";QS:"GOTO";BL
1010 IFKS="PI"ORKS="PH"THENLN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFG$(";I$;"");QS;"
";QS;"THEN";LN+20
1020 IFKS<>"PI"ANDKS<>"PH"THEN1040
1030 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFINT(VAL(G$(;"I$;"))<>VAL(G$(;"I$;"))
HENPRINT";QS;"MUST BE A WHOLE NUMBER.";QS:"GOTO";BL
1040 BI$=""PRINT"bad input if:":LINE INPUTBI$:CVS=BI$:GOSUB20:BI
S=CVS:IFBI$=""THEN1260
1050 IF INSTR(BI$,"LENGTH")>0THENPRINT"MISSPELLED WORD":GOTO1040
1060 IFBI$="HELP"THENGOSUB700:GOTO1040
1070 PRINT"Error message:";LINEINPUTMS:IFMS="HELP"THENGOSUB700:
GOTO1070
1080 PRINT"Is this a fatal error or a non-fatal error? A fatal er
ror:"PRINT"simply means the operator must try inputting this field
until:"PRINT"the input is correct; a non fatal error means the er
ror message"
1085 PRINT"will be printed as a warning, but the (possibly) errone
ous:"PRINT"input will be accepted. Depress F if the error is FATAL
, or any:"PRINT"other key, if not a fatal error: ";
1090 PES=INKEYS:IFPES=""THEN1090:ELSECVS=PES:GOSUB20:PES=CVS:PRINT
FES:IFPES="F"THENPES="":GOTO+STR$(BL):ELSEPES=""

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Listing 1 continued



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CP/M or MS-DOS; the previous ones needed some surgery.

Cheapsort, Anyone?

The TRS-80 Sort/Merge utility (see Program Listing 7) requires a DOS that recognizes the CMD"O" function, which in turn sorts a single-dimensional string array. It can sort up to 32,767 records on up to as many as 50 keys, ascending or descending, at the same time, regardless of your DOS version.

The keys can be string, byte, binary, or floating point. Floating point keys must be in Microsoft floating point format but can be of any length, from 3 to 8 or more bytes each. The sort, an adaptation of a sort I wrote for CP/M, runs under the standard TRS-80 Basic so it's not very fast, but I can't understand why something like this wasn't made available as public domain software a long time ago.

If it weren't for the garbage-collection time, the sort could be faster. If I can buy a copy of the Microsoft Basic compiler for the Model III TRSDOS, I may produce compiled versions of the sort that won't require the CMD"O" function and will sort a Model I disk in fewer than 10 minutes, if my times under CP/M are any indication.

On my Altos (4 MHz Z80 and CP/M 2.2), I was able to sort, merge,

Listing 1 continued

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1100 IF INSTR(BIS,"NOT NUMERIC") THEN S3=1:GOTO1130
1110 IF INSTR(BIS,"NOT ALPHA") THEN S4=1:GOTO1140 ELSE IF INSTR(BIS,"NO
ENTRY") THEN 1150
1120 IF INSTR(BIS,"CONTAINS") THEN 1160 ELSE IF INSTR(BIS,"LENGTH") THEN 1
200 ELSE 1210
1130 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"CDS=GS(";IS;"):E=0:GOSUB30000:IFE=1 THEN P
RINT#1,QS;EMS;QS;FES:GOTO1040
1140 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"CDS=GS(";IS;"):E=0:GOSUB31000:IFE=1 THEN P
RINT#1,QS;EMS;QS;FES:GOTO1040
1150 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFLEN(GS(";IS;"))=0 THEN PRINT#1,QS;EMS;QS;
FES:GOTO1040
1160 FH=INSTR(BIS,QS):IF FH<1 THEN PRINT#1,"YOU FORGOT QUOTES.":GOTO1040
1170 IF FH<1 THEN 1190 ELSE FJ=INSTR(FH+1,BIS,QS):IF FJ<1 THEN BIS="" :G
OTO1160
1180 FHS=MIDS(BIS,FH+1,FJ-FH-1):LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IF INSTR(GS(";
IS;"),FHS;QS;")>0 THEN PRINT#1,QS;EMS;QS;FES:FH=0:GOTO1040
1190 PRINT#1,"SYNTAX ERROR. CONTAINS should not be set off by quotes.
":GOTO1040
1200 FH=INSTR(BIS,"LENGTH"):LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFLEN(GS(";IS;"))
";MIDS(BIS,FH+6);" THEN PRINT#1,QS;EMS;QS;FES:FH=0:GOTO1040
1210 IF INSTR(BIS,"<"<LANDINSTR(BIS,">">)"<LANDINSTR(BIS,"=") "<1 THEN
1220 ELSE 1230
1220 PRINT#1,"SYNTAX ERROR. Repeat command, please.":GOTO1040
1230 C=INSTR(BIS,QS):IF C<1 THEN 1250
1240 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFGS(";IS;"):BIS;" THEN PRINT#1,QS;EMS;QS;
FES:FH=0:GOTO1040
1250 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFVAL(GS(";IS;"))=";BIS;" THEN PRINT#1,QS;EM
S;QS;FES:FH=0:GOTO1040
1260 LN=LN+10:IFFS="PI" THEN PRINT#1,LN;"GS(";IS;")=MHS(VAL(GS(";IS
;")))
1270 IFFS="PH" THEN PRINT#1,LN;"GS(";IS;")=FNPHS(VAL(GS(";IS;")))
1280 IFFS="PI" THEN PRINT#1,11900+I;"IFUP<>" ;IS;" THENGS(" ;IS;")=MKIS
(VAL(GS(" ;IS;")))
1290 IFFS="PH" THEN PRINT#1,11900+I;"IFUP<>" ;IS;" THENGS(" ;IS;")=FNPH
S(VAL(GS(" ;IS;")))
1300 IFFS="PI" THEN PRINT#1,28000+RL;"GS(" ;IS;")=STRS(CVI(FS(" ;IS;")
))
1310 IFFS="PH" THEN PRINT#1,28000+RL;"GS(" ;IS;")=STRS(FNUH(FS(" ;IS;")
))
1320 IFFS="PS" THEN PRINT#1,LN;"GS(" ;IS;")=MKSS(VAL(GS(" ;IS;")))
1330 IFFS="PS" THEN PRINT#1,11900+I;"IFUP<>" ;IS;" THENGS(" ;IS;")=MKSS
(VAL(GS(" ;IS;")))
1340 IFFS="PS" THEN PRINT#1,28000+RL;"GS(" ;IS;")=STRS(CVS(FS(" ;IS;")
))
1350 IFFS="PD" THEN PRINT#1,LN;"GS(" ;IS;")=MKDS(VAL(GS(" ;IS;")))
1360 IFFS="PD" THEN PRINT#1,11900+I;"IFUP<>" ;IS;" THENGS(" ;IS;")=MKDS
(VAL(GS(" ;IS;")))
1370 IFFS="PD" THEN PRINT#1,28000+RL;"GS(" ;IS;")=STRS(CVD(FS(" ;IS;")
))
1380 IFFS="N" OR KS="C" THEN PRINT#1,RL+28000;"GS(" ;IS;")=FS(" ;IS;")
1390 RL=RL+10:LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"RETURN";NEXT
1400 PRINT#1,"1006 ONFCOSUB";FOR I=1 TO A-1:PRINT#1,MIDS(STRS(D$(I)
-10),2,4);";NEXT:PRINT#1,MIDS(STRS(D$(A)-10),2)
1410 PRINT#1,"1007 IFPC<A:";THEN 1005 ELSE:LN+10
1420 PRINT#1,"29010 FOR I=1 TO";A:DIMS(S)(S):CLS:PRINT#1,"When the recor
d is displayed, what title should be used for:FOR I=1 TO A:PRINT#1,DI
E LD NUMBER:";I:;LINEINPUTS(I):PRINT#1,22000+I;"DATA";QS;HS(I);QS:N
EXT
1430 CLS:PRINT#1,"Do you want to display computed data with your reco
rd (Y/N)?";
1440 DCS=INKEYS:IFDCS="" THEN 1440:ELSE DCS=DOSUB20:DCS=CVS:PRINT
DCS:IF INSTR("YN,DCS")<1 THEN 1430:ELSE IFDCS="N" THEN 1510
1450 CLS:PRINT#1,"All right. You may display computed data on as many
fields as:PRINT#1,"you desire. However, you should remember that, t
o do this, you:PRINT#1,"will have to tell me in some detail just wha
t you want printed"
1460 PRINT#1,"and how it should be printed.":PRINT#1,"All fields are ava
ilable for printing or calculations. Any:PRINT#1,"operation allowed
in BASIC is permitted, including all string,":PRINT#1,"logical, and m
athematical operations."
1470 PRINT#1,"HOWEVER: ALL FIELDS ARE TO BE TREATED AS STRINGS. There
fore,":PRINT#1,"if you want to display the sum of field 7 and field 9
, you must:PRINT#1,"tell me to display VAL(GS(7))+VAL(GS(9)). All fi
elds must be"
1480 PRINT#1,"referenced by means of this GS() array, where the subsc
ript:PRINT#1,"(number inside parentheses) is the number of the field
with:PRINT#1,"which you are working. I will ask you for a command l
ine, a"
1490 PRINT#1,"display title, and a print format for each computed or
derived":PRINT#1,"field you want to display. NOW DEPRESS ANY KEY TO C
ONTINUE. ";
1500 DCS=INKEYS:IFDCS="" THEN 1500:ELSE CLS:JL=29030:GOSUB2000
1510 IF RS<256 THEN PRINT#1,"12910 FIELD#1";RS;"AS DLS:LSET DLS=STR
INGS(";RS;"),250):PUT1,RP:LSET KPS=MKIS(-RP):PUT2,KP:GOTO:SL
1520 IFRS=256 THEN PRINT#1,"12910 FIELD#1,255AS DLS,1 AS DKS:LSET DL
S=STRINGS(255,250):LSETDXS=CHRS(250):PUT1,RP:LSET KPS=MKIS(-RP):PU
T2,KP:GOTO:SL
1530 PRINT#1,"11860 GOTO":SL
1540 PRINT#1,"11840 IFUP<>";A;"ORUF<0 THEN PRINT#1,QS;"INVALID FIELD."
;QS;"GOTO11810".PRINT#1,"11850 IFUP=0 THEN";SL:PRINT#1,"11860 PRIN
T#1,STRS(63,32);";PRINT#1,960,"";QS;QS;";
1545 PRINT #1,"11865 ONFCOSUB";
1550 FORTZ=1 TO A-1:PRINT#1,MIDS(STRS(D$(TZ)-10),2);";":NEXT:PRINT#
1,MIDS(STRS(D$(A)-10),2):PRINT#1,"11870 IFUP<>" ;KF;" THEN 11900 ELSE
ZS=STRINGS(F(" ;KF;"),32):LSETZS=GS(" ;KF;";
1560 IFRS<256 THEN PRINT#1,"):FIELD#1";RS;"AS DLS:LSET DLS=STRINGS(
";RS;"),250):PUT1,RP:LSET KPS=MKIS(-RP):PUT2,KP:GOSUB26000:KP=RP"
1570 IFRS=256 THEN PRINT#1,"):FIELD#1,255AS DLS,1AS DKS:LSET DLS=STR
INGS(255,250):LSETDXS=CHRS(250):PUT1,RP:LSET KPS=MKIS(-RP):PUT2,KP
:GOSUB26000:KP=RP"
1580 PRINT#1,"11999 FOR I=1 TO";A;":LSET FS(I)=GS(I):NEXT:PUT1,RP:GS
=" ;QS;QS;":GOTO11200".PRINT#1,"27010 CLS:GOSUB";D$(KF)-10;";KFS=ST
RINGS(F(" ;KF;"),32):LSETKFS=GS(" ;KF;");
1590 PRINT#1,"27040 KP=KP+1:IFKP>" ;KS;"OR KP<2 THEN KP=1:REM CIRCULAT
E AROUND"
1600 PRINT#1,"27050 GET2,KP:RP=CVI(KPS):IFRP<-1 THEN 27040:ELSE IFRP<
0 THEN ERROR62:ELSE IFRP=-1 THEN PRINT#1,QS;"RECORD NOT FOUND. ";QS;" :FOR
I=1 TO 2000:NEXT:KUN"
1610 PRINT#1,"27055 GET1,RP:IFLEFTS(FS(" ;KF;"),LEN(ZS))=ZS THEN RE
TURN:ELSE 27040"
1620
1630 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"ZS=STRINGS(F(" ;KF;"),32):LSETZS=GS(" ;
MIDS(STRS(KF),2);");GOSUB26000:KP=RP"
1640 PRINT#1,"26040 RP=";MIDS(STRS(MS),2);";*RP/9999:RP=FIX(RP):RE
TURN"
1650 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"REM LOOK FOR RECORD SPACE":LN=LN+10:PRIN
T#1,LN;"GOSUB";LN+10;":GOTO";LN+60:LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"KP=KP+1:IF
KP>" ;MS;"OR KP<2 THEN KP=2":PRINT#1,"11890 KP=KP+1:IFKP>" ;MS;"OR KP<2
HEN KP=2"
1660 PRINT#1,"11895 GET2,KP:IFCVI(KPS)<-1 THEN 11890";PRINT#1,"1189
6 GET2,1:RP=CVI(KPS)+1:LSETKPS=MKIS(RP):PUT2,1:LSETKPS=MKIS(RP):PU
T2,KP"
1670 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"GET2,KP:RP=CVI(KPS):IFRP>0 THEN";LN+10:LN
=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFRP<-1 THEN RETURN":LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFRP>0
T HEN ERROR62":LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"RETURN":LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"FOR
K"
1680 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"LSETFS(K)=GS(K):NEXT"
1690 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFRP<-1 THEN PUT1,ABS(RP):LSETKPS=MKIS(ABS
(RP)):PUT2,KP:ELSE RP=RP:GET2,1:KP=1+CVI(KPS):LSETKPS=MKIS(RP):PUT2
,KP:PUT1,KP:PUT2,1"
1700 CLS:PRINT#1,"Now we are almost done. We need to ask the operator
if he is:PRINT#1,"done with entry or update. You may choose the mes
sage you wish."
1710 PRINT#1,"The operator's input will be limited to a single key de
pression.":PRINT#1,"I would suggest something of the form:"
1720 PRINT#1,"Are you finished with entry? (Y/N) Enter your choic
e below:LINEINPUTMS
1730 PRINT#1,"If the operator is NOT done, what should the reply be?
";
1740 NDS=INKEYS:IFNDS="" THEN 1740:ELSE DCS=NDS:GOSUB20:NDS=CVS:PRINT
NDS:IFNDS<" THEN 1730
1750 PRINT#1,"If the operator IS done, what should the reply be?";
1760 IDS=INKEYS:IFIDS="" THEN 1760:ELSE DCS=IDS:GOSUB20:IDS=CVS:PRINT
IDS:IFIDS<" THEN 1750:ELSE LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"PRINT";QS;TMS;QS;";
";LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"TMS=INKEYS:IFTMS=" ;QS;QS;" THEN";LN;":ELSE PR
INTMS";BL=LN-10
1770 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"REM IF DONE. RETURN TO MENU ELSE CONTINU
E ENTRY OR RE-DISPLAY CHOICE":LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFTMS=" ;QS;IDS;
QS;" THEN";SL
1780 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"IFTMS<" ;QS;NDS;QS;" THEN PRINT#1,QS;"PLEAS
E ANSWER";NDS;" OR";IDS;QS;"GOTO";BL:LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN;"FOR I=
1 TO";A;";GS(I)";";QS;QS;":NEXT:FC=0:CLS:UF=0:GS=" ;QS;QS;":GOTO1000"
1790 PRINT#1,"Do you want to cut down on remarks in the generated pro
gram?":PRINT#1,"Please answer Y or N:";
1800 CVS=INKEYS:IFCVS="" THEN 1800:ELSE GOSUB20:PRINTCVS
1810 IPCVS="Y" THEN OPEN "I",2,"C451MIN/LIB":ELSE IPCVS="N" THEN OPEN "I
",2,"C451/LIB":ELSE 1790
1820 CLS:PRINT#1,"WAIT A MOMENT WHILE I FINISH YOUR PROGRAM."
1830 IF EOP(2) THEN 1900
1840 LINEINPUT#2,AS
1850 IFS3<LANDVAL(AS)>29999ANDVAL(AS)<30999 THEN 1830
1860 IFS4<LANDVAL(AS)>30999ANDVAL(AS)<31900 THEN 1830
1870 IFS1<LANDVAL(AS)>40000ANDVAL(AS)<40500 THEN 1830
1880 IFS2<LANDVAL(AS)>40500ANDVAL(AS)<41000 THEN 1830
1890 PRINT#1,AS:GOTO1030
1900 CLOSE
1910 CLS:PRINT#1,"Your program has been written and saved on the spec
ified drive.":PRINT#1,"You may now load it and run it, if you wish. R
emember, your:PRINT#1,"data file does NOT exist until you initialize
it!"
1920 PRINT#1,"Thanks for running the CREATOR!";FOR I=1 TO 5000:NEXT:NEE
1930 IF ERL=260 AND ERR=106 THEN CLOSE:LRESUME 270
1940 IF ERR=104 THEN PRINT#1,"You entered BASIC without specifying an
y files for disk access!":PRINT#1,"Go back to DOS and re-enter BASIC
correctly!";NEW
1950 IF (ERR=126 OR ERR=38) AND ERL=260 THEN PRINT#1,"FILE ALREADY EXI
STS. DEPRESS C TO WRITE OVER IT.":PRINT#1,"DEPRESS ANY OTHER KEY TO R
E-START."
1960 IF (ERR<126 AND ERR>38) OR ERL<260 THEN 1990
1970 XNS=INKEYS:IF XNS="" THEN 1970:ELSE IFXNS="C" THEN CLOSE:LRESUME 2
70
1980 END
1990 PRINT#1,"ERROR NUMBER";ERR;"AT LINE";ERL:ON ERROR GOTO 6
2000 PRINT#1,"REMEMBER, ALL FIELDS ARE STRINGS WITHIN THE ARRAY GS().
";
2010 PRINT#1,"TO PERFORM ARITHMETIC ON A FIELD, IT IS NECESSARY TO TA
KE ITS":PRINT#1,"VALUE FIRST, WITH THE VAL COMMAND. FOR EXAMPLE, TO P
RINT THE:PRINT#1,"SUM OF FIELDS 1,2, AND 3 YOU WOULD TYPE THE COMMAN
D LINE"
2020 PRINT#1,"VAL(GS(1))+VAL(GS(2))+VAL(GS(3))"
2030 PRINT#1,"Now, type in a command line which will tell me wh
at operations:PRINT#1,"I should perform. Please don't type more than
240 characters.":PRINT#1,"HIT THE RETURN WHEN YOU ARE DONE."

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Listing 1 continued

VS-100 :

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Listing 1 continued

```
2040 PRINT:PRINT"COMMAND LINE:";LINE INPUT CVS:IFLEN(CVS)>240THEN
PRINT"TOO LONG! TRY AGAIN!";GOTO2040;ELSEIFLEN(CVS)<1THENRETURN
2050 K=0;JK=0;J=0;FORI=1TOLEN(CVS):IFMIDS(CVS,I,1)=0STHENJ=ABS(J-1)
2060 IFJTHEN2080
2070 IFMIDS(CVS,I,1)=" "THENK=K+1;ELSEIFMIDS(CVS,I,1)="("THENJK=JK
+1
2080 NEXT:IFJK>KTHENPRINT" MISHATCHED PARENTHESES SOMEWHERE. PLEASE
TRY AGAIN."
2090 IFJTHENPRINT" MISHATCHED QUOTATION MARKS (";QS;" ) IN YOUR COM
AND. PLEASE TRY AGAIN."
2100 IFJ>0OR(JK>K)THEN2040
2110 PRINT" What title should I use for this data: ";LINE INPUT TIS
2120 IFINSTR(TIS,QS)THENPRINT" NO QUOTATION MARKS ALLOWED. ";GOTO211
0
2130 JL=JL+10:PRINT#1,JL;"CL=CL+1;GOSUB41000":PRINT#1,JL+5;"PRINT#
HRS(133);";QS;TIS;QS;";CHRS(133);"
2140 PRINT" If this field is numeric, you may use a formatted print
":PRINT" If it is not, or you do not wish to print it in a formatt
ed":PRINT" way, you need not. DO YOU WISH TO USE A FORMATTED PRINT
(Y/N)
2150 TIS=INKEYS:IF TIS=" " THEN2150:ELSEIF TIS="N" THEN2250
2160 IF TIS<>"Y" THEN2140
2170 LINEINPUT" Number of places to the left of the decimal point="
;NLS:IFVAL(NLS)<0ORVAL(NLS)>16THENPRINT" Illegal (0-16 only). ";GOTO
2170
2180 LINEINPUT" Number of places to the right of the decimal point="
;NRS:IFVAL(NRS)<0ORVAL(NRS)+VAL(NLS)>16THENPRINT" Illegal number of
places or illegal total places (0-16). ";GOTO2180
2190 PRINT" Do you want to use commas (Y/N) ";
2200 NCS=INKEYS:IF NCS=" " THEN2200:ELSEIF NCS<>"N" AND NCS<>"Y" THEN2200
2210 PRINTNCS
2220 TIS="USING"+QS+STRINGS(VAL(NLS),"#"):IF NCS="Y" THEN TIS=TIS+"",
2230 NRS:IFVAL(NRS)>0 THEN TIS=TIS+"."
2240 TIS=TIS+STRINGS(VAL(NRS),"#")+QS+" ";CVS=TIS+CVS
2250 PRINT#1,JL+6;"PRINT";CVS
2260 PRINT" Your commands have been accepted. Ready for the next co
mmand. ";GOTO2030
2270 END
```

Program Listing 2. The Reporter.

```
10 'REPORTOR; WRITTEN ON 1/16/80 BY BRUCE W. TONKIN
20 'ADAPTED FOR CP/M AND MICROSOFT BASIC 5.01 ON 5/11/80
30 'FOR 4.51 ON 3/18/81, AND FOR MODEL III ON 2/20/83
40 'THIS IS PUBLIC DOMAIN SOFTWARE AND MAY NOT BE SOLD OR INCORPOR
ATED IN ANY COMMERCIAL SOFTWARE WITHOUT MY EXPRESS PERMISSION
50 CLEAR 0: CLEAR 5000: GOTO 110
60 FX=0: IFLEN(CVS)<1 THEN RETURN
70 FOR I=1 TO LEN(CVS): CVI=ASC(MIDS(CVS,I,1)): IFCVI<34 THEN FX=ABS(FX
-1)
80 IFFX=0 AND CVI>90 THEN CVI=CVI AND 95: MIDS(CVS,I,1)=CHRS(CVI)
90 NEXT: RETURN
110 CLS: PRINTCHR$(23); "THE REPORTOR: A PROGRAM THAT": PRINT"WRITES
REPORT PROGRAMS. "; PRINT"PLACED IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN": PRINT"BY BRUC
E W. TONKIN": PRINT"COPYRIGHT, 1983, BRUCE W. TONKIN"
120 PRINT"THIS PROGRAM MAY NOT BE": PRINT"DISTRIBUTED FOR PROFIT": P
RINT"WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION": PRINT"OF THE AUTHOR!"
130 PRINT"BRUCE W. TONKIN": PRINT"34069 HAINESVILLE RD.": PRINT"ROUN
D LAKE, IL 60073"
140 FOR I=1 TO 3000: NEXT
150 CLS
160 PRINT" This is the REPORTOR, a report-writing program. Please c
hoose": PRINT" one of the following": PRINT: PRINT" Run a previously w
ritten program.....Depress R"
170 PRINT" Write a new report.....Depress W"
180 PRINT" Exit this program.....Depress X"
190 PRINT: PRINT" Please depress the key corresponding to your choic
e: ";
200 AS=INKEYS: IF AS=" " THEN200: ELSE CVI=AS: GOSUB60: PRINTCVS: AS=CVS
210 ONINSTR("RWX",AS) GOTO230,240,2680
220 PRINT" YOU MUST CHOOSE R, W, OR X. PLEASE TRY AGAIN. "; FORI=1TO1
500: NEXT: GOTO160
230 PRINT" What is the complete name of your program: "; LINEINPUTC
VS: GOSUB60: RUNCVS
240 'begin
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Listing 2 continued

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7 DEPRSL	Straightline depreciation
8 DEPRSY	Sum of the digits depreciation
9 DEPRDB	Declining balance depreciation
10 DEPRDDB	Double declining balance depreciation
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18 RRCONST	Rate of return on investment with constant inflows
19 EFFECT	Effective interest rate of a loan
20 FVAL	Future value of an investment (compound interest)
21 PVAL	Present value of a future amount
22 LOANPAY	Amount of payment on a loan
23 REGWITH	Equal withdrawals from investment to leave 0 over
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26 ANNUDEF	Present value of deferred annuities
27 MARKUP	% Markup analysis for items
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29 BONDDVAL	Value of a bond
30 DEPLETE	Depletion analysis
31 BLACKSH	Black Scholes options analysis
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38 OPTWRITE	Option writing computations
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44 UTILITY	Derives utility function
45 SIMPLEX	Linear programming solution by simplex method
46 TRANS	Transportation method for linear programming
47 EOQ	Economic order quantity inventory model
48 QUEUE1	Single server queueing (waiting line) model
49 CVP	Cost-volume-profit analysis
50 CONDPROF	Conditional profit tables
51 OPTLOSS	Opportunity loss tables
52 FQJQJ	Fixed quantity economic order quantity model
53 FQEQWSH	As above but with shortages permitted
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55 QUEUECB	Cost-benefit waiting line analysis
56 NCFANAL	Net cash-flow analysis for simple investment
57 PROFIND	Profitability index of a project
58 CAPI	Cap. Asset Pr. Model analysis of project

59 WACC	Weighted average cost of capital
60 COMBAL	True rate on loan with compensating bal. required
61 DISCBAL	True rate on discounted loan
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63 FINRAT	Financial ratios for a firm
64 NPV	Net present value of project
65 PRINDLAS	Laspeyres price index
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68 TIMETR	Time series analysis linear trend
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70 FUPRINF	Future price estimation with inflation
71 MAILPAC	Mailing list system
72 LETWRT	Letter writing system-links with MAILPAC
73 SORT3	Sorts list of names
74 LABEL1	Shipping label maker
75 LABEL2	Name label maker
76 BUSBOOK	DOVE business bookkeeping system
77 TIMECLCK	Computes weeks total hours from timeclock info.
78 ACCTPAY	In memory accounts payable system-storage permitted
79 INVOICE	Generate invoice on screen and print on printer
80 INVENT2	In memory inventory control system
81 TELDIR	Computerized telephone directory
82 TIMUSAN	Time use analysis
83 ASSIGN	Use of assignment algorithm for optimal job assign.
84 ACCTREC	In memory accounts receivable system-storage ok
85 TERMSPAY	Compares 3 methods of repayment of loans
86 PAYNET	Computes gross pay required for given net
87 SELLPR	Computes selling price for given after tax amount
88 ARBCOMP	Arbitrage computations
89 DEPRSF	Sinking fund depreciation
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hers):PRINT"if you wish. As a default, just hit the enter key: I
will":PRINT"print the grand total for a column, using the same pr
nt"
2450 PRINT"format as the previous data in that column.":LN=20000
2451 PRINT#1,LN:"FPD$<>":Q$:"S":Q$:"THENLPRINT":LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,
LN:"FPD$<>":Q$:"P":Q$:"THENPRINT"
2454 PRINT"if you want to use the totals in your computations, the
totals":PRINT"are stored in the variable array T$(X), where X is
the column":PRINT"number. Feel free to use these totals in computa
tions."
2455 FORI=1TOB
2460 PRINT"COLUMN NAME: ";C$(I);": DEFAULT IS ";
2470 IF MIDS(M$,I,1)="S"THENPRINT"BLANK":ELSEPRINT"T$(;I;)":PRIN
T"COLUMN PRINT FORMAT IS":C$(I)
2480 PRINT"what should I print in this column: ";LINEINPUTCVS
2485 IPCV$=STRINGS(LEN(CV$),32)THENCVS="*"
2490 IPCV$="THENIFMIDS(M$,I,1)="S"THENCVS="Q$+Q$
2500 IPCV$="THENIFMIDS(M$,I,1)="M"THENCVS="T$(+MIDS(STR$(I),2)+
)"
2510 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN:"READ T:FPD$<>":Q$:"S":Q$:"THENLPRINTTAB
(T);:LPRINTUSINGC$(T);MIDS(STR$(I),2);":Q$:"CVS;";
2520 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN:"FPD$<>":Q$:"P":Q$:"THENLPRINTTAB(T);:PRI
NTUSINGC$(T);MIDS(STR$(I),2);":Q$:"CVS;";
2530 NEXTI:LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN:"FPD$<>":Q$:"S":Q$:"THENLPRINTCHR$(
12):LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN:"FPD$<>":Q$:"P":Q$:"THENPRINT:PRINT":Q$;
"END OF REPORT":Q$
2540 LN=LN+10:PRINT#1,LN:"CLOSE:END"
2630 OPEN"R",2,"R451/LIB"
2631 ON ERROR GOTO 2635
2632 LINE INPUT #2,AS:PRINT#1,AS:GOTO2631
2635 FORI=1TOB:RL=RL+LEN(C$(I))+LEN(C$(I))+2*F$(I):NEXT:PRINT#1,"
5 CLEAR":2000*RL
2636 CLS:PRINT"your report program has been written. You may run i
t any time.":PRINT"if you wish, you may load your program, then re
save it: this":PRINT"will decrease subsequent program load times.
"
2639 CLOSE:END
2640 IFERR=38ANDERL=420THENPRINT"PROGRAM ALREADY EXISTS. DEPRESS C
TO WRITE OVER IT. ANY OTHER":PRINT"TO QUIT":ELSE2670
2650 Q$=INKEYS:IFQ$="":THEN2650:ELSEIFQ$="C"THENCLOSE1:RESUME430
2660 IFQ$="c"THENCLOSE1:RESUME430:ELSECLOSE:END
2670 IFERR=104THENPRINT"YOU ENTERED BASIC WITHOUT SPECIFYING ANY F
ILES.":PRINT"YOU NEED AT LEAST TWO. GO BACK TO DOS AND ENTER BASIC
CORRECTLY.":CLOSE:END
2672 IF ERR=106 AND ERL=420THENRESUME430
2675 PRINT"ERROR NUMBER:ERR;":AT LINE";ERL;":PROGRAM ABORTED.":ONE
RRGOTOB
2680 CLS:CLOSE:END
4999 "REPLACE A STRING WITH ANOTHER
5000 IF F1$=1THENSX$=F1$+MIDS(SX$,LEN(C$(J))+1):RETURN
5010 SX$=LEFT$(SX$,F1$-1)+F1$+MIDS(SX$,F1$+LEN(C$(J))):RETURN

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Program Listing 3. R451/LIB. The Reporter's library file.

```

10 PRINT"Should this report be on the screen (S), printer (P), or
both":PRINT"screen and printer (B)":INPUTP$;IFINSTR("SPpBb",PDS
)<1THEN10
11 PDS=CHR$(ASC(PDS)AND95)
15 PRINT"what drive is the data file on (0-3)":LINEINPUTDRS:IFVA
L(DRS)<0ORVAL(DRS)>3THEN15:ELSESDRS=MIDS(STR$(VAL(DRS)),2)
17 DFS=DFS+":"+DRS
18 PRINT"OK, depress any key when the data file is on that drive:"
;
19 AS=INKEYS:IFAS="":THEN19
20 PRINT:PRINT"Are you going to read an index file for a sorted re
port (Y/N)":INPUTSRS
21 IFINSTR("yYnN",SRS)<1THEN20:ELSESRS=CHR$(ASC(SRS)AND95)
22 IFSRS="N"THEN29
23 PRINT"Please give me the complete name of your index file. For"
:PRINT"example. MYFILE/INX:1 ";:LINEINPUTSRS
29 ;
35 IFPDS="S"ORPDS="B"THENCLS
36 IFSRS<>"N"THENOPEN"R",2,SRS
45 DIMC$(50),T$(50):GOSUB40000:'DIMENSIONING THE MATRICES WE WILL
USE
65 'FOLLOWING ARE THE COLUMN HEADINGS
19990 'PRINTING TOTALS SECTION
30000 'FIELDING THE FILE
30800 TT=0
30810 FIELD#1,(TT) AS DY$, (FF(IX)) AS F$(IX)

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30820 TT=TT+FF(IX):NEXT:RETURN
30990 'BEGIN PRINTING THE COLUMN HEADINGS
31000 IFPDS<>"S"THENLPRINT
31005 IFPDS<>"P"THENPRINT
31010 READ T:OF$=0:IF MIDS(M$,J,1)="M" THEN OF$=LEN(C$(J))-LEN(H$(
J))
31012 IFPDS<>"P"THENPRINTTAB(T+OF$);H$(J);
31015 IFPDS<>"S"THENLPRINTTAB(T+OF$);H$(J);
31020 NEXT:RESTORE
31030 IFPDS<>"P"THENPRINT:PRINT
31040 IFPDS<>"S"THENLPRINT:PRINT
31050 RETURN
31060 'THESE ARE THE TAB SETTINGS
40000 'COLUMN PRINT FORMATS
40100 RETURN

```

Program Listing 4. The menu program.

```

10 CLS:CLEAR3000:DEFINTA-Z:PRINT
20 PRINTTAB(18);"CREATOR AND REPORTOR MENU":PRINT:PRINT
30 PRINTTAB(15);"You have the following choices:":PRINT
40 PRINT" 1. Write a program using the CREATOR."
50 PRINT" 2. Write a report program using the reportor."
60 PRINT" 3. Run a program or a report."
70 PRINT" 4. Sort a data file."
80 PRINT" 5. Create or re-create a key file."
90 PRINT" 6. Transfer data from a file created using the orig
inal"
100 PRINTTAB(9);"CREATOR to a file useable by the new version."
110 PRINT" 7. Quit, and exit to BASIC.":PRINT
120 PRINTTAB(10);"Please depress the number of your choice: ";
130 AN$=INKEYS:IFAN$="":THEN130
140 AN=VAL(AN$):IFAN<1ORAN>7THENRUN
150 IFAN=1THENCLS:PRINT"LOADING THE CREATOR.":RUN"CREATOR/BAS"
160 IFAN=2THENCLS:PRINT"LOADING THE REPORTOR.":RUN"REPORTOR/BAS"
170 IFAN=4THENCLS:PRINT"LOADING CHEASORT.":RUN"CSORT/BAS"
180 IFAN=5THENCLS:PRINT"LOADING REKEY.":RUN"REKEY/BAS"
190 IFAN=6THENCLS:PRINT"LOADING CXPER.":RUN"CXPER/BAS"
200 IFAN=7THENNEW
210 PRINT#960,STRINGS(63,32):PRINT#960,"what's the name of the pro
gram to run: ";
220 LINEINPUTP$:CLS:PRINT"LOADING ";P$:RUNP$

```

Program Listing 5. C451/LIB. The Creator's library file.

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21 DEFFNPH$(X$)=CHR$(X$+128):DEFFNUH(X$)=ASC(X$)-128
100 PRINT
110 PRINT"Enter data.....De
press E"
120 PRINT"Look up a record.....De
press L"
130 PRINT"Scan all records.....De
press S"
140 PRINT"Update a record.....De
press U"
150 PRINT"Delete a record.....De
press D"
160 PRINT"Exit the program.....De
press X"
170 PRINT"Initialize the file.....De
press I"
175 ONERRORGOTO60000
180 GET2,1:PRINT" CURRENT NUMBER OF RECORDS IN FILE=";CVI(KP$);:
IFCVI(KP$)<1THENPRINT"PLEASE INITIALIZE!":ELSEPRINT
185 PRINT"Please depress the key corresponding to your choice."
186 ONERRORGOTO25000
1000 CLS:REM*BEGIN ENTRY
1005 FC=FC+1
10000 REM*BEGIN FILE LOOK UP
10010 GOSUB27000:'TRY TO FIND THE RECORD
10200 GOSUB28000:'UNPACK THE FIELDS
10800 GOSUB29000:'DISPLAY RECORD IF KEY FIELD MATCHES
11000 REM*BEGIN FILE LOOK UP
11010 GOSUB27000:'TRY TO FIND THE RECORD

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11200 GOSUB28000:'UNPACK THE FIELDS
11800 GOSUB29000:'DISPLAY RECORD IF KEY FIELD MATCHES
11810 UPS="":PRINT#960,STRINGS(63,32);:PRINT#960,"What field numbe
r do you want to update? ";
11820 UX$=INKEYS:IFUX$="0"ANDUX$<="9"THENPRINTUX$;UPS=UPS+UX$:GO
TO11820:ELSEIFUX$<CHR$(13)THEN11820:ELSEUP$=VAL(UPS)
11900 REM*BEGIN OUTPUT*
11990 REM*INSERT CHANGED FIELDS AND SEND TO DISK*
12000 REM*BEGIN RECORD DELETE*
12010 GOSUB27000:'TRY TO FIND THE RECORD
12200 GOSUB28000:'UNPACK THE FIELDS
12800 GOSUB29000:'DISPLAY RECORD IF KEY FIELD MATCHES
12900 REM*DELETE CODE WRITTEN INTO ALL FIELDS*
22000 REM*FIELD TITLES FOR DISPLAY*
25000 IF ERL<36000 AND ERL>35000 THEN RESUME 35000:ELSE IF ERR=20
THEN RESUME NEXT
25001 IF ERR=30THENPRINT"YOU DIDN'T INITIALIZE YOUR DATA FILE. DO
SO!":FORI=1TO1000:NEXT:RUN
25010 PRINT"ERROR ENCOUNTERED IN LINE";ERL
25015 IF ERR=10 THEN PRINT"you have input a number too large for t
he field type.":RESUME NEXT
25020 IF ERL<10000 AND ERL>1000 THEN PRINT"you have probably made
an error in edit specifications."
25030 PRINT"ERROR NUMBER IS";ERR:CLOSE:END
25999 REM*HASHING ALGORITHM*
26000 FOR Z$=1TOLEN(Z$)
26010 SP=ASC(MIDS(Z$,Z,1)):X$=X$+Z$*(SP+1/SP)
26020 NEXT
26030 IF X$<1E+17THENX$=X$*X$:GOTO26030
26035 SP=ASC(Z$)+ASC(RIGHT$(Z$,1)):SP=SP-10*(INT(SP/10)):SP=SP+4
:X$=STR$(X$):RP=VAL(MIDS(X$,SP,4)):X$=0
27000 REM*LOOK FOR THE RECORD*
27020 'NOW WE HAVE INPUT THE KEY FIELD
27030 Z$=KF$:GOSUB26000:KP=RP:'GO TO HASHING ROUTINE AND GET POSI
TION
27999 REM*UNPACK FIELDS IN RECORD*
28999 RETURN
28999 REM*DISPLAY FOUND RECORD*
29000 CLS:CL=1
29020 READ RS:CX=LEN(C$(I))
29021 IFCX<10THENIFMIDS(G$(I),CX-9,10)=" " THENCX=CX-10:GO
TO29021
29022 IFCX<LEN(G$(I))THENG$(1)=LEFT$(G$(I),CX)
29024 CL=POS(0):IFLC<5THENPRINT"#:1;CHR$(133);RS;CHR$(133);G$(1);
:GOTO 29030
29025 IFCL<14THENGOSUB41010:GOTO29024
29026 IF(LC<32 AND LEN(RS)+LEN(G$(I))+37<64)THEN PRINT TAB(32);#"
;I;CHR$(133);RS;CHR$(133);G$(I);:ELSEPRINT:CL=CL+1:GOTO29024
29030 NEXT:RESTORE:PRINT
29930 IF AN$="S"THENRETURN
29940 PRINT#960,"IS THIS IT? (DEPRESS Y IF SO, ANY OTHER IF NOT)":
29950 AN$=INKEYS:IFAN$="":THEN29950:ELSEPRINT#960,STRINGS(60,32):P
RINT#960," ";:IFAN$<"Y"THENGOSUB27040:GOSUB28000:GOTO29000
29960 RETURN
29999 REM*NUMERIC FIELD EDIT CHECK SUBROUTINE*
30000 CD=INSTR(CDS,CHR$(32)):IFCD<1THENCLS:LEFT$(CDS,CD-1)+MIDS(CD
$,CD,1):GOTO30000:ELSEIFCD<1THENCDS=MIDS(CDS,2):GOTO30000
30005 FORZ=1TOLEN(CDS)
30010 IFMIDS(CDS,Z,1)<"0"ORMIDS(CDS,Z,1)>"9"THENIFMIDS(CDS,Z,1)
<"":ANDMIDS(CDS,Z,1)<"-":THENE=1
30020 NEXT:IF E THEN RETURN
30030 CD=INSTR(CDS,"-"):IFCD<0ANDINSTR(CD+1,CDS,"-")>0THENE=1:RETU
RN:ELSEIF(CD<0ANDCD<>1)THENE=1:RETURN
30040 CD=INSTR(CDS,"."):IFCD<0ANDINSTR(CD+1,CDS,".")>0THENE=1:RETU
RN
30050 RETURN
30999 REM*ALPHA FIELD EDIT CHECK*
31000 FORZ=1TOLEN(CDS)
31010 IFMIDS(CDS,Z,1)<="9"ANDMIDS(CDS,Z,1)>="0"THENE=1
31020 NEXT
31030 RETURN
32000 REM*INITIALIZE*
32010 PRINT"this will erase all previous data, if any.":PRINT"to c
ontinue initialization, depress the C key."
32030 AN$=INKEYS:IFAN$="":THEN32030:ELSEIFAN$<"C"THENRUN
32035 CLS:PRINT"this will take a little while. Please be patient."
32060 PUT2,I
32070 NEXT:LSETKP$=MKI$(1):PUT2,1:RUN
34999 REM*BEGIN RECORD SCAN*
35001 INPUT"Numeric or alphabetic scan (N/A):";NS$:NS%=ASC(NS$):NS
%<NS% AND 95:NS$=CHR$(NS%):IFNS$<"N"ANDNS$<"A"THEN35001
35002 INPUT"Smallest (numeric or alpha) to display: ";S$S
35003 INPUT"Largest (numeric or alpha) to display: ";L$S
35004 INPUT"Should I delay after displaying each record (Y/N)?:";DY

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S:NS%ASC(DYS):NS%NS% AND 95:DYS=CHRS(NS%):IPDYS<>"N"ANDDYS<>"Y"
HEN35004
35050 GOSUB28000:'UNPACK THE RECORD
35060 IPNS="A"AND(GS(NS)<SMSORG(NS)>LAS)THEN35990
35070 IPNS="N"AND(VAL(GS(NS))<VAL(SMS)ORVAL(GS(NS))>VAL(LAS))THEN
35990
35960 GOSUB29000:'DISPLAY RECORD
35965 IPDYS="Y"THEN35970ELSE35990
35970 FORJ=1TO2000:NEXTJ:'WAIT BEFORE DISPLAYING NEXT RECORD
36000.REM'FIELD LENGTHS AND FIELDING FILE*
36020 FIELD#1,CD%AS DDS,F%(2Z) AS F%(2Z):CD%CD%+F%(2Z):NEXT:RETUR
N
38000 CLOSE:NEW
40000 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"MORE"):IFG1>0THENG=CINT(VAL(GS(UP))+VAL(G
S)):GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):RETURN
40010 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"LESS"):IFG1>0THENG=CING(-VAL(GS(UP))+VAL(G
S)):GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):RETURN
40020 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"="):IFG1>1THENG=CINT(VAL(GS(UP))+VAL(GS)):
GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):RETURN
40030 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"*"):IFG1>1THENG=CING(-VAL(GS(UP))+VAL(GS)):
GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):RETURN
40040 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"**"):IFG1>0THENG=CINT(VAL(GS(UP))*VAL(GS)):
GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):RETURN
40050 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"/"):IFG1>0THENG=CINT(VAL(GS)/VAL(GS(UP))):
GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):RETURN
40100 RETURN
40500 G3=0:G2=INSTR(GS(UP),"RO"):IFG2THENG3=VAL(MIDS(GS(UP),G2+2))
40510 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"LESS"):IFG1>0THENG=CDBL(-VAL(GS(UP))+VAL(G
S)):GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):GOTO40570
40520 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"="):IFG1>1THENG=CDBL(VAL(GS(UP))+VAL(GS)):
GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):GOTO40570
40530 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"*"):IFG1>1THENG=CDBL(-VAL(GS(UP))+VAL(GS)):
GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):GOTO40570
40540 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"**"):IFG1>0THENG=CDBL(VAL(GS(UP))*VAL(GS)):
GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):GOTO40570
40550 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"/"):IFG1>0THENG=CDBL(VAL(GS)/VAL(GS(UP))):
GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):GOTO40570
40560 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"MORE"):IFG1>0THENG=CDBL(VAL(GS(UP))+VAL(G
S)):GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):RETURN
40570 IPG2<1THENRETURN
40580 G=CDBL(VAL(GS(UP)))
40590 IFG3THENFORG2=1TOG3:G=C*10:NEXT:G=FIX(G+.500001)*SGN(G)
)
40600 IFG3THENFORG2=1TOG3:G=C*10:NEXT:ELSEG=FIX(G+.500001)*SGN
(G)
40610 GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):RETURN
41000 IFCL<15THENRETURN
41010 PRINT@960,"THERE ARE MORE FIELDS! HIT ANY KEY TO SEE THE RES
T:";PRINT@960,STRINGS(60,32);:YS=INKEYS:IPYS="THEN41010:ELSECLS:
CL=0:RETURN
60000 LSETKPS=MKIS(0):RESUMENEXT

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Program Listing 6. C451MIN/LIB. Creator inventory/update program.

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21 DEFPNPHS(X%)=CHRS(X%+128):DEFFNUH(X%)=ASC(X%)-128
100 PRINT
110 PRINT"Enter data.....De
press E"
120 PRINT"Look up a record.....De
press L"
130 PRINT"Scan all records.....De
press S"
140 PRINT"Update a record.....De
press U"
150 PRINT"Delete a record.....De
press D"
160 PRINT"Exit the program.....De
press I"
174 PRINT"Initialize the file.....De
press X"
175 ONERRGOTO60000
180 GET2,1:PRINT"CURRENT NUMBER OF RECORDS IN FILE=";CUI(KPS);:
IFCUI(KPS)<1THENPRINT"PLEASE INITIALIZE!";ELSEPRINT
185 PRINT"Please depress the key corresponding to your choice."
186 ONERRGOTO25000
1000 CLS
1005 PC=PC+1
10000 '

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10010 GOSUB27000
10200 GOSUB28000
10800 GOSUB29000
11000 '
11010 GOSUB27000
11200 GOSUB28000
11800 GOSUB29000
11810 UFS="":PRINT@960,STRINGS(63,32);:PRINT@960,"What field numbe
r do you want to update? ";
11820 UXS=INKEYS:IFUXS<>"0"ANDUXS<="9"THENPRINTUXS;:UFS=UFS+UXS:GO
TO1180ELSEIFUXS<>CHRS(13)THEN11820:ELSEUFS=VAL(UFS)
11900 '
12000 '
12010 GOSUB27000
12200 GOSUB28000
12800 GOSUB29000
12900 '
20000 IF ERL<36000 AND ERL>35000THENRESUME35000:ELSE IF ERR=20 THE
N RESUME NEXT
25001 IF ERR=30THENPRINT"YOU DIDN'T INITIALIZE YOUR DATA FILE. DO
SO!";FORI=1TO1000:NEXT:RUV
25010 PRINT"ERROR ENCOUNTERED IN LINE";ERL
25015 IF ERR=10 THEN PRINT"You have input a number too large for t
he field type.";RESUME NEXT
25020 IF ERL=10000 AND ERL<1000 THEN PRINT"You have probably made
an error in edit specifications."
25030 PRINT"ERROR NUMBER IS";ERR:CLOSE:END
26000 FOR Z=1TOLEN(ZZS)
26010 SP=ASC(MIDS(ZZS,Z,1)):X=X+Z*Z*(SP+1/SP)
26020 NEXT
26030 IF X#<1E+17THENX=X*X*X:GOTO26030
26035 SP=ASC(ZZS)+ASC(RIGHTS(ZZS,1)):SP=SP-10*(INT(SP/10)):SP=SP+4
:X$=STR$(X):RP=VAL(MIDS(X$,SP,4)):X#0
27000 '
27020 '
27030 ZZS=KFS:GOSUB26000:KP=RP
28990 RETURN
29000 CLS:CL=1
29020 READ R$;CX=LEN(G$(I))
29021 IFCX>10THENIFMIDS(G$(I),CX-9,10)=" "THENXC=CX-10:GO
TO29021
29022 IFCX<LEN(G$(I))THENG(I)=LEFTS(G$(I),CX)
29024 LC=POS(0):IFLC<5THENPRINT"*";:CHR$(133);R$;CHR$(133);GS(I):
GOTO29030
29025 IFCL>14THENGOSUB41010:GOTO29024
29026 IF(LC<32 AND LEN(R$)<LEN(G$(I))+37<64)THEN PRINT TAB(32);"*"
:CHR$(133);R$;CHR$(133);GS(I):ELSEPRINT:CL=CL+1:GOTO29024
29030 NEXT:RESTORE:PRINT
29030 IF ANS="S"THENRETURN
29040 PRINT@960,"IS THIS IT? (DEPRESS Y IF SO, ANY OTHER IF NOT)";
29050 ANS=INKEYS:IFANS="Y"THEN29950:ELSEPRINT@960,STRINGS(60,32):P
RINT@960,"";:IFANS<>"Y"THENGOSUB27040:GOSUB28000:GOTO29000
29960 RETURN
30000 CD=INSTR(CDS,CHRS(32)):IFCD>1THENCDS=LEFTS(CDS,CD-1)+MIDS(CD
S,CD,1):GOTO30000:ELSEIFCD=1THENCDS=MIDS(CDS,2):GOTO30000
30005 FORZ=1TOLEN(CDS)
30010 IPMIDS(CDS,Z,1)<"0"ORMIDS(CDS,Z,1)>"9"THENIFMIDS(CDS,Z,1)
<"0"ANDMIDS(CDS,Z,1)<"1"THEN=1
30020 NEXT:IF E THEN RETURN
30030 CD=INSTR(CDS,"-"):IFCD>0BANDINSTR(CD+1,CDS,"-")>0THENE=1:RETU
RN:ELSEIF(CD=0ANDCD<1)THENE=1:RETURN
30040 CD=INSTR(CDS,"-"):IFCD>0BANDINSTR(CD+1,CDS,"-")>0THENE=1:RETU
RN
30050 RETURN
31000 FORZ=1TOLEN(CDS)
31010 IPMIDS(CDS,Z,1)<"9"ANDMIDS(CDS,Z,1)>"0"THEN=1
31020 NEXT
31030 RETURN
32000 PRINT"This will erase all previous data, if any.";PRINT"to c
ontinue initialization, depress the C key.":
32030 ANS=INKEYS:IFANS="C"THEN32030:ELSEIFANS<>"C"THENRUN
32035 CLS:PRINT"This will take a little while. Please be patient."
32060 PUT2,1
32070 NEXT:LSETKPS=MKIS(1):PUT2,1:RUN
35000 INPUT"Numeric or alphabetic scan (N/A):";NSS:NS%ASC(NSS):NS
%NS% AND 95:NSS=CHRS(NS%):IPNS<>"N"ANDNSS<>"A"THEN35001
35002 INPUT"Smallest (numeric or alpha) to display:";SM$
35003 INPUT"Largest (numeric or alpha) to display:";L$
35004 INPUT"Should I delay after displaying each record (Y/N)?";DY
S:NS%ASC(DYS):NS%NS% AND 95:DYS=CHRS(NS%):IPDYS<>"N"ANDDYS<>"Y"
HEN35004
35050 GOSUB28000
35060 IPNS="A"AND(GS(NS)<SMSORG(NS)>LAS)THEN35990

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35070 IPNS="N"AND(VAL(GS(NS))<VAL(SMS)ORVAL(GS(NS))>VAL(LAS))THEN
35990
35960 GOSUB29000
35965 IPDYS="Y"THEN35970ELSE35990
35970 FORJ=1TO2000:NEXT
36000 '
36020 FIELD#1,CD%AS DDS,F%(2Z) AS F%(2Z):CD%CD%+F%(2Z):NEXT:RETUR
N
38000 CLOSE:NEW
40000 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"MORE"):IFG1>0THENG=CINT(VAL(GS(UP))+VAL(G
S)):GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):RETURN
40010 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"LESS"):IFG1>0THENG=CING(-VAL(GS(UP))+VAL(G
S)):GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):RETURN
40020 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"="):IFG1>1THENG=CINT(VAL(GS(UP))+VAL(GS)):
GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):RETURN
40030 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"*"):IFG1>1THENG=CING(-VAL(GS(UP))+VAL(GS)):
GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):RETURN
40040 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"**"):IFG1>0THENG=CINT(VAL(GS(UP))*VAL(GS)):
GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):RETURN
40050 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"/"):IFG1>0THENG=CINT(VAL(GS)/VAL(GS(UP))):
GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):RETURN
40100 RETURN
40500 G3=0:G2=INSTR(GS(UP),"RO"):IFG2THENG3=VAL(MIDS(GS(UP),G2+2))
40510 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"LESS"):IFG1>0THENG=CDBL(-VAL(GS(UP))+VAL(G
S)):GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):GOTO40570
40520 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"="):IFG1>1THENG=CDBL(VAL(GS(UP))+VAL(GS)):
GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):GOTO40570
40530 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"*"):IFG1>1THENG=CDBL(-VAL(GS(UP))+VAL(GS)):
GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):GOTO40570
40540 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"**"):IFG1>0THENG=CDBL(VAL(GS(UP))*VAL(GS)):
GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):GOTO40570
40550 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"/"):IFG1>0THENG=CDBL(VAL(GS)/VAL(GS(UP))):
GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):GOTO40570
40560 G1=INSTR(GS(UP),"MORE"):IFG1>0THENG=CDBL(VAL(GS(UP))+VAL(G
S)):GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):RETURN
40570 IPG2<1THENRETURN
40580 G=CDBL(VAL(GS(UP)))
40590 IFG3THENFORG2=1TOG3:G=C*10:NEXT:G=FIX(G+.500001)*SGN(G)
)
40600 IFG3THENFORG2=1TOG3:G=C*10:NEXT:ELSEG=FIX(G+.500001)*SGN
(G)
40610 GS(UP)=MIDS(STRS(G%),FIX(2+SGN(G%)/2)):RETURN
41000 IFCL<15THENRETURN
41010 PRINT@960,"THERE ARE MORE FIELDS! HIT ANY KEY TO SEE THE RES
T:";PRINT@960,STRINGS(60,32);:YS=INKEYS:IPYS="THEN41010:ELSECLS:
CL=0:RETURN
60000 LSETKPS=MKIS(0):RESUMENEXT

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Program Listing 7. Sort/merge utility.

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10 CLEAR 0:FR1=PRE(8):CLEAR FR1=0000:DIMX*(8)
20 GOSUB30:GOTO50
30 DEFPNPHS(X%)=RIGHTS(MKIS(-CUI(X%)),1)+LEFTS(X%,1)
40 RETURN
50 GOTO140
60 FORK1=1TOLEN(X%):X2=ASC(MIDS(X%,K1,1)):IFX2>95THENX2=X2AND95:MID
S(X%,K1,1)=CHRS(X2)
70 NEXT:RETURN
80 XX%=LEN(X%)/2:Z%=LEN(X%)+1:IFASC(MIDS(X%,Z%-1,1))=0THENXS=CHRS(
129)+STRINGS(Z%-2,0):RETURN
90 FORX=1TOXX%:XS=MIDS(X%,X%,1):MIDS(X%,X%,1)=MIDS(X%,X%-X%,1):M
IDS(X%,X%-X%,1)=XS:NEXT:FORX%=0TO1:XY(X%)=ASC(MIDS(X%,X%+1,1)):NE
XT:IFX%(1)>127THENXY%=1:ELSEXY%=0
100 XZ%=X%(0)AND1:X%(1)=(X%(1)AND127)+128*XZ%:X%(0)=(X%(0)/2)OR128
110 IFXY%THENFORX%=2TOZ%-2:X(X%)=ASC(MIDS(X%,X%+1,1)):NEXT:FORX%
0TOZ%-2:X(X%)=255ANDNOTX%(X%)AND255:NEXT:FORX%=2TOZ%-2:MIDS(X%,X%
+1,1)=CHRS(X(X%))+NEXT
120 FORX%=0TO1:MIDS(X%,X%+1,1)=CHRS(X(X%))+NEXT
130 RETURN
140 DIRKS(50),KEY(52),FYS(50):PUT(200,1),RST(50)
150 ADS=STRINGS(50,0)
160 PRINT"CSORT, A RANDOM FILE SORT/MERGE."
170 PRINT"COPYRIGHT (C) 1983, BY TNT SOFTWARE, INC."
180 PRINT
190 PRINT"NAME OF FILE TO BE SORTED: ";:LINE INPUTS0:IF$OS<="THE
N190
200 PRINT"SORT FILE RECORD LENGTH=";:INPUTL$:IFR1<100R1>256THEI
200

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210 PRINT"OUTPUT INDEX FILE NAME IS: ";:LINE INPUTOF5:IFOF5<=""THE
N210
220 PRINT"NOW I NEED TO KNOW THE FIELD TYPE, AND WHETHER THE SORT
WILL"
230 PRINT"BE ASCENDING OR DESCENDING ORDER, FOR EACH KEY."
240 I%=I%+1
250 PRINT"INPUT THE NUMBER 0 TO END, OTHERWISE"
260 PRINT"INPUT THE STARTING POSITION FOR KEY #";I%:";:INPUT KS1
(I%)
270 IFKS1(I%)=0THEN460
280 PRINT"INPUT THE LENGTH OF THIS KEY:";:INPUTKEY(I%)
290 IFKEY(I%)<0THENPRINT"INVALID!":GOTO260
300 PRINT"FIELD TYPE:"
310 PRINT"I=PACKED INTEGER,"
320 PRINT"C=PACKED HALF-PRECISION, OR ANY CHARACTER FIELD,"
330 PRINT"N=NUMERIC UNPACKED,"
340 PRINT"O=OTHER FIELD TYPES, FLOATING POINT OR PACKED,"
350 PRINT"PRINT"FIELD TYPE FOR THIS FIELD IS: ";:LINEINPUTTYS
360 XS=TYS:GOSUB60:TYS=XS
370 TY%=INSTR("IONC",TYS):IFTY%<1THENPRINT"INVALID!":GOTO300
380 TY%(I%)=TYS
390 IFTY%(I%)<3THENIT%+TT%+KEY(I%):ELSETT%=TT%+8
400 PRINT"ASCENDING OR DESCENDING ORDER ON THIS FIELD (A/D): ";:LI
NEINPUTAOS
410 XS=AOS:GOSUB60:AOS=XS
420 AD%=INSTR("AD",AOS):IFAD%<1THEN400
430 MIDS(ADS,I%,1)=AOS:PRINT50-I%:"SORT KEYS, AND"
440 PRINT253-TT%:"BYTES OF SORT KEY SPACE REMAIN."
450 GOTO240
460 PRINT"DRIVE TO USE FOR WORK FILES (0-3): ";:LINE INPUT DRS
470 IFDRS<"0"ORDRS>"3"ORLEN(DRS)<1THENPRINT"ILLEGAL!":GOTO460
480 DRS=":"+DRS
490 OPEN"R",1,SOS,RL%:J%=0:FS%=RL%AND255:IFRL%>255THENFS%=255
500 FIELD#1,FS% AS RS
510 FORK%=1TOI%-1:FIELD#1,(KS%(K%)-1) AS DS,RE%(K%) AS RS(K%):NEXT
520 OPEN"O",2,OF5
530 OPEN"R",3,"ZZZ/TMP"+DRS,TT%+2
540 FR1=20000/(TT%+10)
550 DIM DS(FR1)
555 DS=STRING$(TT%+2,32)
560 PRINT"PRINT LEVEL TO USE FOR INFORMATIONAL MESSAGES (1-4): LEV
EL 1"
570 PRINT"IS MOST RESTRICTED, LEVEL 4 MOST COMPLETE.":LINEINPUTLE
VS
590 LEVA=VAL(LEVS):IFLEVA<1ORLEVA>4THENPRINT"ILLEGAL!":GOTO560
595 ONERRORGOTO710
600 FR%=CINT(FR1):IFLEVA=4THENPRINT"READING THROUGH RECORD NUMBER:
"
610 IF LEVA=3THENPRINT"SORTING. . ."
620 J%=J%+1:GET1,J%:IFLEVA=4ANDJ%AND1THENPRINTJ%:PRINTCHRS(27);
630 IFRS=STRING$(FS%,0)THEN710:ELSEIFRS=STRING$(FS%,255)ORRS=STRIN
CS(FS%,255)THEN620
650 CO%=CO%+1:VC%=VC%+1:FORK%=1TOI%-1:Y%=VARPTR(DS):POKEY%,KE%(K%)
:LSETDS=RS(K%):CP%=CP%+KE%(K%)
660 IFTY%(K%)=1THENLSETDS=FNCS(DS):ELSEIFTY%(K%)=2THENXS=DS:GOSUB
80:LSETDS=XS:ELSEIFTY%(K%)=3THENLSETDS=MKDS(VAL(DS)):XS=DS:GOSUB80
:LSETDS=XS
670 IFMIDS(ADS,K%,1)="D"THENM%=LEN(DS):FORL%=1TOM%:F%=ASC(MIDS(DS,
L%,1)):F%=255ANDNOTF%AND255:MIDS(DS,L%,1)=CHR$(F%):NEXT
680 IFLEN(DS(CO%))=TT%+2THENLSETDS(CO%)=LEFTS(DS(CO%),CP%-LEN(DS))
+DS:ELSEDSDS(CO%)=DS(CO%)+DS
690 NEXT:CP%=0:IFLEN(DS(CO%))=TT%+2THENLSETDS(CO%)=LEFTS(DS(CO%),T
T%)+MKS(J%):ELSEDSDS(CO%)=DS(CO%)+MKS(J%)
690 IFCO%>FR%THENGOSUB760
700 GOTO620
710 IFMR%THEN820
720 CMD"O",CO%,DS(1)
730 PRINT:IFLEVA>1THENPRINTCO%:"RECORDS SORTED. NOW WRITING INDEX
FILE."
740 FORK%=1TOCO%:J%=CVI(RIGHTS(DS(K%),2)):PRINT#2,STRING$(6-LEN(ST
RS(J%)),32);J%:NEXT
750 GOTO1140
760 IFLEVA>2THENPRINT"WRITING TO TEMPORARY MERGE FILE."
770 CMD"O",CO%,DS(1)
775 FIELD#3,TT%+2 AS DS
780 FORK%=1TOCO%:LSETDS=DS(K%):OP%=OP%+1:PUT3,OP%:NEXT
790 CO%=0:MR%=1
800 IFLEVA>2THENPRINT"RESUMING SORT."
810 RETURN
820 IFCO%<1999ANDCO%>0THENGOSUB760
830 FIELD#3,TT%+2 AS DS:LSET DS=STRING$(255,0):PUT3,OP%+1
840 CLOSE3
850 OPEN"R",3,"ZZZ/TMP"+DRS,TT%+2

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860 FIELD#3,(TT%+2) AS TS
870 PRINT:CT%=0:IFLEVA>2THENPRINT"MERGING. . ."
880 IFLEVA=4THENPRINT"APPROXIMATE NUMBER MERGED:"
890 BLS=STRING$(TT%+2,0)
900 J%=(VC%/FR%)+1
910 FORK%=1TOJ%:PT%(K%,1)=K%*FR%:NEXT
920 LSETDS(J%+1)=BLS:PT%(J%+1,1)=VC%+1
930 FORK%=1TOJ%:PT%(K%,0)=1+FR%*(K%-1):NEXT:PT%(J%+1,0)=VC%+1
940 FORBM%=1TOJ%+1:KE%(BM%)=0:NEXT
950 K%=FR%/J%:FORI%=1TOJ%:FORI%=1TOK%:GET3,PT%(M%,0):LSETDS((M%-1)
*K%+I%)=TS:PT%(M%,0)=PT%(M%,0)+1:IFTS=BLSTHENI%=K%:M%=J%
960 NEXT:NEXT
970 FORI%=1TOJ%:KE%(I%)=K%*(I%-1)+1:NEXT
980 TP%=1:BM%=0
990 IFTP%>J%THEN1020:ELSEIFDS(KE%(TP%))=BLSTHENTP%=TP%+1:GOTO990
1000 IFBM%=0THENBM%=TP%:TP%=TP%+1:GOTO990:ELSEIFDS(KE%(TP%))<DS(KE
%(BM%))THENBM%=TP%
1010 TP%=TP%+1:GOTO990
1020 IFM%=0THENM140
1030 F%=CVI(RIGHTS(DS(KE%(BM%)),2)):PRINT#2,STRING$(6-LEN(STR$(F%
)),32);F%
1040 KE%(BM%)=KE%(BM%)+1
1050 CT%=CT%+1:IFLEVA=4ANDCT%AND1THENPRINTCT%:PRINTCHRS(27);
1060 IFKE%(BM%)+BM%*K%>255THENGOSUB1080
1070 GOTO980
1080 F%=(BM%-1)*K%+1:M%=BM%*K%
1090 FORI%=1TOM%
1100 IFPT%(BM%,0)>PT%(BM%,1)THENDS(I%)=BLS:I%=M%:ELSEGET3,PT%(BM,
0):LSETDS(I%)=TS:PT%(BM%,0)=PT%(BM%,0)+1:IFBLS=TSTHENI%=M%
1110 NEXT
1120 KE%(BM%)=F%
1130 RETURN
1140 CLOSE:PRINT:PRINTVC%:"RECORDS SORTED AND MERGED."
1150 PRINT"SORT COMPLETE. *KILL"ZZZ/TMP"+DRS:CLEAR:END

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VAL(KLS)<1ORVAL(KLS)>255ORVAL(KLS)>VAL(RLS)THENPRINT"Illegal key
length!":GOTO220
230 IFVAL(RLS)<256THENOPEN"R",1,DFS,VAL(RLS):ELSE OPEN"R",1,DFS
240 OPEN"R",2,KFS,2
250 FIELD#1,VAL(STS)-1 AS DS,VAL(RLS) AS KS
260 RL%=VAL(RLS):IFRL%>255THENRL%=255
270 FIELD #1,RL% AS BS
280 MR%=VAL(MRS)
290 DIM RS(MR%):FORI%=1TOMR%:R%(I%)=-1:NEXT:I%=1:KL%=VAL(RLS)
300 LSET BS=STRING$(RL%,250):PUT1,1:PRINT"RE-KEYING THROUGH RECORD
NUMBER ";
305 ONERRORGOTO420
310 I%=I%+1:GET1,I%:F%=KL%:IFBS=STRING$(RL%,0)THEN420
320 PRINT I%;
340 IF K%<CHRS(250)THEN390
350 RP=RND(MR%)
360 RP=RP+1:IFRP>MR%ORRP<2THENRP=2
370 IF R%(RP)<>-1THEN360
380 R%(RP)=-I%:GOTO310
390 ZS=LEFTS(KS,F%):GOSUB460
400 RP=RP+1:IFRP>MR%ORRP<2THENRP=2
410 IFR%(RP)=-1THENR%(RP)=I%:GOTO310:ELSE400
420 CLOSE 1:PRINT"PRINT"WRITING KEY POINTERS NOW,"
430 FIELD #2,2 AS KPS
440 R%(1)=I%-1:FORI%=1TOMR%:LSETKPS=MKIS(R%(I%)):PUT2,I%:NEXT
450 PRINT"PRINT"RE-KEY OPERATION IS COMPLETE.":END
460 FOR Z=1TOLEN(ZS)
470 SP=ASC(MIDS(ZS,Z,1)):X%=X%+Z*(SP+1/SP)
480 NEXT
490 IF X%<1E+17THENX%=X%*X%:GOTO490
500 SP=ASC(ZS)+ASC(RIGHTS(ZS,1)):SP=SP-10*(INT(SP/10)):SP=SP+4:X
5=STR$(X%):RP=VAL(MIDS(XS,SP,4)):X%=0
510 RP=MR%*RP/9999:RP=FIX(RP):RETURN

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Program Listing 8. REKEY/BAS. Rekey utility.

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10 CLEAR 3000
20 CLS:PRINT"This is the RE-KEY utility program for CREATOR data f
iles.":PRINT:PRINT
30 PRINT"This program will allow you to do the following:"
40 PRINT"1. Repair a damaged key file."
50 PRINT"2. Create a new key file for a field not previously a key
."
60 PRINT"3. Create added keys for records you may have appended to
an existing data file."
70 PRINT"PRINT"you must be able to tell me a few things about your
data file."
80 PRINT"FOR example, the record length, the beginning position an
d":PRINT"length of the key field, and the maximum number of record
s":PRINT"allowed in the file. Of course, you must know the name of
the"
90 PRINT"data file, as well. DEPRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE: ";
100 ANS=INKEY$:IF ANS=""THEN100
110 CLS:PRINT"you may not use a packed field as a key field. Recor
d length:PRINT"can be up to 256, key length up to 255.":PRINT"Wher
e n I ask for file names, please give the complete file name,":PRINT
"including the / type and drive!"
120 PRINT:PRINT"Now give me the complete DATA file name: ";
130 LINEINPUTDFS:IF DFS<"A"ORLEN(DFS)>14THENPRINT"illegal name!":G
OTO120
140 PRINT"Now tell me the maximum number of records allowed in thi
s":PRINT"file, per data disk: ";
150 LINE INPUT MRS:IFVAL(MRS)<1ORVAL(MRS)>32767THENPRINT"illegal n
umber of records!":GOTO140
160 PRINT"what is the record length of each record in the data fil
e":LINE INPUT RLS
170 IFVAL(RLS)>256ORVAL(RLS)<1THENPRINT"illegal record length!":G
OTO160
180 PRINT"what is the name of the proposed KEY file?":LINEINPUTK
FS
190 IFKFS<"A"ORLEN(KFS)>14THENPRINT"illegal key file name!":GOTO18
0
200 PRINT"what is the beginning position of the key field in the d
ata":PRINT"record? THIS IS NOT USUALLY THE FIELD NUMBER! ";
210 LINEINPUTSTS:IFVAL(STS)<1ORVAL(STS)>VAL(RLS)THENPRINT"illegal
starting position: should be from 1 to":VAL(RLS):GOTO200
220 PRINT"what is the length of the key field: ";LINE INPUTKLS:IF

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Program Listing 9. CXFER/BAS. Creator transfer utility.

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10 CLS:CLEAR 0:CLEAR 3000
20 PRINT"This is CXFER/BAS, a utility program which will read your
old"
30 PRINT"data files, created under the original CREATOR, and allow
you"
40 PRINT"to squeeze out all deleted and unallocated records, and t
o"
50 PRINT"reformat the remaining records which they will span sectors.
"
60 PRINT:PRINT"you should NOT use this utility program on data fil
es created":PRINT"with the new CREATOR; IF YOU DO, YOU WILL MANGLE
YOUR FILES!":PRINT:PRINT
70 LINEINPUT"Please type your old file name: ";FS
80 LINEINPUT"now tell me your proposed new file name: ";NS
90 LINEINPUT"what was the old record length (1-255):";OLS
100 IF VAL(OLS)>255 OR VAL(OLS)<1 THEN PRINT"INVALID LENGTH!":GOTO
90
110 LINEINPUT"what is the proposed record length: ";NLS
120 IF VAL(NLS)>256 OR VAL(NLS)<1 THEN PRINT"INVALID LENGTH!":GOTO
90
130 IF VAL(OLS)<>VAL(NLS) THEN PRINT"WARNING! NEW LENGTH DOES NOT
MATCH OLD. YOU MAY HAVE DATA":PRINT"INCOMPATIBILITIES UNLESS YOU
NEW PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED TO USE":PRINT"THE DIFFERENT LENGTH."
140 OPEN"R",1,FS
150 OPEN"R",2,NS,VAL(NLS)
160 FIELD #2,1 AS DS,VAL(NLS)-1) AS ES
170 OL=VAL(OLS):L=0:K=0:I=0:J=256/OL
175 ONERRORGOTO300
180 J=INT(J):K=K+1:I=I+1:FIELD#1,((K-1)*OL) AS AS,(OL) AS BS:IFK>J
-1THENK=0
190 GET1,1+INT((I-1)/J):IFBS=STRING$(OL,0)THEN300
200 IFBS=STRING$(OL,250)ORBS=STRING$(OL,255)THEN180
210 IFL=0THENL=1:LSETDS=CHRS(250):LSETS=STRING$(OL,250):PUT2,1
215 LSET DS=LEFTS(BS,1):LSET ES=MIDS(BS,2):L=L+1:PUT2,L:GOTO180
300 IFL=0THENPRINT"ERROR: EMPTY DATA FILE; NO RECORDS TRANSFERRED.
":ELSPRINTL:"RECORDS TRANSFERRED."
310 IFI=1ANDL=0THENPRINT"ORIGINAL DATA FILE DID NOT EXIST AS NAMED
"
320 PRINTI:"SOURCE RECORDS READ.":PRINTI-L;"BLANK OR DELETED RECOR
DS REMOVED.":CLOSE
330 PRINT256*INT(I/J+.995)-VAL(NLS)*I;"BYTES OF DISK SPACE SAVED."
340 PRINT"RECORD TRANSFER IS COMPLETE.":END

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If you ever wanted to use your TRS-80 Model I or III to tabulate opinions for your favorite political candidate or election results for a local service club, then MicroTab (see the Program Listing), a general-purpose cross-tabulation program, will interest you. MicroTab gives you low-cost, accurate, easy-to-understand tables. With it you can run many different tabulation projects without special programming.

Back to Basics

To produce a finished table, you need a set of completed question-

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naires (see Fig. 1) and a drawing of the way you want your table to look. Figure 2 illustrates how a skeleton table might look for a political preference poll.

Let's say you interviewed 20 pro-

spective voters to see whether they are leaning toward candidate Smith or candidate Jones. You now want to make a table that divides the results according to the respondents' sex.

To do this by hand, you'd have to draw a table on a piece of paper, then go through each questionnaire and make a check mark in the appropriate intersection of the rows and columns in the table. After examining all the questionnaires, you would then total each column and enter the result in the total row at the bottom. Then you could calculate percentages based on each column total. This procedure is fine for one or two tables, but suppose you want to make 10 different tables. You can imagine the tedium involved.

Enter MicroTab

MicroTab automatically goes through the procedure outlined above. You specify what you want the table to look like, enter the questionnaire data, and let the program count the responses and calculate the percentages. In addition to column percentages, MicroTab computes row percentages.

It also gives you several printing options (see Fig. 3): raw counts (frequencies), column percentages, row percentages, no data (useful for printing labels alone), or no print (used for

Public Opinion Survey Candidate Preferences

Hello, I'm taking a public opinion survey about political candidates and I would like to include your opinions. My first question is . . .

1. If the election for mayor were held tomorrow, who would you most likely vote for? Would it be Smith or Jones? (interviewer: circle number by answer)

Smith	1
Jones.....	2
(Don't Know).....	3
(Refused).....	4

2. Now I'm going to read several income categories. Would you tell me when I get to the category that best describes your household's annual income? (interviewer: read categories. Circle number for answer)

Less than \$10,000.....	1
\$10,000 to \$14,999.....	2
\$15,000 to \$19,999.....	3
\$20,000 to \$24,999.....	4
\$25,000 to \$29,999.....	5
\$30,000 or more.....	6
(Refused).....	7

3. Sex of respondent:

Female.....	1
Male.....	2

Figure 1. Sample questionnaire.

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dummy rows where you calculate results but don't want to show the data or label).

The number of questionnaires MicroTab processes depends on the length of the questionnaire and the amount of memory in your computer. Experimentation is the best bet for determining the capacity of your system for a particular tabulation project.

The program is designed to accommodate a 132-column printer. It doesn't display tables on the screen because of its small size. If you need, you can change the LPRINTs to Prints or divert the printer to the screen with POKEs. However, the program can display only very small tables on the screen. POKE 16422,88: POKE 16423,4 diverts printer data to the screen on the Model I. POKE 16422,141: POKE 16423,5 restores normal printer operation.

Using MicroTab

The program consists of two components. The first (lines 10-2350) takes care of calculations and printing. You normally wouldn't change this part of the program unless you need custom modifications.

The second component consists of data statements that the user adds to the program. They contain the specifications for the table and all the questionnaire data. To change a table or run a new one, change the data statements and their specifications, but leave the questionnaire data alone. If you have a Merge utility, you can set up specifications for several tables in files (disk or tape), then merge them into the program as needed.

The specification part of the program has several sections: Lines 3000-3999 are the table column specifications; lines 4000-4999 are the table row specifications; lines 5000-5999 are the table title section; lines 6000-6999 are the column titles section; lines 7000-7999 are the row titles section; and lines 8000-8999 are the row print options. Line 9040 contains the number of questionnaires and line 9090 contains the number of questions per questionnaire. Line 9140 contains the row to base column percentages on and line 9190 contains the column to base row percentages on.

The table column specifications section contains the specifications for each of the columns that appear in the table. For example, in Fig. 2 the first

column is Women, the second is Men, and so on. The specifications themselves consist of regular statements in

Basic. They must follow a certain format, however. First, each statement identifies the table column (COL = n).

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10 REM * COPYRIGHT 1981 BY DAVID C. ANDRESEN *
20 REM * 8429 EDGEWATER DR., TACOMA, WA 98499 *
30 REM *****
40 REM SHOW TITLES
50 REM *****
60 CLS
70 PRINT TAB(26) "MICRO-TAB"
80 PRINT TAB(17) "A CROSS TABULATION PROGRAM"
90 PRINT TAB(21) "FOR MARKET RESEARCH"
100 REM *****
110 REM MENU
120 REM *****
130 PRINT
140 PRINT "SELECT DESIRED OPERATION:"
150 PRINT
160 PRINT TAB(5) "1) RUN TABLE 7) EDIT ROW P
RINT SPECS"
170 PRINT TAB(5) "2) EDIT COL SPECS 8) EDIT NO QS
TRES"
180 PRINT TAB(5) "3) EDIT ROW SPECS 9) EDIT NO. Q
STNS/QSTRE"
190 PRINT TAB(5) "4) EDIT TABLE TITLES 10) EDIT COL %
BASE"
200 PRINT TAB(5) "5) EDIT COL TITLES 11) EDIT ROW %
BASE"
210 PRINT TAB(5) "6) EDIT ROW TITLES 12) EDIT QSTRE
DATA"
220 PRINT:INPUT "YOUR CHOICE";A
230 IF A<1 OR A>12 THEN 60
240 IF A=1 THEN 350
250 CLS
260 IF A=2 THEN LIST 3000-3050 ELSE IF A=3 THEN LIST 4000-40
50
270 IF A=4 THEN LIST 5000-5060 ELSE IF A=5 THEN LIST 6000-60
280 IF A=6 THEN LIST 7000-7090 ELSE IF A=7 THEN LIST 8000-81
00
290 IF A=8 THEN LIST 9000-9040 ELSE IF A=9 THEN LIST 9050-90
300 IF A=10 THEN LIST 9100-9140 ELSE IF A=11 THEN LIST 9150-
9190
310 LIST 9900-9905
320 REM *****
330 REM INITIALIZE VARIABLES
340 REM *****
350 CLEAR 4000
360 DEFINIT A-Z
370 PFS="######" : PFS="####.##"
380 DIM TT$(20), CT$(10), RTS(50)
390 REM *****
400 REM INITIALIZE PRINTER (MX-80) TO
410 REM TO 132-CHARACTER MODE
420 REM *****
430 LPRINT CHR$(15);
440 REM *****
450 REM READ TABLE TITLES
460 REM *****
470 CLS: PRINT "READING TABLE TITLES"
480 NT=0
490 READ W$
500 IF W$="END TABLE TITLES" THEN GOTO 560
510 NT=NT+1
520 IF NT>20 THEN 2250
530 TT$(NT)=LEFT$(W$,110)
540 GOTO 490
550 REM *****
560 REM READ COLUMN TITLES
570 REM *****
580 PRINT "READING COLUMN TITLES"
590 NC=0
600 READ W$
610 IF W$="END COLUMN TITLES" THEN 670
620 NC=NC+1
630 IF NC>10 THEN 2260
640 CT$(NC)=LEFT$(W$,40)
650 GOTO 600
660 REM *****
670 REM READ ROW TITLES

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Table 1.
Public Opinion Poll—Mayor Candidate Preferences

	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Total Responses</u>
Smith			
Jones			
Total Responses			

Figure 2. Skeleton table before tabulation.

FREQ—Print the frequency or tally
COL %—Print the column percentage
ROW %—Print the row percentage
NO DATA—Print the row title but not the data in that row
NO PRINT—Don't print anything for this row

Figure 3. Printing options.

Table 1.
Public Opinion Poll—Mayor Candidate Preferences

	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Total Responses</u>	
Smith	7	3	10	← Frequency
	63.64	33.33	50.00	← Col. %
Jones	4	6	10	
	36.36	66.67	50.00	
Total Responses	11	9	20	
	100.00	100.00	100.00	

Figure 4. Finished table.

Next, the program determines whether the answer to a particular question in the questionnaire qualifies to go in that column. The format is IF Q(x)=y THEN GOSUB 4060, where x is the question number and y is the value to be tested for. If the test is successful, then the program executes the GOSUB, which goes to the row tests. You can use any relational operator permitted by Basic in place of the equal sign.

An example will illustrate the procedure. Let's say you want the first column in the table to be for women. Further, let's suppose that the third question in the questionnaire gives the sex of the respondent, with a one meaning a woman and a two meaning a man. The specification, then, would be written this way: 3060 COL = 1:IF Q(3) = 1 THEN GOSUB 4060.

Write all column specifications in a similar manner. Just remember that you have to give the column number, the question number, and question value.

Row specifications are similar to column specifications. They tell the program which row you are working with and what qualifies to go in that row. Their format is ROW = n: IF Q(x)=y THEN GOSUB 2200, where n is the number of the row, x is the question number, and y is the value the program tests. If the test is met, the program goes to the section where it tallies answers (lines 2200-2210).

For example, the first row in the table is for Smith, and the first question in the questionnaire asks which candidate respondents favor, with a one meaning Smith and a two signifying Jones (see Fig. 1). The specification for this row is 4060 ROW = 1: IF Q(1) = 1 THEN GOSUB 2200. Write all row specifications in a similar way. The program operates by testing each column. If the column test is met, it then tests all the rows, putting a tally mark on its imaginary tally sheet in each row/column intersection where that test is successful.

The table titles section lets you put titles on your tables. Such titles might be "Table 1" or "Public Opinion Poll." Simply enter each title as a data statement, with one title per statement. The maximum length is 110 characters—the program truncates anything longer. The maximum number of titles is 20.

Column titles are the labels of the columns in the table. Enter each title as a data statement (only one title per statement). Be sure the number of

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680 REM *****
690 PRINT "READING ROW TITLES"
700 NR=0
710 READ W$
720 IF W$="END ROW TITLES" THEN 800
730 NR=NR+1
740 IF NR>50 THEN 2270
750 RT$(NR)=LEFT$(W$,20)
760 GOTO 710
770 REM *****
780 REM READ ROW PRINT SPECIFICATIONS
790 REM *****
800 DIM PS(NR,8)
810 PRINT "READING ROW PRINT SPECS."
820 W=1
830 FOR I=1 TO NR
840 READ W$
850 PRINT @ 218,"ROW: ";I;" ";W$+" "
860 IF W$="FREQ" THEN W1=1
870 IF W$="ROW %" THEN W1=2
880 IF W$="COL %" THEN W1=3
890 IF W$="NO PRINT" THEN W1=4
900 IF W$="NO DATA" THEN W1=5
910 IF W$="END" THEN PS(I,0)=W-1:W=1:GOTO 960
920 PS(I,W)=W1
930 W=W+1
940 IF W>3 THEN 2280
950 GOTO 840
960 NEXT
970 READ W$
980 IF W$<>"END PRINT SPECS" THEN 2290
990 REM *****

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1000 REM      READ NO. QUESTIONNAIRES, NO. QUESTIONS,
1010 REM      BASES FOR CALCULATING PERCENTAGES
1020 REM      *****
1030 PRINT "READING NO. OF QUESTIONNAIRES: ";
1040 READ NQ
1050 PRINT NQ
1060 PRINT "READING NO. OF ENTRIES/QUESTIONNAIRE: ";
1070 READ NE
1080 PRINT NE
1090 PRINT "COL. % BASE: ROW NO.";
1100 READ CB
1110 PRINT CB
1120 IF CB<1 OR CB>NR THEN 2330
1130 PRINT "ROW % BASE: COLUMN NO.";
1140 READ RB
1150 PRINT RB
1160 IF RB<1 OR RB>NC THEN 2340
1170 DIM Q(NE+1), TB(NR,NC)
1180 REM      *****
1190 REM      READ QUESTIONNAIRE
1200 REM      *****
1210 PRINT "PROCESSING QUESTIONNAIRE NO."
1220 ON ERROR GOTO 2300
1230 FOR I=1 TO NQ
1240     PRINT @ 540,I
1250     FOR J=1 TO NE+1
1260         READ Q(J)
1270     NEXT J
1280     IF Q(NE+1)<>-1 THEN 2320
1290     GOSUB 3060
1300 'DO COLUMN SPECIFICATION CHECKS
1310     NEXT I
1320 REM      *****
1330 REM      PREPARE TO PRINT TABLE
1340 REM      *****
1350 LPRINT CHR$(7); 'SOUND BUZZER ON MX-80 PRINTER
1360 PRINT:PRINT "PROCESSING COMPLETE."
1370 LINEINPUT "PRESS ENTER TO PRINT TABLE.":A$
1380 REM      *****
1390 REM      PRINT TABLE
1400 REM      *****
1410 FOR I=1 TO 10:LPRINT " ":NEXT 'SPACE DOWN 10 LINES
1420 IF NT=0 THEN 1450 'IF NO TITLES GOTO 1450
1430     FOR I=1 TO NT
1440         LPRINT TT$(I) 'PRINT TITLES
1450     NEXT
1460 LPRINT " ":LPRINT " ":LPRINT " " 'SKIP DOWN 3 LINES
1470 REM      *****
1480 REM      STACK COLUMN TITLES
1490 REM      *****
1500 IF NC<=8 THEN ST=10 ELSE ST=8
1510 FOR I=1 TO NC
1520     AF=0
1530     IF LEN(CT$(I))>40 THEN CT$(I)=LEFT$(CT$(I),40)
1540     IF LEN(CT$(I))/ST - INT(LEN(CT$(I))/ST)=0 THEN 1560
1550     AF=INT(AF+.5)
1560     CT$(I)=CT$(I)+STRING$(AF," ")
1570     BF=40-LEN(CT$(I))
1580     CT$(I)=STRING$(BF," ") + CT$(I)
1590 NEXT
1600 REM      *****
1610 REM      PRINT STACKED TITLES
1620 REM      *****
1630 FOR I=40 TO 1 STEP -ST
1640     LPRINT TAB(20);
1650     FOR J=1 TO NC
1660         LPRINT STRING$(3," ");MID$(CT$(J),41-I,ST);
1670     NEXT
1680     LPRINT " "
1690 NEXT
1700 LPRINT TAB(20);
1710 REM      *****
1720 REM      UNDERLINE COLUMN TITLES
1730 REM      *****
1740 FOR I=1 TO NC
1750     LPRINT " ";STRING$(ST,"-");
1760 NEXT I
1770 LPRINT " ":LPRINT " " 'SPACE DOWN 2 LINES
1780 REM      *****
1790 REM      PRINT ROW TITLES AND DATA
1800 REM      *****
1810 FOR I=1 TO NR
1820     IF PS(I,1)=4 THEN 1940 'NO PRINT OPTION
1830     LPRINT RT$(I); 'PRINT ROW TITLE
1840     IF PS(I,1)=5 THEN LPRINT " ":GOTO 1930 'NO DATA OPT
1900 ION

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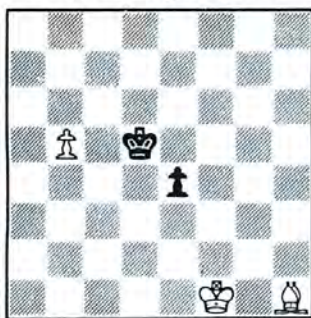
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The row titles section operates like the column titles section. Enter row titles as data statements. The maximum row title length is 20 characters, and the maximum number of rows is 50.

The row print specifications let you determine the data printed in each row of the table. Figure 3 lists the options.

Enter the specifications as data statements in row order. Make sure the number of print specifications matches the number of row titles. Be sure to put a comma between each option and terminate the print options for each row with the word END.

As long as there is no conflict, each row specification may contain one or more options in any order. For example, the statement `FREQ,COL % ,ROW %` prints the tally, column percentage, and row percentage in that order. You can use a maximum of three options at one time per row.

Enter the number of questionnaires you want to tabulate in line 9040. Then put the number of questions per questionnaire in line 9090. MicroTab uses this information to perform some gross checking on the questionnaire data.

Type the number of the row you want to use as a base for column percentages in line 9140. Do the same for row percentages in line 9190. Enter these two numbers even if you don't plan to use column or row percentages.

If you want to alter a specification, simply edit the appropriate line number. If you want to make a new table, then alter only those specifications that need to be changed. For example, if you use the same set of table columns (header) for many tables, then change the row specifications.

Entering the Data

Lines 10000 onward contain the data for each questionnaire in data statements. The program is set up so that all questionnaire data must be in-

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tager numbers in the range of - 32768 to 32767, with the exception of a minus one, which is used as an end-of-questionnaire marker. This means that any question may have somewhat more than 65,000 possible answer categories. While no one would use that many, it illustrates the program's flexibility.

Enter a number for each question even if it would be a blank. This is best handled by assigning a certain number to indicate a blank. As with any data statement, separate each number with a comma. You can spread a questionnaire over any number of data statements. Of course, the longer the questionnaire, the fewer you can get into the computer.

Signify the end of a questionnaire with a negative one. The program uses

*“You can spread
a questionnaire
over any number
of data statements.”*

such a marker to ensure that a data element is not dropped somewhere.

Since the data is the last part of the MicroTab program, you don't need to worry about running into other parts of the program as you add data. I usually start the numbers with 10001 and increase it in increments of one. If you enter the questionnaires in their numerical order, it's easy to cross-check data.

Running the Program

After you enter all your specifications and data, type RUN. The program displays a menu that allows you to edit the specifications or process the data into a table. If you choose an editing function, you have to type RUN again when you finish. Be sure your printer is ready when you select the Run Table option.

Several error traps in the program catch mistakes in the specifications or data. They trap most but not all errors. Figure 4 shows an example of a finished table.

Program Notes

Line 1260 reads a questionnaire. Control then passes via a GOSUB to

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1850     FOR J=1 TO PS(I,0)      'NO. OF DATA TYPES TO PRINT
1860     FOR K=1 TO NC
1870         TB=23+13*(K-1)+ST-LEN(FF$)  'CALCULATE TAB POSITION
1880     LPRINT STRING$(TB-PEEK(16539),32);  'TAB OVER
1890     ON PS(I,J) GOSUB 2110,2130,2150
1900     NEXT
1910     LPRINT " "
1920     NEXT
1930     LPRINT " "
1940     NEXT
1950 REM *****
1960 REM     MENU AFTER TABLE PRINTED
1970 REM *****
1980     CLS
1990     PRINT:PRINT:PRINT "OPTIONS:":PRINT
2000     PRINT TAB(5) "1) PRINT TABLE AGAIN"
2010     PRINT TAB(5) "2) START PROGRAM OVER"
2020     PRINT TAB(5) "3) END PROGRAM"
2030     PRINT:INPUT "YOUR CHOICE";A
2040     IF A<1 OR A>3 THEN 1980
2050     ON A GOTO 1360,2060,2070
2060     RUN
2070     END
2080 REM *****
2090 REM     DATA TYPES TO PRINT
2100 REM *****
2110     LPRINT USING FF$;TB(I,K);
        'FREQUENCY
2120     RETURN
2130     IF TB(I,RB)=0 THEN LPRINT USING FF$;0;ELSE LPRINT USING
        FF$;TB(I,K)/TB(I,RB)*100;  'ROW %
2140     RETURN
2150     IF TB(CB,K)=0 THEN LPRINT USING FF$;0;ELSE LPRINT USING
        FF$;TB(I,K)/TB(CB,K)*100;  'COL %
2160     RETURN
2170 REM *****
2180 REM     TALLY TABLE FREQUENCIES
2190 REM *****
2200     TB(ROW,COL)=TB(ROW,COL)+1  'TOTAL CELL FREQUENCY
2210     RETURN
2220 REM *****
2230 REM     ERROR MESSAGES
2240 REM *****
2250     PRINT "NO 'END' STATEMENT OR TOO MANY TITLES.  MAX = 20
        .":GOTO 2350
2260     PRINT "NO 'END' STATEMENT OR TOO MANY COLUMNS.  MAX = 1
        0.":GOTO 2350
2270     PRINT "NO 'END' STATEMENT OR TOO MANY ROWS.  MAX = 50."
        :GOTO 2350
2280     PRINT "TOO MANY PRINT SPECS. FOR ROW";I:GOTO 2350
2290     PRINT "ERROR IN ROW PRINT SPECS":GOTO 2350
2300     IF ERR/2+1=4 THEN PRINT "NOT ENOUGH QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE
        BEEN ENTERED.":RESUME 2350
2310     PRINT "ERROR IN QUESTIONNAIRE DATA":RESUME 2350
2320     PRINT "ERROR IN RECORD NO.":I:GOTO 2350
2330     PRINT "INVALID ROW NO.":GOTO 2350
2340     PRINT "INVALID COLUMN NO."
2350     LPRINT CHR$(7):STOP  'SOUND BUZZER THEN STOP
2900 REM *****
2910 REM
2920 REM     USER SPECIFIES THE KIND OF TABLE HE
2930 REM     WANTS IN THE NEXT SECTION.
2940 REM
2950 REM *****
2990 REM *****
3000 REM *****
3010 REM     TABLE COLUMN SPECIFICATIONS
3020 REM
3030 REM     PUT SPECIFICATIONS FOR TABLE COLUMNS HERE
3040 REM     10 COLUMNS MAXIMUM
3050 REM *****
3060     COL=1:IF Q(3)=1 THEN GOSUB 4060  'COL. 1 SPEC -- FEMALE
3070     COL=2:IF Q(3)=2 THEN GOSUB 4060
        'COL. 2 SPEC -- MALE
3080     COL=3:GOSUB 4060  'COL. 3 SPEC -- TOTAL RESPONSES
3090 REM     ROOM FOR COL 4 SPEC
3100 REM     ROOM FOR COL 5 SPEC
3110 REM     ROOM FOR COL 6 SPEC
3120 REM     ROOM FOR COL 7 SPEC
3130 REM     ROOM FOR COL 8 SPEC
3140 REM     ROOM FOR COL 9 SPEC
3150 REM     ROOM FOR COL 10 SPEC
3999     RETURN
4000 REM *****
4010 REM     TABLE ROW SPECIFICATIONS

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4020 REM
4030 REM      PUT SPECIFICATIONS FOR TABLE ROWS HERE
4040 REM      50 ROWS MAXIMUM
4050 REM*****
4060 REM      ROW=1:IF Q(1)=1 THEN GOSUB 2200 'ROW 1 SPEC -- SMITH
4070 REM      ROW=2:IF Q(1)=2 THEN GOSUB 2200 'ROW 2 SPEC -- JONES
4080 REM      ROW=3:IF Q(1)>0 AND Q(1)<3 THEN GOSUB 2200 'ROW 3 SPEC --
TOTAL RESPONSES
4090 REM      ROW 4 SPEC
4100 REM      ROW 5 SPEC
4110 REM      ROW 6 SPEC
4120 REM      ROW 7 SPEC
4130 REM      ROW 8 SPEC
4140 REM      ROW 9 SPEC
4150 REM      ROW 10 SPEC
4160 REM      CONTINUE FOR UP TO 50 ROWS
4999 RETURN
5000 REM *****
5010 REM      TABLE TITLES SECTION
5020 REM
5030 REM      ENTER TABLE TITLES HERE AS DATA STATEMENTS
5040 REM      MAXIMUM LENGTH = 110 CHARS.
5050 REM      MAXIMUM NO. = 20
5060 REM *****
5070 REM      DATA TABLE 1.:REM      TITLE LINE 1
5080 REM      DATA PUBLIC OPINION POLL -- MAYOR CANDIDATE PREFERENCES:REM
      TITLE LINE 2
5090 REM      TITLE LINE 3
5100 REM      TITLE LINE 4
5110 REM      TITLE LINE 5
5120 REM      TITLE LINE 6
5130 REM      TITLE LINE 7
5140 REM      CONTINUE THIS WAY FOR UP TO 20 TITLE LINES
5999 DATA END TABLE TITLES
6000 REM *****
6010 REM      COLUMN TITLES SECTION
6020 REM
6030 REM      ENTER COLUMN TITLES HERE AS DATA STATEMENTS
6040 REM      MAXIMUM LENGTH = 40 CHARS.
6050 REM      MAXIMUM NUMBER = 10
6060 REM
6070 REM      NUMBER MUST MATCH NO. OF COLUMN SPECIFICATIONS
6080 REM      GIVEN IN LINES 3000-3999.
6090 REM *****
6100 REM      DATA WOMEN:REM      COL. 1 TITLE
6110 REM      DATA MEN:REM      COL. 2 TITLE
6120 REM      DATA TOTAL      RESPONSES:REM      COL. 3 TITLE
6130 REM      COL 5 TITLE
6140 REM      COL 6 TITLE
6150 REM      COL 7 TITLE
6160 REM      COL 8 TITLE
6170 REM      COL 9 TITLE
6180 REM      COL 10 TITLE
6999 DATA END COLUMN TITLES
7000 REM *****
7010 REM      ROW TITLES SECTION
7020 REM
7030 REM      ENTER ROW TITLES HERE AS DATA STATEMENTS
7040 REM      MAXIMUM LENGTH = 20 CHARS.
7050 REM      MAXIMUM NO = 50
7060 REM
7070 REM      NUMBER OF ROW TITLES MUST MATCH NUMBER OF
7080 REM      ROW SPECIFICATIONS IN LINES 4000-4999
7090 REM *****
7100 REM      DATA SMITH:REM      ROW 1 TITLE
7110 REM      DATA JONES:REM      ROW 2 TITLE
7120 REM      DATA TOTAL RESPONSES:REM      ROW 3 TITLE
7130 REM      ROW 4 TITLE
7140 REM      ROW 5 TITLE
7150 REM      ROW 6 TITLE
7160 REM      ROW 7 TITLE
7170 REM      CONTINUE THIS WAY FOR TOTAL NO. OF ROWS
7999 DATA END ROW TITLES
8000 REM *****
8010 REM      ROW PRINT SPECIFICATIONS
8020 REM
8030 REM      THESE SPECS TELL WHAT DATA TO PRINT IN EACH ROW.
8040 REM      ENTER SPECS AS DATA STATEMENTS -- ONE FOR EACH
8050 REM      ROW TO PRINT.
8060 REM      OPTIONS:      FREQ
8070 REM      COL %
8080 REM      ROW %
8090 REM      END EACH SET OF SPECS WITH THE WORD 'END'
8100 REM *****
8110 REM      DATA FRBQ,COL %,END:REM      ROW 1 PRINT SPEC
8120 REM      DATA FREQ,COL %,END:REM      ROW 2 PRINT SPEC
8130 REM      DATA FREQ,COL %,END:REM      ROW 3 PRINT SPEC
8140 REM      ROW 4 PRINT SPEC
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line 3060 where the program checks the questionnaire against the column specifications one at a time. If it passes the checks, the program goes to line 4060 via a GOSUB. Here the program checks all the row specifications. It makes a tally in array TB(ROW,COL) for each specification that it passes (line 2200).

At the end of processing, the array contains a count of all the questionnaires that fit into each intersection of a row and column. The percentages are computed during printing (lines 2110-2160) and are not kept permanently by the program.

Array PS(n,n) keeps a code for each type of data that is to be printed for each row (FREQ, COL %, and so

“Add the capability of calculating means, standard deviations, and standard errors—useful enhancements for marketing researchers.”

on). MicroTab processes the code in line 1850 to see how many different items it needs to print and again in line 1890 to determine which one to print at the moment. The actual printing is called from that line.

Modifications

Here are some ideas for modifications.

- Eliminate the data statements and use an editor to create disk or tape files instead. The row and column specifications, which are written in Basic, could be treated as a Basic program and merged with MicroTab when needed.

- Add the capability of calculating means, standard deviations, and standard errors. These are useful enhancements for marketing researchers.

- Save finished tables on disk or tape for future retrieval.

- Allow data to be entered interactively for instant tabulations. ■

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8150 REM      ROW 5 PRINT SPEC
8160 REM      ROW 6 PRINT SPEC
8170 REM      CONTINUE FOR TOTAL NO. OF ROWS
8999 DATA  END PRINT SPECS
9000 REM *****
9010 REM      ENTER NO. OF QUESTIONNAIRES HERE
9020 REM      AS A DATA STATEMENT.
9030 REM *****
9040 DATA 20:REM      I.E., 20 QUESTIONNAIRES
9050 REM *****
9060 REM      ENTER NO. OF QUESTIONS PER QUESTIONNAIRE
9070 REM      AS A DATA STATEMENT
9080 REM *****
9090 DATA 3:REM      I.E., 3 QUESTIONS PER QUESTIONNAIRE
9100 REM *****
9110 REM      ENTER ROW NO. TO USE FOR CALCULATING
9120 REM      COLUMN PERCENTAGES.
9130 REM *****
9140 DATA 3:REM      I.E., USE ROW 3
9150 REM *****
9160 REM      ENTER COLUMN NO. TO USE FOR CALCULATING
9170 REM      ROW PERCENTAGES
9180 REM *****
9190 DATA 3:REM      I.E., USE COLUMN 3
9900 REM *****
9901 REM      ENTER QUESTIONNAIRE DATA HERE AS
9902 REM      DATA STATEMENTS.
9903 REM
9904 REM      END EACH QUESTIONNAIRE WITH A -1 MARKER
9905 REM *****
10001 DATA 1,3,1,-1
10002 DATA 2,1,1,-1
10003 DATA 2,4,2,-1
10004 DATA 1,5,1,-1
10005 DATA 1,3,2,-1
10006 DATA 2,1,2,-1
10007 DATA 2,4,2,-1
10008 DATA 2,2,1,-1
10009 DATA 1,6,2,-1
10010 DATA 2,2,1,-1
10011 DATA 1,4,1,-1
10012 DATA 2,5,2,-1
10013 DATA 1,3,1,-1
10014 DATA 1,1,2,-1
10015 DATA 1,4,1,-1
10016 DATA 2,3,2,-1
10017 DATA 2,6,1,-1
10018 DATA 2,5,2,-1
10019 DATA 1,2,1,-1
10020 DATA 1,4,1,-1

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Model II/12/16 Conversion

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DELETE THE FOLLOWING LINES:

8274

ADD THE FOLLOWING LINES:

25 REM Modified for the Model II by Richard L. Faber, 2/83
4055 'Note: var. name RW (Mod II vers.) replaces ROW in Mod III version,
'since ROW is a reserved word for the Model II.

EDIT THE FOLLOWING LINES:

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70 PRINT TAB(32) "MICRO-TAB"
80 PRINT TAB(23) "A CROSS TABULATION PROGRAM"
90 PRINT TAB(27) "FOR MARKET RESEARCH"
160 PRINT TAB(11) "1) RUN TABLE          7) EDIT ROW PRINT SPECS"
170 PRINT TAB(11) "2) EDIT COL SPECS          8) EDIT NO QSTRES"
180 PRINT TAB(11) "3) EDIT ROW SPECS          9) EDIT NO. QSTNS/QSTRE"
190 PRINT TAB(11) "4) EDIT TABLE TITLES        10) EDIT COL % BASE"
200 PRINT TAB(11) "5) EDIT COL TITLES          11) EDIT ROW % BASE"
210 PRINT TAB(11) "6) EDIT ROW TITLES         12) EDIT QSTRE DATA"
260 IF A=2 THEN LIST 3000-3999 ELSE IF A=3 THEN LIST 4000-4999
270 IF A=4 THEN LIST 5000-5999 ELSE IF A=5 THEN LIST 6000-6999
280 IF A=6 THEN LIST 7000-7999 ELSE IF A=7 THEN LIST 8000-8999
850 PRINT @ 266,"ROW: ";I;" ";WS+"
1240 PRINT @ 668,1
1570 BF=40-LEN(CTS(I))
1880 LPRINT TAB(TB); 'TAB OVER
2200 TB(RW,COL)=TB(RW,COL)+1 'TOTAL CELL FREQUENCY
2300 IF ERR=4 THEN PRINT "NOT ENOUGH QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN ENTERED.":RESU
ME 2350
2350 LPRINT CHR$(7):STOP 'SOUND BUZZER THEN STOP
4060 RW=1:IF Q(1)=1 THEN GOSUB 2200 'ROW 1 SPEC -- SMITH
4070 RW=2:IF Q(1)=2 THEN GOSUB 2200 'ROW 2 SPEC -- JONES
4080 RW=3:IF Q(1)>0 AND Q(1)<3 THEN GOSUB 2200 'ROW 3 SPEC -- TOTAL RESPONSES

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Running the Program

The program displays your text on the screen one line at a time. When it encounters a word that isn't in the dictionary, the program stops and displays

a ? prompt. (It also beeps on machines with sound capability.) Press the enter key to add the word to the dictionary, or press the space bar to bypass an infrequently used word.

The program also stops if it finds a misspelled word. If you have a line printer connected to your system, you can press the space bar at an incorrectly spelled word and the program will print the line that includes the misspelling. Otherwise you must make note of the incorrect word, since the program makes no provision for editing on the spot.

When **Word Checker** has reviewed the entire file, it prints the word count, updates the dictionary on disk, and returns to the Basic READY prompt.

Program Operation

On boot-up **Word Checker** tests available memory and clears all but 4,500 bytes for string use in line 40. It then reads a short machine-language routine that produces an audible beep at the cassette port into the U\$ in lines 50-90.

The program reads the current dictionary (file name: WORDS/TXT) into memory in lines 100-120. It stores the dictionary words in 256 strings with a maximum length of 62 characters. The

dictionary has a capacity of about 2,645 five-letter words.

In line 140, **Word Checker** asks you to enter the file name of the disk file you want to check and then reads into memory 128 lines at a time to avoid overloading.

Word Storage

Since a sequential search for the words in the dictionary would be far too slow, I developed a hash code instead. It locates which of the 256 lines of dictionary text contains a desired word by generating a hash code, H, in lines 430-440. The hash code then searches that line for the word, using the INSTR function in line 450.

When **Word Checker** adds a word, it moves that word to the beginning of its line, pushing other words in the line back (lines 510-540). If you enter a new word, the program places it at the beginning of its line and moves the other words back (line 490). When the resulting line exceeds 62 characters, the program truncates the last word, erasing it from the list. When the dictionary is full, the program continuously puts new words at the beginning of

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the list and purges words you haven't recently used.

In order to reduce the size of the dictionary, I removed control and graphics characters in line 270. I then replaced all lowercase characters with their uppercase equivalents in line 280. You can determine the end of a word by adding a space, a punctuation mark, or a number. For example, the program stores a word like "can't" as "can" in the dictionary. It ignores words of a single character such as "a" and "I" (line 330).

Finally, I assume that words that end with an "s" are plural, and the program removes the "s" in line 340. Unfortunately, words like "class" appear in the dictionary as "clas." If you use the program to check its own dictionary,

you will get occasional mismatches. Running the program on its dictionary also inverts the words, so you should run it twice when you do this check.

Suggestions

In word processor applications, store the text in a disk file and run Word Checker on it before you get a printout. To debug a Basic program, save it in ASCII format and run Word Checker on it. In both cases, Word Checker returns you to the original program to make corrections.

The limited length of the dictionary is less of a problem when you keep a separate file of words for each application. I have one dictionary file for personal correspondence, another for business

correspondence, and a third for checking Basic programs. Each file contains its own specialized vocabulary.

Word Checker runs at about the speed you can proofread. My Model III has a 4 MHz speed-up modification, but Southern Software's ACCEL3/4 compiles the program so it runs much faster.

You can minimize delays by using the MID\$ function on the left of the equals sign whenever possible, but the program still pauses occasionally while it rearranges string space. Prosoft's Trashman program eliminates this problem.

The first time you run the program, it tries to read your yet-to-be-built text file into memory. Ignore the error message and type GOTO 130 to continue. The program then runs without difficulty.

I run everything I write through Word Checker before making a printout, and find it extremely effective for catching misspelled words. ■

You can reach J.C. Sprott at 5002 Sheboygan #207, Madison, WI 53705. A cassette version is available from the author for \$19.95; disk version is \$24.95.

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10 CLS: PRINT TAB(26)"WORD CHECKER": PRINT
20 PRINT TAB(22)"by Prof. J. C. Sprott"
30 PRINT TAB(13)"5002 Sheboygan #207, Madison, WI 53705": PRINT
40 CLEAR 0: CLEAR MEM-4500: DEFINT A-Y: DIM A,K,C,H,L1,J,B$,LB,C$,
JH,IN,WC,L,I,IM,M,CP,U$,X,Z,NF$,E,B$(128),A$(256)
50 FOR I=1 TO 20: READ J: U$=U$+CHR$(J): NEXT
60 DATA 205,127,10,77,62,1,243,6,99,238,3,211,255,16,254,13,32
70 DATA 245,251,201
80 X=PRE(U$): X=VARPTR(U$): Z=PEEK(X+1)+256.0*PEEK(X+2)
90 IF Z>32767 THEN DEFUSR=Z-65536 ELSE DEFUSR=Z
100 PRINT TAB(17)"Loading dictionary into memory"
110 OPEN "I",1,"WORDS/TXT"
120 FOR J=1 TO 256: INPUT#1,A$(J): NEXT: CLOSE
130 CLS: IF PEEK(293)=73 THEN CMD"D:0": PRINT
140 INPUT"FILE NAME";NF$
150 I=1: OPEN "I",1,NF$
160 IM=I-128*INT((I-1)/128): LINE INPUT#1,BS(IM)
170 IF I<=128*M THEN 200
180 IF EOP(1) THEN CLOSE: E=0: GOTO 210
190 E=1: IF IM=128 THEN CLOSE: GOTO 210
200 I=I+1: GOTO 160
210 BS=STRING$(255,32): PRINT CHR$(15);: IF M=0 THEN CLS
220 IF M=0 THEN CLS: PRINT"--> Press <ENTER> to enter word in dict
ionary.": PRINT"--> Press <SPACE BAR> to bypass word.": PRINT
230 FOR J=1 TO IM: CP=256.0*PEEK(16417)+PEEK(16416)-15360
240 PRINT@60, STR$(J+128*M);: PRINT@CP,"";
250 LB=LEN(B$(J)): IF LB=0 THEN 370
260 C=0: LL=1: FOR K=1 TO LB: A=ASC(MID$(B$(J),K,1))
270 IF A>127 OR A<32 THEN A=32
280 PRINT CHR$(A);: IF A>90 THEN A=A-32
290 MID$(B$,K,1)=CHR$(A)
300 IF A<65 THEN IF K>LL+1 THEN C=K-LL: C$=MID$(B$,LL,C)
310 IF A>64 AND A<97 AND K=LB THEN C=K-LL+1: C$=MID$(B$,LL,C)
320 IF A<65 OR K=LB THEN LL=K+1
330 IF C<2 THEN 360
340 IF RIGHT$(C$,1)="S" THEN C$=LEFT$(C$,C-1): C=C-1: IF C<2 THEN
360
350 WC=WC+1: GOSUB 430: C=0
360 NEXT
370 PRINT: NEXT: IF E THEN M=M+1: GOTO 150
380 PRINT: PRINT,"Word count =",WC
390 C$="": PRINT,"Updating dictionary on disk"
400 OPEN "O",1,"WORDS/TXT"
410 FOR JH=1 TO 256: PRINT#1,A$(JH): NEXT: CLOSE
420 CLEAR 50: END
430 H=0: FOR JH=1 TO C: H=H+ASC(MID$(C$,JH)): NEXT
440 H=H-256*INT(H/256)+1
450 L=LEN(A$(H)): IN=INSTR(A$(H),C$): IF IN THEN 510
460 PRINT"<?>";: X=USR(200)
470 IF PEEK(14400)=128 THEN IF (PEEK(14312) AND 240)=48 THEN LPRIN
T USING"#####";J+128*M;: LPRINT": ";LEFT$(B$(J),L1-1): GOTO 500 EL
SE 500
480 IF PEEK(14400)<>1 THEN 470
490 IF L+C<62 THEN A$(H)=C$+" "+A$(H) ELSE MID$(A$(H),C+2,61-C)=MI
D$(A$(H),1,61-C): GOSUB 540
500 FOR JH=1 TO 3: PRINT CHR$(8);: NEXT: RETURN
510 IF IN<2 OR IN+C>L THEN RETURN
520 IF MID$(A$(H),IN+C,1)<>CHR$(32) THEN RETURN
530 MID$(A$(H),C+2,IN-1)=MID$(A$(H),1,IN-1)
540 MID$(A$(H),1,C)=C$: MID$(A$(H),C+1,1)=CHR$(32): RETURN
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So Much to C

by John B. Harrell III

LC is a compiler for the C programming language. It's also one of the most advanced and superior products I've had the pleasure of reviewing. If you're writing software in the C language, I strongly recommend you add this compiler to your library. If you're a casual user and want the increased speed of a compiled language, LC is the compiler for you.

LC (otherwise known as Elsie) is a subset of the C programming language. C provides the power and organization of other structured languages like Pascal, but at a lower level. C is considered a medium-level language that allows easy access to the computer's hardware features from within the program.

The Package

The LC package comes in a sturdy binder with the reference manuals for LC and EDAS-IV and the disks for the two systems. The documentation is high quality. Both disks are single-density, 35-track, LDOS-compatible media for the Model I or III.

LC was designed for compatibility with other C compilers and operating systems. In order to make this possible, Misosys incorporated some features of the UNIX operating system into LC.

For example, standard input, output, and console error devices are defined for use with LC. In addition, input/output redirection, full device independence, command line arguments, and dynamic memory allocation are all part of LC's features.

The file redirection that LC allows applies to the standard devices: input, output, and error. The LC program uses these files without any prior declaration, i.e., the system opens these files for you. File redirection lets you assign a file or system device to these C

devices at the beginning of program execution.

For example, the short code segment below copies a file from "stdin" to "stdout":

```
main() /*COPY FILE stdin TO stdout */
{
    int c;          /* declare byte holder */
    while ( (c=getchar()) != -1 /*EOF*/ )
        putchar(c); /*write byte to stdout */
}
```

If you compile and save this file in the file COPYF/CMD, the command *COPYF<infile>outfile* copies the data from infile to outfile until the program detects the input file's end-of-file marker.

LC allows data in integers (signed or unsigned 16-bit numbers) or characters (8-bit bytes). It doesn't allow any of the other C data types such as floating-point (single- or double-precision). Similarly, the program can define storage classes for the data as *static* (declared, fixed memory space), *auto* (the default storage class, allocated on the stack), *register* (not implemented, regarded as auto), and *extern* (lets variables in one module reference another module).

As an example of LC's programming ease, look at the Program Listing. In lines 5-21, the salient point is the processing of the command line arguments through the argument counter "argc" and the pointer structure "argv". Consider the identifier argv as an array of

pointers to character strings, each of which makes up one element of the command line.

The function FOPEN opens the file pointed to by the first parameter. In lines 18 and 20, the expression **+ + argv* increments the pointer to the next element in the command line and uses the resultant address as a pointer to the name of the file. FOPEN returns a pointer to the file parameter block used by LC if the operation is successful.

Actual file reading occurs in line 26. Note that the next byte assignment occurs within the evaluation of the logical

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expression used to control the While statement.

One of the most powerful features of C is this ability to construct complex expressions performing a variety of operations within a single statement. This is also one of its most confusing aspects.

The conditional expression operator in C is:

logical expression ? expression-1 : expression-2

This allows the conditional evaluation of an expression dependent on the result of the logical expression. If the logical expression is true, the expression value assumes the value of the first expression and, if false, assumes the value of the second expression.

This is a powerful alternative to the If statement. Note its use in line 29 and 30 to convert the left and right nibbles of the byte to an ASCII character.

Using the increment/decrement (+ + / - -) operators shortens program structure significantly. You can use the increment/decrement operators with any lvalue (an identifier used as the left part of an assignment statement) anywhere in an expression.

The operator can be a prefix or postfix, depending on the desired result. Prefix use performs the operation prior to use in the expression, and postfix use performs the operation after the current value has been used in the expression. The prefix form of + + in line 34 increments the value of the line counter prior to comparing it to MAXONLINE.

C also provides a compiler preprocessor language consisting of Include, Define, Option, ASM, and ENDASM directives. The use of the Include statement is obvious, but the use of Define is not.

Line 3 in the Listing defines MAXONLINE as equivalent to 20. Any subsequent use of MAXONLINE causes the immediate substitution of the value 20. LC, like C, is case-dependent so the uppercase and lowercase letters have

different meanings.

The Option statement tells the compiler/assembler to define certain symbols. These symbols invoke the desired options. For example, the listing uses the Option statement to turn off the ability to perform input/output (I/O) redirection when you load BINHEX. Using the Option statement, you can select other options that affect the assembly phase of translating the program, such as selecting the libraries to scan for undefined references.

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The ASM and ENDASM macro statements let you pass Assembly-language text to the compiler output file without further translation. This lets you write particularly critical portions of the source code in Assembly language. Use of this feature generally destroys the portability of your source code and you should limit it as much as possible.

What LC Does

LC is unlike most other language translators. The LC compiler produces Assembly-language source text that you must assemble to produce executable code.

In order to maintain a relatively small Assembly-language source file, LC uses the many powerful features of EDAS. The entire stack manipulation and data

allocation routines are written as macros. This lets you specify a detailed sequence of Assembly-language code with a one-line instruction. Then the assembler expands this macro instruction to produce the necessary code. The macro library is maintained on disk, and EDAS uses the Get command to access the library file at assembly time.

Another innovation in the LC system is Misosys's partitioned data set structure to maintain the source code for the other system libraries LC uses. With EDAS's Search option, the assembler can search partitioned data sets (PDS) in an attempt to resolve undefined references.

EDAS searches through all entries in any order and finds only those entries necessary to complete the assembly. The only requirement is that the PDS member should have the same name as its entry point.

The package includes three function libraries. The program always searches the standard library in any compilation. It doesn't search the installation library and the floating-point library unless requested by the Option statement.

The LC subset of C is defined as strictly an integer subset. However, the floating-point library allows access to the ROM floating-point routines and maintains the floating-point numbers as a character array.

Using this library, you then code algorithms using floating-point arithmetic in Assembly-language calls to the ROM chip. LC provides this through the library function calls, and you can easily calculate complex functions.

EDAS

EDAS is an extremely powerful editor/assembler. The only feature missing is the ability to produce relocatable binary code for use with a linkage editor.

An example of EDAS's versatility is a feature to let you use it as the text editor for LC source programs. EDAS is easy

Test No.	Benchmark Test	LC	Fortran	Pascal-80	TRS-80 Pascal	Tiny Pascal Z80 Code	ZBasic	Disk Basic
1	For/Do Loop	0.260 ms	0.071 ms	0.503 ms	0.710 ms	0.444 ms	0.112 ms	1.872 ms
2	IX = 1	0.019 ms	0.019 ms	0.460 ms	0.246 ms	0.107 ms	0.018 ms	3.192 ms
3	IX = IX + 1	0.045 ms	0.039 ms	0.956 ms	0.486 ms	0.162 ms	0.022 ms	4.723 ms
4	IARRAY(I) = 0	0.131 ms	0.066 ms	2.743 ms	1.548 ms	0.213 ms	0.083 ms	11.142 ms
5	J = K*L	0.618 ms	0.582 ms	1.937 ms	1.274 ms	0.517 ms	0.227 ms	6.041 ms
6	POKE White Out	0.30 sec	0.122 sec	1.24 sec	3.34 sec	0.70 sec	0.116 sec	7.24 sec
7	Set White Out	6.78 sec	n/a	9.47 sec	17.25 sec	6.97 sec	1.85 sec	44.53 sec
8	Sieve Prime No.	13.1 sec	3.94 sec	141.00 sec	50.81 sec	24.03 sec	7.03 sec	501.00 sec
9	Shuffle Cards	4.9 sec	3.52 sec	34.00 sec	19.60 sec	6.82 sec	2.23 sec	149.40 sec

Figure 1. LC execution benchmark data.



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to use and perfect for creating LC source programs.

EDAS maintains compatibility with EDTASM commands. All the former commands are present and work the same way.

The most important addition to EDAS is the conditional assembly and macro assembly features. These alone give you the ability to construct exceptionally powerful instructions to the assembler and to compress the amount of code you must write. This is one of the advantages of coupling LC to this assembler—LC makes full use of this ability.

Other important features of EDAS are the Get and Search assembler directives. The Get directive assembles source code directly from the file specified. This is equivalent to an Include function.

The Search directive invokes an automatic search of a PDS source code library directory. EDAS searches the library directory, matching entries with the undefined labels in the symbol table. For each such label matched, the corresponding source is assembled into the program. Routines in a PDS can reference routines located in any other PDS

without regard to the order in which they are referenced.

LC Performance

To top off LC's power and capabilities as a compiler, the execution performance of the compiled code is superb. The performance criteria that I used to measure LC was very simple. I tried some of the standard benchmarks designed to test program execution, and then I used LC to write just about everything I could think of. Figures 1 and 2 il-

lustrate the results.

Figure 1 represents the data collected from the timing tests using the various languages. I compared LC to each of the other language processors so that I could see how it performed. The times in Fig. 1 indicate that LC is slightly slower than Fortran and ZBasic and faster than any Pascal compiler.

Since LC produces absolute machine code like Fortran and ZBasic, why is there a difference in execution speed? Fortran and ZBasic both produce code with static variable references. Neither

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1: # include stdio/csh
2: # option REDIRECT OFF
3: # define MAXONLINE 20
4:
5: main(argc,argv) /* Convert binary file to hex chars */
6: int argc; /* Command format: */
7: int *argv; /* BINHEX <binary_file> <hex_file> */
8: {
9:     int line_ctr, next_byte, ch1, ch2;
10:    char check_sum;
11:    FILE *bin_file,*hex_file, *fopen( );
12:
13:    if (argc != 3) {
14:        puts("*** Bad Parameters\n");
15:        puts(" Proper format: BINHEX <bin_file> <hex_file>\n");
16:        exit(1);
17:    }
18:    if ( (bin_file = fopen(* + argv,"r")) == NULL )
19:        exit(1);
20:    if ( (hex_file = fopen(* + argv,"w")) == NULL )
21:        exit(1);
22:    check_sum = 0;
23:    line_ctr = 1;
24:    puts("\x1C\x1F\x0F"); /* clear the screen */
25:    puts("Converting binary input file to hexadecimal\n\n");
26:    while ( (next_byte = getc(bin_file)) != EOF ) {
27:        ch1 = next_byte & 0x0F;
28:        ch2 = (next_byte & 0xF0) >> 4;
29:        ch1 = (ch1 > 9) ? ch1 + 'A' - 10 : ch1 + '0';
30:        ch2 = (ch2 > 9) ? ch2 + 'A' - 10 : ch2 + '0';
31:        if ( fprintf(hex_file,"%c%c",ch2,ch1) == EOF )
32:            output_error( );
33:        printf("%c%c",ch2,ch1);
34:        if ( + line_ctr > MAXONLINE ) {
35:            putchar('\n');
36:            putc('\n',hex_file);
37:            line_ctr = 1;
38:        }
39:        else
40:            putchar(' ');
41:        check_sum += next_byte;
42:    }
43:    if ( line_ctr != 1 )
44:        putc('\n',hex_file);
45:    printf("\n\nThe binary file checksum was <%x>\n",check_sum);
46: }
47:
48: output_error( )
49: {
50:     puts("\n** Output file error\n");
51:     exit(1);
52: }

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of these two languages has dynamic stack manipulation as in LC. The difference in the timing is due to the stack manipulation overhead inherent in any dynamic, re-entrant, recursive language.

Tests 1-5 are simple timing loops designed to test various arithmetic facilities in each of the languages. After calculating the time for the first test, I used this time as a basis for those for each of the remaining statements. Tests 6-9 are more complete programs designed to test other aspects, such as subroutine calls and looping controls.

Speed is not everything. You must also consider overall program size. For example, Fortran is remarkably quick in all respects, but the executable program size is prohibitively large.

When using languages other than Basic, such as compiled languages, it is generally necessary to use some medium to store the resultant intermediate code. LC produces an ASM file as its intermediate work space. Due to the use of the EDAS assembler format, the disk space used is minimal.

The extensive use of macro definitions results in a minimal amount of Assembly-language source code. LC provides the source code in the assembler

file as a method of marginally commenting the resultant compiled file. You can further minimize this with a command line option to suppress writing the LC source code file to the ASM file as comments.

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Figure 2 is a comparison of the file sizes generated in the course of producing an executable CMD file under each of the benchmark languages. LC consistently produces far smaller files than either the Fortran or Pascal compilers.

Also, Fortran requires a separate source file for the result of each Edit operation—you cannot overwrite source files. TRS-80 Pascal requires generation of a separate OPT file for each optimization run and a COD file for each CODEGEN (convert to Z80 code) run. All the output files from TRS-80 Pascal

are written using ASCII characters, taking roughly twice the space of a binary file.

Conclusion

LC is not a limited subset of the C language. It provides the tools for building extremely powerful software.

Anyone can develop this software for resale. The LC license agreement from Misosys states that programs distributed commercially must document the use of portions of the LC libraries and the CMD file must contain the imbedded comment with the copyright notice (this is done automatically by LC/EDAS).

The current version of LC is not the end of development. Misosys intends to provide a full implementation of C in the future. As always, Misosys is very good with consumer support and plans for an upgrade policy.

Two implementation features do require improvement. First, variable declaration does not allow initialization of the values within the declaration statement. This one feature can provide a significant reduction in source code for those variables requiring one-time initialization.

Secondly, the Define macro statement does not function as described by Brian W. Kernighan and Dennis M. Ritchie in *The C Programming Language*. LC provides for a direct substitution of values used in the Define statement. Kernighan and Ritchie describe the Define compiler director as an actual macro definition allowing parameter substitution.

Numerous interest groups are involved in using and furthering development of C. LC is not alone—a special interest user's group with a library of public domain software exists, and Logical Systems has an interest section for LC under the LDOS SIG on CompuServe.

Also, Misosys has recently released LC and EDAS for the native Model 4 mode at the same price. Pro-LC and Pro-Create are among the many packages that Misosys has revised to operate in the Model 4 mode.

Pro-LC currently lacks the floating point library. Implementing this for the Model 4 involves an extensive development effort to write all the FP routines contained in the Model I/III ROM. This FP library is under development. ■

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	Source	CMD	Other	Source	CMD	Other
LC	692	3,147	2,870	839	3,332	3,373
Fortran	651	14,903	456	913	6,953	711
Pascal-80	672	12,544	512	970	12,544	512
TRS-80 Pascal	891	13,025	1,054	1,167	13,061	1,273
Tiny Pascal	719	2,000	n/a	874	2,175	n/a
Basic	313	n/a	n/a	408	n/a	n/a
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Figure 2. LC file size comparisons.

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Assembly Language Made Simple—Part III

by Hardin Brothers

In this final installment of the Assembly-language series, you'll learn how to break down programs into easily managed parts.

It's time to boot up your assembler, get out the manual, and prepare for your third and final dose of Assembly-language programming (see Parts I and II of "Assembly Language Made Simple," December 1983, p. 74 and January 1983, p. 128). This month, you'll learn another handful of Z80 instructions and a few new opcodes; more important, you'll learn to put a longer program together without getting lost in a maze of instructions.

I include only one program listing this month. While it's long, it's easy to understand. This is characteristic of Assembly language; source code (the code you type in) is longer than object code (the code your editor/assembler assembles).

For instance, the object code of this month's program is only 651 bytes long (equivalent to a 25-line Basic program). But the source code is about 10K bytes long. That's a ratio of 15.7 bytes of source code to 1 byte of object code.

Fully commented source code is long because each line assembles to between 1 and 4 bytes of object code. Lengthy source code is a necessary part of programming in Assembly language. The length of your source code determines the upper limit of your program size more than the length of your object code.

This month's program is a relatively simple game, CRAM 2, based on my Basic game published in *80 Micro* (August 1982, p. 234).

As a first step toward understanding the program and how it works, enter, assemble, and run the program before continuing. As you type in the Program Listing, try to figure out what each instruction does. Once you see how the game works, you'll have an easier time understanding the explanations.

If you use a tape-based assembler on a 16K machine and run out of room, you can omit some of the comments, but try to keep the line numbers the same for reference to the discussion that follows.

Game Overview

For those who wish to ignore my advice to try the game first, here is a short description of what it does. First, the program displays a title screen with flashing graphics. When you press the enter key, the program prompts you to select a difficulty level between zero and 9. The program then clears the screen, frames it, and generates a block cursor in the center.

Use the arrow keys to move the cursor. As it moves around the screen, the cursor leaves a trail of graphics blocks behind it. When the cursor runs into its trail or a wall, the game ends.

If you take your fingers off the keys, the cursor continues in the same direction as your last move. Your score, shown at the top of the screen, is the number of spaces you have filled on the screen.

Planning a Long Program

The first step in planning a lengthy Assembly-language program is to break the task down into small, easily managed chunks. Break each of those chunks into smaller pieces until you end up with a number of easily programmed routines.

The first 700 lines of the Program Listing are almost entirely Call instructions: a good indication of top-down programming.

Lines 300-700 control the logic and flow of the game; the remainder of the program implements the individual routines needed to support that logic.

Top-down programming has four advantages. First, you start by considering only the overall program operation, without concern for individual routines. Second, using your assembler with the No Output and Wait on Errors switches (A/NO/WE or A,NO,WE), always shows you which block you need to write next (it's the first one that shows up as an Undefined Label error during trial assembly).

Third, you can test what you have written at any time by temporarily assembling all unwritten subroutines as simple return (RET) instructions and testing the results of the rest of the program.

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Finally, you need many of the same routines in several different programs. You can solve a programming problem once, and then call the same subroutine over and over, either by chaining it to the end of each program from disk or tape, or by copying it from listings of programs you've already written.

Whatever programming strategy you adopt, it's important to break a program into small sections. Try to limit all routines to a single screen of source code, so you can study the logic of each without scrolling back and forth.

If you simply plunge into the program and try to write everything in a straight line, you may soon find yourself lost in a maze of inconsistent logic and complex instructions. You might know what you are doing now, but if your programming is interrupted for a day or two before you finish, you may never find your way back to the same mental set. Such straight-line programming also makes your program more difficult to debug.

The Program Listing

The first part of the Program Listing is a short section of equates (lines 210 to 250). Video is the address of the video display, and should be familiar from the first two articles in this series. CLS, or 01C9 hexadecimal (hex), is the address of the ROM routine that clears the screen, sets the video processor to 64-character mode, and turns off the cassette relay.

It's a good idea to call 01C9 hex near the beginning of all Assembly-language programs to set the computer into a known state; then you can manipulate the screen and other input/output (I/O) as you wish.

Print, or 0033 hex, is a ROM routine that prints a single character to the current I/O device, usually the screen. It automatically updates the cursor position, and processes control codes as well as normal ASCII and graphics characters.

The fourth equate is a ROM Delay routine (0060 hex) that uses the current value in the BC register as a counter for a simple Delay routine. You could easily write such a Delay routine yourself. For example:

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LOOP DEC BC
LD A,B
OR C
JR NZ,LOOP
RET

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This routine is the code at 0060 hex in Model I, Level II ROMs. But the Model

Program Listing. Listing for CRAM 2 game program.

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00100 ;*****
00110 ;*
00120 ;* Graphics Demonstration Game *
00130 ;*
00140 ;* CRAM Version 2 *
00150 ;*
00160 ;* Written by Hardin Brothers *
00170 ;*
00180 ;*****
00190 ;
00200 ;EQU List:
3C00 00210 VIDEO EQU 3C00H ;TOP OF SCREEN
81C9 00220 CLS EQU 81C9H ;ROM CLEAR-SCREEN ROUTINE
0033 00230 PRINT EQU 0033H ;ROM PRINT ROUTINE
0060 00240 DELAY EQU 0060H ;ROM DELAY ROUTINE
0049 00250 KEYIN EQU 0049H ;ROM KEY INPUT ROUTINE
00260 ;
7000 00270 ORG 7000H
7000 210070 00280 START LD HL,START ;GET START ADDRESS
7003 F9 00290 LD SP,HL ;AND SET STACK BELOW CODE
00300 ;
7004 CD1270 00310 GAME CALL TITLE ;TITLE ROUTINE
7007 CD3670 00320 CALL SETUP ;SETUP GAME BOARD
700A CD4E70 00330 CALL PLAY ;PLAY GAME
700D CD6670 00340 CALL END ;END OF GAME ROUTINE
7010 18F2 00350 JR GAME ;LOOP BACK
00360 ;
00370 ;
7012 CDC901 00380 TITLE CALL CLS ;ROM CLEAR-SCREEN ROUTINE
7015 CD7670 00390 CALL GRPHCL ;CLEAR SCREEN W/ GRAPHICS
7018 CD8470 00400 CALL PTITLE ;PRINT TITLE
701B CD8F71 00410 CALL SHWSCR ;AND PRVIOUS SCORE
701E CD9170 00420 TITL10 CALL FLASH ;FLASH SCREEN
7021 CDA770 00430 CALL TONE ;PLAY TONE
7024 D10018 00440 LD BC,1800H ;DELAY VALUE
7027 CD6000 00450 CALL DELAY ;WAIT A BIT
702A CD8C70 00460 CALL GETENT ;CHECK FOR <ENTER> KEY
702D 28EF 00470 JR Z,TITL10 ;LOOP IF NO <ENTER>
702F CDE270 00480 CALL NOKEY ;ELSE WAIT UNTIL KEY UP
7032 CDEF70 00490 CALL GETDIF ;GET DIFFICULTY LEVEL
7035 C9 00500 RET ;RETURN TO MAIN DRIVER
00510 ;
7036 CD7670 00520 SETUP CALL GRPHCL ;CLEAR W/ GRAPHICS SPACE
7039 CD1071 00530 CALL FRAME ;FRAME SCREEN
703C CD2D71 00540 CALL SETCRS ;SET CURSOR & COUNTER
703F CD8171 00550 CALL DISPLY ;DISPLAY STARTING POSN
7042 CD3871 00560 CALL GAMMSG ;SHOW GAME MESSAGE
7045 CD4B71 00570 SET10 CALL GETKEY ;GET KEYSTROKE
7048 28BF 00580 JR Z,SET10 ;LOOP UNTIL KEYSTROKE
704A CD1071 00590 CALL FRAME ;COMPLETE FRAME AGAIN
704D C9 00600 RET ;RETURN TO MAIN DRIVER
00610 ;
704E CD4D71 00620 PLAY CALL GETARR ;GET ARROWS PRESSED
7051 CD5771 00630 CALL FPOSN ;FIND NEW POSITION
7054 CD7A71 00640 CALL CHKEND ;CHECK IF GAME OVER
7057 C0 00650 RET NZ ;RETURN TO DRIVE IF IT IS
7058 CD8171 00660 CALL DISPLY ;DISPLAY NEW POSITION
705B CD8771 00670 CALL SCORE ;UPDATE SCORE
705E CD8F71 00680 CALL SHWSCR ;DISPLAY SCORE
7061 CDC871 00690 CALL PAUSE ;PAUSE BETWEEN MOVES
7064 18E8 00700 JR PLAY ;LOOP BACK & START OVER
00710 ;
7066 860A 00720 END LD B,0AH ;COUNTER FOR FLASHES
7068 C5 00730 ENDL0 PUSH BC ;SAVE COUNTER
7069 CD9170 00740 CALL FLASH ;FLASH SCREEN
706C D10018 00750 LD BC,1800H ;DELAY VALUE
706F CD6000 00760 CALL DELAY ;WAIT A BIT
7072 C1 00770 POP BC ;GET END COUNTER
7073 10F3 00780 DJNZ ENDL0 ;REPEAT 10 TIMES
7075 C9 00790 RET ;RETURN TO DRIVER
00800 ;
7076 21003C 00810 GRPHCL LD HL,VIDEO ;HL==>BEGINNING OF SCREEN
7079 11013C 00820 LD DE,VIDEO+1 ;DE=> NEXT SPACE
707C 01FF03 00830 LD BC,3FFH ;BC=# OF SCRFE POSN'S -1
707F 3680 00840 LD (HL),80H ;SET 1ST POSITION
7081 EDB0 00850 LDIR ;SET ALL THE REST
7083 C9 00860 RET ;RETURN TO CALLER
00870 ;
7084 21FF3C 00880 PTITLE LD HL,VIDEO+255 ;HL==>PRINT POSITION
7087 222040 00890 LD (4020H),HL ;SET CURSOR POSITION
708A 210272 00900 LD HL,TMSG ;HL==>TITLE MESSAGE
708D CDD071 00910 CALL PRMSG ;PRINT THE MESSAGE
7090 C9 00920 RET ;THEN RETURN
00930 ;
7091 21003C 00940 FLASH LD HL,VIDEO ;HL==>BEG. OF SCRFEIN
7094 7E 00950 FL10 LD A,(HL) ;GET CHAR. FROM SCREEN
7095 17 00960 RLA ;BIT 7 TO CARRY FLAG
7096 3008 00970 JR NC,FL20 ;GO IF NO CARRY
7098 17 00980 RLA ;BIT 6 TO CARRY FLAG
7099 3805 00990 JR C,FL20 ;GO IF CARRY
709B 2F 01000 CPL ;COMPLEMENT BITS 0 - 5
709C 1F 01010 RRA ;RESTORE BIT 6
709D 37 01020 SCF ;SET CARRY FLAG
709E 1F 01030 RRA ;RESTORE BIT 7
709F 77 01040 LD (HL),A ;PUT CHARACTER ON SCREEN
70A0 23 01050 FL20 INC HL ;HL==> NEXT CHARACTER
70A1 7C 01060 LD A,H ;GET MSB
70A2 FE40 01070 CP 40H ;TEST FOR END
70A4 C8 01080 RET Z ;RETURN IF DONE
70A5 18ED 01090 JR FL10 ;ELSE DO NEXT CHARACTER
01100 ;
70A7 DD2AF071 01110 TONE LD IX,(TONPTR) ;IX==>NEXT TONE VALUE
70AB DD7E00 01120 LD A,(IX) ;GET VALUE

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70AE B7      01130      OR      A          ;SET FLAGS
70AF 2004    01140      JR      NZ.TONE10 ;GO IF NOT ZERO
70B1 DD21FB71 01150      LD      IX,TONTOP ;ELSE IX=>TOP OF LIST
70B5 CDC170  01160 TONE10 CALL  MAKTON    ;MAKE THE TONE
70B8 DD23    01170      INC     IX       ;BUMP POINTER
70BA DD23    01180      INC     IX       ;TWICE
70BC DD22F071 01190      LD      (TONPTR),IX ;AND SAVE IT
70C0 C9      01200      RET                      ;RETURN TO CALLER
              01210 ;
70C1 F3      01220 MAKTON DI          ;TURN OFF INTERRUPTS
70C2 DD4E00  01230      LD      C,(IX)    ;GET DURATION IN C
70C5 DD4601  01240 MAK10 LD      B,(IX+1)  ;GET FREQ. VALUE
70C8 3E01    01250      LD      A,1       ;OUTPUT VALUE
70CA D3FF    01260      OUT     (0FFH),A  ;SEND TO CASS. PORT
70CC 10FE    01270 MAK20 DJNZ    MAK20    ;DELAY FOR 1/2 CYCLE
70CE DD4601  01280      LD      B,(IX+1)  ;GET FREQ. VALUE AGAIN
70D1 3E02    01290      LD      A,2       ;OUTPUT VALUE
70D3 D3FF    01300      OUT     (0FFH),A  ;SEND TO CASS. PORT
70D5 10FE    01310 MAK30 DJNZ    MAK30    ;DELAY FOR 1/2 CYCLE
70E7 0D      01320      DEC     C         ;DROP DURATION COUNTER
70E8 20EB    01330      JR      NZ.MAK10  ;LOOP UNTIL C=0
70DA FB      01340      EI          ;TURN INTERRUPTS ON
70DB C9      01350      RET                      ;AND RETURN
              01360 ;
70DC 3A4038  01370 GETENT LD      A,(3840H) ;GET <ENTER> ROW
70DF E601    01380      AND     1         ;MASK ALL. BUT <ENTER> KEY
70E1 C9      01390      RET                      ;THEN RETURN
              01400 ;
70E2 C5      01410 NOKEY  PUSH  BC          ;SAVE BC ON STACK
70E3 06FF    01420      LD      B,0FFH   ;B = 255
70E5 3AFF3B  01430 NOKY10 LD      A,(3BFFH) ;CHECK KEYBOARD
70E8 B7      01440      OR      A         ;SET FLAGS
70E9 20FA    01450      JR      NZ.NOKY10 ;LOOP UNTIL NO KEY
70EB 10F8    01460      DJNZ   NOKY10    ;DO 255 TIMES
70ED C1      01470      POP     BC       ;RECOVER BC VALUE
70EE C9      01480      RET                      ;RETURN TO CALLER
              01490 ;
70EF CDC901  01500 GETDIF CALL  CLS         ;ROM CLEAR SCREEN ROUTINE
70F2 21C72   01510      LD      HL,DIFMSG ;HL=>DIFFICULTY MESSAGE
70F5 CDD071  01520      CALL  PRMSG      ;PRINT THE MESSAGE
70F8 CD4900  01530 GD10    CALL  KEYIN       ;GET KEY INPUT
70FB FE30    01540      CP      '0'       ;CHECK LOWER LIMIT
70FD 38F9    01550      JR      C,GD10    ;LOOP IF TOO LOW
70FF FE3A    01560      CP      '9'+1     ;CHECK TOP LIMIT
7101 30F5    01570      JR      NC,GD10   ;LOOP IF TOO HIGH
7103 D62F    01580      SUB     2FH       ;PUT IN 1 - 10 RANGE

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III uses a slightly different code to give approximately the same time delay for an equal value in BC. By using the ROM routine, you can ensure that your program will run at approximately the same speed on both machines.

KEYIN, or 0049 hex, is a ROM routine that continually strobes the keyboard waiting for a keystroke, translates that keystroke into its equivalent ASCII code, and returns it in the A register. KEYIN is a handy, powerful routine that gets you around the problem of how to read and decode the TRS-80 keyboard.

The ORG pseudo-op on line 270 should be familiar. The address given, 7000 hex, lets this program reside comfortably in 16K, 32K, or 48K memory with either tape or disk operating systems.

The next two instructions, however, need some explanation. Unlike Basic routines, any time you write a machine-language program, you need to be concerned about the location of the stack. You don't want the stack to save values on top of your program and wipe out its instructions. Since the stack builds down in memory, it's wise to place it just below your program, where it can do no harm. However, you must then make sure that the program cannot return directly to DOS or Basic unless you press the reset key. Reset lets the system reestablish the stack in the proper location after program execution.

Line 280 loads the HL register with the program's starting address, and line 290 sets the top of stack to this address. The first value saved on the stack is immediately below the program in memory locations 6FFE hex and 6FFF hex. Too often, novice programmers forget to set the stack and then wonder why their programs work for a while and then bomb out.

Software Drivers

The five instructions starting on line 310 (Title, Setup, Play, End, and Start Over) define the entire logical control of the program. First, the program calls a Title routine and sets up the game board. Then the game runs, the program calls a routine for the end of the game, and everything starts over. This is the whole program.

Notice that as long as each of the four subroutines returns properly, there's no way out of this loop. A loop like this is often called a program driver, because it drives and controls the logic of the program. This driver is very simple in structure; but once you understand the logic

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of the major program drivers, you will have solved most of your programming problems.

The driver has no decision paths and no conditional calls or jumps. It does contain one subtlety, however: It repeats the Title section for each game so you can select a new difficulty level.

The Title Routine

The remainder of the program is a collection of subroutines, many of which call other subroutines. The main driver calls the first four subroutines: Title, Setup, Play, and End. These are still high enough in the program to contain little actual code; they usually call the sub-subroutines they need. Each is, by itself, a program driver.

The Title routine, beginning on line 380, calls the ROM CLS routine to reset the video to 64-character mode, and then calls a second Clear Screen routine, GRPHCL, to set the entire screen with graphics spaces, CHR\$(128). Setting the screen with graphics spaces lets the Flash routine (described later) operate.

Finally, Title calls PTITLE, the routine that prints the title message on the screen. Next, Title calls SHWSCR, a routine that displays the score from the previous game at the top of the screen.

SHWSCR was a late addition to the Title routine, made when I decided to take out the section of the End routine that looked for a keystroke before returning to the title. This change shows how easy it is to modify program logic using top-down programming techniques: I only had to move a Call subroutine instead of an entire section of code.

The Title routine includes an inner loop, TITL10, starting at line 420. This routine flashes the screen and plays a tone (you'll see the effect when you run the program). Next the program loads the BC register pair with 1800 hex and calls the delay program for a pause of one-third of a second. Machine-language programs often operate too fast, so add pauses, especially to Display routines, to make them look right.

Line 460 calls GETENT, a subroutine that looks to see if you have pressed the enter key and sets the Z flag. If you haven't pressed the enter key, the program loops back to TITL10 to start the sequence over. If you have pressed the enter key, the call to NOKEY waits until you have released all of the keys and then calls GETDIF, a routine that asks the player to set a difficulty level. Finally, in line 500, control returns to the

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7105 CB27 01590 SLA A ;MULTIPLY BY 2
7107 CB27 01600 SLA A ;VALUE IN 4 - 40 RANGE
7109 32E671 01610 LD (DIFBUF),A ;SAVE VALUE
710C CDE270 01620 CALL NOKEY ;WAIT FOR KEY RELEASE
710F C9 01630 RET ;AND RETURN
01640 ;
7110 21FF3B 01650 FRAME LD HL,VIDEO-1 ;HL=>SCREEN TOP -1
7113 0641 01660 LD B,41H ;TOP POSITIONS + 1
7115 3EBF 01670 LD A,0BFH ;FULL GRAPHICS BLOCK
7117 23 01680 FR10 INC HL ;POINT TO NEXT POSN
7118 77 01690 LD (HL),A ;SET GRAPHICS BLOCK
7119 10FC 01700 DJNZ FR10 ;REPEAT FOR TOP LINE + 1
711B 060E 01710 LD B,0EH ;B = # OF LINES
711D 113F00 01720 LD DE,3FH ;OFFSET FOR EACH LINE
7120 19 01730 FR20 ADD HL,DE ;SKIP MIDDLE OF SCREEN
7121 77 01740 LD (HL),A ;SET BLOCK
7122 23 01750 INC HL ;HL=> BEG. OF NEXT LINE
7123 77 01760 LD (HL),A ;SET BLOCK
7124 10FA 01770 DJNZ FR20 ;REPEAT UNTIL SIDES SET
7126 063F 01780 LD B,3FH ;SPACES ON BOTTOM LINE -1
7128 23 01790 FR30 INC HL ;POINT TO NEXT SPACE
7129 77 01800 LD (HL),A ;SET BLOCK
712A 10FC 01810 DJNZ FR30 ;REPEAT FOR BOTTOM
712C C9 01820 RET ;AND RETURN
01830 ;
712D 21DF3D 01840 SETCRS LD HL,VIDEO+479 ;HL=> MIDDLE OF SCREEN
7130 22E771 01850 LD (CRSPOS),HL ;SET CURSOR POSITION
7133 AF 01860 XOR A ;A = 0
7134 32E971 01870 LD (SCRBUF),A ;ZERO BOTH BYTES OF
7137 32EA71 01880 LD (SCRBUF+1),A ; CURRENT SCORE
713A C9 01890 RET ;AND RETURN
01900 ;
713B 21D53F 01910 GAMMSG LD HL,3FD5H ;PRINT POSITION
713E 222040 01920 LD (4020H),HL ;SET CURSOR
7141 217472 01930 LD HL,GMSG ;HL=>GAME MESSAGE
7144 CDD071 01940 CALL PRMSG ;PRINT IT
7147 C9 01950 RPT ;AND RETURN
01960 ;
7148 3APP3B 01970 GETKEY LD A,(3BFFH) ;CHECK ALL KEYS
714B B7 01980 OR A ;SET FLAGS
714C C9 01990 RET ;AND RETURN
02000 ;
714D 3A4030 02010 GETARR LD A,(3840H) ;GET ARROW ROW
7150 E678 02020 AND 78H ;MASK AL. BUT ARROWS
7152 C8 02030 RET ;RETURN IF NO ARROWS
7153 32EB71 02040 LD (SAVARR),A ;ELSE SAVE VALUE
7156 C9 02050 RET ;AND THEN RETURN
02060 ;

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7157 2AE771 02070 FPOSN LD HL, (CRSPOS) ;HL=CURRENT SCREEN POSN
715A 114000 02080 LD DE,40H ;OFFSET BETWEEN LINES
715D 3AEB71 02090 LD A,(SAVARR) ;GET ARROW DIRECTION
7160 B7 02100 OR A ;RESET CARRY FLAG
7161 CB5F 02110 BIT 3,A ;CHECK FOR UP-ARROW
7163 2802 02120 JR Z,FPO10 ;GO IF NOT
7165 ED52 02130 SBC HL,DE ;ELSE MOVE UP ONE LINE
7167 CB67 02140 FPO10 BIT 4,A ;CHECK FOR DOWN-ARROW
7169 2801 02150 JR Z,FPO20 ;GO IF NOT
716B 19 02160 ADD HL,DE ;ELSE MOVE DOWN A LINE
716C CB6F 02170 FPO20 BIT 5,A ;CHECK FOR LEFT-ARROW
716E 2801 02180 JR Z,FPO30 ;GO IF NOT
7170 2B 02190 DEC HL ;MOVE LEFT ONE SPACE
7171 CB77 02200 FPO30 BIT 6,A ;CHECK FOR RIGHT-ARROW
7173 2801 02210 JR Z,FPO40 ;GO IF NOT
7175 23 02220 INC HL ;MOVE RIGHT ONE SPACE
7176 22E771 02230 FPO40 LD (CRSPOS),HL ;SAVE NEW POSITION
7179 C9 02240 RET ;AND RETURN
02250 ;
717A 2AE771 02260 CHKEND LD HL, (CRSPOS) ;HL==>NEXT SCREEN POSN
717D 7E 02270 LD A,(HL) ;GET CHARACTER THERE
717E FE00 02280 CP 00H ;IS IT GRAPHICS SPACE?
7180 C9 02290 RET ;RETURN WITH FLAG SET
02300 ;
7181 2AE771 02310 DISPLY LD HL, (CRSPOS) ;HL==>NEXT SCREEN POSN
7184 36BF 02320 LD (HL),0BFH ;SET WITH GRAPH. BLOCK
7186 C9 02330 RET ;AND RETURN
02340 ;
7187 2AE971 02350 SCORE LD HL, (SCRBUF) ;GET CURRENT SCORE
718A 23 02360 INC HL ;ADD ONE
718B 22E971 02370 LD (SCRBUF),HL ;SAVE NEW SCORE
718E C9 02380 RET ;AND RETURN
02390 ;
718F CD9F71 02400 SHWSCR CALL XLATE ;TRANSLATE BIN => ASCII
7192 211E3C 02410 LD HL,VIDEO+30 ;GET DISPLAY POS'N
7195 22040 02420 LD (4020H),HL ;SET CURSOR
7198 21EC71 02430 LD HL,ASCORE ;HL==>ASCII SCORE
719B CDD71 02440 CALL PRMSG ;PRINT IT
719E C9 02450 RET ;AND RETURN
02460 ;
719F 2AE971 02470 XLATE LD HL, (SCRBUF) ;GET BIN. SCORE FROM BUF.
71A2 FD21F271 02480 LD IY,PWRTAB ;IY==>POWERS OF 10
71A6 DD21EC71 02490 LD IX,ASCORE ;IX==>ASCII SCORE BUFFER
71AA FD5E00 02500 XLA10 LD E,(IY+0) ;GET LSB OF POWER
71AD FD5601 02510 LD D,(IY+1) ;GET MSB OF POWER
71B0 AF 02520 XOR A ;A = 0
71B1 B7 02530 XLA20 OR A ;RESET CARRY FLAG

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main program driver.

Notice that the program makes only one decision in the Title section: whether or not to loop back to TITL10. The logic in all of the program drivers is straightforward and simple to understand.

The Setup Routine

The program's second subroutine, Setup, is another sub-driver that makes only one decision. In line 520, Setup calls the GRPHCL routine and fills the screen with graphics spaces (used with Flash when the game is over).

Then it calls the Frame routine to set a border around the screen (a technique you learned in my January installment). The routine then calls SETCRS to establish the starting position of the game cursor and reset the score counter to zero.

The DISPLY subroutine displays the game cursor in the starting position, and the GAMMSG subroutine prints the game instruction at the bottom of the screen.

Once set up, the game waits for the player to begin. The SET10 loop uses the GETKEY routine to see if you have pressed any key. If you haven't, the routine sets the Z flag and performs

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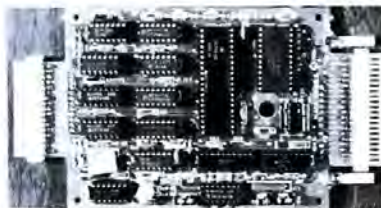
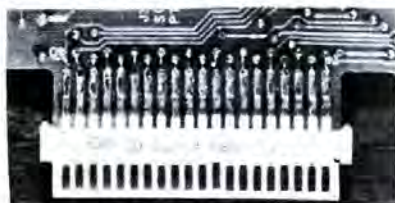
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continual calls to GETKEY. Push any key to begin the game. In line 590, the Frame routine redraws the screen border and erases the game instructions. Finally, control returns to the main driver for the Play routine.

The Play Routine

So far the program has been quite simple. I have displayed a title screen, selected a difficulty level, and set up the game board.

The Play sub-driver in line 620 is no more complex than Title and Setup. The arrow keys check the GETARR routine to see if the player wants to change directions. Then FPOSN (find position) finds the next position for the game cursor on the board.

CHKEND then calls to see if the next cursor position will be a collision and an end to the game. If no collision occurs, the routine sets the Z flag and the game continues; otherwise, control returns to the main driver with the conditional RET NZ instruction (line 650).

Assuming the game isn't over, DISPLAY displays the game cursor at the new position and Score updates the player's score (displayed at the top of the screen by SCRSHW). Then the

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71B2 8D52      02540      SBC      HL,DE      ;SUBTRACT CURRENT POWER
71B4 3803      02550      JR       C,XLA30 ;GO IF CARRY
71B6 3C        02560      INC      A       ;ELSE INCR. COUNTER
71B7 18F8      02570      JR       XLA20   ;GO BACK & DO IT AGAIN
71B9 19        02580      ADD     HL,DE    ;HL=VALUE BEFORE CARRY
71BA C630      02590      ADD     A,30H   ;CHANGE TO ASCII VALUE
71BC DD7700    02600      LD      (IX),A  ;SAVE ASCII VALUE
71BF 78        02610      LD      A,E     ;GET LSB OF POWER
71C0 FE01      02620      CP      1       ;IS IT 1?
71C2 C8        02630      RET     Z       ;RETURN IF IT IS
71C3 DD23      02640      INC     IX      ;ELSE IX==>NEXT CHAR.
71C5 PD23      02650      INC     IY      ;BUMP IY TWICE TO
71C7 FD23      02660      INC     IY      ; POINT TO NEXT POWER
71C9 18DF      02670      JR      XLA10   ;AND DO IT AGAIN
              02680      ;
71CB 3AE671    02690      PAUSE   LD      A,(DIFBUF) ;GET DIFFICULTY VALUE
71CE 47        02700      LD      B,A     ;PUT IN B REGISTER
71CF C5        02710      PAUS10 PUSH   BC       ;SAVE VALUE
71D0 010001    02720      LD      BC,100H ;GET DELAY VALUE
71D3 CD6000    02730      CALL   DELAY   ;WAIT A BIT
71D6 CD4D71    02740      CALL   GETARR  ;GET ARROW KEYS
71D9 C1        02750      POP     BC     ;RECOVER VALUE
71DA 10F3      02760      DJNZ   PAUS10 ;REPEAT UNTIL 0
71DC C9        02770      RET     ;THEN RETURN
              02780      ;
71DD 7E        02790      PRMSG  LD      A,(HL)  ;GET CHARACTER
71DE B7        02800      OR      A       ;SET FLAGS
71DF C8        02810      RET     Z       ;RETURN IF ZERO
71E0 CD3300    02820      CALL   PRINT   ;ELSE PRINT CHAR.
71E3 23        02830      INC     HL     ;BUMP POINTER
71E4 18F7      02840      JR      PRMSG  ;AND REPEAT
              02850      ;
              02860      ;**** Buffers ****
0001          02870      DIFBUF DEFBS 1   ;1 BYTE BUFFER
0002          02880      CRSPOS DEFBS 2   ;2 BYTE BUFFER
71E9 0000      02890      SCRBUF DEFWS 0000H ;2 BYTE BUFFER
71EB 40        02900      SAVARR DEFBS 40H ;START GOING LEFT
71EC 0000      02910      ASCORE DEFWS 0000H ;3 BYTE BUFFER FOLLOWED
71EE 0000      02920      DEFWS 0000H   ; BY ZERO BYTF
71F0 F871      02930      TONPTR DEFWS TONTOP ;START ==> 1ST TONE
              02940      ;
71F2 6400      02950      PWRTAB DEFWS 100 ;3 POWERS OF 10
71F4 0A00      02960      DEFWS 10
71F6 0100      02970      DEFWS 1
              02980      ;
              02990      ;**** Tone List ****
71F8 96        03000      TONTOP DEFBS 150D ;DURATION OF 1ST NOTE
71F9 D6        03010      DEFBS 214D   ;FREQ. OF 1ST NOTE

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71FA C8      03020      DEFB      200D      ;DURATION OF 2ND NOTE
71FB A1      03030      DEFB      161D      ;FREQ. OF 2ND NOTE
71FC A9      03040      DEFB      169D      ;DURATION OF 3RD
71FD BF      03050      DEFB      191D      ;FREQ. OF 3RD
71FE 7E      03060      DEFB      126D      ;DURATION OF 4TH
71FF FF      03070      DEFB      255D      ;FREQ. OF 4TH
7200 0000    03080      DEFW      0000H     ;MARK END OF LIST
              03090      ;
7202 0F      03100      ;**** Display Messages ****
7203 0D      03110      TMSG      DEFB      0FH      ;TURN OFF CURSOR
7204 DA      03120      DEFB      0DH      ;CARRIAGE RETURN
7205 2A      03130      DEFB      0DAH     ;TAB 26 CHARACTERS
7210 0D      03140      DEFM      '* C R A M *'
7211 0D      03150      DEFB      0DH      ;CARRIAGE RETURN
7212 DB      03160      DEFB      0DBH     ;TAB 27 CHARACTERS
7213 56      03170      DEFM      'Version 2'
721B 0D      03180      DEFB      0DH      ;CARRIAGE RETURN
721C D9      03190      DEFB      0D9H     ;TAB 25 CHARACTERS
721D 3C      03200      DEFM      '<Press ENTER>'
722A 1E      03210      DEFB      1EH      ;ERASE TO END OF LINE
722B 00      03220      DEFB      0        ;MARK END OF MESSAGE
              03230      ;
722C 53      03240      DIFMSG    DEFM      'Select Difficulty Level'
7243 0D0D    03250      DEFW      0D0DH     ;2 CARRIAGE RETURNS
7245 20      03260      DEFM      ' 0 (VERY Difficult)'
7259 0D      03270      DEFB      0DH      ;CARRIAGE RETURN
725A 20      03280      DEFM      ' TO'
725F 0D      03290      DEFB      0DH      ;CARRIAGE RETURN
7260 20      03300      DEFM      ' 9 (VERY Easy)'
726F 0D0D    03310      DEFW      0D0DH     ;2 CARRIAGE RETURNS
7271 3F      03320      DEFB      '? '
7272 5F      03330      DEFB      5FH      ;UNDERLINE CHARACTER
7273 00      03340      DEFB      00H      ;MARK END OF MESSAGE
              03350      ;
7274 55      03360      GMSG      DEFM      'USE ARROW KEYS TO MOVE'
728A 00      03370      DEFB      0        ;MARK END OF MESSAGE
              03380      ;
7000         03390      END        START    ;END OF PROGRAM
00000 TOTAL ERRORS
24953 TEXT AREA BYTES LEFT
ASCORE 71EC 02910 02430 02490
CHKEND 717A 02260 00640
CLS 01C9 00220 00380 01500
CRSPOS 71E7 02880 01850 02070 02230 02260 02310
DELAY 0060 00240 00450 00760 02730
DIFBUF 71E6 02870 01610 02690
DIFMSG 722C 03240 01510
DISPLY 7181 02310 00550 00660
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FL20 70A0 01050 00970 00990
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FR20 7120 01730 01770
FR30 7128 01790 01810
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GAMMSG 713B 01910 00560
GD10 70F8 01530 01550 01570
GETARR 714D 02010 00620 02740

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Pause routine puts a time interval between moves. Without the pause, the game would be impossibly fast. Pause is similar to Delay, but alters the amount of time between moves depending on the difficulty level you select.

After Pause, a relative jump in line 700 continues the game. Unless you use the conditional return in RET (line 650), to exit the Play driver, the game continues until CHKEND reports a collision.

The End Routine

The shortest sub-driver is END (line 720). The program loads the register with 0A hex (decimal 10), the number of times the routine repeats the END10 loop. Since the program also uses the B register as a delay counter, it stores the B register on the stack with the PUSH BC command. Then the routine calls Flash, which flips the graphics on the screen when a collision occurs.

Line 750 loads BC with 1800 hex, and uses the Delay routine to slow things down. The program then recovers the original value in B from the stack with a POP BC command and a DJNZ loop (which you learned to use last month) and sends control back to END10 until B equals zero. At that point, control returns to the main program driver.

The END10 loop demonstrates an important programming technique: Loops are easiest to program using the DJNZ instruction, which decrements the B register and jumps unless B is zero.

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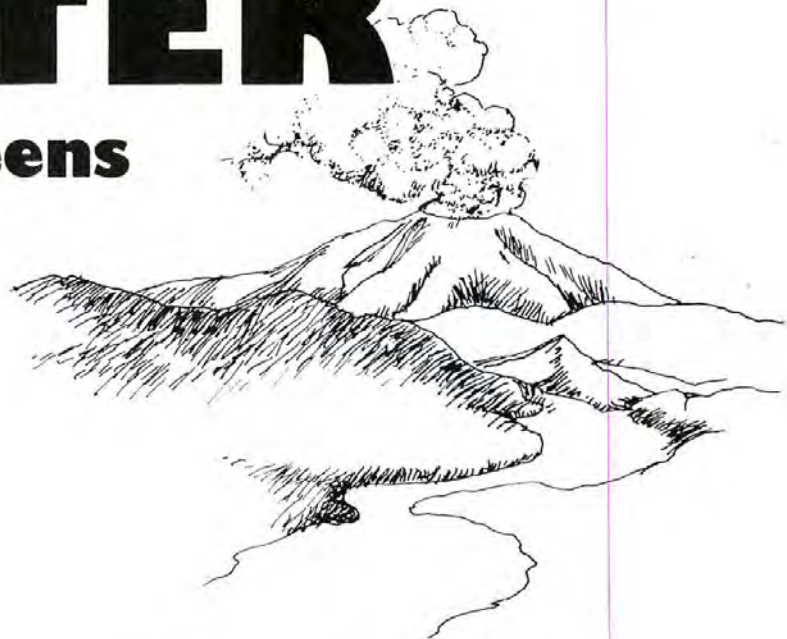
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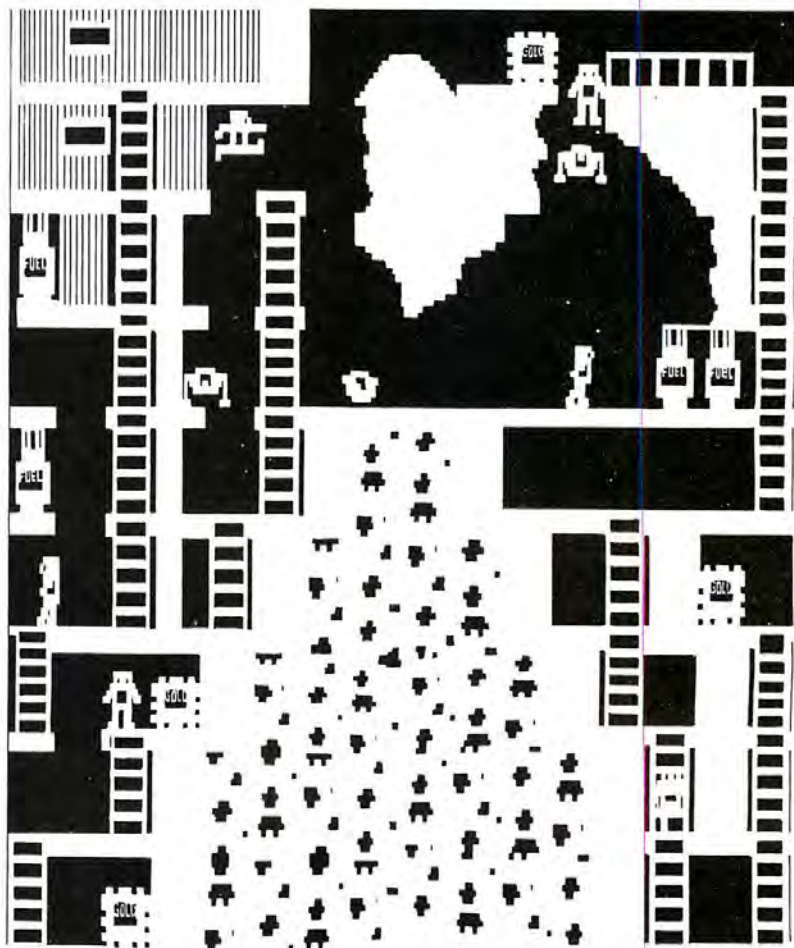
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The Main Subroutines

Lines 800 to the end contain third-level routines that do the real work of the program. Most of these routines are complete in themselves, although a few call fourth-level routines.

Since each routine handles a single function, most are simple to program and understand. Only two of them, Flash and Xlate, contain code that is at all difficult.

The first subroutine, GRPHCL, fills the screen with graphics spaces, CHR\$(128). Line 810 loads HL with the address of the beginning of the display, and loads DE with the address of the second position. Line 830 loads BC with the number of positions on the display minus one. Line 840 loads 80 hex (128 decimal) into the first position.

The next instruction, LDIR, runs the routine by moving blocks of data from one location to another in memory. Before you use LDIR, HL must point to the beginning of the source block, DE must point to the beginning of the destination area, and BC must contain the number of bytes to move.

When the Z80 executes an LDIR instruction, it moves a byte from the HL location to the DE location, decrements BC, and increments HL and DE. Then it repeats the entire process until BC equals zero.

This instruction and the similar LDDR instruction (which acts the same but decrements HL and DE after the

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GETDIP 70EF 01500 00490
GETENT 70DC 01370 00460
GETKEY 7148 01970 00570
GMSG 7274 03360 01930
GRPHCL 7076 00810 00390 00520
KEYIN 0049 00250 01530
MAK10 70C5 01240 01330
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MAK30 70D5 01310 01310
MAKTON 70C1 01220 01160
NOKEY 70E2 01410 00480 01620
NOKY10 70E5 01430 01450 01460
PAUS10 71CF 02710 02760
PAUSE 71CB 02690 00690
PLAY 704E 00620 00330 00700
PRINT 0033 00230 02820
PRMSG 71DD 02790 00910 01520 01940 02440 02840
PTITLE 7084 00880 00400
PHRTAB 71F2 02950 02480
SAVARR 71EB 02900 02040 02090
SCORE 7187 02350 00670
SCRBUF 71E9 02890 01870 01880 02350 02370 02470
SET10 7045 00570 00580
SETCRS 712D 01840 00540
SETUP 7036 00570 00320
SHWSCR 718F 02480 00410 00680
START 7000 00280 00280 01390
TITL10 701E 00420 00470
TITLE 7012 00380 00310
TMSG 7202 03110 00900
TONE 70A7 01110 00430
TONE10 70B5 01160 01140
TONPTR 71F0 02930 01110 01190
TONTOP 71F8 03000 01150 02930
VIDEO 3C00 00210 00810 00820 00880 00940 01650 01840 02410
XLA10 71AA 02500 02670
XLA20 71B1 02530 02570
XLA30 71B9 02580 02550
XLATE 719F 02470 02400

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transfer of each byte) are two of the most powerful instructions in the Z80 instruction set. They perform in a single instruction what would take a long loop of instructions on other processors.

GRPHCL, however, doesn't move a block of bytes from one location to another; it uses LDIR to fill a block of memory with a single byte, demonstrating a second popular use of this instruction. When LDIR first operates, it moves the 80 hex byte in the first screen location (pointed to in HL) into the byte that DE points to, in the second screen location.

The program increments HL and DE so HL points to the second location and DE points to the third. The program decrements BC, and since it still doesn't equal zero, the process repeats. The program moves the byte from the second screen location to the third, incrementing HL and DE and decrementing BC. The Z80 still performs a block move, but the destination block is only 1 byte higher in memory than the origin block.

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the next one. When the entire process is finished, HL points to the last screen location, DE points to the first location past the screen, and BC equals zero. The screen is full of graphics spaces and the subroutine is finished. You need only five instructions to fill the screen with a given byte.

The second subroutine, PTITLE, prints the title messages on the screen. It loads HL with the address of the first character to print, and loads that address into location 4020 hex.

A ROM routine handles actual screen printing by keeping track of the current print position. It does so by saving the print position at memory location 4020 hex. Loading a screen address into 4020 hex is comparable to using a PRINT@ statement in Basic, because it sets the next print location for the ROM Print routine.

PTITLE next loads HL with the address of the message to print (all print messages are at the end of the program) and then calls the PRMSG subroutine, which sends the characters to the ROM Print routine.

You can save 1 byte of instructions by JP PRMSG instead of Call PRMSG, because the RET at the end of the PRMSG routine sends control back to line 400, which calls PTITLE. However, such a jump weakens the structure of the general program (albeit not by much in this circumstance) by destroying the general logic of each routine calling other routines.

The Flash Subroutine

Though it is only 16 instructions long, the Flash subroutine is the most complex in the entire program and introduces four new Z80 instructions. It's a good general-purpose screen flash, and has many other uses (for examples

see "The Next Step," July 1983, p. 24).

The first two instructions, in lines 940 and 950, are easy to understand. The program loads HL with the first screen address, and then places the character in that position in the A register.

The purpose of Flash is to change the state of every graphics block on the screen to its exact opposite. Every pixel that was originally on is turned off and vice versa. Any screen location without a graphics character remains unchanged.

Graphics characters range from CHR\$(128) to CHR\$(191). By representing each graphics value in binary, the characters are all put in the form 10XXXXXX, where the X's represent individual pixels in each character block.

Flash first tests each screen character to see if the 2 leftmost bits are 10 in binary. When it finds a graphics byte, it changes each of the last 6 bits to its opposite and checks that the 2 leftmost bits are still 10. To do so, it uses a series of Rotate instructions (see the Figure). There are many other kinds of Rotate and Shift instructions in your editor/assembler manual.

Line 960 rotates the A register containing the character from the screen to the left. If the program has not set the carry flag, the first bit of the character cannot be a 1. Control then passes to FL20 to get the next character.

When the first bit is a 1, the program performs another rotate to test the second bit of the character. If this bit is also a 1, the present value represents one of the Model III's special characters, and control again passes to FL20. If it is zero, the program has found a graphics character.

Line 1000 performs a CPL instruction to reverse every bit in the A register. This turns all zeros to 1's and all 1's to zeros to complement the original bits zero through 5.

Next, the program restores the first 2 bits (bits 6 and 7). A right-rotate restores bit 6 in line 1010. Then SCF (set carry flag) in line 1020 sets the carry flag to 1 before the second RRA command in line 1030 completely restores the value in A to its graphics complement. Finally, line 1040 places the new value on the screen.

The remainder of Flash is simple. It increments HL to point to the next screen location, then loads the value in H into the A register and compares (CP) it with 40 hex. Since the last screen location is 3FFF hex, as soon as H holds 40 hex and HL holds 4000 hex, the routine ends. In that case, the CP com-

mand shows a true result by setting the Z flag, and the program performs the conditional return in line 1080. Otherwise, the relative jump in line 1090 starts the process again.

Making a Noise

The Tone and MAKTON routines create the game's sound. CRAM 2 originally had Sound routines during Setup, Play, and End, as well as during Title. They were too distracting and slowed down program execution, however, so I removed them from all sections except Title.

Line 1110 loads the IX register with the present value in the TONPTR buffer, IX, and then points to the next location in the list of tone frequencies and durations. The program loads the present value of that list into A to see if it equals zero, the last value in the list. If it does, line 1150 points IX back to the beginning of the tone list (TONTOP).

Line 1160 calls the MAKTON routine to produce the actual tone through the cassette port. The program then increments IX twice to point to the next tone's values, and stores it back in TONPTR to provide the next tone in the series.

MAKTON (starting in line 1220) is essentially the same as the Sound routine I presented in my last installment. If you wish to add other sets of tones to the program, you can establish new tone lists and a new TONPTR, and write a subroutine similar to Tone. To have more tones in the series, extend the TONTOP tone list.

The next subroutine, GETENT, is very short. It checks to see if you have pressed the enter key. If so, it resets the zero flag to NZ; if not, it returns with the Z flag set.

To accomplish this, the program first looks at the address in keyboard memory that contains the enter key, 3840 hex, and loads the current value in that location into the A register. The keyboard matrix is simple to read (see the Table for the location of each key).

Since GETENT is only interested in the enter key, it masks out the bits representing all other keys. Notice in the Table that the enter key is wired to bit zero, the only bit the routine considers.

Line 1380 performs the test by ANDing the present value in A with 01 hex. Written in binary, 01 hex is 0000 0001. Because of the way a logical AND works, the result of the AND is 0000 0001B if you pressed the enter key, or 0000 0000B if you didn't.

Also, the program sets the Z flag to show whether or not the result value

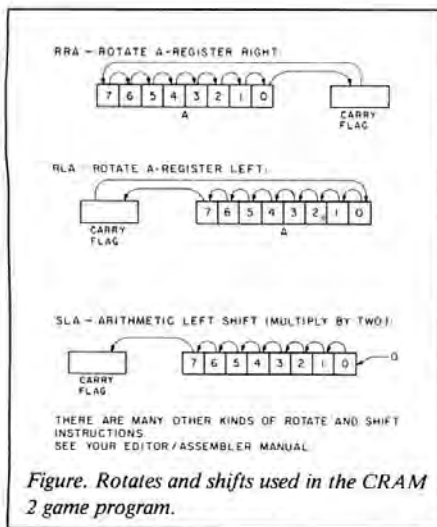


Figure. Rotates and shifts used in the CRAM 2 game program.

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was zero (enter key not pressed). The program ignores all the other keys at 3840 hex by using the AND mask.

NOKEY (line 1410) saves the BC register pair on the stack so the routine does not destroy the current value in BC. It then loads B with OFF hex so the NOKY10 loop repeats 255 times. At NOKY10, the program loads the A register with the value at 3BFF hex. That value is zero only if you aren't pressing any keys. If you press a key, the program loops back to NOKY10 until you release that key. Once you release it, the

DJNZ loop takes over and repeats NOKY10 255 times before it retrieves the original BC value and returns.

NOKY10 repeats 255 times (you can use a smaller number) to avoid key-bounce. When you press or release a key, it makes and loses contact several times before settling down. Keybounce was so bad in the Model I that Radio Shack gave out a special software program to overcome it. Similar debounce routines are part of the ROMs in later Model I's and Model II's.

When your program reads the key-

board directly, it must deal with occasional bounces without frustrating the operator. Also, some people create more keybounce than others by the way they press and release keys—what works satisfactorily for you may only frustrate someone else using your program.

Getting Into Difficulties

Starting on line 1500, the next subroutine requests and inputs a difficulty level. It uses the ROM CLS routine to clear the screen, and PRMSG to print a message that asks for a number between zero and nine.

Line 1530 uses the ROM KEYIN routine to wait for and report your choice. The program then does some error checking to make sure the player entered a legal value.

Line 1540 compares the input key with zero (30 hex). The Compare instruction (CP) sets flags the same way a subtract does: If a borrow occurs, the program sets the carry flag. If the two values are equal, the program sets the zero flag. If the input key has an ASCII value of less than 30 hex (for example, ! has a value of 21 hex), then the CP in line 1540 sets the carry flag, and sends the program back to look for another input key in line 1550.

If the test on line 1540 passes and the ASCII value of the input key is high enough, the program performs another test on line 1560 to be sure the input key is higher than nine (ASCII value of 39 hex).

The comparison on line 1560 sets a carry flag unless the ASCII value of the input key is higher than 39 hex. In that case, the program goes back looking for the proper input. You should test every input in a program to assure values that the program expects and can handle.

After the program makes sure that the input is between zero and nine, it subtracts 2F hex from the key value to generate a number in the range of one to 10 (01 hex to 0A hex). The program then performs two left shifts to multiply the value by four (just as adding a zero at the end of a decimal number is the same as multiplying by 10, adding a zero at the end of a binary number multiplies it by two).

The easiest way to add a zero is to use the Shift instruction. Since the original value has to be between one and 10, the final value must be between four and 40, and an overflow into the carry flag is impossible.

After the multiplications, the program saves the final value in the 1-byte buffer, DIFBUF. Then the NOKEY routine checks to make sure you release

Address	Bits											
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0				
3801 hex	G	F	E	D	C	B	A	@				
3802 hex	O	N	M	L	K	J	I	H				
3804 hex	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P				
3808 hex						Z	Y	X				
3810 hex	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0				
3820 hex	/	.	—	,	;	:	9	8				
3840 hex	SPACE	RT	ARW	LT	ARW	DN	ARW	UP	ARW	BREAK	CLEAR	ENTER
3880 hex							*	SHIFT				

*Note: On the Model III, bit zero is the left shift key and bit 1 is the right shift key. On the Model I, bit zero is both shift keys.

Table. Organization of the keyboard matrix.



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all keys before the program control returns.

The Frame routine, beginning on line 1650, is the same as that in Program Listing 2 from my last installment. It's followed by four short subroutines.

The program sorts the initial game cursor in CRSP0S, and SETCRS sets it to the middle of the screen (line 1850) and fills the score counter, SCRBUF, with zeros. GAMMSG prints the game instructions on the screen by setting the system print cursor in line 1920 and using the PRMSG routine. GETKEY checks to see if you are pressing any key and, by ORing the A register with itself, GETKEY sets the zero flag to NZ when you hold down any key.

GETARR reads the arrow row on the keyboard and masks out all possible non-arrow bits by ANDing the value found at 3840 hex with 78 hex (0111 1000 binary). If the result is zero (no arrows pressed), the program takes a conditional return at line 2030.

If you're holding down at least one arrow, the program stores the value in the A register in the SAVARR buffer before returning in line 2050. If you press no arrow keys, the direction indicator in SAVARR remains unchanged and the game cursor continues moving in the same direction.

Finding a New Position

The FPOSN routine beginning in line 2070 finds the next screen location that the moving cursor sets. First, the program loads the HL register with the present game cursor address as stored in CRSP0S. It loads DE with 40 hex (64 decimal), the distance between any screen location and the location immediately above or below it. The program loads A with the value in SAVARR, indicating which arrow(s) you pressed last.

The OR A instruction in line 2100 does not set the zero flag according to the value in A. Instead, it automatically resets the carry flag so the possible SBC (subtract with carry) in line 2130 provides a true result. Starting with line 2110, the program tests each of the possible bits representing an arrow key.

The Z80 supports three instructions affecting individual bits: Set, RES, and Bit. Set turns on any individual bit, Reset turns any bit off, and Bit tests any bit to find its current status.

In a sense, these three instructions are similar to Basic's Set, Reset, and Point commands, although the Z80 instructions operate on any bit instead of only on pixels on the screen. Each of the tests

in the FPOSN routine uses the Bit instruction to see if you pressed a particular arrow key, and the Z flag holds the result of each test.

The first check, BIT 3, is for the up-arrow key (you can see the correspondence between arrows and bits in the Table). When the bit equals zero, control passes to FPO10. In any other case, the program subtracts the 40 hex value in DE from the current game cursor position in HL, and the new position is one line higher.

Then the program tests the down-arrow key with a BIT 4,A instruction and adds 40 hex to the current game cursor if you have pressed the down-arrow key. In a similar manner, the program tests the left- and right-arrow keys and moves the cursor accordingly. Finally, line 2230 stores the new cursor value in CRSP0S and the subroutine ends.

The next four routines are also short. CHKEND takes the value in CRSP0S and checks if the screen location is still a graphics blank. When it is, the program sets the Z flag with the CP instruction. In either case, control immediately returns to the play driver.

DISPLY loads a solid graphics block into the next cursor location before

returning to Play, and Score gets the current score from SCRBUF, increments it by one, and stores it back in the buffer.

SHWCR calls XLATE to translate the current binary score in ASCII decimal, then sets up the system print cursor to display the score in the middle of the top display line. Finally, it uses the PRMSG subroutine to print the current score on the screen.

Translating Numbers

XLATE is the last complex routine in the program, and demonstrates an easy way to change from binary to another number base. It translates the current binary value in SCRBUF into an ASCII string so the program can display the score on the screen. Scores range from zero to 867, so the program provides three print positions in the ASCORE storage buffer and on the screen.

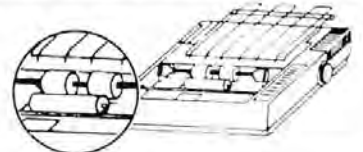
XLATE loads the HL register pair with the current binary score in line 2470, then loads IY with the address of a table of powers of 10, and IX with the address of the ASCORE buffer.

Line 2500 loads the DE register pair with the current power of 10. The Z80 stores all 2-byte values in the order of least significant byte followed by most

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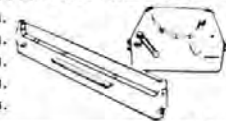
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significant byte (LSB/MSB order). Therefore, the program must load the E register containing the LSB from the lower of the two memory addresses that hold the power of 10.

Starting in line 2540, the program repeatedly subtracts the current power of 10 from HL until HL drops below zero (indicated by the carry flag). The A register counts the number of successful subtractions, incrementing by one each time.

When HL finally drops below zero, the program jumps to XLA30 to restore the last positive value in HL. At this time, the A register counter holds a value between 00 hex and 09 hex. Adding 30 hex to that value changes it into the value of an ASCII character between zero and nine. The program loads the resulting character into the ASCORE buffer, and then ends in 2610 and 2620, by testing the current power of 10 in DE to see if it is one.

If XLATE is not completed, the program increments the IX register by one to point to the next position in the ASCORE buffer (line 2640). Then it increments the IY register twice to point to the next power of 10, since the computer stores each number in 2 successive bytes of memory. In line 2670, a relative jump starts the whole process over again.

The XLATE routine has many uses. If there are more than 999 possible values to translate, more values have to be added to the power table, but the routine is the same. In my program, XLATE only works on values that the program can store in 2 bytes, so its upper limit is 0FFFF hex or 65535 decimal.

The Pause routine begins in line 2960 and sets the time between cursor moves. First, the program loads the stored value in DIFBUF (04 hex to 28 hex) into the B register to act as a counter for a DJNZ loop. It then saves the B value on the stack by PUSHing BC, just as in the End routine.

Each loop performs two operations. Line 2720 loads BC with the small value of 100 hex for a call to the ROM Delay routine. If you want to change the range of difficulty in the program, change that value. Next, the program calls the GETARR routine to check for keyboard responses.

In testing the program, I found that it often missed short taps on the arrow keys. My solution was to read the keyboard more often by including the arrow scan as part of the Pause routine. Now it's impossible to tap a key so quickly that the program misses it.

The last routine of the program is

PRMSG on line 2790. This routine assumes that HL points to a printable message, and that the message terminates with a byte of 00 hex. It first reads a character into the A register and checks it. If it is 00 hex, the routine ends. Otherwise, the routine sends the character to the Print ROM routine to increment the pointer and repeat the process.

The ROM routine at 2B75 hex does the same thing as PRMSG. Unfortunately, it doesn't work unless you initialize Basic. A tape-based TRS-80 always initializes Basic during power-up and reset, so it uses the 2B75 hex routine in Assembly-language programs written without disks.

A disk system doesn't initialize Basic until it loads Disk Basic. It then returns to DOS Ready, and the 2B75 hex ROM routine (as well as several others) works.

If you copy an Assembly-language program from a magazine and find it doesn't work on a disk-based machine, try loading Disk Basic, returning to DOS, and running the program again. If it works, either replace any calls to 2B75 hex with PRMSG, or load Disk Basic before each use of the program.

Buffers, Tables, and Messages

Most Assembly-language programmers define buffers, tables, and messages at the end of a program (or program section) for several reasons. First, when grouped together, these non-instructions are easier to find with a monitor during debugging and they don't interfere with the flow of the program. Finally, messages are usually not worked out until debugging is complete.

CRAM 2 defines six short buffers, or storage areas, beginning in line 2870. Some have a specific value at the beginning of the program; others only need a certain amount of memory space set aside.

DIFBUF (line 2870) is a 1-byte buffer that holds the selected difficulty value. Since it doesn't hold any specific value, the program sets aside space with a DEFS (define space) pseudo-op.

CRSPOS, which holds the location of the game cursor, also doesn't need definition, and CRAM 2 allocates 2 bytes to it with the DEFS pseudo-op. The assembler sets no values for these two buffers: Once the game starts, they contain the values previously held in their memory locations.

SCRBUF is a 2-byte buffer that holds the current score in binary form. Since the initial score in the game is zero, the program defines this buffer as a word

with a value of 0000 hex. The program holds the value from the last scan of the arrow keys in the 1-byte buffer, SAVARR. It must initialize this buffer with some possible value for the arrow keys: I chose to use 40 hex, the value that the program would read if you pressed the left-arrow key.

ASCORE contains the ASCII representation of the player's score. This includes the 3 bytes necessary to hold the maximum score of 867, plus a final byte of 00 hex to mark the end of the ASCII message. By initializing ASCORE to 4 bytes (two words) of 00 hex, the program displays no score the first time the title screen appears.

TONPTR holds the address of the next tone values for the MAKTON routine. CRAM 2 initializes the one-word buffer to the beginning of the tone list so the system can find the correct location of the tone table.

PWRTAB is a list of powers of 10 for the XLATE routine. The program loads each power into DE for processing, so each one must be one word long. The tone list in line 3000 holds both the frequency and duration values of each tone (see the last installment in this series for the method to calculate these values).

Because the Print routine handles control codes as well as ASCII values, I liberally sprinkled individual bytes and ASCII strings in the first two messages. TMSG (line 3110) is the next line printed on the screen. It starts with a 0F hex byte that turns off the system cursor and a 0D hex byte that sets the cursor to the beginning of the next line and clears the line. CRAM 2 uses the TRS-80's space compression codes for tab values: 0C1 hex provides one space and 0FF hex creates 255 spaces. The program centers each line of the title message by calculating the number of spaces to tab before it on the screen.

After the last character of TMSG, the program uses a control byte of 1E hex to erase to the end of the line. Remember, CRAM 2 fills the entire screen with graphics spaces before printing the title message.

The program converts each graphics space to a full graphics block with the Flash routine. In order to leave the middle screen lines clear for the title, the program fills them with ASCII characters and spaces that are unaffected by Flash.

The second message, DIFMSG, is more straightforward. ASCII strings (defined with the DEFM pseudo-op) and carriage returns make up most of

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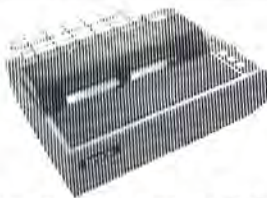
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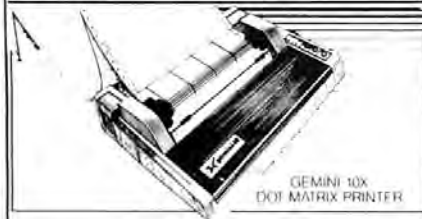
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the message. However, on a separate line at the end of the message, the program uses a two-character prompt so the player knows he is to make a keyboard entry. MSG displays the complete instructions for the game, and is the simplest routine of all: one ASCII string plus a terminating byte of 00 hex.

Other Assembler and Debug Techniques

When you look at output from the assembler, either on the screen or on a printout, you see more than the source code you typed in. The computer adds two new columns on the left: one with assembly addresses and one with the hex code stored at those addresses.

A printed copy of this part of the assembler output is valuable for debugging because it lets you verify the instructions in memory as you single-step through a program. Also, the assembled code helps you catch number-base errors—if you meant ORG 7000H but entered ORG 7000, the assembler shows instructions starting at address 1B58 hex. No matter how hard you try, you can't run a program you have loaded into ROM.

At the end of the Program Listing is a

table of all the labels that you use in the program, the address or value associated with each, and the source code lines that use each label. Some assemblers alphabetize the label listing and some list the labels in the order they were defined.

This table can also assist you during debugging. You might, for example, have both a LOOP1 and a LOOP10 in your program. You know that your program uses LOOP1 only twice, but it refers to LOOP10 several times. If the label reference table shows several references to LOOP1, you know you have made a typing mistake somewhere in your program.

Almost all the ways to debug a program involve some type of monitor program that lets you view and change memory and lets you single-step through your program. If you have structured your program like CRAM 2, try executing each of the calls in the main driver in full. After you find which calls don't work, you can move down into the layers of the program to examine the sub-drivers and the subroutines.

When debugging a straight-line program, set a breakpoint near the middle of the program. If the bug occurs before that point, reset the breakpoint halfway to the beginning. If one occurs after the breakpoint, move it halfway to the end. Using this type of binary search, you will quickly locate all bugs.

You can often use the monitor to change an instruction in memory and fix a bug. Keep notes during your debugging process, because eventually you'll want to return to the source code, fix your errors, and reassemble a perfected version of the object code.

Don't get discouraged by program bugs; the debugging and recoding process takes almost as long as the original coding. With practice, your debugging skills and your intuitions about where the bugs are actually hidden will improve. ■

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Synthetically Speaking— Part II

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After building last month's speech board for your Model I/III, program it with applications for education and the visually handicapped.

Last month I showed you how to build your own speech board for a Model I or III ("Synthetically Speaking—Part I," p. 142). Although once an expensive undertaking, adding synthetic speech capability to your computer is now easy and inexpensive due to the Votrax speech chip.

My previous article covered the construction and testing of the speech board. This month I present four programs that let you use the speech board in educational applications and as an aid for the visually handicapped.

Program Listing 1 is a Basic program that converts text to speech on key entry via Program Listings 2 and

3—the Assembly-language routines that make up the Text-to-Speech program. Program Listing 4 converts, through the Text-to-Speech program, strings of text entered through the keyboard into speech.

The programs run on a 16K RAM or larger computer. However, if you own a 16K machine you'll have to get someone with a bigger system to assemble the controlling program due to its large size.

Text-to-Speech Program

Listing 2 consists of the Text-to-Speech program and Listing 3 is the Rules Table that controls the conver-

sion of ASCII text to speech. I separate the two programs due to the size of the Rules Table. The commented source listing of the Text-to-Speech program is 17,153 bytes long and the object code is 1,680 bytes long. It is complex due to the many steps required to convert ASCII text to simulated speech.

The program takes each character in an English-language string and scans the appropriate rules one at a time. When it finds a matching rule, it inserts the proper phoneme code into an output buffer, which it later sends to the SC-01 chip.

If it doesn't find a matching rule, the program enters an Error routine, and displays the deciphered portion of the input string along with its phoneme equivalents. The program then outputs an error message to the Votrax chip. This routine gives you a chance to see if you need any additional rules in the table.

The Text-to-Speech program consists of many routines controlled by special characters within the rules. Not only does the program examine a specific character in a word, it also examines what precedes and follows the character. A character's location and use dictate which routine the program calls. The Text-to-Speech program checks for inflection codes, nonalphabetic characters, one or more vowels,

Symbol	Definition
<	Causes jump to the Left-Scan routine.
>	Causes jump to the Right-Scan routine.
!	Causes call to a routine that attempts to match any non-alphabetic character in the input string pointed to by the IX register pair. (Blanks, numbers, etc.)
#	Causes call to a routine that attempts to match one or more vowels. (A,E,I,O,U,Y)
:	Causes call to a routine that attempts to match zero or more consonants. There is always a match. (B,C,D,F,G,H,J,K,L,M,N,P,Q,R,S,T,V,W,X,Z)
''	Causes call to a routine that attempts to match one consonant.
.	Causes call to a routine that attempts to match a voiced consonant. (B,D,G,J,L,M,N,R,V,W,Z)
+	Causes call to a routine that attempts to match front vowels. (E,I,Y)
%	Causes call to a routine that attempts to match a suffix at the end of a word. (E,ER,ES,ED,ING,ELY)
&	Causes call to a routine that attempts to match sibilants. (S,C,G,Z,X,J,CH,SH)
\$	Causes call to a routine that attempts to match influencing consonants. (T,S,R,D,L,Z,N,J,TH,CH,SH)

Table 1. Text-to-Speech special symbols.

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10 *****
20 LISTING 1
30 *****
40
50 KEY ENTRY PRONUNCIATION PROGRAM
60 BY
70 DAVID ENGELHARDT
80
90
110 DEPENDING UPON THE OPTION SELECTED, THE PROGRAM WILL
120 EITHER PRONOUNCE EACH KEY AS IT IS PRESSED OR NOT
130 PRONOUNCE THE SELECTED KEY.
140 THE PROGRAM WILL PRONOUNCE EACH WORD THAT IS CREATED
150 UPON THE ENTRY OF THE SPACEBAR.
160 WHEN THE -ENTER- KEY IS HIT, THE ENTIRE SENTENCE WILL BE
170 CREATED TO SPEECH.
180
190 *****
200
210 CLS: CLEAR 1000
220 DEF USR0=HE950:CMD"L", "TTS/PRG/CMD":CMD"L", "TABLE/CMD"
230 ON ERROR GOTO 720
240 AS="DO YOU WANT TO REPEAT E CH KEY" :
250 A=VARPTR(AS)
260 VV=USR0(A) :
      'SPEAK ENTRY CHOICE MESSAGE
270 AS=INKEYS:IFAS=""GOTO270 'GET CHOICE
280 IFAS="Y" ANS="Y":GOTO 310
290 IFAS="N" ANS="N":GOTO 310
300 GOTO 270
310 CS="YOU HAVE REACHED THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRIES, THIS IS WHY
320 AT YOU HAVE TYPED IN SO FAR" :
330 DS="ENTER PLEASE" :
340 CT=1: 'BACKSPACE COUNTER
350 A=VARPTR(DS):VV=USR0(A): 'SPEAK ENTER PLEASE MESSAGE
360 AS=INKEYS:IFAS=""GOTO350
370 IFAS=CHR$(13) TS$=TS$+SB$:BS=TS$:GOTO 660 : 'ENTER KEY
380 IF AS<>CHR$(32) GOTO 460 : 'SPACEBAR
390 SB$=SB$+AS: 'CREATE WORD STRING
400 TS$=TS$+SB$: 'CREATE TOTAL STRING
410 IFLN(TS$)>255 BS=TS$:GOTO 620
420 A=VARPTR(SB$)
430 VV=USR0(A): 'SPEAK CREATED WORD
440 CT=H: 'CLEAR BACKSPACE COUNTER
450 GOTO530
460 IFAS=CHR$(8) AND CT=1 GOTO350 : 'CHECK FOR BACKSPACE
470 IFAS<>CHR$(8) GOTO 510 : 'CHECK FOR MAX BACKSP COUNT
480 CT=CT-2
490 SB$=LEFT$(SB$,CT): 'RE-CREATE BACKSPACED WORD
500 GOTO530
510 SB$=SB$+AS: 'CREATE WORD STRING
520 IFLN(SB$)>255 BS=SB$:GOTO 620
530 PRINTAS:
540 IFANS="N" GOTO590 : 'TEST FOR CHOICE QUESTION
550 Z$=TS$: 'MUST USE TO RETAIN STRING
560 A=VARPTR(AS)
570 VV=USR0(A): 'SPEAK THE ENTERED KEY
580 TS$=Z$: 'RESTORE SAVED STRING
590 CT=CT+1
600 IFCCT<255 GOTO 650 : 'TEST FOR MAX STRING COUNT
610 BS=SB$
620 A=VARPTR(CS)
630 VV=USR0(A): 'SPEAK MAX STRING COUNT MESS
640 GOTO 660
650 GOTO350
660 PRINT:PRINTBS
670 A=VARPTR(BS): 'SPEAK TOTAL CREATED STRING
680 VV=USR0(A)
690 BS="" : TS$="" : 'CLEAR VARIABLES FOR NEXT STRG
700 GOTO310
710
720 BS="ERROR CONDITION...PLEASE REDUE":
730 RESUME 320
740 END

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Program Listing 1. Basic application program.

consonants, voiced consonants, front vowels, suffixes, sibilants, influencing consonants, and ASCII characters. Table 1 defines the Text-to-Speech program's special symbols.

Listing 3 includes the rules index, rules pertaining to each letter of the alphabet, and number and special character rules. I also incorporated all basic math operators so you can use simple math functions in education programs.

How It Works

After saving all of the register contents on entry to the Text-to-Speech program, lines 230-360 condition the string input buffer with zeros and the output buffer with Votrax stop codes. This clears out any of the buffers' old string text and sets the stop character (00), which indicates the end of the conversion process. The stop code (3F) clears the output buffer and indicates a finished output condition. Notice that the output buffer is 145 bytes longer than the input buffer. This is because there isn't always a one-to-one relationship of ASCII letters to phoneme codes and, therefore, the phoneme buffer always contains more codes.

Lines 410-430 check for a string to convert, exiting if there is no string. This section then inserts a blank at the first location in the INPBUF buffer for speech conversion alignment purposes. Lines 530-600 convert everything to uppercase, and transfer the string from where it resides in memory to INPBUF.

The next routine, CHTYPE, finds the location in the Rules Table that corresponds to each character in a string. The program then scans and compares for matches. The Rules Table dictates what action the Text-to-Speech program takes. If it can't find a rule location, the program drops down to the Inflection Check routine and tests for the special # symbol. If it doesn't find the symbol, the program branches to the Error routine.

On a rule match, the program jumps to the RULSCN routine. This routine double-checks the HL and IX pointers to ensure that they recognize the same character, but in different locations. The program increments the Rules Table pointer and the routine decides which side of the character to check, if any. If the direction symbols are present, control passes to either the Left or Right Scan routines according to the control symbols < (left) and > (right).

If neither one of the direction symbols is in the rules, this section assumes that an ASCII character exists and checks for a match between the input string and rule character. Match-checking continues until the program accesses any of the special control characters. An equals sign within a rule indicates a match.

At a match the program branches to the TXFR routine that transfers the appropriate phoneme codes to the output buffer (OUTBUF). After this the GNXTCH routine checks for input string code 00. If the program doesn't

locate this code, it jumps back to CHTYPE to scan the next character.

The rest of the program routines make specific tests for conditions that surround the character in check, such as vowels, influential consonants, and so on. Some of the routines that scan the left side sometimes check for two characters instead of one. For example, the SIBCON routine makes a test for influencing consonants. To keep a correct alignment, for example, when making CH and SH checks, I put them into the table in reverse order (HC, HS). Since the scan goes to the left, the first character checked is the H and the program checks the second character if the first matches.

The Output routine sends the phoneme codes to the Votrax chip. After the program converts the input string buffer to phonemes, it branches to this routine. Output handles both the string and error message outputs. The only difference between the two is the location to which the HL register pair points. The routine continues to send out phoneme codes until it reaches the stop character 3F. At the stop code, the program restores all registers and returns to the calling program (Basic Listings 1 or 4 in this case).

The Output routine also checks for the special inflection codes, which the INFLT routine inserts into the output buffer in response to the special symbol, #. You must enter the value of 1, 3, 5, or 7 from the keyboard following the # symbol.

Program Listing 2. Text-to-Speech source code.

```

00010 ;*****
00020 ; LISTING 2
00030 ;*****
00040 ;
00050 ; TEXT-TO-SPEECH PROGRAM
00060 ; BY
00070 ; DAVID ENGELHARDT
00100 ;
00110 ;*****
00120 ;
00130 ; ORG'ED FOR 48K SYSTEM
00140 CHTBLE EQU 0E950H ;STRT LOOKUP TABLE
00150 ENDTBL EQU 0E8C0H ;LENGTH OF LOOKUP TBL
00160 ;
00170 VOTRAX PUSH HL ;SAVE ALL REGISTERS
00180 PUSH DE
00190 PUSH BC
00200 PUSH AF
00210 PUSH IX
00220 PUSH IY
00230 LD HL,INPBUF ;GET START OF INPUT BUFF
00240 LD DE,OUTBUF ;GET START OF OUTPUT BUFF
00250 LD B,255 ;BYTE COUNTER
00260 LD A,3FH ;BYTE TO CONDITION BUFF
00270 LD C,0 ;BYTE TO CONDITION BUFF
00280 CLRB1 LD (HL),C ;CONDITION INPUT BUFF
00290 LD (DE),A ;CONDITION OUTPUT BUFF
00300 INC HL
00310 INC DE
00320 DJNZ CLRB1 ;REDUE UNTIL B=0
00330 LD B,145 ;LOAD COUNTER
00340 CLRB2 LD (DE),A ;CONTINUE TO CONDITION
00350 INC DE
00360 DJNZ CLRB2 ;DO IT AGAIN
00370 ;
00380 CALL 0A7FH ;GET PASSED VALUE
00390 LD B,0 ;CLR B REG
00400 LD C,(HL) ;GET LENGTH OF STRING
00410 XOR A ;CLR A REG
00420 CP C ;BAIL OUT IF C=0
00430 JP Z,RETURN ;ERROR-BAIL OUT
00440 INC HL
00450 LD E,(HL) ;GET LSB OF STR. LOC
00460 INC HL
00470 LD D,(HL) ;GET MSB OF STR. LOC
00480 LD HL,INPBUF ;GET STRT OF INPUT BUFF
00490 LD (HL),' ' ;FILL 1ST LOC WITH BLANK
00500 PUSH HL ;SAVE STRT OF BUFF
00510 INC HL ;STRT TO PUT DATA
00520 EX DE,HL ;SWAP PTRS
00530 M1 LD A,(HL) ;GET CHAR FROM STRNG BUFF
00540 SUB 61H ;TEST UPPER/LOWER CASE
00550 JP M,ML2 ;SKIP IF UPPER CASE
00560 LD A,-20H ;LOAD CONVERT VALUE
00570 ADD A,(HL) ;MAKE LOWER CASE UPPER
00580 LD (HL),A ;STORE VALUE BACK
00590 ML2 LDI ;MOVE CHARACTER
00600 JP PE,M1 ;IS THE MOVE DONE?
00610 INC HL
00620 LD (HL),' ' ;LOAD SPACE TO END
00630 POP IX ;INPBUF LOC TO IX
00640 LD IY,OUTBUF ;SET IY TO OUTPUT BUFF
00650 ;
00660 ;*****
00670 ; CHARACTER LOOKUP ROUTINE
00680 ;*****
00690 ;
00700 CHTYPE LD HL,CHTBLE ;GET START OF TABLE
00710 LD A,(ENDTBL) ;GET LENGTH OF TABLE
00720 ADD A,-3 ;OBTAIN CORRECT LENGTH
00730 LD B,0 ;CLR B
00740 LD C,A ;LOAD LOOP CTR
00750 LD A,(IX) ;GET STRG CHA
00760 INC HL ;INC TO NEXT ASCII CH
00770 LOOP INC HL ;INC TWICE PAST WORD
00780 INC HL ; LOCATION OF RULE
00790 CPI ;HL-HL+1 BC-BC-1
00800 JR Z,MATCH ;FOUND MATCH
00810 DEC C ;SET TO TRACK HL
00820 DEC C ;DEC LENGTH CTR
00830 JR NZ,LOOP ;SCAN AGAIN
00840 JP INFLT ;CHECK FOR INFLECT CHAR
00850 ;
00860 MATCH LD E,(HL) ;GET LSB OF CH. RULES
00870 INC HL
00880 LD D,(HL) ;GET MSB OF CH. RULES
00890 LD (SAVEIX),IX ;SAVE IX PTR
00900 EX DE,HL ;PUT STRT OF RULE IN HL
00910 JP RULSCN ;COMPARE RULES
00920 ;
00930 ;*****
00940 ; INFLECTION CHANGE ROUTINE = 1
00950 ;*****
00960 ;
00970 INFLT CP '1' ;INFLECTION CODE?
00980 JP NZ,ERROR ;NOT RECOGNIZABLE CHAR
00990 INC IX ;GET INFLECTION PITCH
01000 LD A,(IX) ; TO A REG FOR TEST
01010 CP '1' ;1=NORMAL BASE
01020 JR NZ,THREE ;TEST FOR A 3
01030 LD A,'0' ;LOAD 1 CODE
01040 JR CODE ;GOTO CODE ROUTINE
01050 THREE CP '3' ;IS CODE SET TO A 3?
01060 JR NZ,FIVE ;GO TEST FOR A 5
01070 LD A,'T' ;LOAD 3 CODE
01080 JR CODE
01090 FIVE CP '5' ;IS CODE SET TO A 5?
01100 JR NZ,SEVEN ;GO TEST FOR A 7
01110 LD A,'E' ;LOAD 5 CODE
01120 JR CODE
01130 SEVEN CP '7' ;IS CODE SET TO A 7
01140 JP NZ,ERROR ;ILLEGAL CODE ENTERED

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01150 LD A,'S' ;LOAD 7 CODE
01160 ;
01170 CODE LD (IY),A ;LOAD CODE TO OUTPUT BUFF
01180 INC IY
01190 JP G1 ;GET NEXT CHARACTER
01200 ;
01210 ;*****
01220 ; PROGRAM VARIABLES
01230 ;*****
01240 ;
01250 INFLEC DEFB 1 ;INFLECT CODE SET TO 1
01260 LRFLAG DEFB 0 ;USED TO CONTROL L/R ROUT
01270 SAVEIX DEFW 00 ;SAVES CURR IX PTR
01280 IXPTR DEFW 00 ;HOLDS CURR IX PTR
01290 ;
01300 ;*****
01310 ; RULE SCAN ROUTINE
01320 ;*****
01330 ;
01340 RULSCN PUSH IX
01350 POP DE ;MAKE DE PT TO STRT OF IX
01360 RULSN1 CP (HL) ;HL PTS TO RULE
01370 JR Z,OK ;DOUBLE CHECK
01380 JP NEXTRL ;RULE FAILURE..CHECK NEXT
01390 OK INC HL ;PT TO NEXT RULE CH
01400 LD A,(HL) ;GET RULE CH
01410 CP '<' ;LEFT SYMBOL
01420 JP Z,LEFT ;GOTO LEFT ROUTINE
01430 CP '>' ;RIGHT SYMBOL
01440 JP Z,RIGHT ;GOTO RIGHT ROUTINE
01450 CP '=' ;EQUAL MEANS MATCH
01460 JP Z,TXPR ;TRANS. DATA TO TALK BUFF
01470 INC IX
01480 LD A,(IX) ;GET NEW STR. CH
01490 JR RULSN1 ;SCAN AGAIN
01500 ;*****
01510 ;*****
01520 ; LEFT SCAN ROUTINE
01530 ;*****
01540 ;
01550 LEFT INC HL ;SET FOR NEXT CH IN RULE
01560 PUSH HL ;SAVE HL
01570 LD HL,LRFLAG ;GET RIGHT/LEFT FLAG
01580 SET 0,(HL) ;SET FOR LEFT SCAN
01590 POP HL ;RESTORE HL
01600 LD A,(HL) ;GET NEXT CH RULE
01610 CP '!' ;
01620 JP Z,NOALPH ;GOTO BLANK ROUTINE
01630 CP '#' ;
01640 JP Z,VOWEL ;GOTO CHECK VOWELS
01650 CP '.' ;
01660 JP Z,CONSTS ;CHECK 0 OR MORE CONSTS
01670 CP '+' ;
01680 JP Z,FRNTVL ;CHECK FRONT VOWEL
01690 CP '*' ;
01700 JP Z,CONSNT ;ROUTINE TO MATCH 1 CONS
01710 CP ' ' ;
01720 JP Z,VCONSNT ;MATCH VOICED CONSONANT
01730 CP 's' ;
01740 JP Z,SIBLNT ;CHECK FOR SIBILANTS
01750 CP 'S' ;
01760 JP Z,INPCON ;CHECK INFLUENCING CONSNT
01770 CP '>' ;
01780 JP Z,RIGHT ;PERFORM RIGHT ROUTINE
01790 CP '=' ;
01800 JP Z,TXPR ;TRANSFER DATA TO BUFFER
01810 JP ASCCHK ;CHECK FOR ASCII CHARACT
01820 ;
01830 ;*****
01840 ; RIGHT SCAN ROUTINE
01850 ;*****
01860 ;
01870 RIGHT INC HL ;INC TO NEXT CH RULE
01880 PUSH HL
01890 LD HL,LRFLAG ;GET LEFT/RIGHT FLAG
01900 BIT 4,(HL) ;SET AT <>IX PTR TIME
01910 JR NZ,RPASS ;SAVE ONLY ONCE
01920 LD (IXPTR),IX ;SAVE PTR
01930 SET 4,(HL) ;
01940 RPASS RES 0,(HL) ;RESET FOR RIGHT SCAN
01950 POP HL
01960 LD A,(HL) ;GET NEXT RULE CH
01970 CP '!' ;
01980 JP Z,NOALPH ;GOTO BLANK ROUTINE
01990 CP '#' ;
02000 JP Z,VOWEL ;CHECK FOR VOWELS
02010 CP '.' ;
02020 JP Z,CONSTS ;CHK FOR 0 OR MORE CONS
02030 CP '*' ;
02040 JP Z,CONSNT ;CHK FOR 1 CONS MATCH
02050 CP '+' ;
02060 JP Z,FRNTVL ;MATCH FRONT VOWEL
02070 CP ' ' ;
02080 JP Z,VCONSNT ;CHK VOICED CONSONANTS
02090 CP 's' ;
02100 JP Z,SUFFIX ;CHECK SUFFIXES
02110 CP '=' ;
02120 JP Z,TXPR ;PUT DATA TO TALK BUFFER
02130 JP ASCCHK ;CHK FOR ASCII CHARACTER
02140 ;
02150 ;*****
02160 ; NON-ALPHA TEST = 1
02170 ;*****
02180 ;
02190 NOALPH CALL SIDE ;RIGHT OR LEFT SIDE CALL?
02200 JR NZ,LNO ;LEFT RULE
02210 INC IX ;
02220 LD A,(IX) ;RIGHT RULE..NEXT STR
02230 JR RNO ;GET STR. CH
02240 LNO DEC DE ;GO COMPARE
02250 LD A,(DE) ;SET TO BEFORE IX PTR
02260 RNO SUB 64 ;TEST FOR NON-ALPHA
02270 JP P,NEXTRL ;GET NEXT RULE IF ANY
02280 CALL SIDE ;FIND OUT WHERE TO JUMP

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The INFLT routine assigns these values special characters inserted into the phoneme output buffer. Since these special inflection characters are greater in value than the largest phoneme code (3F hex), lines 5670-5690 test for values above or below 40 hex. The routine passes values below 40 hex as phoneme codes, and values greater than 40 hex as inflection codes.

At the proper inflection code, the Output routine loads the value into register A and sends it to port 18. This output latches the STB line and changes at the same time the inflection pitch. The pitch remains constant until the program sends a different inflection code to the Votrax chip.

Lines 5880 and 5890 make up the set-up time delay that I described earlier. The smallest value that you can send to the time delay subroutine at 60 hex is six. (Increase this value to 10 for a Model I computer. Anything less results in erratic conditions in the creation of speech.)

Since the Text-to-Speech program and the Rules Table are separate, you must link them somehow. The first two equates in Listing 2 take care of this. The CHTBLE value is the location where the Rules Table starts in memory and the ENDTBL value is the length of the Rules Table's index. The CHTYPE routine uses the CHTBLE value to find out where it should start scanning at the rules index. If you add more rules, change the ENDTBL value accordingly.

The Rules Index

Refer to the Rules Table (Listing 3). The equates at the beginning make entering the phoneme codes easier. I felt that entering standard phoneme codes was easier than entering the hex or decimal equivalents. You may notice that some of the codes have two-letter designations instead of just one. This is so the assembler can recognize the phoneme codes as equates instead of Assembly commands that would result in assembly errors.

The character index in Listing 3 is called CHTBLE. All of the characters that pertain to the rules are included in this table. If you want to add a new character that has no existing rules, insert it at the end just before the ENDTBL label. Examine the other rules as to how to add new characters and the appropriate rules.

The @ symbol between each rule indicates the end of the rule and the start of another one. If the next value is not an up arrow (or bracket), more rules

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02290 JP Z,RIGHT ;BACK TO RIGHT SCAN ROUT
02300 JP LEFT ;BACK TO LEFT SCAN ROUT
02310 ;
02320 ;*****
02330 ; ROUTINE TO TEST FOR ONE OR MORE VOWELS = #
02340 ;*****
02350 ;
02360 VOWEL PUSH HL ;SAVE TABLE RULE POINTER
02370 LD HL,VMESS ;GET PARAMS
02380 LD A,(VMLEN) ;LENGTH
02390 LD B,A ;LOAD B WITH VMESSE LENGTH
02400 CALL SIDE ;CHECK DIRECTION TO SCAN
02410 JR NZ,LVOW ;LEFT SIDE
02420 INC IX ;RIGHT RULE
02430 LD A,(IX) ;GET CH
02440 JR RVOW ;RIGHT DIRECTION
02450 LVOW DEC DE ;SET TO BEFORE IX PTR
02460 LD A,(DE) ;GET CHARACTER
02470 RVOW CP (HL) ;COMPARE WITH VMESSE VALUE
02480 JP Z,VCONT ;MATCH?
02490 INC HL ;INC TO NEXT VMESSE VALUE
02500 DJNZ RVOW ;GO BACK AND CHECK
02510 POP HL ;RESTORE RULE POINTER
02520 JP NEXTRL ;NO FOUND - NEXT RULE
02530 VCONT POP HL ;FOUND MATCH
02540 CALL SIDE ;CHECK DIRECTION OF SCAN
02550 JP Z,RIGHT ;GO TO RIGHT SCAN
02560 JP LEFT ;GO TO LEFT SCAN
02570 ;
02580 VMESSE DEFM 'AEIOUY' ;VOWELS
02590 VMLEN DEFB $-VMESSE ;LENGTH OF VMESSE
02600 ;
02610 ;*****
02620 ; ZERO OR MORE CONSONANTS = :
02630 ;*****
02640 ;
02650 CONSTS CALL SIDE ;CHECK SCAN DIRECTION
02660 JR NZ,LCON ;IS IT RIGHT OR LEFT?
02670 INC IX ;RIGHT, INC POINTER
02680 JR RCON ;GO CHECK
02690 LCON DEC DE ;LEFT, DEC POINTER
02700 RCON CALL SIDE ;CHECK SCAN DIRECTION
02710 JP Z,RIGHT ;GO RIGHT
02720 JP LEFT ;GO LEFT
02730 ;
02740 ;*****
02750 ; MATCH ONE CONSONANT = "
02760 ;*****
02770 ;
02780 CONSNT LD A,(CONLEN) ;TBL LENGTH
02790 LD B,A ;B IS LOOP LENGTH
02800 CALL SIDE ;CHECK SCAN DIRECTION
02810 JR NZ,LCONS ;LEFT RULE
02820 INC IX
02830 LD A,(IX) ;GET STR. CH
02840 JR RCONS ;GO RIGHT
02850 LCONS DEC DE ;DEC TO LEFT
02860 LD A,(DE) ;VALUE BEFORE IX PTR
02870 RCONS PUSH HL ;SAVE RULE PTR
02880 LD HL,CONMES ;STRT OF CONSONANTS
02890 CLOOP CP (HL) ;COMPARE
02900 JR Z,CMATCH ;SKIP IF FOUND MATCH
02910 INC HL ;INC TO NEXT CONS
02920 DJNZ CLOOP ;CHECK NEXT VALUE
02930 POP HL ;RESTORE RULE PTR
02940 JP NEXTRL ;CHECK NEXT RULE
02950 CMATCH POP HL ;RESTORE RULE PTR
02960 CALL SIDE ;CHECK DIRECTION
02970 JP Z,RIGHT ;GO RIGHT
02980 JP LEFT ;GO LEFT
02990 ;
03000 CONMES DEFM 'BCDFGHJKLMNPQRSTVWXZ' ;CONSONANTS
03010 CONLEN DEFB $-CONMES ;CONMES LENGTH
03020 ;
03030 ;*****
03040 ; MATCH A VOICED CONSONANT = .
03050 ;*****
03060 ;
03070 VCONSNT LD A,(VCONLE) ;TBL LEN
03080 LD B,A ;SAVE LOOP COUNTER
03090 CALL SIDE ;CHECK DIRECTION
03100 JR NZ,VCLFT ;SKIP TO LEFT CHECK
03110 INC IX ;INC STRING POINTER
03120 LD A,(IX) ;GET VALUE
03130 JR VCRT ;GO TEST COMPARE
03140 VCLFT DEC DE ;DEC LEFT POINTER
03150 LD A,(DE) ;GET CHARA
03160 VCRT PUSH HL ;SAVE RULE POINTER
03170 LD HL,VMESSE ;GET STRT OF DATA
03180 VLOOP CP (HL) ;MATCH?
03190 JR Z,VMATCH ;SKIP IF MATCH
03200 INC HL ;INC VMESSE POINTER
03210 DJNZ VLOOP ;GO BACK AND CHECK AGAIN
03220 POP HL ;RESTORE RULE PTR
03230 JP NEXTRL ;NO MATCH...NEXT RULE
03240 VMATCH POP HL ;RESTORE RULE PTR
03250 CALL SIDE ;CHECK DIRECTION
03260 JP Z,RIGHT ;GO TO RIGHT SCAN
03270 JP LEFT ;BACK TO LEFT ROUTINE
03280 ;
03290 VMESSE DEFM 'BDGJLMNRVWZ' ;VOICED CONSONANTS
03300 VCONLE DEFB $-VMESSE ;LENGTH OF VMESSE
03310 ;
03320 ;*****
03330 ; MATCH FRONT VOWEL = +
03340 ;*****
03350 ;
03360 FRNTVL CALL SIDE ;CHECK DIRECTION
03370 JR NZ,FVL ;LEFT RULE
03380 INC IX ;PT TO NEXT CH IN STR
03390 LD A,(IX) ;GET CH
03400 JR FVR ;CHECK RIGHT SIDE
03410 FVL DEC DE ;DEC LEFT POINTER
03420 LD A,(DE) ;GET VALUE TO CHECK
03430 FVR CP 'E' ;CHECK FOR FRONT VOWLS

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03440 JR Z,FVMTCH
03450 CP 'I'
03460 JR Z,FVMTCH
03470 CP 'Y'
03480 JR Z,FVMTCH
03490 JP NEXTRL
03500 FVMTCH CALL SIDE ;CHECK DIRECTION
03510 JP Z,RIGHT ;GO RIGHT
03520 JP LEFT ;GO LEFT
03530 ;
03540 ;*****
03550 ; TEST FOR SUFFIX'S = #
03560 ;*****
03570 ;
03580 SUFFIX PUSH HL ;RIGHT SIDE SCAN ONLY
03590 INC IX ;INC STRING POINTER
03600 PUSH IX ;SAVE IT
03610 LD A,(SMESSE) ;GET LENGTH
03620 LD B,A ;SET LOOP COUNTER
03630 LD HL,SMESSE ;GET PARAM STRT
03640 SLOOP1 LD A,(IX) ;GET CHAR
03650 CP (HL) ;COMPARE VALUE
03660 JR Z,SECCHK ;GO CHK 2ND VALU IF THERE
03670 SLOOP2 DEC B ;DEC LOOP COUNTER
03680 JR Z,ROUTER ;NO MATCH
03690 INC HL ;INC SMESSE POINTER
03700 LD A,(HL) ;GET NEXT VALUE
03710 CP ',' ;NEXT SET OF VALUES?
03720 JR NZ,SLOOP2 ;GO TEST AGAIN
03730 POP IX ;RESTORE POINTER LOCATION
03740 PUSH IX ;SAVE IT AGAIN
03750 INC HL ;INC SMESSE POINTER
03760 JR SLOOP1 ;GO BACK & CHECK AGAIN
03770 SECCHK INC HL ;CHECK FOR FINAL MATCH
03780 LD A,(HL) ;GET VALUE
03790 CP ',' ;MATCH?
03800 JR Z,FNDMTH ;SKIP IF FOUND MATCH
03810 INC IX ;INC STRIP POINTER
03820 DJNZ SLOOP1 ;CHECK NEXT VALUE
03830 ;
03840 ROUTPR POP IX ;RESTORE INPUT BUFF PTR
03850 POP HL ;RESTORE RULE TABLE PTR
03860 JP NEXTRL ;NEXT RULE
03870 FNDMTH POP BC ;BIT BUCKET..THROW AWAY
03880 POP HL ;RESTORE RULE TABLE PTR
03890 JP RIGHT ;NEXT CHAR
03900 ;
03910 SMESSE DEFM 'E,ER,ES,ED,ING,ELY,' ;SUFFIX'S
03920 SMESSE DEFB $-SMESSE ;LENGTH OF SMESSE
03930 ;
03940 ;*****
03950 ; CHECK SIBILANTS = &
03960 ;*****
03970 ;
03980 SIBLNT PUSH HL ;SAVE RULE PTR
03990 LD HL,SIBMES ;GET STRT OF TABLE
04000 LD A,(SIBLEN) ;GET LENGTH
04010 LD B,A ;SAVE IT
04020 CALL SIBCON ;GO AND COMPARE
04030 POP HL ;RESTORE RULE PTR
04040 JP NZ,NEXTRL ;SKIP IF NO MATCH
04050 JP LEFT ;MATCH...GO LEFT
04060 ;
04070 ;*****
04080 ; INFLUENCING CONS = $
04090 ;*****
04100 ;
04110 INFCON PUSH HL ;SAVE RULE PTR
04120 LD HL,CONSM ;GET TABLE LOCATION
04130 LD A,(CONSLN) ;GET LENGTH OF TABLE
04140 LD B,A ;SET UP LOOP COUNTER
04150 CALL SIBCON ;GO CHECK FOR MATCH
04160 POP HL ;RESTORE RULE POINTER
04170 JP NZ,NEXTRL ;NO MATCH...NEXT RULE
04180 JP LEFT ;MATCH...GO LEFT SCAN
04190 ;
04200 ;*****
04210 ; COMMON ROUTINE FOR SIBILANT & INFLUENCING CONS CHECK
04220 ;*****
04230 ;
04240 SIBCON DEC DE ;DEC LEFT POINTER
04250 PUSH DE ;AND SAVE IT
04260 SIBLOP LD A,(DE) ;GET VALUE
04270 CP (HL) ;MATCH WITH TABLE VALUE?
04280 JR Z,CHKAGN ;SKIP IF NO AND CHK AGAIN
04290 SIB2 DEC B ;DEC LOOP COUNTER
04300 JR Z,SIBERR ;ZERO = NO MATCH
04310 INC HL ;INC TABLE POINTER
04320 LD A,(HL) ;GET VALUE
04330 CP ',' ;READY FOR NEXT VALUE?
04340 JR NZ,SIB2 ;SKIP IF NOT
04350 POP DE ;RESTORE LEFT POINTER
04360 PUSH DE ;SAVE IT AGAIN
04370 INC HL ;GO TABLE POINTER
04380 JR SIBLOP ;CHECK AGAIN
04390 CHKAGN INC HL ;INC TABLE POINTER
04400 LD A,(HL) ;GET VALUE
04410 CP ',' ;
04420 JR Z,FNDIT ;IF HERE = VALUE FOUND
04430 DEC DE ;CHK FOR 2ND CHARACTER
04440 DJNZ SIBLOP ;GO BACK AND CHECK
04450 ;
04460 SIBERR POP DE ;RESTORE LEFT POINTER
04470 SET 7,A ;SET ERROR BIT.
04480 BIT 7,A ;TEST FOR JUMP ON RETURN
04490 RET ;RETURN TO CALLER
04500 FNDIT POP DE ;BIT BUCKET
04510 RES 7,A ;RESET ERROR BIT
04520 BIT 7,A ;TEST FOR JUMP ON RETURN
04530 RET ;RETURN TO CALLER
04540 ;
04550 SIBMES DEFM 'S,C,G,Z,X,J,HC,HS,' ;S... (BACKWARDS)
04560 SIBLEN DEFB $-SIBMES ;LENGTH OF SIBMES
04570 ;
04580 CONSM DEFM 'T,S,R,D,L,Z,N,J,HT,HC,HS,' ;INFL CON

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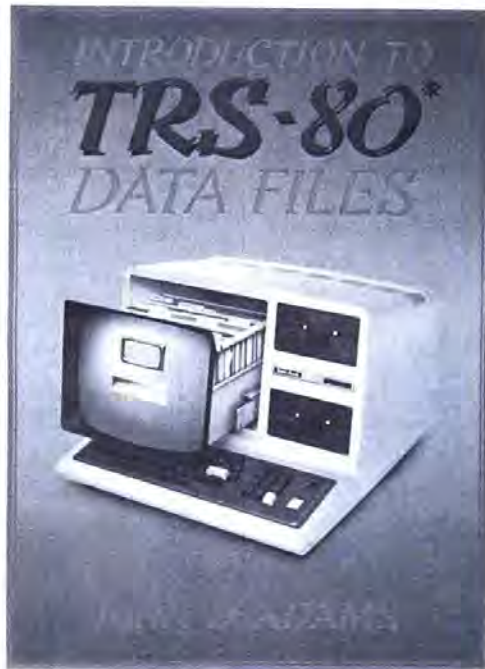
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04590 CONSLN DEFB S-CONSM ;LENGTH OF CONSM
04600 ;
04610 ;*****
04620 ; CHECK FOR RIGHT OR LEFT ASCII CHARACTER
04630 ;*****
04640 ;
04650 ASCCHK CALL SIDE ;CHECK SCAN DIRECTION
04660 JR NZ,LASC ;LEFT SIDE
04670 INC IX ;INC STRING POINTER
04680 LD A,(IX) ;GET CH RIGHT SIDE
04690 JR CHECK ;GO CHECK VALUES
04700 LASC DEC DE ;DEC LEFT POINTER
04710 LD A,(DE) ;GET CH LEFT SIDE
04720 CHECK CP (HL) ;INPUT AND RULE MATCH?
04730 JP NZ,NEXTRL ;NZ = NO MATCH
04740 CALL SIDE ;CHECK SCAN DIRECTION
04750 JP Z,RIGHT ;GO RIGHT SCAN ROUTINE
04760 JP LEFT ;GO LEFT SCAN ROUTINE
04770 ;
04780 ;*****
04790 ; RIGHT OR LEFT TEST TO CHECK SCAN ROUTINE DIRECTION
04800 ;*****
04810 ;
04820 SIDE LD A,(LRFLAG) ;GET CONTROL WORD
04830 BIT 0,A ;TEST BIT 0
04840 RET ;RETURN CALL
04850 ;
04860 ;*****
04870 ; SET PTRS FOR NEXT RULE SCAN
04880 ;*****
04890 ;
04900 NEXTRL NOP ;JUMP ENTRY POINT
04910 NLOOP LD A,(HL) ;GET CH
04920 CP '0' ;FIND RULE SEPERATOR
04930 JR Z,FNDNXT ;FOUND NEW RULE
04940 CP '!' ;MEANS END OF THESE RULES
04950 JP Z,ERROR ;ERROR..FOUND NO MATCH
04960 INC HL ;INC RULE POINTER
04970 JR NLOOP ;CHECK NEXT
04980 ;
04990 FNDNXT XOR A ;CLEAR A REGISTER
05000 LD (LRFLAG),A ;CLR FLAG WORD
05010 LD IX,(SAVEIX) ;RESTORE IX FOR NEXT RULE
05020 LD A,(IX) ;GET CH
05030 INC HL ;SET PTR PAST @ MARKER
05040 JP RULSCN ;CHECK NEXT RULE
05050 ;
05060 ;*****
05070 ; TXFR DATA TO TALK BUFFER
05080 ;*****
05090 ;
05100 TXFR INC HL ;SET PTR PAST = SIGN
05110 TLOOP LD A,(HL) ;GET VALUE
05120 CP '0' ;DONE TXFR?
05130 JR Z,GNXTCH ;Z = TEST FOR DONE
05140 LD (IX),A ;PUT DATA TO TALK BUFF
05150 INC IX ;INC TALK BUFF POINTER
05160 INC HL ;PT TO NEXT RULE DATA
05170 JR TLOOP ;DO LOOP AGAIN
05180 ;
05190 GNXTCH LD A,(LRFLAG) ;GET FLAG CONTROL WORD
05200 BIT 4,A ;IS BIT 4 SET?
05210 JR Z,G1 ;ZERO = SKIP IX RESTORE
05220 LD IX,(IXPTR) ;RESTORE PTR BE4 < OR >
05230 G1 INC IX ;INC TO NEXT VALUE
05240 XOR A ;CLR A REG
05250 CP (IX) ;COMPARE A & IX FOR 00
05260 JR Z,OUTPUT ;ZERO = DONE DECODING
05270 LD (LRFLAG),A ;CLR FLAG FOR NEXT RULE
05280 JP CHTYPE ;GET NEXT STR CH RULE
05290 ;
05300 ;*****
05310 ; ERROR ROUTINE
05320 ;*****
05330 ;
05340 ERROR LD A,0DH ;LOAD CARRIGE CODE
05350 CALL 33H ;MOVE CURSOR DWN 1 LINE
05360 INC IX ;INC INPUT BUFF PTR
05370 LD (IX),A ;PUT ETX AT END (00)
05380 LD HL,INPBUF ;GET STRT OP BUFF
05390 CALL 21BH ;MOVE INP DATA TO SCREEN
05400 ;
05410 LD HL,OUTBUF ;GET OUTBUF LOCATION
05420 DE,(4020H) ;CURSOR POS TO PRINT ERR
05430 LD BC,255 ;# MAX BYTES THAT CAN MOV
05440 ERLOOP LDI ;MOVE OUT DATA TO SCREEN
05450 LD A,3FH ;STOP CODE
05460 CP (HL) ;COMPARE FOR STOP CODE
05470 JR NZ,ERLOOP ;MOVE NEXT CHARACTER
05480 LD A,0DH ;LOAD CARRIGE CODE
05490 CALL 33H ;MOVE CURSOR DWN 1 LINE
05500 ERR LD HL,ERRMES ;GET ERROR DATA
05510 JP OUT1 ;OUTPUT ERROR MESSAGE
05520 ;
05530 ERRMES DEFW 0000H ;ERROR PHONEME CODES
05540 DEFW 2B00H ; USED TO SAY = ERROR.
05550 DEFW 3E3AH
05560 DEFW 3F3EH
05570 ;
05580 ;*****
05590 ; OUTPUT DATA TO SC-01
05600 ;*****
05610 ;
05620 OUTPUT LD HL,OUTBUF ;GET STRT OF OUTPUT BUFF
05630 OUTL LD A,16
(236),A ;TURN ON EXTERNAL BUS
05640 OUT ;SET UP 8255 FOR MODE 0
05650 OLOOP LD A,144
(19),A ; OPTION NUMBER 8
05660 OUT ;GET PHONEME CODE
05670 LD A,(HL)
05680 CP 40H ;TEST TOP OF PHONEME CODE
05690 JP M,NOINFL ;FOR INFLECTION VALUES
05700 CP '0' ;IS 1 INFLECTION?
05710 JR NZ,I3 ;GO TEST FOR 3 CODE
05720 LD A,1 ;SET TO 1
05730 JR SETINF ;GO STORE VALUE
05740 I3 CP '!' ;IS 3 INFLECTION?
05750 JR NZ,I5 ;GO TEST FOR 5 CODE
05760 LD A,3 ;SET TO 3
05770 JR SETINF ;GO STORE VALUE
05780 I5 CP '!' ;IS 5 INFLECTION?
05790 JR NZ,I7 ;GO TEST FOR 7 CODE
05800 LD A,5 ;SET TO 5
05810 JR SETINF ;GO STORE VALUE
05820 I7 CP 'S' ;IS 7 INFLECTION?
05830 JR NZ,OLI ;SKIP AND IGNORE VALUE
05840 LD A,7 ;SET TO 7
05850 SETINF LD (INFLEC),A ;STORE INFLECTION CODE
05860 JR OLI ;GO GET NEXT BUFF VALUE
05870 NOINFL OUT (17),A ;SEND PHONEME TO 8255
05880 LD BC,0006H ;SET UP TIME DELAY
05890 CALL 60H ;TO ALLOW SET-UP TIME
05900 LD A,(INFLEC) ;GET INFLECTION CODE
05910 OUT (18),A ;TELL SC-01 TO DO IT
05920 RESCAN IN A,(16) ;READ A/R LINE OF 8255
05930 BIT 0,A ;IS BIT SET = DONE
05940 JR Z,RESCAN ;GO BACK AND SCAN AGAIN
05950 LD A,(HL) ;GET PHONEME VALUE AGAIN
05960 CP 3FH ;IS IT THE STOP CHARACTER?
05970 JR Z,RETURN ;ZERO = DONE & EXIT
05980 OLI INC HL ;INC TO NEXT PHONEME VALU
05990 JR OLOOP ;GO GET NEXT PHONEME CODE
06000 RETURN XOR A ;CLEAR A REG
06010 LD (LRFLAG),A ;CLEAR CONTROL WORD
06020 POP IX ;RESTORE ALL REGISTERS
06030 POP AF
06040 POP BC
06050 POP DE
06060 POP HL
06070 POP RET
06080
06090 ;
06100 ;*****
06110 ; TALK BUFFERS
06120 ;*****
06130 ;
06140 INPBUF DEFS 255 ;INPUT STRING BUFFER
06150 DEFB 0 ;SAFETY STOP CHARACTER
06160 OUTBUF DEFS 400 ;OUTPUT BUFFER
06170 DEFB 3FH ;SAFETY STOP CHARACTER
06180 ;
06190 END VOTRAX

```

follow. The up arrow signals the end of a specific group of rules to the TTSPRG program.

Many of these rules were developed by the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL). You can find this report in "Automatic Translation of English Text to Phonetics by Means of Letter to Sound Rules" by Honey Sue Elovitz et al., United States Naval Research Laboratory Report Number 7948, 1976.

I had to modify a few of these rules to fit this application. It appears that the new Votrax system has more phonemes for better pronunciation purposes than the old Votrax system did

when the NRL originally designed the rules. I rewrote some rules to enhance pronunciation.

I also added many rules to increase the capability of creating speech. The Rules Table now comprises 416 rules. I will add more in the future. To help you, the beginning of each rule has either a commented number or semicolon to the right of it. I number the rules in increments of five.

As previously mentioned, the Rules Table guides the Text-to-Speech program in its decoding routines by using special symbols to control the program's operations. If all the symbols and codes match, and the TTSPRG

program finds an equals sign, the rule is complete and the program inserts the following code into the output buffer until it reaches the @ symbol. The program returns to CHTYPE and decodes the next input string character if there is one.

Keep in mind that my Rules Table isn't 100 percent accurate, nor do any exist that are. You'll find words that the Votrax can't pronounce exactly, but they'll be close and recognizable. For instance, one example pertains to the long and short *i* sounds. Currently, these rules make the board pronounce the word "like" properly, but it pronounces "life" with a short *i* sound.

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Program Listing 3. Rules Table source code. The phoneme codes begin in line 85. The length of the index is given in line 211. The rule table starts in line 213.

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00001 ;*****
00002 ; LISTING 3
00003 ;*****
00004 ;
00005 ; RULE TABLE PROGRAM
00006 ; BY
00007 ; DAVID ENGELHARDT
00010 ;
00011 ;*****
00012 ;
00013 ; ORG 0F000H
00014 ;
00015 EH3 EQU 0
00016 EH2 EQU 1
00017 EH1 EQU 2
00018 PA0 EQU 3
00019 DT EQU 4
00020 A2 EQU 5
00021 A1 EQU 6
00022 ZH EQU 7
00023 AH2 EQU 8
00024 I3 EQU 9
00025 I2 EQU 10
00026 I1 EQU 11
00027 MM EQU 12
00028 N EQU 13
00029 BB EQU 14
00030 V EQU 15
00031 CH EQU 16
00032 SH EQU 17
00033 ZZ EQU 18
00034 AW1 EQU 19
00035 NG EQU 20
00036 AH1 EQU 21
00037 OO1 EQU 22
00038 OO EQU 23
00039 LL EQU 24
00040 K EQU 25
00041 J EQU 26
00042 HH EQU 27
00043 G EQU 28
00044 F EQU 29
00045 DD EQU 30
00046 S EQU 31
00047 AA EQU 32
00048 AY EQU 33
00049 Y1 EQU 34
00050 UH3 EQU 35
00051 AH EQU 36
00052 PP EQU 37
00053 O EQU 38
00054 II EQU 39
00055 U EQU 40
00056 Y EQU 41
00057 T EQU 42
00058 RR EQU 43
00059 EE EQU 44
00060 W EQU 45
00061 AE EQU 46
00062 AE1 EQU 47
00063 AW2 EQU 48
00064 UH2 EQU 49
00065 UH1 EQU 50
00066 UH EQU 51
00067 O2 EQU 52
00068 O1 EQU 53
00069 IU EQU 54
00070 U1 EQU 55
00071 THV EQU 56
00072 TH EQU 57
00073 ER EQU 58
00074 EH EQU 59
00075 E1 EQU 60
00076 AW EQU 61
00077 PA1 EQU 62
00078 STOP EQU 63
00079 ;
00080 ;*****
00081 ; CHARACTER LOOKUP TABLE
00082 ;*****
00083 ;
00084 CHTBLE DEFS 3
00085 DEFB 'A'
00086 DEFW AR
00087 DEFB 'B'
00088 DEFW BR
00089 DEFB 'C'
00090 DEFW CR
00091 DEFB 'D'
00092 DEFW DR
00093 DEFB 'E'
00094 DEFW ERULES
00095 DEFB 'F'
00096 DEFW FR
00097 DEFB 'G'
00098 DEFW GR
00099 DEFB 'H'
00100 DEFW HR
00101 DEFB 'I'
00102 DEFW IR
00103 DEFB 'J'
00104 DEFW JR
00105 DEFB 'K'
00106 DEFW KR

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00107 DEFB 'L'
00108 DEFW LR
00109 DEFB 'M'
00110 DEFW MR
00111 DEFB 'N'
00112 DEFW NR
00113 DEFB 'O'
00114 DEFW OR
00115 DEFB 'P'
00116 DEFW PR
00117 DEFB 'Q'
00118 DEFW QR
00119 DEFB 'R'
00120 DEFW RRULES
00121 DEFB 'S'
00122 DEFW SR
00123 DEFB 'T'
00124 DEFW TR
00125 DEFB 'U'
00126 DEFW UR
00127 DEFB 'V'
00128 DEFW VR
00129 DEFB 'W'
00130 DEFW WR
00131 DEFB 'X'
00132 DEFW XR
00133 DEFB 'Y'
00134 DEFW YR
00135 DEFB 'Z'
00136 DEFW ZR
00137 DEFB ' '
00138 DEFW BLANK
00139 DEFB '!'
00140 DEFW PERIOD
00141 DEFB '39'
00142 DEFW APOST
00143 DEFB ','
00144 DEFW COMMA
00145 DEFB '?'
00146 DEFW QUEST
00147 DEFB '0'
00148 DEFW ZERO
00149 DEFB '1'
00150 DEFW R1
00151 DEFB '2'
00152 DEFW R2
00153 DEFB '3'
00154 DEFW R3
00155 DEFB '4'
00156 DEFW R4
00157 DEFW '5'
00158 DEFW R5
00159 DEFB '6'
00160 DEFW R6
00161 DEFB '7'
00162 DEFW R7
00163 DEFB '8'
00164 DEFW R8
00165 DEFB '9'
00166 DEFW R9
00167 DEFB '-'
00168 DEFW MINUS
00169 DEFB '+'
00170 DEFW PLUS
00171 DEFB '='
00172 DEFW EQUALS
00173 DEFB '*'
00174 DEFW MULT
00175 DEFB '/'
00176 DEFW DIVIDE
00177 DEFB '8'
00178 DEFW LARROW
00179 DEFB '9'
00180 DEFW RARROW
00181 DEFB '10'
00182 DEFW UARROW
00183 DEFB '10'
00184 DEFW DARROW
00185 DEFB '31'
00186 DEFW CLEAR
00187 DEFB '<'
00188 DEFW LTHAN
00189 DEFB '>'
00190 DEFW GTHAN
00191 DEFB ':'
00192 DEFW COLON
00193 DEFB ';'
00194 DEFW SEMICO
00195 DEFB '!'
00196 DEFW EXCLA
00197 DEFW '*'
00198 DEFW QUOTE
00199 DEFB '$'
00200 DEFW DOLLAR
00201 DEFB '%'
00202 DEFW PERCNT
00203 DEFB '&'
00204 DEFW ANDD
00205 DEFB '('
00206 DEFW LBRACK
00207 DEFB ')'
00208 DEFW RBRACK
00209 DEFB '@'
00210 DEFW ATSYM
00211 ENDTBL DEFB $-CHTBLE
00212 ;
00213 ;*****
00214 ; RULE TABLES
00215 ;*****
00216 ;
00217 AR DEFW 'A<|>!-='
00218 DEFB A1
00219 DEFW AY
00220 DEFB Y
00221 DEFB '@'

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Sometimes the board pronounces y as in "why," as opposed to the correct ies ending.

You can add rules to correct this; however, adding rules is tricky and you should take great care. Remember that what holds true for one expression may not hold true for another. Feel free to change some of the spelling in words to obtain accurate results in speech creation. For example, you can get the same pronunciation by spelling TO-DAY as 2DAY.

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Now use all of this theory to convert the word HELLO as you did in last month's article. A Basic program calls the Text-to-Speech program via a USR function call. The USR command passes a free parameter obtained from the VARPTR(B\$) command that points to the string's memory location.

On entry, the Text-to-Speech program conditions both the input and output buffers as I described earlier. It then fills the first location in INPBUF with a blank and converts any lowercase letters to uppercase. The program then transfers the entire string to the input buffer. INPBUF now has the word HELLO in it.

Register pair pointers are dedicated for use in controlling the Text-to-Speech program. The HL pair points to the conversion rules. The IX register pair points to the input buffer and the IY register pair points to the output buffer. The program uses register pair DE for left side scan manipulations and keeps the BC pair as extras.

On entry to the CHTYPE routine, HL points to the Rules Table's index and IX points to the first input string character in INPBUF, a blank rule located on line 138 in CHTBLE (Listing 3). CHTYPE then loads the HL register pair with the next two values that point to the blank rule's memory location. The program then makes a jump to the RULSCN routine at line 1340 in Listing 2. Refer to the located blank rule, number 375 in Listing 3.

RULSCN first double-checks to ensure that the value IX points to is the same as the rule's HL value. Since both values are blanks, the HL pointer increments to the next value in the rule, the equals sign. RULSCN scans the new HL value for a left or right direction pointer and then an equals sign. An equals sign indicates a rule match and the routine jumps to TXFR.

TXFR increments the HL pointer to the value past the equals sign, 03 (PA0). It transfers the value of 03 to

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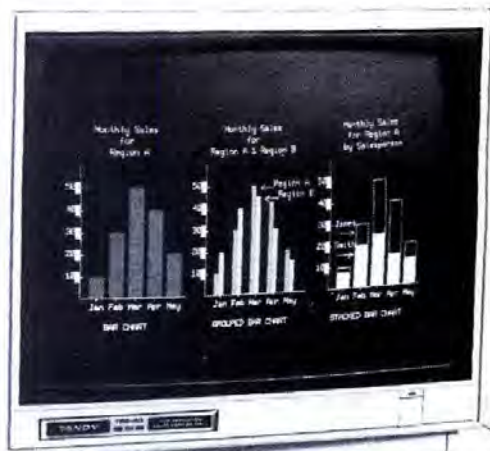
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00222	DEFM	'<I>H='			00336	DEFB	LL		
00223	DEFB	UH2			00337	DEFB	ZZ		
00224	DEFB	'@'			00338	DEFB	'@'		
00225	DEFM	'A>I='			00339	DEFM	'ALK='		;38
00226	DEFB	UH2			00340	DEFB	AW		
00227	DEFB	'@'			00341	DEFB	K		
00228	DEFM	'ARE>I='			00342	DEFB	'@'		
00229	DEFB	AH			00343	DEFM	'AL>'='		
00230	DEFB	ER			00344	DEFB	AW1		
00231	DEFB	RR			00345	DEFB	UH3		
00232	DEFB	'@'			00346	DEFB	LL		
00233	DEFM	'AR<I>O='		;5	00347	DEFB	'@'		
00234	DEFB	UH2			00348	DEFM	'ABLE<I>I='		
00235	DEFB	RR			00349	DEFB	A1		
00236	DEFB	'@'			00350	DEFB	Y		
00237	DEFM	'AR>#='			00351	DEFB	BB		
00238	DEFB	EH2			00352	DEFB	UH3		
00239	DEFB	RR			00353	DEFB	LL		
00240	DEFB	'@'			00354	DEFB	'@'		
00241	DEFM	'AS<I>'='			00355	DEFM	'ABLE<I>I='		
00242	DEFB	AEL			00356	DEFB	A1		
00243	DEFB	EH3			00357	DEFB	Y		
00244	DEFB	S			00358	DEFB	BB		
00245	DEFB	'@'			00359	DEFB	UH3		
00246	DEFM	'A>WA='			00360	DEFB	LL		
00247	DEFB	UH2			00361	DEFB	'@'		
00248	DEFB	'@'			00362	DEFM	'ABLE='		
00249	DEFM	'AN='			00363	DEFB	UH2		
00250	DEFB	AW			00364	DEFB	BB		
00251	DEFB	'@'			00365	DEFB	UH2		
00252	DEFM	'ANY<I>I='		;10	00366	DEFB	LL		
00253	DEFB	EH2			00367	DEFB	'@'		
00254	DEFB	EH2			00368	DEFM	'ANG>+='		;35
00255	DEFB	N			00369	DEFB	A1		
00256	DEFB	Y			00370	DEFB	AY		
00257	DEFB	'@'			00371	DEFB	Y		
00258	DEFM	'AGAIN='			00372	DEFB	N		
00259	DEFB	UH1			00373	DEFB	DD		
00260	DEFB	G			00374	DEFB	J		
00261	DEFB	A2			00375	DEFB	'@'		
00262	DEFB	EH1			00376	DEFM	'A='		
00263	DEFB	N			00377	DEFB	AEL		
00264	DEFB	'@'			00378	DEFB	'@'		
00265	DEFM	'ALLY<I>#='			00379	DEFB	'I'		
00266	DEFB	UH2			00380				
00267	DEFB	LL			00381	BR	DEFM	'B<I>I='	
00268	DEFB	EE			00382	DEFB	BB		
00269	DEFB	'@'			00383	DEFB	E1		
00270	DEFM	'AL<I>#='			00384	DEFB	Y		
00271	DEFB	UH1			00385	DEFB	'@'		
00272	DEFB	LL			00386	DEFM	'BE<I>#='		
00273	DEFB	'@'			00387	DEFB	BB		
00274	DEFM	'A>+I='			00388	DEFB	Y		
00275	DEFB	AA			00389	DEFB	'@'		
00276	DEFB	AY			00390	DEFM	'BEING='		
00277	DEFB	'@'			00391	DEFB	BB		
00278	DEFM	'AG<I>#>E='		;15	00392	DEFB	E1		
00279	DEFB	I1			00393	DEFB	I2		
00280	DEFB	DD			00394	DEFB	NC		
00281	DEFB	J			00395	DEFB	'@'		
00282	DEFB	'@'			00396	DEFM	'BOTH<I>I='		;48
00283	DEFM	'A>+I='			00397	DEFB	BB		
00284	DEFB	AE			00398	DEFB	O2		
00285	DEFB	'@'			00399	DEFB	O2		
00286	DEFM	'A<I>+I='			00400	DEFB	TH		
00287	DEFB	AA			00401	DEFB	'@'		
00288	DEFB	AY			00402	DEFM	'BUS<I>#='		
00289	DEFB	'@'			00403	DEFB	BB		
00290	DEFM	'A>#='			00404	DEFB	I3		
00291	DEFB	AA			00405	DEFB	I3		
00292	DEFB	AY			00406	DEFB	ZZ		
00293	DEFB	'@'			00407	DEFB	'@'		
00294	DEFM	'ARR<I>='			00408	DEFM	'BUIL='		
00295	DEFB	UH1			00409	DEFB	BB		
00296	DEFB	RR			00410	DEFB	I2		
00297	DEFB	'@'			00411	DEFB	I2		
00298	DEFM	'ARR='		;20	00412	DEFB	LL		
00299	DEFB	AEL			00413	DEFB	'@'		
00300	DEFB	EH3			00414	DEFM	'B='		
00301	DEFB	'@'			00415	DEFB	BB		
00302	DEFM	'AR<I>I='			00416	DEFB	'@'		
00303	DEFB	AH1			00417	DEFB	'I'		
00304	DEFB	UH2			00418				
00305	DEFB	ER			00419	CR	DEFM	'C<I>I='	
00306	DEFB	'@'			00420	DEFB	S		
00307	DEFM	'AR>I='			00421	DEFB	E1		
00308	DEFB	ER			00422	DEFB	Y		
00309	DEFB	'@'			00423	DEFB	'@'		
00310	DEFM	'AR='			00424	DEFM	'CH<I>#='		;45
00311	DEFB	AH1			00425	DEFB	K		
00312	DEFB	RR			00426	DEFB	'@'		
00313	DEFB	'@'			00427	DEFM	'CH<E>'='		
00314	DEFM	'ATR='			00428	DEFB	K		
00315	DEFB	EH2			00429	DEFB	'@'		
00316	DEFB	EH2			00430	DEFM	'CH='		
00317	DEFB	RR			00431	DEFB	T		
00318	DEFB	'@'			00432	DEFB	CH		
00319	DEFM	'AI='		;25	00433	DEFB	'@'		
00320	DEFB	AA			00434	DEFM	'CI<S>I#='		
00321	DEFB	AY			00435	DEFB	S		
00322	DEFB	'@'			00436	DEFB	AH1		
00323	DEFM	'AY='			00437	DEFB	I3		
00324	DEFB	AA			00438	DEFB	'@'		
00325	DEFB	AY			00439	DEFM	'CI>A='		
00326	DEFB	'@'			00440	DEFB	SH		
00327	DEFM	'AU='			00441	DEFB	'@'		
00328	DEFB	AW			00442	DEFM	'CI>O='		;50
00329	DEFB	'@'			00443	DEFB	SH		
00330	DEFM	'AL<I>#>I='			00444	DEFB	'@'		
00331	DEFB	UH			00445	DEFM	'CI>EN='		
00332	DEFB	LL			00446	DEFB	SH		
00333	DEFB	'@'			00447	DEFB	'@'		
00334	DEFM	'ALS<I>#>I='			00448	DEFM	'C>+SI='		
00335	DEFB	UH			00449	DEFB	S		
					00450	DEFB	II		

Listing 3 continued

OUTBUF, to which the IY pair points, and increments HL again. TXFR tests for the @ symbol, which signifies the end. This symbol makes the program increment the IX pointer (INPBUF) and jump back to the CHTYPE routine to check the next character in the word (HELLO).

The next character rules the program locates are the H rules. The TTSPRG locates the beginning of the H rules at line 786 in the Rules Table. With the HL pointing at rule 132, it double-checks via TTSPRG and HL then increments to the letter A in HAV. The program then increments the IX pointer and the routine tests for a match. Since the A in HAV and the E in HELLO don't match, control passes to the NEXTRL routine.

The NEXTRL routine increments the HL pointer in a loop searching for the @ symbol. If it finds the up-arrow (or left bracket) symbol, it jumps to the Error routine since no rule exists for this character. If the routine finds the @ symbol, it restores the IX pair and points it to the H character. Next, it increments HL to the next rule's first character and goes back to RULSCN to test this rule. This operation continues until rule 136 matches.

Notice that this rule only has the right scan symbol (>), so control goes to the Right Scan routine. This routine increments the HL register and checks the symbol after the > symbol. The next value is a number symbol, so the routine jumps to the Vowel routine. You may notice that the special symbol for a vowel (#) is the same as that for the inflection symbol. This doesn't present a problem because the program tests vowels and inflections at different points.

The Vowel routine saves the IX pointer and increments it to test the next character after the H for a vowel. It matches because the E after H in HELLO is a vowel. The match passes control back to the Right Scan routine, which checks the next character after the # symbol. The Right Scan routine finds the equals sign, indicating another match. The equated phoneme code value HH transfers to the output buffer and the routine jumps back to CHTYPE to check the next character (the E in HELLO).

Now the program scans the E rules to find rule 198 (ELL = EH1,UH3,LL,UH3). RULSCN doesn't find any special characters so it checks the ASCII values. This routine bumps the IX string pointer and compares the L in the rule with the L in the string. Since a

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00451 DEF B ZZ
00452 DEF B 'g'
00453 DEF M 'C>+= ' ;
00454 DEF B S
00455 DEF B 'g'
00456 DEF M 'CK=' ;
00457 DEF B K
00458 DEF B 'g'
00459 DEF M 'COM>#=' ;55
00460 DEF B K
00461 DEF B UH
00462 DEF B MM
00463 DEF B 'g'
00464 DEF M 'CON<I=' ;
00465 DEF B K
00466 DEF B UH1
00467 DEF B N
00468 DEF B 'g'
00469 DEF M 'C=' ;
00470 DEF B K
00471 DEF B 'g'
00472 DEF B 'I'
00473 ;
00474 DR DEF M 'D<I>I=' ;
00475 DEF B DD
00476 DEF B E1
00477 DEF B Y
00478 DEF B 'g'
00479 DEF M 'DED<:#>I=' ;
00480 DEF B DD
00481 DEF B I2
00482 DEF B DD
00483 DEF B 'g'
00484 DEF M 'DG=' ;60
00485 DEF B DD
00486 DEF B J
00487 DEF B 'g'
00488 DEF M 'D<E.>I=' ;
00489 DEF B DD
00490 DEF B 'g'
00491 DEF M 'D<E:#>I=' ;
00492 DEF B T
00493 DEF B 'g'
00494 DEF M 'DE<I>#=' ;
00495 DEF B DD
00496 DEF B Y
00497 DEF B 'g'
00498 DEF M 'DIS<I=' ;
00499 DEF B DD
00500 DEF B I1
00501 DEF B S
00502 DEF B 'g'
00503 DEF M 'DO<I>I=' ;65
00504 DEF B DD
00505 DEF B IU
00506 DEF B U1
00507 DEF B U1
00508 DEF B 'g'
00509 DEF M 'DOES<I=' ;
00510 DEF B DD
00511 DEF B UH2
00512 DEF B UH1
00513 DEF B ZZ
00514 DEF B 'g'
00515 DEF M 'DOING<I=' ;
00516 DEF B DD
00517 DEF B IU
00518 DEF B U1
00519 DEF B I2
00520 DEF B NG
00521 DEF B 'g'
00522 DEF M 'DOW<I=' ;
00523 DEF B DD
00524 DEF B AH1
00525 DEF B UH3
00526 DEF B U1
00527 DEF B 'g'
00528 DEF M 'DU>A=' ;
00529 DEF B DD
00530 DEF B J
00531 DEF B IU
00532 DEF B U
00533 DEF B 'g'
00534 DEF M 'D=' ;70
00535 DEF B DD
00536 DEF B 'g'
00537 DEF B 'I'
00538 ;
00539 ERULES DEF M 'E<I>I=' ;
00540 DEF B E1
00541 DEF B Y
00542 DEF B 'g'
00543 DEF M 'E<I>Q=' ;
00544 DEF B EE
00545 DEF B 'g'
00546 DEF M 'E<I>#=' ;
00547 DEF B EE
00548 DEF B 'g'
00549 DEF M 'E<:#>I=' ;
00550 DEF B 'g'
00551 DEF M 'E<:#>I=' ;75
00552 DEF B 'g'
00553 DEF M 'E<:I>I=' ;
00554 DEF B E1
00555 DEF B 'g'
00556 DEF M 'ED<#>I=' ;
00557 DEF B I2
00558 DEF B DD
00559 DEF B 'g'
00560 DEF M 'E<:#>D1=' ;
00561 DEF B 'g'
00562 DEF M 'ED<:>I=' ;
00563 DEF B I2
00564 DEF B DD
00565 DEF B 'g'
00566 DEF M 'EV>ER=' ;80
00567 DEF B EH
00568 DEF B V
00569 DEF B 'g'
00570 DEF M 'EX=' ;
00571 DEF B EH1
00572 DEF B EH2
00573 DEF B K
00574 DEF B PA0
00575 DEF B S
00576 DEF B 'g'
00577 DEF M 'E<V=' ;
00578 DEF B 'g'
00579 DEF M 'E>#=' ;
00580 DEF B EE
00581 DEF B 'g'
00582 DEF M 'ERI>#=' ;
00583 DEF B I1
00584 DEF B RR
00585 DEF B Y
00586 DEF B 'g'
00587 DEF M 'ERI=' ;85
00588 DEF B EH1
00589 DEF B RR
00590 DEF B I3
00591 DEF B 'g'
00592 DEF M 'ERY>I=' ;
00593 DEF B EH1
00594 DEF B RR
00595 DEF B Y
00596 DEF B 'g'
00597 DEF M 'ER<:#>#=' ;
00598 DEF B ER
00599 DEF B 'g'
00600 DEF M 'ER>#=' ;
00601 DEF B EH1
00602 DEF B RR
00603 DEF B 'g'
00604 DEF M 'ER=' ;
00605 DEF B ER
00606 DEF B 'g'
00607 DEF M 'EVEN<I=' ;90
00608 DEF B EE
00609 DEF B V
00610 DEF B EH
00611 DEF B N
00612 DEF B 'g'
00613 DEF M 'E<:#>W=' ;
00614 DEF B 'g'
00615 DEF M 'E>I=' ;
00616 DEF B 'g'
00617 DEF M 'EW<S=' ;
00618 DEF B IU
00619 DEF B U
00620 DEF B 'g'
00621 DEF M 'EW>Y=' ;
00622 DEF B Y
00623 DEF B IU
00624 DEF B U
00625 DEF B 'g'
00626 DEF M 'E>O=' ;95
00627 DEF B EE
00628 DEF B 'g'
00629 DEF M 'ES<:#>I=' ;
00630 DEF B I2
00631 DEF B ZZ
00632 DEF B 'g'
00633 DEF M 'E<:#>S1=' ;
00634 DEF B 'g'
00635 DEF M 'ELL=' ;
00636 DEF B EH1
00637 DEF B UH3
00638 DEF B LL
00639 DEF B UH3
00640 DEF B 'g'
00641 DEF M 'ELY<:#>I=' ;
00642 DEF B LL
00643 DEF B EE
00644 DEF B 'g'
00645 DEF M 'EMENT<:#>=' ;100
00646 DEF B MM
00647 DEF B EH3
00648 DEF B N
00649 DEF B T
00650 DEF B 'g'
00651 DEF M 'EN<I=' ;
00652 DEF B EH1
00653 DEF B N
00654 DEF B 'g'
00655 DEF M 'EPUL=' ;
00656 DEF B P
00657 DEF B O01
00658 DEF B LL
00659 DEF B 'g'
00660 DEF M 'EE=' ;
00661 DEF B EE
00662 DEF B 'g'
00663 DEF M 'EARN=' ;
00664 DEF B ER
00665 DEF B RR
00666 DEF B N
00667 DEF B 'g'
00668 DEF M 'EAR<I>#=' ;105
00669 DEF B ER
00670 DEF B RR
00671 DEF B 'g'
00672 DEF M 'EAD=' ;
00673 DEF B EH1
00674 DEF B EH3
00675 DEF B DD
00676 DEF B 'g'
00677 DEF M 'EA<:#>I=' ;
00678 DEF B EE
00679 DEF B UH2
00680 DEF B 'g'

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Listing 3 continued

match occurs, this routine bumps the IX and HL pointers to test the next two ASCII values.

ASCII testing continues until the routine comes across the equals sign to signify another rule match. If the program encounters a sign other than the equals sign, control branches to the appropriate routine. Control passes again to the TXFR section where it sends the equated values of EH1, UH3, LL, and UH3 to the OUTBUF buffer. Control jumps back to CHTYPE with the IX pointer at the O in HELLO.

CHTYPE now scans the O rules and eventually finds the rule O>I=O1,U1 (line 1290 in Listing 3). It transfers these values to OUTBUF, which now contains the values PA0, HH, EH1, UH3, LL, UH3, O1, U1, and the stop code 3F. Control goes to the Output routine which sends the phonemes out to the Votrax chip. After completing the transfer, the routine restores all registers and jumps back to the calling program.

This short conversion should give you a general idea of what goes on in the TTSPRG. I didn't cover all conversion routines due to time and space limitations. I suggest you use a piece of paper to help keep track of all the pointers as you go through the various routines.

Applications Software

Now that you know how the Text-to-Speech program operates, you need to control it through a Basic program. Here I show you how to use Basic to send the Text-to-Speech program the strings you want to convert to speech. Listing 1 is the first Basic text conversion program.

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00681 DEFM 'EA>SU=' ;
00682 DEFB EH ;
00683 DEFB '@' ;
00684 DEFM 'EA=' ;
00685 DEFB EE ;
00686 DEFB '@' ;
00687 DEFM 'EIGH=' ;110
00688 DEFB A2 ;
00689 DEFB A2 ;
00690 DEFB Y ;
00691 DEFB '@' ;
00692 DEFM 'EI=' ;
00693 DEFB EE ;
00694 DEFB '@' ;
00695 DEFM 'EYE<I=' ;
00696 DEFB AH1 ;
00697 DEFB EH3 ;
00698 DEFB I3 ;
00699 DEFB Y ;
00700 DEFB '@' ;
00701 DEFM 'EY=' ;
00702 DEFB EE ;
00703 DEFB '@' ;
00704 DEFM 'EU=' ;
00705 DEFB Y ;
00706 DEFB IU ;
00707 DEFB UL ;
00708 DEFB '@' ;
00709 DEFM 'E=' ;115
00710 DEFB EH1 ;
00711 DEFB '@' ;
00712 DEFB '@' ;
00713 ;
00714 FR DEFM 'F<I>I=' ;
00715 DEFB EH1 ;
00716 DEFB EH2 ;
00717 DEFB F ;
00718 DEFB '@' ;
00719 DEFM 'FUL=' ;
00720 DEFB F ;
00721 DEFB UH3 ;
00722 DEFB LL ;
00723 DEFB '@' ;
00724 DEFM 'FY<I>I=' ;
00725 DEFB F ;
00726 DEFB AH1 ;
00727 DEFB EH3 ;
00728 DEFB Y ;
00729 DEFB '@' ;
00730 DEFM 'F=' ;
00731 DEFB F ;
00732 DEFB '@' ;
00733 DEFB '@' ;
00734 ;
00735 GR DEFM 'G<I>I=' ;120
00736 DEFB DD ;
00737 DEFB J ;
00738 DEFB E1 ;
00739 DEFB Y ;
00740 DEFB '@' ;
00741 DEFM 'GIV=' ;
00742 DEFB G ;
00743 DEFB I1 ;
00744 DEFB I3 ;
00745 DEFB V ;
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00747 DEFM 'G<I>I=' ;
00748 DEFB G ;
00749 DEFB '@' ;
00750 DEFM 'GE>T=' ;
00751 DEFB G ;
00752 DEFB EH1 ;
00753 DEFB EH3 ;
00754 DEFB '@' ;
00755 DEFM 'GGES<US=' ;
00756 DEFB G ;
00757 DEFB DD ;
00758 DEFB J ;
00759 DEFB EH ;
00760 DEFB S ;
00761 DEFB '@' ;
00762 DEFM 'GG=' ;125
00763 DEFB G ;
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00767 DEFB '@' ;
00768 DEFM 'G>+=' ;
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00780 DEFB '@' ;
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00783 DEFB '@' ;
00784 DEFB '@' ;
00785 ;
00786 HR DEFM 'H<I>I=' ;
00787 DEFB AL ;
00788 DEFB AY ;
00789 DEFB Y ;
00790 DEFB T ;
00791 DEFB CH ;
00792 DEFB '@' ;
00793 DEFM 'HAV<I=' ;
00794 DEFB HH ;
00795 DEFB AE1 ;
00796 DEFB EH3 ;
00797 DEFB V ;
00798 DEFB '@' ;
00799 DEFM 'HERE<I=' ;
00800 DEFB HH ;
00801 DEFB AY ;
00802 DEFB I3 ;
00803 DEFB RR ;
00804 DEFB '@' ;
00805 DEFM 'HOUR<I=' ;
00806 DEFB AH1 ;
00807 DEFB UH3 ;
00808 DEFB W ;
00809 DEFB ER ;
00810 DEFB '@' ;
00811 DEFM 'HOW=' ;135
00812 DEFB HH ;
00813 DEFB AH1 ;
00814 DEFB O2 ;
00815 DEFB UL ;
00816 DEFB '@' ;
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00818 DEFB HH ;
00819 DEFB '@' ;
00820 DEFM 'H=' ;
00821 DEFB '@' ;
00822 DEFB '@' ;
00823 ;
00824 IR DEFM 'I<I>I=' ;
00825 DEFB AH1 ;
00826 DEFB EH3 ;
00827 DEFB I3 ;
00828 DEFB Y ;
00829 DEFB '@' ;
00830 DEFM 'IN<I=' ;
00831 DEFB I1 ;
00832 DEFB N ;
00833 DEFB '@' ;
00834 DEFM 'I<I>I=' ;140
00835 DEFB AH1 ;
00836 DEFB EH3 ;
00837 DEFB I3 ;
00838 DEFB Y ;
00839 DEFB '@' ;
00840 DEFM 'IN>D=' ;
00841 DEFB I1 ;
00842 DEFB I3 ;
00843 DEFB N ;
00844 DEFB '@' ;
00845 DEFM 'IDE=' ;
00846 DEFB AH1 ;
00847 DEFB EH3 ;
00848 DEFB Y ;
00849 DEFB DD ;
00850 DEFB '@' ;
00851 DEFM 'IER=' ;

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Listing 3 continued

string manipulations. You enter each key via the INKEY command. The program combines entries into a single word string that the program puts into a single string of up to 255 bytes. T\$\$ is the complete string while SB\$ is the word string with A\$ as the single-key entries.

Since the maximum string length is 255 bytes, any entry greater than this makes the program branch to an error routine. This error routine speaks a message indicating it has reached maximum count, and proceeds to speak the string created prior to the error. There is also a small error routine that keeps the program from stopping execution for any kind of error. This error is also spoken to alert you to a problem. After any error, the program prompts you with another "Enter Please" message to start string entries again.

If you want to create or change any of the messages, you must either change an existing message or define a new one in your program. For example, to hear a string message spoken, use A=VARPTR(A\$) to find out where the string is located in memory. The next instruction is VV=USR(A) for tape or VV=USRO(A) for disk. This command passes the string's location in memory to the TTSPRG program for conversion to speech.

You could also adapt it to speak a screen full of ASCII text by using single-dimension arrays.

In addition to handicapped applications, Listing 1 also helps children learn the alphabet and letter pronunciations. It teaches them how to create and pronounce words. The program also vocalizes all numbers.

The board also vocalizes math operators, facilitating teaching young children math problems with voice tutoring. I am working on a routine to break a number down and pronounce the individual units. Take the number 120 for example. To date, the Text-to-Speech program pronounces this number as one, two, zero instead of one hundred twenty. I decided not to include this routine and associated rules due to the size of the program.

The only character not pronounced is the # symbol as I use this to change the inflection codes. If you want to change the inflection codes within or at the beginning of a sentence, enter the # symbol followed by a 1, 3, 5, or 7. A combination of these codes gives interesting results in a spoken sentence.

Listing 4 is a short subroutine that you can use in a bigger program to

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10 *****
20 LISTING 4
30 *****
40
50 STRING ENTRY PRONUNCIATION PROGRAM
60 BY
70 DAVID ENGELHARDT
80
90
100
110 THIS PROGRAM MAY BE USED TO EXPERIMENT IN THE CREATION
120 OF WORDS OR LARGE STRINGS.
130 THIS PROGRAM MAY ALSO BE USED AS A SUBROUTINE IN A LARGER
140 PROGRAM.
150
160 *****
170
180 CLS: CLEAR 1000
190 DEF USR0=&HE950:CMD"L", "TTSPRG/CMD":CMD"L", "TABLE/CMD"
200 LINE INPUT A$
210 A=VARPTR(A$)
220 VV=USRO(A)
230 GOTO 200
240 END

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Program Listing 4. Basic Text-to-Speech routine.

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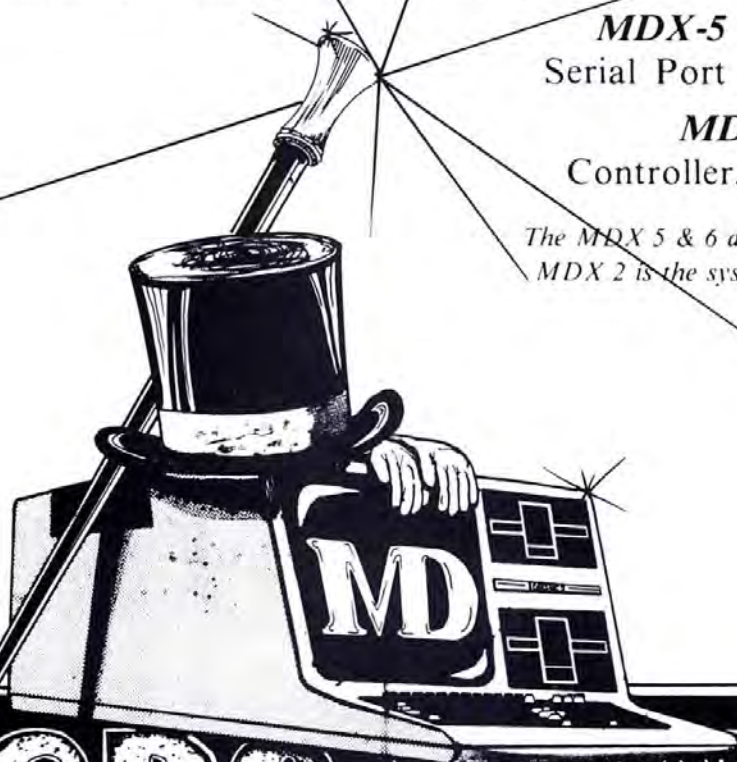
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enter strings via the Input or Line Input command. If you don't have a disk system, use the Input command in place of the Line Input command. The only difference between the two is that the Input command doesn't allow insertion of commas in a string. This program also uses the inflection codes.

This program can prompt the user for an answer to a question or any other information and store it as a unique string. You can then send this unique string to the TTSPRG program when desired, such as in educational responses, games, and so on. I use this program to create words and sentences for experimental purposes.

System Adaptations

In regard to the USR command, if you run these programs on a 16K or cassette-based system, you need to change all of the VV=USR(A) commands to VV=USR(A) in the Basic programs. The USR pointers have to be set so change line 220 in Listing 1 or line 190 in Listing 4 to read POKE 16526,240: POKE16527,105. This links USR calls to a machine-language program at the Text-to-Speech program in our case. Set memory size to

27115 and load in the speech programs with the System command.

Remember, to assemble the Text-to-Speech program and Rules Table for a 16K system, you must have someone with a bigger system do it for you unless you obtain the object code from another source. If someone does it for you, change the ORG statement in Listing 2 to 69F0 hex and the ORG statement in Listing 3 to 70A0 hex.

If you are going to assemble these programs on a 32K system, you may have to do some linking in regard to the Rules Table. The Text-to-Speech program is no problem as its source, including comments, is only 17,153 bytes long with room to spare. The Text-to-Speech program should be ORGed at A0F0 hex and the Rules Table at B0A0 hex for a 32K system.

If you have to split the Rules Table, be sure to incorporate all of the phoneme equates on the second source. This allows easy and straightforward entries of phoneme codes to the rules as opposed to the hex or decimal equivalent. To link the Rules Table sources together, patch into or equate at the beginning of the first source where the start of each rule is located in the sec-

System	Revisions
48K	TTSPRG = E950, TABLE = F000, CHTBLE = F000, ENDTBL = F0C0, MEM SIZE = 59720
32K	TTSPRG = A9F0, TABLE = B0A0, CHTBLE = B0A0, ENDTBL = B160, MEM SIZE = 43500
16K	TTSPRG = 69F0, TABLE = 70A0, CHTBLE = 70A0, ENDTBL = 7160, MEM SIZE = 27115

Table 2. System changes.

ond source. This should present no problems if you are careful.

Listings 2 and 3 as shown are for a 48K system. The ORGed values, memory size, and the two equated values at the beginning of the Text-to-Speech program are all you need to change to run it on a smaller system. Table 2 lists all value changes needed for each system.

Remember to change the DEF USR=&HXXXX statements in the Basic programs, if you use the 32K system instead of a 48K system. ■

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Listing 3 continued

00852	DEFB	E1	00905	DEFB	'@'	00961	DEFB	'@'
00853	DEFB	I3	00906	DEFB	'IGN>#='	00962	DEFB	'I<:#+>#='
00854	DEFB	ER	00907	DEFB	AH1	00963	DEFB	II
00855	DEFB	'@'	00908	DEFB	EH3	00964	DEFB	'@'
00856	DEFB	'IED<R:#!='	00909	DEFB	Y	00965	DEFB	'I<:I>#='
00857	DEFB	EE	00910	DEFB	'@'	00966	DEFB	AH
00858	DEFB	DD	00911	DEFB	'IGN>#='	00967	DEFB	E1
00859	DEFB	'@'	00912	DEFB	AH1	00968	DEFB	'@'
00860	DEFB	'IED>I='	00913	DEFB	EH3	00969	DEFB	'I>#I#='
00861	DEFB	AH	00914	DEFB	Y	00970	DEFB	AH1
00862	DEFB	E1	00915	DEFB	N	00971	DEFB	EH3
00863	DEFB	DD	00916	DEFB	'@'	00972	DEFB	'@'
00864	DEFB	'@'	00917	DEFB	'ING>I='	00973	DEFB	'I>#I#='
00865	DEFB	'IEN='	00918	DEFB	I2	00974	DEFB	II
00866	DEFB	EE	00919	DEFB	NG	00975	DEFB	'@'
00867	DEFB	N	00920	DEFB	'@'	00976	DEFB	'I>#+'
00868	DEFB	'@'	00921	DEFB	'I>#k='	00977	DEFB	AH2
00869	DEFB	'IE>T='	00922	DEFB	AH1	00978	DEFB	I2
00870	DEFB	AH1	00923	DEFB	Y	00979	DEFB	'@'
00871	DEFB	EH3	00924	DEFB	ZZ	00980	DEFB	'I>#='
00872	DEFB	AY	00925	DEFB	'@'	00981	DEFB	EE
00873	DEFB	I2	00926	DEFB	'IS>#='	00982	DEFB	'@'
00874	DEFB	'@'	00927	DEFB	AH1	00983	DEFB	'I='
00875	DEFB	'@'	00928	DEFB	Y	00984	DEFB	II
00876	DEFB	'I>#='	00929	DEFB	ZZ	00985	DEFB	'@'
00877	DEFB	EE	00930	DEFB	'@'	00986	DEFB	'I'
00878	DEFB	K	00931	DEFB	'IE>I='	00987	;	
00879	DEFB	'@'	00932	DEFB	AH1	00988 JR	DEFB	'J<I>I='
00880	DEFB	'IR>#='	00933	DEFB	EH3	00989	DEFB	DD
00881	DEFB	AH1	00934	DEFB	Y	00990	DEFB	J
00882	DEFB	EH3	00935	DEFB	'@'	00991	DEFB	EH3
00883	DEFB	AY	00936	DEFB	'I<L>E='	00992	DEFB	AL
00884	DEFB	RR	00937	DEFB	EE	00993	DEFB	AY
00885	DEFB	'@'	00938	DEFB	'@'	00994	DEFB	Y
00886	DEFB	'IR='	00939	DEFB	'IE<,>#='	00995	DEFB	'@'
00887	DEFB	ER	00940	DEFB	AH1	00996	DEFB	'J>#='
00888	DEFB	'@'	00941	DEFB	EH3	00997	DEFB	DD
00889	DEFB	'IGH='	00942	DEFB	Y	00998	DEFB	J
00890	DEFB	AH1	00943	DEFB	'@'	00999	DEFB	'@'
00891	DEFB	EH3	00944	DEFB	'I<L>F='	10000	DEFB	'I'
00892	DEFB	Y	00945	DEFB	II	10001	;	
00893	DEFB	'@'	00946	DEFB	'@'	10002 KR	DEFB	'K<I>I='
00894	DEFB	'ILD='	00947	DEFB	'IE='	10003	DEFB	K
00895	DEFB	I2	00948	DEFB	EE	10004	DEFB	EH3
00896	DEFB	I2	00949	DEFB	'@'	10005	DEFB	AL
00897	DEFB	LL	00950	DEFB	'I>D#='	10006	DEFB	AY
00898	DEFB	DD	00951	DEFB	II	10007	DEFB	Y
00899	DEFB	'@'	00952	DEFB	I3	10008	DEFB	'@'
00900	DEFB	'IGN>I='	00953	DEFB	'@'	10009	DEFB	'K<I>N='
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00902	DEFB	EH3	00955	DEFB	AH	10011	DEFB	'K='
00903	DEFB	Y	00956	DEFB	E1	10012	DEFB	K
00904	DEFB	N	00957	DEFB	'@'	10013	DEFB	'@'
			00958	DEFB	'I<#+>#+'	10014	DEFB	'I'
			00960	DEFB	II			

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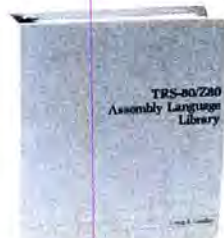
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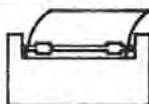
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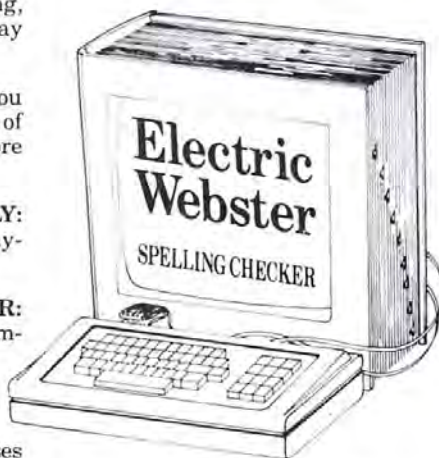
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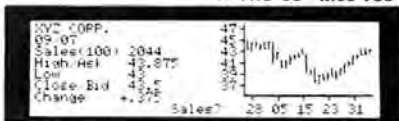
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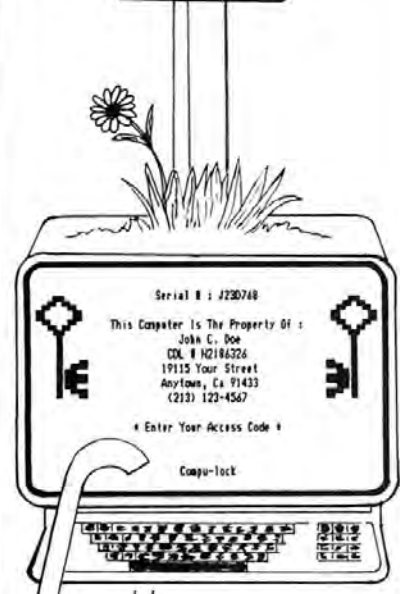
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How It Works

The TRS-80's periodic checking of the device control block (DCB) in memory makes such simultaneous execution possible.

Our program detours the computer's normally scheduled pass through the keyboard DCB, branching execution to the short machine-language routine loaded into RAM. After executing the routine, the program passes control back to the DCB and the original address stored there.

The keyboard addresses of interest are located at 4016 and 4017 hexadecimal (hex) in the Models I and III. Together they are called a vector. These locations point to the memory address where a keyboard debounce or other routine resides.

The Marquee routine is divided into two parts. The first part of the pro-

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gram is an initialization section establishing tables and buffer areas for screen graphics. The second part is the actual Marquee routine. By using two ORGs we were able to keep a few extra bytes between the sections available for future use. The first ORG statement is in line 130 (FD00), the second in line 360 (FE00). We chose round numbers for clarity. The pseudo-op ORG determines where the subsequent machine code resides in memory.

The Marquee routine begins on line 370. All previous lines run only once; execution begins at DISP.

The program stores the keyboard vector in lines 150 and 160. It inserts the Marquee routine and returns to the vector to which it was supposed to go before the marquee intervened.

The program creates three buffers in lines 180-250. It defines the first 3 bytes and uses the LDIR command to set up the graphics in the buffer block. This saves typing by defining a 3-byte duplicate sequence using LDIR.

Every time the ROM tells the CPU to scan the keyboard DCB, execution jumps to our routine.

Lines 370-460 act as a counter keep-

ing track of the number of times the routine runs. This is necessary because the program can't increment screen graphics on each pass. Machine language executes so quickly that the marquee effect wouldn't be evident.

Choosing Speeds

By experimentation, we found a count of 150 to make a nicely paced display. To alter the marquee's rotation speed, change the value (currently set at 150) in line 990. Using a value of zero yields the highest count and slowest motion; the value below zero is 255, which produces a wraparound effect. A value of 1 gives the shortest time delay and moves the marquee rapidly.

STORE 3 returns execution out of the marquee program unless the routine has run 150 times. If it has, the program proceeds to line 470, and draws a line of graphics across the top of the screen.

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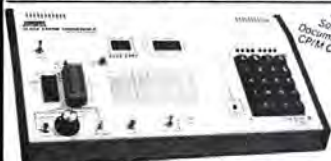
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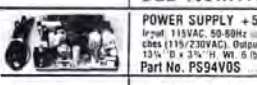
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0400      00110 INC      EQU      0400H
0400      00120 BYTES    EQU      0400H
FD00      00130          ORG      0FD00H
FD00      2100FE 00140 START LD      HL,DISP ; * * * * *
FD03      ED5B1640 00150 LD      DE,(04016H)
FD07      ED539EFE 00160 LD      (STORE1),DE ; MARQUEE
FD0B      221640 00170 LD      (04016H),HL ; WRITTEN BY
FD0E      014200 00180 LD      BC,66 ; DAVE DISCHERT/DAN KEEN
FD11      1128FD 00190 LD      DE,BUFF+3
FD14      2125FD 00200 LD      HL,BUFF ; * * * * *
FD17      EDB0 00210 LDIR
FD19      116EFD 00220 LD      DE,BUFF2+4
FD1C      216AFD 00230 LD      HL,BUFF2
FD1F      012000 00240 LD      BC,32
FD22      EDB0 00250 LDIR
FD24      C9 00260 LD      ; RETURN AFTER SETUP
FD25      83 00270 BUFF DEFEB 131 ;START OF BUFFER AREA
FD26      20 00280 DEFEB ' '
0042      00290 DEFEB 66
FD6A      83 00300 BUFF2 DEFEB 131
FD6B      8C 00310 DEFEB 140
FD6C      80 00320 DEFEB 176
FD6D      80 00330 DEFEB 120
0010      00340 DEFEB 16
0010      00350 BUFF3 DEFEB 16
FE00      00360 ORG      0FE00H
FE00      F5 00370 DISP PUSH    AF ;START OF MAIN PROGRAM
FE01      08 00380 EX      AF,AF'
FE02      D9 00390 EXX
FE03      F1 00400 POP     AF
FE04      ED739CFE 00410 LD      (STORE),SP
FE08      ED4BA0FE 00420 LD      BC,(STORE3)
FE0C      0D 00430 DEC     C
FE0D      79 00440 LD      A,C
FE0E      ED43A0FE 00450 LD      (STORE3),BC
FE12      207D 00460 JR      NZ,BACK
FE14      2125FD 00470 LD      HL,BUFF ;START OF VIDEO DISPLAY ROUTINES
FE17      11003C 00480 LD      DE,VID
FE1A      014000 00490 LD      BC,64
FE1D      EDB0 00500 LDIR
FE1F      21003C 00510 LD      HL,VID
FE22      11FF3F 00520 LD      DE,03FFPH
FE25      0640 00530 LD      B,40H
FE27      7E 00540 LOOP  LD      A,(HL)
FE28      12 00550 LD      (DE),A
FE29      23 00560 INC     HL
FE2A      1B 00570 DEC     DE
FE2B      10FA 00580 DJNZ   LOOP
FE2D      060F 00590 LD      B,15
FE2F      216AFD 00600 LD      HL,BUFF2
FE32      DD21003C 00610 LD      IX,03C00H
FE36      114000 00620 LD      DE,040H
FE39      7E 00630 LOOP2 LD      A,(HL)
FE3A      DD7700 00640 LD      (IX),A
FE3D      DD19 00650 ADD     IX,DE
FE3F      23 00660 INC     HL
FE40      10F7 00670 DJNZ   LOOP2
FE42      060F 00680 LD      B,15
FE44      DD213F3C 00690 LD      IX,03C3FH
FE48      217EFD 00700 LD      HL,BUFF3
FE4B      7E 00710 LOOP3 LD      A,(HL)
FE4C      DD7700 00720 LD      (IX),A
FE4F      23 00730 INC     HL
FE50      DD19 00740 ADD     IX,DE
FE52      10F7 00750 DJNZ   LOOP3
FE54      2126FD 00760 LD      HL,BUFF+1 ;START OF INCREMENT TABLES
FE57      1125FD 00770 LD      DE,BUFF
FE5A      014200 00780 LD      BC,66
FE5D      EDB0 00790 LDIR
FE5F      3A25FD 00800 LD      A,(BUFF)
FE62      1167FD 00810 LD      DE,BUFF+66
FE65      12 00820 LD      (DE),A
FE66      216BFD 00830 LD      HL,BUFF2+1
FE69      116AFD 00840 LD      DE,BUFF2
FE6C      011000 00850 LD      BC,16
FE6F      EDB0 00860 LDIR
FE71      216AFD 00870 LD      HL,BUFF2
FE74      117AFD 00880 LD      DE,BUFF2+16
FE77      7E 00890 LD      A,(HL)
FE78      12 00900 LD      (DE),A
FE79      218DFD 00910 LD      HL,BUFF3+15
FE7C      118EFD 00920 LD      DE,BUFF3+16
FE7F      011000 00930 LD      BC,16
FE82      EDB0 00940 LDDR
FE84      218EFD 00950 LD      HL,BUFF3+16
FE87      117EFD 00960 LD      DE,BUFF3
FE8A      7E 00970 LD      A,(HL)
FE8B      12 00980 LD      (DE),A
FE8C      3E96 00990 LD      A,150 ;COUNT BEFORE DISPLAY IS MOVED
FE8E      32A0FE 01000 LD      (STORE3),A
FE91      ED7B9CFE 01010 BACK LD      SP,(STORE1) ;JUMP TO NORMAL KYBD ROUTINE
FE95      2A9EFE 01020 LD      HL,(STORE1)
FE98      E5 01030 PUSH   HL
FE99      D9 01040 EXX
FE9A      08 01050 EX      AF,AF'
FE9B      C9 01060 RET
FE9C      0000 01070 STORE DEFEB 00H
FE9E      0000 01080 STORE1 DEFEB 00H
FEA0      96 01090 STORE3 DEFEB 150H
FD00      01100          END      START
000000 TOTAL ERRORS

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Program Listing. Marquee routine for Models I and III.

them around the screen. The program reads buffer information to prevent keys you may have hit from appearing on the screen with the marquee graphics.

The program draws graphics on the screen's left side in lines 510-580.

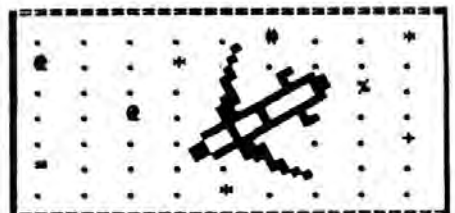
Unfortunately, right-column images are a little more difficult to create. Here we're dealing with two pixels within a character position box. Due to the shape of the machine's graphics setup (two pixels wide by three pixels high), there are more pixels to worry about on the sides. This required another program table (lines 680-750).

After printing all the graphics, the program moves each character around the screen.

Relocating the Routine

The routine is located near the end of memory in both Models I and III. If you're cramped for space you can push it higher; the entire program is fewer than 300 bytes long. We located it at FD00 hex for simplicity only. ■

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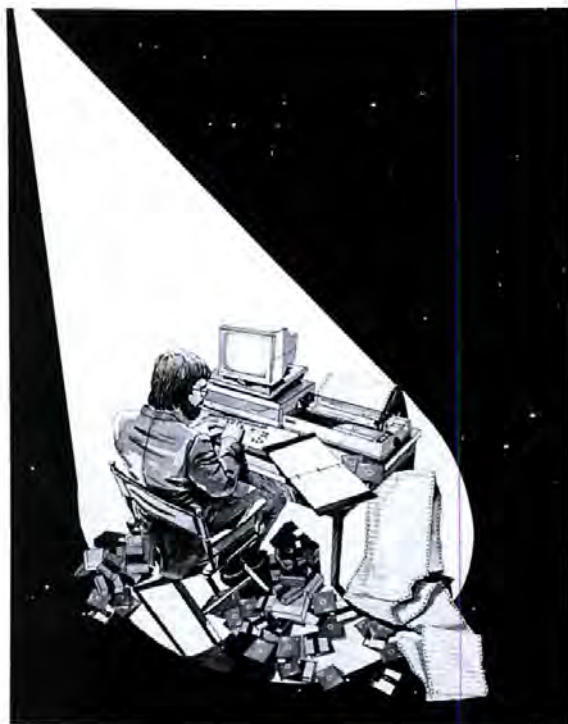
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HOW THE PRODUCER WORKS

We think you will be impressed with the ease of operation and the amazing versatility of features you get with The PRODUCER. Here is a step by step overview of the program writing process. The screen shown is an actual photo of the Master Menu from the Model III version from which each of these steps is selected.

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.

1. Draw Your Screen

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

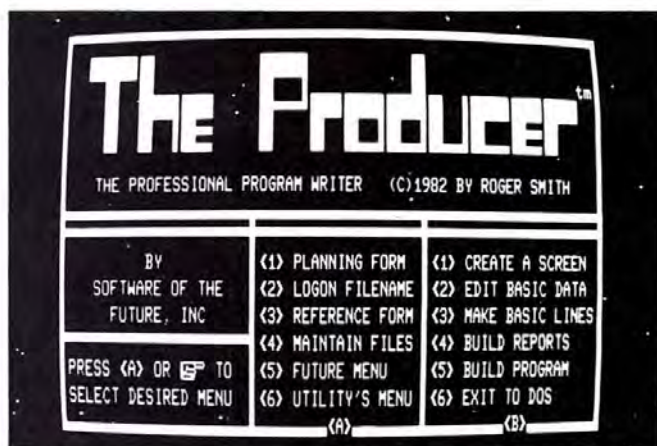
Locate the display fields anywhere you want on your screen. These show the results of the calculations you want made on your data.

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.



Editing Basic Data

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.
3. Easily create calculations for your program using actual field names. You can use the contents of any numeric field and all math operations including logical operators.

Making Basic Code

Press a key, sit back and watch The PRODUCER do all the work of creating BASIC code for your program. You can see the program lines appear on your screen. Complete error checking is done for you.

Building Reports

Virtually any report is available to you thru our NEW free form report generator. It works with any size paper. You are allowed up to 100 calculations within the report. You can specify exact position of any text information to any position on your paper (even preprinted forms, checks, etc.). An amazingly versatile tool.

Building The Program

Put the finishing touches on your program by selecting cursor type, size, flashing speed, auto messages, custom logos, etc. After your selections have been made, press a key and your entire finished program is created in less than 5 minutes. That's all there is to this remarkably simple program generation process.

Continued

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The PRODUCER provides many advanced features which allow you to do "magic" with the programs you create.

The SCREEN GENERATOR

- * Use the full screen (all lines and column positions)
- * Create a professional well organized screen with graphics
- * Save up to 9 separate screens in memory at one time and get instant access to each
- * Move the cursor to any location on the screen
- * Replicate bars/lines/graphics to define certain screen areas
- * Access an instantly available Help Menu of all Screen Editor commands
- * Insert and delete any character with a single keystroke
- * Clear or erase selected areas of any screen
- * Insert and delete whole lines on the screen
- * Center any text on the screen
- * Move any rectangular block of text anywhere on the screen (block move)
- * Create titles with a single keystroke large graphic letter alphabet
- * Move portions of screens between different screens (cut and paste)
- * Save any number of screens to disk at any time
- * Recall any screen from disk any time
- * Create BASIC lines to re-create any screen

FILE and RECORD HANDLING

- * Rapidly access records with BTREE File structure
- * Search for a record with only the first few letters of the name or key (partial key) (Example: locate PRODUCER by typing PR)
- * Recall and edit duplicate and multiple keys (Example: Several last names may be the same on a file and you can find and edit them individually)
- * Fully edit any part of a previously entered record
- * Recover unused space automatically upon deletion of a record
- * Enter data very fast with the special batch mode
- * Recall immediately any record after it's been entered, eliminating time consuming sorting and indexing
- * Rapidly access any record anytime (2-4 seconds average)
- * Globally search and replace data in certain fields in selected record range
- * Automatically rebuild any file to meet new specifications. No need to re-enter data when a file needs to be restructured.
- * Balance any BTREE file automatically to reorganize and speed up file access time
- * Recover from power failure and easily rebuild files that have been damaged. Avoid laborious re-entry of long data files

SCREEN ORIENTED INPUT and EDITING of DATA

- * Insert and delete characters at any position in any field. No "back to start" retyping of data
- * 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
- * Exit from input/edit mode at any point allowing immediate escape from data entry mode. Allows partial information to be entered for each record without the annoying, time consuming need to press ENTER for each blank field not used at the time of entry
- * 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
- * Verify each character typed automatically
- * Enter data as fast as you want, even if you are a speed typist
- * View visible display of automatic field length restrictions
- * View prompts for each field showing number of characters allowed

PRINTED REPORTS

- * Create up to 9 separate reports at a time in a finished program
- * Generate any number of reports you want (no limit)
- * Select reports by name from a report menu in the program
- * Select from six different automatic report formats including custom mailing labels
- * Instantly print reports by key with no time consuming sort necessary
- * Sort and print any other (non key) field with the fast machine language sort
- * Sort only records that meet your search criteria
- * Sort on more than one field if desired
- * Use any restrictions or search criteria to determine which records will be included in a report
- * Use any number of multiple search criteria (including logical) (Example: You can search for all the males who are single, and drive a car that are over 24 years old but less than 35 years old)
- * Send any special command to your printer before or after any report
- * Specify any line length needed and any page length desired
- * Select single line or multiple lines per record, even one page per record
- * Total any fields during the report (running totals)

ADVANCED CALCULATIONS

- * Globally recalculate any field in any or all records. (Example: If file is a list of gold assets and the spot price changes, each separate asset may be recalculated with a new value for the spot price)
- * Use all math operations including exponentiation and trigonometry
- * Use logical calculations such as And, Or, Not, etc.
- * Use any level of parenthesis in calculation formulas
- * Save results in any field and display results in any field
- * Store temporary results in several extra memory slots
- * Pass calculation results between records
- * Determine the exact order of calculations
- * Display or save results at your option in the finished record

OTHER ADVANCED FEATURES

- * Edit any part of any program without starting over or redefining the entire program
- * Create screen and input modules only (for professional programmers)
- * Create Calculate-only programs with the easy desk-top super calculator program
- * Design custom logos for your program
- * Control cursor type, size, flash speed, etc.
- * Design custom prompts or help info for any field

New! Optional Feature Freeform Report Generator

- * Specify column and row of every heading and field
- * Allow up to 100 of interfield calculations, even string calculations
- * Include any text anywhere on the screen
- * Keep sub-totals on any field and print at any time in any format
- * Format any numeric fields anyway you wish
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WHAT ARE PRODUCER USERS SAYING?

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VALUE

VERY impressive! No matter how much I use the PRODUCER, there is no doubt I got my money's worth. It is clear the program, packaging and tutorial are developed with lots of thought....Very user friendly! Congratulations!

R. N. Forbes, Los Altos Hills, California

The PRODUCER package I received was excellent. The finest software package I have ever purchased. Far beyond my expectations.

S. R. Foster, Pensacola, Florida

I think the PRODUCER will save me so much time that it will give me the time to do the more important tasks that my business calls for and the money I'll save from not having to buy canned programs that are overpriced. Now with the PRODUCER I can write a program overnight to do almost anything I want it to do and with written reports to boot. Talk about saving time and money. I feel the PRODUCER will pay for itself with my first three programs.

S. Tornatore, Canastota, New York

The PRODUCER is a very impressive software package. It is well worth the money. While other micro owners are printing mailing labels, I am now selling them programs to use. I now have more time to spend enjoying my computer.

V. E. Ryberg, Bloomington, Illinois

I'm in love with the PRODUCER. It's one of my favorite programs.

R. Selsback, Burlingame, California

It was very complete and professionally done. The packaging and program seem to have been thought out before assembly and sale. The 'value' of the deal, everything included was the best I've seen to date.

G. Slusher, Martin, Kentucky

Very professional packaging. It gave the feeling of getting your money's worth before even running the program...Very easy to use and leaves very few questions unanswered...As you can see, I like the PRODUCER and was impressed with how trouble free it is.

A. C. Vincent, Napa, California

Excellent. Above and beyond other software.

R. Hapgood, Henrietta, Texas

VERSATILITY

The PRODUCER is the best all purpose program generator I have used. (We have tried almost all of them.) The generated code is bug free, well commented and efficient.

R. A. Copella, Northbrook, Illinois

I bought the PRODUCER to save time. I feel capable of being able to write almost all programs I need. The PRODUCER generated programs will save a lot of time writing basic code and debugging. Using the PRODUCER I can write a good database type program using math calculation in about three hours. I don't have to tell you how long it would take writing the same program from scratch.

S. Tornatore, Canastota, New York

A special thanks to Roger and all of you. You've made my computing life easier and better. My 10 year old can't wait to get his hands on the PRODUCER.

J. D. Konkler, Columbus, Ohio

DOCUMENTATION

The Reference Manual is a work of art. Not only is it attractive and easy to use, it is so well organized, documented and logically written that the manual is a rarity in the software market place.

S. R. Foster, Pensacola, Florida

One of the best I've seen. We write about 20 volumes of material per year. Take it from a 'pro', it's good!

J. Crespi, Sherman Oaks, California

The PRODUCER Reference Manual is professionally written to provide ready access to easily understood answers to questions which arise during use of the PRODUCER.

R. A. Copella, Northbrook, Illinois

The Reference Manual is supreme and superior to anything I have worked with.

R. A. Neuman, Okemos, Michigan

Very well laid out and organized. One of the best I've seen.

J. D. Konkler, Columbus, Ohio

QUALITY

Thank you for an excellent program. I agree that The PRODUCER will change the entire concept of program creation in the future. But for now, you stand as the best data-base-management-system I can buy.

E. Sung, Vancouver, B.C.

Your system really is Software of the Future. Your staff has insight others of us only dream of. Congratulations on a product of extraordinary design.

S. R. Foster, Pensacola, Florida

This is an excellent program. At this point I am totally pleased. This is by far my number one software and I will use it anywhere and everywhere I possibly can both personal and business. Once again congratulations to all of the people involved.

R. A. Neuman, Okemos, Michigan

Comparison shopping indicates the PRODUCER's superiority to all others. And I already own most of the others.

R. A. Copella, Northbrook, Illinois

Glad to see you take an interest in what some of us hackers are up against. I think the PRODUCER will make the software hackers upgrade their products to this high level quality of the PRODUCER. I'm sure you realize that there is a lot of garbage on the market.

D. J. Smith, Lombard, Illinois

I was impressed by the professional appearance of your program. Other software I have received were on copy paper and stapled into a booklet with very vague instructions.

W. J. Mahaffey, Absecon, N. J.

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The program is almost idiot proof.

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01590 ADD HL,DE
01600 LD A,(HL)
01610 CP 32
01620 JR Z,FIX
01630 LD A,(POS)
01640 LD B,A
01650 LD A,(FLAG9)
01660 CP 1
01670 JR NZ,LOWA
01680 INC B
01690 INC B
01700 INC B
01710 LOWA INC B
01720 JP MANIP
01730 HIGH LD DE,64
01740 SBC HL,DE
01750 LD A,(HL)
01760 CP 32
01770 JR Z,FIX
01780 LD A,(POS)
01790 LD B,A
01800 LD A,(FLAG9)
01810 CP 1
01820 JR NZ,HIGH1
01830 DEC B
01840 DEC B
01850 DEC B
01860 HIGH1 DEC B
01870 JP MANIP
01880 SIDER LD A,(FLAG9) ;MOVE TO RIGHT
01890 CP 1
01900 JP NZ,WAIT
01910 LD DE,16
01920 ADD HL,DE
01930 LD A,(HL)
01940 CP 32
01950 JP Z,FIX
01960 LD A,(POS)
01970 LD B,A
01980 INC B
01990 JP MANIP
02000 SIDEL LD A,(FLAG9) ;MOVE TO LEFT
02010 CP 1
02020 JP NZ,WAIT

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02030 LD DE,16
02040 SBC HL,DE
02050 LD A,(HL)
02060 CP 32
02070 JP Z,FIX
02080 LD A,(POS)
02090 LD B,A
02100 DEC B
02110 MANIP LD A,B ;PUT CURSOR OVER LETTERAND STORE LETTER
02120 LD (POS),A
02130 PUSH HL
02140 LD HL,(COORD)
02150 LD A,(MCHR)
02160 LD (HL),A
02170 POP HL
02180 JP WAITA
02190 FIX LD HL,(COORD)
02200 JP WAIT
02210 ; DISPLAY MENUS
02220 OPTION LD (4020H),HL
02230 PUSH HL
02240 OPTIO1 LD A,(DE)
02250 INC DE
02260 CP 9
02270 JP Z,SPACE
02280 CP 10
02290 JP Z,SPACE2
02300 PUSH DE
02310 CALL 33H ;DISPLAY CHARACTER
02320 POP DE
02330 CP 13
02340 JR NZ,OPTIO1
02350 JR SPACEB
02360 OPTIOA LD A,(DE)
02370 CP 1
02380 JR NZ,OPTIOA
02390 RET
02400 SPACEB POP HL ;PRINT SPACES
02410 PUSH DE
02420 LD DE,64
02430 JR SPACE3
02440 SPACE POP HL
02450 PUSH DE
02460 LD DE,16

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02470 JR SPACE3
02480 SPACE2 JR HL
02490 PUSH DE
02500 LD DE,45
02510 SPACE3 ADD HL,DE
02520 POP DE
02530 JR OPTIOA
02540 ; DISPLAY INPUT BOX
02550 BOX PUSH HL
02560 BOXA LD A,(DE)
02570 LD (HL),A
02580 INC HL
02590 INC DE
02600 CP 13
02610 JR NZ,BOXA
02620 DEC HL
02630 LD A,20H
02640 LD (HL),A
02650 POP HL
02660 LD DE,66 ;DRAW BOX
02670 ADD HL,DE
02680 LD A,191
02690 LD (HL),A
02700 INC HL
02710 LD A,131
02720 LD B,9
02730 BOX1 LD (HL),A
02740 INC HL
02750 BOX1 INC HL
02760 LD A,191
02770 LD (HL),A
02780 LD DE,54
02790 ADD HL,DE
02800 LD (HL),A
02810 LD DE,10
02820 ADD HL,DE
02830 LD (HL),A
02840 LD DE,54
02850 ADD HL,DE
02860 LD (HL),A
02870 LD A,176
02880 LD B,9
02890 BOX2 INC HL
02900 LD (HL),A

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02910 DJNZ BOX2
02920 INC HL
02930 LD A,191
02940 LD (HL),A
02950 LD DE,73
02960 SBC HL,DE
02970 BOX2 LD A,-1
02980 LD (HL),A
02990 LD A,(LEN)
03000 LD B,A
03010 LD (SCRIN),HL
03020 BOX3 CALL 49H ;WAIT FOR INPUT
03030 CP 0DH
03040 RET Z
03050 CP Z
03060 JR Z,BOX4
03070 LD (HL),A
03080 INC HL
03090 DJNZ BOX3
03100 RET
03110 BOX4 LD HL,(SCRIN)
03120 LD A,20H
03130 LD B,7
03140 BOX5 LD (HL),A
03150 INC HL
03160 DJNZ BOX5
03170 LD HL,(SCRIN)
03180 JP BOX21
03190 ; COMPARE STRINGS
03200 COMPAR LD A,(DE)
03210 COMPRI CP 0DH
03220 RET Z
03230 CP 20H
03240 RET Z
03250 CP (HL)
03260 RET NZ
03270 INC HL
03280 INC DE
03290 JP COMPAR
03300 STRING PUSH HL
03310 PUSH DE
03320 CALL Z,STRIN3 ;COMPARE (HL) WITH (DE)
03330 JP Z,STRIN3 ;IF THE SAME, JUMP
03340 POP HL ;IF NOT,CONTINUE
03350 LD DE,1B
03360 ADD HL,DE
03370 EX DE,HL
03380 POP HL
03390 DJNZ STRING
03400 LD A,(FLAGB)
03410 CP 0
03420 RET NZ ;IT'S AN ERROR
03430 STRIN1 PUSH DE ;STORE NEW BACKG/CHR/MV IN MEMORY
03440 LD B,0
03450 STRIN2 LD A,(HL)
03460 LD (DE),A
03470 CP 20H
03480 JR Z,STRINA
03490 INC DE
03500 INC HL
03510 DJNZ STRIN2
03520 JR STRINB
03530 STRINA INC HL
03540 INC DE
03550 DJNZ STRINA
03560 STRINB DEC DE
03570 LD A,13
03580 LD (DE),A
03590 INC DE
03600 POP SC ;CONTAINS ADDRESS TO STORE NAME
03610 DEC BC
03620 LD A,(BC)
03630 LD H,A
03640 BC BC
03650 LD A,(BC)
03660 LD L,A
03670 LD BC,(BYTE)
03680 ADD HL,BC
03690 LD A,L
03700 LD (DE),A
03710 INC DE
03720 LD A,H
03730 LD (DE),A
03740 CP 0FFH
03750 RET NZ
03760 STRIN3 POP HL
03770 LD DE,8
03780 ADD HL,DE
03790 EX DE,HL
03800 LD A,(DE)
03810 LD L,A
03820 INC DE
03830 LD A,(DE)

03840 LD H,A
03850 POP IX ;RESTORE STAK
03860 LD A,(FLAGB)
03870 CP 1
03880 RET Z
03890 PUSH HL
03900 LD HL,(ALLBUF)
03910 DEC (HL)
03920 POP HL ;HL=CONTENTS OF BACK/CHR/MV IN MEM
03930 XOR A
03940 CP 0
03950 RET Z ;RET WITH Z FLAG
03960 COPY LD A,(PLAGG)
03970 OR A
03980 JR NZ,COPY1
03990 LD DE,(CHRBUF) ;FIND NAME OF CHARACTER
04000 JR COPY2
04010 COPY1 LD DE,(BCKBUF) ;FIND NAME OF BACKGROUND
04020 COPY2 LD A,(DE)
04030 LD B,A
04040 INC DE
04050 CALL STRING
04060 JP NZ,ERR2
04070 RET
04080 ; INPUT CHARACTERS, ETC.
04090 TRANP1 LD DE,42E8H ;TRANSFER INPUT ON SCREEN TO A BUFFER
04100 PUSH DE
04110 LD B,8
04120 TRANF1 LD A,(HL)
04130 LD (DE),A
04140 LD A,20H
04150 LD (HL),A
04160 INC HL
04170 INC DE
04180 DJNZ TRANP1
04190 POP HL
04200 RET
04210 TRANP2 LD DE,EXTRA ;INPUT CHARACTER
04220 TRANP3 LD HL,3C00H+598
04230 LD A,B
04240 LD (LEN),A
04250 BOX CALL HL,(SCRIN)
04260 LD A,(HL)
04270 LD A,(HL)
04280 CP '-'
04290 RET Z ;DO NOT WANT BASIS CHAR
04300 TRANPA LD A,1
04310 LD (FLAGB),A
04320 CALL COPY
04330 XOR A
04340 LD (FLAGB),A
04350 CP 1
04360 RET NZ
04370 TRANP4 LD DE,EXTRAB ;INPUT BACKGROUND
04380 LD A,1
04390 LD (FLAG6),A
04400 LD HL,3C00H+598
04410 CALL BOX
04420 LD HL,(SCRIN)
04430 LD A,(HL)
04440 CP '-'
04450 JP NZ,TRANPA
04460 CALL 01C9H
04470 JR TRANP4
04480 ; MAKE A BACKGROUND
04490 DEFB1 CALL TRANP1
04500 PUSH HL
04510 CALL 01C9H
04520 LD HL,(BCKBUF)
04530 LD (ALLBUF),HL
04540 LD HL,960
04550 LD (BYTE),HL
04560 HL POP
04570 LD DE,(BCKBUF)
04580 LD A,(DE) ;A=NUMBER OF SCREENS
04590 INC DE
04600 CP 0
04610 JP Z,DEPB2
04620 LD B,A
04630 LD (MISC),A
04640 CALL STRING
04650 JR NZ,DEFB1A
04660 PUSH HL ;DISPLAY BACKGROUND IF PREVIOUSLY DEFINED
04670 LD DE,3C00H+64
04680 LD BC,960
04690 LDIR
04700 POP HL
04710 JR DEFB1B
04720 DEFB1A LD A,(MISC) ;FIND # OF BACKGROUNDS
04730 CP 10 ;MAX NUMBER
04740 JP Z,ERR1
04750 DEFB1B PUSH HL
04760 CALL BCKGRO ;CALL ROUTINE TO DRAW

04770 POP DE
04780 LD HL,15360+64
04790 LD BC,1024+64
04800 LDIR ;COPY SCREEN INTO MEM
04810 LD HL,(BCKBUF)
04820 INC (HL)
04830 CALL 01C9H
04840 XOR A
04850 LD (FLAG6),A
04860 CALL 01C9H
04870 JP INPUT ;RETURN TO MAIN MENU
04880 DEPB2 PUSH HL ;THIS IS FIRST BACKGROUND
04890 CALL 01C9H
04900 POP HL
04910 LD DE,(BCKBUF)
04920 INC DE
04930 LD BC,BEGBAK+2 ;BEG OF MEM TO STORE BCKG
04940 LD IX,DEFB1A
04950 PUSH IX
04960 PUSH BC
04970 LD B,8
04980 JP STRIN2
04990 ; MAKE A CHARACTER
05000 DEFC1 CALL TRANFR
05010 PUSH HL
05020 CALL 01C9H
05030 LD HL,(CHRBUF)
05040 LD (ALLBUF),HL
05050 LD HL,144
05060 LD (BYTE),HL
05070 POP HL
05080 LD DE,(CHRBUF)
05090 LD A,(DE) ;A = # OF CHARACTERS
05100 CP 0
05110 JP Z,DEPC2
05120 LD B,A
05130 LD (MISC),A
05140 INC DE
05150 CALL STRING
05160 JR Z,$+10
05170 LD A,(MISC)
05180 CP 1B
05190 JP Z,ERR1
05200 LD (MISC),HL
05210 PUSH AF
05220 LD HL,(ALLBUF)
05230 INC (HL)
05240 CALL TRANF2 ;SEE IF WANT BASIS CHARACTER
05250 PUSH AF
05260 PUSH HL
05270 LD HL,(ALLBUF)
05280 DEC (HL)
05290 CALL 01C9H
05300 POP HL
05310 POP AF
05320 JR NZ,DEFC10 ;WANT A BASIS CHAR
05330 POP AF
05340 LD HL,(MISC)
05350 JP NZ,DEFC1A
05360 JR DEFC12
05370 DEFC10 POP AF
05380 DEFC12 LD DE,3C00H+277
05390 EX DE,HL
05400 CALL TRANS ;COPY CHARACTER TO SCREEN IF ALREADY DEFINED
05410 LD HL,(MISC)
05420 DEFC1A PUSH HL
05430 CALL CHCTR
05440 POP DE
05450 LD HL,3C00H+277
05460 CALL TRANS3 ;ASK FOR BASIS CHAR
05470 LD HL,(CHRBUF)
05480 INC (HL)
05490 CALL 01C9H
05500 JP INPUT
05510 DEFC2 PUSH HL
05520 CALL 01C9H
05530 POP HL
05540 LD DE,(CHRBUF)
05550 INC DE
05560 LD BC,BEGCHR+2
05570 LD IX,DEFC1A
05580 PUSH IX
05590 PUSH BC
05600 LD B,8
05610 JP STRIN2
05620 ; MAKE THE MOVES
05630 DEFN1 CALL TRANFR
05640 LD (MISC),HL
05650 LD HL,(MVBUFF)
05660 LD (ALLBUF),HL
05670 LD HL,256
05680 LD (BYTE),HL
05690 LD DE,(MVBUFF)

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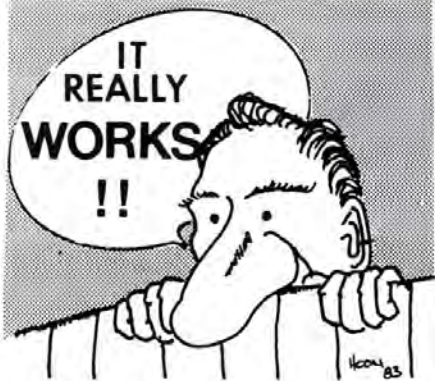
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05700 LD A,(DE) ;A=NUMBER OF MOVES
05710 PUSH AF
05720 LD (MISC1),DE
05730 CALL TRANF2 ;GET INPUT FOR CHR
05740 JR Z,S-3
05750 LD (CPYCHR),HL
05760 CALL @1C9H
05770 CALL TRANF4 ;GET INPUT FOR BACKGROUND
05780 JR Z,S-3
05790 XOR A
05800 LD (FLAG6),A
05810 PUSH HL
05820 CALL @1C9H
05830 POP HL
05840 LD DE,15360+64
05850 LD BC,1024-64
05860 LDIR ;COPY BACKGROUND TO SCREEN
05870 LD DE,(MISC1)
05880 POP AF
05890 LD HL,(MISC) ;RESTORE NAME OF MOVE
05900 LD (DE),A
05910 CP 0
05920 JP Z,DEFM2
05930 LD B,A
05940 LD (MISC),A
05950 INC DE
05960 CALL STRING
05970 JR NZ,DEFM1A
05980 LD B,(HL)
05990 LD A,B
06000 CP 0
06010 JR Z,DEFM1D
06020 PUSH HL
06030 INC HL
06040 INC HL
06050 DEFM1B LD E,(HL)
06060 INC HL
06070 LD D,(HL)
06080 LD A,'-'
06090 LD (DE),A
06100 INC HL
06110 DJNZ DEFM1B
06120 LD (PLACE1),HL
06130 POP HL
06140 LD (PLACE),HL
06150 JR DEFM1C
06160 DEFM1A LD A,(MISC)
06170 CP 1
06180 JP Z,ERR1
06190 DEFM1D LD (PLACE),HL
06200 INC HL
06210 INC HL
06220 LD (PLACE1),HL
06230 DEFM1C CALL DEPMV
06240 LD HL,(MVBUFF)
06250 INC (HL)
06260 CALL @1C9H
06270 JP INPUT
06280 DEFM2 LD DE,(MVBUFF)
06290 INC DE
06300 LD BC,BEGMOV+2
06310 LD IX,DEFM1A
06320 PUSH IX
06330 PUSH BC
06340 LD B,8
06350 JP STRN2
06360 ; DISPLAY NAMES OF CHARS/MVS/BACKGROUND
06370 CHOOSE LD A,1
06380 LD (POS),A
06390 LD HL,3C00H+192
06400 LD A,(DE) ;HL=ADRS OF BACK,CHR,OR MOVE BUFF
06410 CP 0
06420 JP Z,CHOOSE6
06430 INC DE
06440 LD B,A
06450 CHOOSE1 PUSH BC
06460 PUSH DE
06470 LD B,16
06480 CHOOSE2 LD A,(DE)
06490 CP 1
06500 JR Z,CHOOSE3
06510 LD (HL),A
06520 INC HL
06530 INC DE
06540 DJNZ CHOOSE2
06550 JR CHOOSE4
06560 CHOOSE3 LD A,(FLAG11)
06570 CP 1
06580 CALL Z,SHONUM ;DISPLAY # OF MOVES
06590 CHOOSEA LD A,20H
06600 LD (HL),A
06610 INC HL
06620 DJNZ CHOOSEA

06630 CHOOSE4 POP DE
06640 LD B,10
06650 CHOOSE5 INC DE
06660 DJNZ CHOOSE5
06670 POP BC
06680 DJNZ CHOOSE1
06690 LD A,(FLAG10)
06700 CP 1
06710 RET Z
06720 LD HL,15360+192
06730 LD A,1
06740 LD (FLAG9),A
06750 CALL CURSOR
06760 XOR A
06770 LD (FLAG9),A
06780 CALL @1C9H
06790 RET
06800 CHOOSE6 LD A,(FLAG10)
06810 OR A
06820 RET NZ
06830 POP IX
06840 LD HL,(EPROG)
06850 XOR A
06860 LD (HL),A
06870 CALL @1C9H
06880 JP INPT1A ;SKIP IT SINCE NO CHAR/MV/OR BCRG
06890 SHONUM LD A,B
06900 SHONM1 INC DE
06910 DEC A
06920 DEC B
06930 INC HL
06940 CP 8 ;POINT TO ADD WHERE MOVES STORED
06950 JR NZ,SHONM1
06960 PUSH BC
06970 PUSH HL
06980 LD A,(DE)
06990 LD C,A
07000 INC DE
07010 LD A,(DE)
07020 LD B,A
07030 LD A,(BC)
07040 LD B,A
07050 LD H,0
07060 CALL LISNUM
07070 POP HL
07080 SHONU2 LD A,(BC)
07090 CP 0
07100 LD (HL),A
07110 INC HL
07120 INC SC
07130 JR NZ,SHONU2
07140 POP BC
07150 DEC B
07160 DEC B
07170 DEC B
07180 DEC B
07190 RET
07200 ; ACTION11
07210 RUN1 CALL @1C9H
07220 LD HL,1000
07230 LD (RATE),HL
07240 XOR A
07250 LD (DATPLG),A
07260 LD HL,8900H ;RESET LOOP BUFFER
07270 LD (HL),A
07280 LD DE,8901H
07290 LD BC,255
07300 LDIR
07310 LD HL,(MVBUFF) ;RESET MOVES
07320 LD B,(HL)
07330 LD A,B
07340 OR A
07350 JR Z,RUN12
07360 LD DE,256
07370 INC HL
07380 XOR A
07390 RUN11 ADD HL,DE
07400 LD (HL),A
07410 DJNZ RUN11
07420 RUN12 LD HL,(BPROG)
07430 LD A,(HL)
07440 CP 0
07450 JP Z,RUN1B
07460 RUN1A PUSH HL
07470 CALL RUN3 ;FIND PLACE IN MEM
07480 LD BC,(RATE)
07490 CALL @1C9H ;PAUSE
07500 POP HL
07510 INC HL
07520 INC HL
07530 INC HL
07540 CALL @1C9H
07550 CP 1
07560 JP Z,RUN1B

07570 LD A,(HL)
07580 CP 0
07590 JR NZ,RUN1A
07600 CALL 49H
07610 RUN1B CALL @1C9H
07620 JP INPUT
07630 RUN3 LD A,(HL) ;FIND PLACE IN TABLE
07640 DEC A
07650 PUSH HL
07660 LD HL,2
07670 CALL 444EH ;MULTIPLY
07680 LD L,A
07690 LD DE,TABLE
07700 ADD HL,DE ;FIND TOKEN ADDRESS IN TABLE
07710 LD E,(HL)
07720 INC HL
07730 LD D,(HL)
07740 PUSH DE
07750 POP HL
07760 JP (HL) ;JUMP TO THAT LOCATION
07770 CLR LD A,1
07780 CLR0 LD (HL),A
07790 JP POINT
07800 ; CLEAR SCREEN
07810 CLR1 POP IX
07820 CALL @1C9H
07830 RET
07840 CURT LD A,2
07850 CURT10 LD (HL),A
07860 INC HL
07870 PUSH HL
07880 CALL @1C9H
07890 LD HL,EXTRAB ;MSSGE TO ASK FOR BCKGRND
07900 CALL @21BH
07910 DE,(BCKBUF)
07920 CALL CHOOSE
07930 LD A,(POS)
07940 POP HL
07950 LD (HL),A
07960 JP POINT
07970 ; DISPLAY BCRG WITH CURTAIN
07980 CURT2 POP HL
07990 INC HL
08000 LD A,(HL)
08010 LD HL,10
08020 CALL 444EH
08030 DE,(BCKBUF)
08040 CALL POINT
08050 PUSH HL
08060 LD HL,3C00H
08070 LD A,191
08080 LD (HL),A
08090 LD DE,3C01H
08100 LD BC,1023
08110 LDIR
08120 POP HL
08130 LD DE,32
08140 ADD HL,DE
08150 PUSH HL
08160 LD DE,3C00H+96
08170 SBC HL,DE
08180 LD (ADD),HL
08190 LD DE,0
08200 POP HL
08210 CURT3 PUSH HL
08220 PUSH DE
08230 ADD HL,DE
08240 CALL CURT40
08250 POP DE
08260 POP HL
08270 PUSH HL
08280 PUSH DE
08290 SBC HL,DE
08300 CALL CURT40
08310 LD BC,0000
08320 CALL 60H
08330 POP DE
08340 POP HL
08350 INC DE
08360 LD A,E
08370 CP 32
08380 JP NZ,CURT3
08390 SBC HL,DE
08400 CALL CURT40
08410 RET
08420 CURT40 LD B,15
08430 LD A,20H
08440 LD DE,(ADD)
08450 PUSH HL
08460 SBC HL,DE
08470 LD DE,64
08480 SBC HL,DE
08490 LD (HL),A
08500 POP HL

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08510 CURT4 LD DE,(ADD) ;OVERLAY BACKGROUND OVER WHITE SCREEN: HORIZO
08520 LD A,(HL)
08530 PUSH HL
08540 SBC HL,DE
08550 LD (HL),A
08560 LD DE,64
08570 POP HL
08580 ADD HL,DE
08590 DJNZ CURT4
08600 RET
08610 LPLIN LD A,5
08620 LD (HL),A
08630 INC HL
08640 PUSH HL
08650 LD HL,3C00H+726
08660 LD DE,LINNUM
08670 LD A,3
08680 LD (LEN),A
08690 CALL BOX
08700 LD HL,(SCRIN)
08710 CALL 1ESAH ;DECODE #
08720 LD A,E
08730 POP HL
08740 LD (HL),A
08750 INC HL
08760 PUSH HL
08770 LD HL,3C00H+726
08780 LD DE,TIMNUM
08790 CALL BOX
08800 LD HL,(SCRIN)
08810 CALL 1ESAH
08820 LD A,E
08830 POP HL
08840 LD (HL),A
08850 JP POINT
08860 LOOP2 POP HL ;LOOP ROUTINE FOR LOOPING
08870 INC HL
08880 LD A,(HL)
08890 PUSH HL
08900 LD E,A
08910 LD D,0
08920 LD HL,0900H
08930 DEC DE
08940 ADD HL,DE
08950 LD A,(HL) ;FIND # OF TIMES TO LOOP
08960 LD (MISC1),HL
08970 CP 0
08980 JR NZ,LOOP2A
08990 POP HL
09000 INC HL
09010 LD A,(HL)
09020 DEC A
09030 CP 255
09040 JR Z,LOOP21
09050 CP 0
09060 JR NZ,S+3
09070 INC A
09080 LD HL,(MISC1)
09090 LD (HL),A
09100 JR LOOP2C
09110 LOOP2A CP 1 ;IS LOOP DONE?
09120 JR NZ,LOOP2B
09130 POP HL
09140 LOOP21 LD HL,(MISC1)
09150 XOR A
09160 LD (HL),A
09170 RET
09180 LOOP2B POP HL
09190 LD HL,(MISC1)
09200 DEC (HL)
09210 LOOP2C LD A,E ;FIND LINE # IN MEMORY
09220 LD HL,3
09230 CALL 444EH
09240 LD E,A
09250 LD D,0
09260 LD HL,(BPROG)
09270 ADD HL,DE
09280 DEC HL
09290 DEC HL
09300 DEC HL
09310 LOOP4 POP IX ;IX=RET TO 'RUN' ROUTINE
09320 POP DE ;POP OFF PROGRAM POINTER
09330 PUSH HL ;STORE NEW PROG POINTER
09340 PUSH IX ;RESTORE RETURN ADDRESS
09350 RET
09360 MOVCHR LD A,6
09370 LD (HL),A
09380 INC HL
09390 PUSH HL
09400 CALL 01C9H
09410 LD HL,EXTRA
09420 CALL 021BH
09430 LD DE,(CHRBUF)

09440 CALL CHOOSE
09450 LD A,(POS)
09460 POP HL
09470 LD (HL),A
09480 INC HL
09490 JP RESTR1
09500 MOVE2 POP HL ;MOVE ROUTINE
09510 INC HL
09520 PUSH HL
09530 LD A,(HL)
09540 LD HL,10
09550 CALL 444EH
09560 LD DE,(CHRBUF)
09570 CALL POSIT
09580 LD (CPYCHR),HL
09590 POP HL
09600 INC HL
09610 LD A,(HL)
09620 MOVE2A PUSH AF
09630 PUSH HL
09640 LD HL,144
09650 DEC A
09660 CALL 444EH
09670 LD H,L
09680 LD L,A
09690 LD DE,(SAVBUF)
09700 ADD HL,DE
09710 LD (SCRBUF),HL
09720 POP HL
09730 POP AF
09740 LD HL,10
09750 CALL 444EH
09760 LD DE,(MVBUFF)
09770 CALL POSIT
09780 LD B,(HL) ;GET # OF MOVES
09790 INC HL
09800 LD A,(HL) ;GET # OF MOVES COMPLETED
09810 PUSH AF
09820 LD A,(FLAG13)
09830 OR A
09840 JR NZ,MOVE21
09850 POP B
09860 CP B
09870 RET Z
09880 JR S+3
09890 MOVE21 POP AF
09900 PUSH HL
09910 LD HL,2
09920 CALL 444EH
09930 LD D,0
09940 LD E,A
09950 POP HL
09960 PUSH HL
09970 INC HL
09980 ADD HL,DE ;POINT TO CORRECT MOVE
09990 LD E,(HL)
10000 INC HL
10010 LD D,(HL)
10020 PUSH DE
10030 LD (MISC1),A
10040 LD A,(FLAG13)
10050 OR A
10060 JR NZ,MOVE22
10070 LD A,(MISC1)
10080 CP 0
10090 JR Z,MOVE2B ;IS THIS FIRST MOVE
10100 MOVE22 DEC HL
10110 DEC HL
10120 LD B,(HL)
10130 DEC HL
10140 LD E,(HL)
10150 PUSH DE
10160 POP HL
10170 LD DE,(SCRBUF) ;BUFFER TO STORE SCREEN
10180 CALL TRANS ;RESTORE PREVIOUS CONTENTS OF SCREEN
10190 MOVE2B LD A,(FLAG13)
10200 OR A
10210 JR Z,S+4
10220 POP DE
10240 RET
10250 PUSH HL ;BUFFER TO STORE PART OF SCREEN
10260 LD DE,(SCRBUF)
10270 CALL TRANS3
10280 POP HL ;RESTORE COORD OF SCREEN
10290 LD DE,(CPYCHR)
10300 CALL TRANS6 ;COPY CHARACTER TO SCREEN
10310 POP HL ;RESTORE PLACE IN MEMORY
10320 INC (HL)
10330 RET
10340 DIALOG LD A,J ;STATEMENT TO PRINT SCRIPT
10350 JP CLR0
10360 DIALG1 POP HL
10370 LD HL,(BSCRIP)

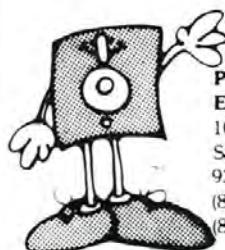
10380 LD A,(DATFLG)
10390 INC A
10400 LD (DATFLG),A
10410 DEC A
10420 OR A
10430 JR Z,DIALG3
10440 LD B,A
10450 DIALG2 INC HL
10460 LD A,(HL)
10470 CP 0
10480 RET Z
10490 CP 3
10500 JR NZ,DIALG2
10510 DJNZ DIALG2
10520 INC HL
10530 LD A,(HL)
10540 CP 0
10550 RET Z
10560 DIALG3 LD A,(HL)
10570 CP 0
10580 RET Z
10590 LD B,63
10600 LD DE,3C00H
10610 DIALG4 LD A,(HL) ;DISPLAY IT!!!
10620 CP 3
10630 JR Z,DIALG5
10640 LD (DE),A
10650 INC HL
10660 INC DE
10670 DJNZ DIALG4
10680 RET
10690 DIALG5 LD A,20H
10700 DIALG6 LD (DE),A
10710 INC DE
10720 DJNZ DIALG6
10730 RET
10740 DISPL LD A,4
10750 JP CURT10
10760 DISPL1 POP HL ;DISPLAY BACKGROUND
10770 INC HL
10780 LD A,(HL)
10790 LD HL,10
10800 CALL 444EH
10810 LD DE,(ACKBUF)
10820 CALL POSIT
10830 LD DE,3C00H+64
10840 LD BC,960
10850 LD R
10860 RET
10870 RESTOR LD A,7
10880 LD (HL),A
10890 INC HL
10900 RESTR1 PUSH HL
10910 CALL 01C9H
10920 LD HL,MOVES
10930 CALL 021BH
10940 LD DE,(MVBUFF)
10950 CALL CHOOSE
10960 LD A,(POS)
10970 POP HL
10980 LD (HL),A
10990 JP POINT
11000 ; RESTORE MOVES
11010 RESTR2 POP HL
11020 INC HL
11030 LD A,(HL)
11040 LD HL,10
11050 CALL 444EH
11060 LD DE,(MVBUFF)
11070 CALL POSIT
11080 INC HL
11090 XOR A
11100 LD (HL),A
11110 RET
11120 SPEED LD A,B
11130 LD (HL),A
11140 INC HL
11150 PUSH HL
11160 LD DE,SPEEDS
11170 LD HL,3C00H+726
11180 LD A,1
11190 LD (LEN),A
11200 LD BOX
11210 LD HL,(SCRIN)
11220 CALL 1ESAH ;DECODE INTO HEX
11230 LD A,E
11240 OR A
11250 JR NZ,SPEEDA
11260 INC A
11270 SPERDA POP HL
11280 LD (HL),A
11290 JP POINT
11300 SPEED2 POP HL ;SPEED OF PROG EXECUTION
11310 RST 10H

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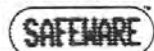
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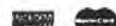
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11320 LD HL,1000
11330 CALL 444EH
11340 LD H,L
11350 LD L,A
11360 LD (RATE),HL
11370 RET
11380 DELET LD A,9
11390 LD (HL),A
11400 INC HL
11410 PUSH HL
11420 CALL 01C9H
11430 LD HL,MVCHR ;PROMPT
11440 CALL 021BH
11450 LD DE,(MVBUFF)
11460 CALL CHOOSE
11470 LD A,(POS)
11480 POP HL
11490 LD (HL),A
11500 JP POINT
11510 ; CLEAR CHARACTER
11520 DELET2 POP HL
11530 INC HL
11540 LD A,1
11550 LD (FLAG13),A
11560 LD A,(HL)
11570 CALL MOVE2A
11580 XOR A
11590 LD (FLAG13),A
11600 RET
11610 SCRIPT CALL 01C9H
11620 LD A,1
11630 LD (POS),A ;RESTORE POSITION
11640 LD A,(FLAG12)
11650 OR A
11660 JP NZ,INPT1A
11670 LD HL,(SCRMAX)
11680 LD DE,(ESCRIP)
11690 RST 1BH
11700 JP Z,INPT1A
11710 LD HL,SCRIPS
11720 CALL 021BH
11730 SCRIPA LD HL,3C00H+120
11740 LD (4020H),HL
11750 LD DE,3C00H+129
11760 LD A,-1
11770 LD (HL),A
11780 LD BC,60
11790 LDIR
11800 LD HL,0FD00H
11810 LD B,60
11820 CALL 40H
11830 JP C,SCRIP3
11840 LD A,(HL)
11850 CP 00H
11860 JP Z,SCRIPA
11870 LD DE,(ESCRIP)
11880 SCRIPT2 LD A,(HL)
11890 LD (DE),A
11900 INC DE
11910 INC HL
11920 PUSH HL
11930 LD HL,(SCRMAX)
11940 RST 1BH
11950 JR Z,SCRIP4
11960 HL
11970 DJNZ SCRIP2
11980 LD A,3
11990 LD (DE),A
12000 INC DE
12010 LD (ESCRIP),DE
12020 XOR A
12030 LD (DE),A
12040 INC DE
12050 LD (DE),A
12060 JP SCRIPA
12070 SCRIP3 CALL 01C9H
12080 JP INPT1A
12090 SCRIP4 POP HL
12100 JR SCRIP3
12110 POSIT INC DE ;FIND ADDRESS OF BACK/CHR/MOVE
12120 DEC A
12130 DEC A
12140 LD L,A
12150 LD H,0
12160 ADD HL,DE
12170 LD E,(HL)
12180 INC HL
12190 LD D,(HL)
12200 PUSH DE
12210 POP HL
12220 RET
12230 POINT LD A,(FLAG12)
12240 CP 1
12250 RET Z

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12260 LD HL,(EPROG) ;END OF PROG POINTER
12270 LD DE,3
12280 ADD HL,DE
12290 LD (EPROG),HL
12300 CALL 01C9H
12310 LD A,1
12320 LD (POS),A
12330 JP INPT1A
12340 LD A,0C9H
12350 LD (41BH),A
12360 XOR A
12370 LD HL,(EPROG)
12380 LD (HL),A ;CLEAR LAST BYTE OF PROG
12390 CALL 01C9H
12400 LD DE,(BPROG) ;GET BEG OF PROGRAM
12410 PUSH DE
12420 LD A,(DE)
12430 CP 0
12440 JP Z,INPT1A
12450 LD HL,1
12460 LIST01 PUSH HL
12470 PUSH DE
12480 CALL LISNUM
12490 POP DE
12500 PUSH DE
12510 LD A,(DE) ;TOKEN VALUE
12520 CP 1
12530 JR NZ,LISTA
12540 LD DE,CLRMES
12550 JP LIST2
12560 LISTA CP 2
12570 JR NZ,LISTB
12580 LD DE,CLRMES
12590 JP LIST2
12600 LISTB CP 3
12610 JR NZ,LISTC
12620 LD DE,DIAMES
12630 JP LIST2
12640 LISTC CP 4
12650 JK NZ,LISTD
12660 LD DE,DISMES
12670 JP LIST2
12680 LISTD CP 5
12690 JR NZ,LISTE
12700 LD DE,LOPMES
12710 JP LIST2
12720 LISTE CP 6
12730 JR NZ,LISTF
12740 LD DE,MOVME
12750 JP LIST2
12760 LISTF CP 7
12770 JR NZ,LISTG
12780 LD DE,RESMES
12790 JP LIST2
12800 LISTG CP 8
12810 JR NZ,LISTH
12820 LD DE,SPDMES
12830 JR LIST2
12840 LISTH LD DE,DELMES
12850 LIST2 LD A,(DE)
12860 CP 1
12870 JP Z,LISNAK ;DISPLAY NAME OF BACHGR
12880 CP 2
12890 JP Z,LISCHR ;DIS NAME OF CHR
12900 CP 3
12910 JP Z,LISMOV ;DIS NAME OF MOVE
12920 CP 4
12930 JP Z,LISNUM ;DIS NUMBER
12940 LIST2A PUSH DE
12950 CALL 33H
12960 POP DE
12970 INC DE
12980 CP 13
12990 JP NZ,LIST2
13000 POP DE
13010 POP HL
13020 INC HL
13030 POP DE
13040 INC DE
13050 INC DE
13060 INC DE
13070 PUSH DE
13080 HL
13090 LD HL,(4020H) ;FIND CURSOR POS
13100 LD A,H
13110 CP 3EH
13120 JR C,LIST2B
13130 CALL 49H
13140 CALL 01C9H
13150 LIST2B HL
13160 POP DE
13170 PUSH DE
13180 LD A,(DE)
13190 CP 0
13200 JP NZ,LIST01

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13210 LD A,0C3H
13220 LD (41BH),A
13230 POP DE
13240 CALL 49H
13250 CALL 01C9H
13260 JP INPT1A
13270 LISBAR LD HL,(BCKBUF)
13280 JR FINDIT ;FIND NAME IN MEM
13290 LISCHR LD HL,(CHRBUF)
13300 JR FINDIT
13310 LISMOV LD HL,(MVBUFF)
13320 JR FINDIT
13330 LISNUM LD DE,(CPYCHR),DE
13340 POP DE
13350 INC DE
13360 PUSH DE
13370 LD A,(DE)
13380 LD B,0
13390 LD L,A
13400 CALL LISNUM
13410 JP LIST3
13420 LISNUM CALL 0FAPH
13430 LISNUMA POP IX
13440 POP IX
13450 POP IX
13460 POP IX
13470 LD BC,4132H
13480 LD A,(FLAG11)
13490 CP 1
13500 RST 2
13510 LISNUM1 LD A,(BC)
13520 CALL 33H
13530 CP 0
13540 LISNUM2 INC BC
13550 JR NZ,LISNUM1
13560 LD A,20H
13570 CALL 33H
13580 RET
13590 FINDIT LD (CPYCHR),DE
13600 POP DE
13610 INC DE
13620 PUSH DE
13630 LD A,(DE)
13640 DEC A
13650 PUSH HL
13660 LD HL,10
13670 CALL 444EH ;FIND PLACE IN MEM
13680 LD E,A
13690 LD D,0
13700 POP HL
13710 INC HL
13720 ADD HL,DE
13730 FINDT1 LD A,(HL)
13740 CP 13
13750 JP Z,LIST3
13760 CALL 33H
13770 INC HL
13780 JR FINDT1
13790 LIST3 LD DE,(CPYCHR)
13800 INC DE
13810 JP LIST2
13820 STAT CALL 01C9H
13830 LD A,1
13840 LD (FLAG10),A
13850 LD HL,NUMBCK
13860 CALL 021BH
13870 LD DE,(BCKBUF)
13880 CALL CHOOSE
13890 CALL PAUSE ;WAIT TO CONTINUE
13900 LD HL,NUMCHR
13910 CALL 021BH
13920 LD DE,(CHRBUF)
13930 CALL CHOOSE
13940 PAUSE
13950 LD HL,NUMMOV
13960 CALL 021BH
13970 LD DE,(MVBUFF)
13980 LD A,1
13990 LD (FLAG11),A
14000 CALL CHOOSE
14010 CALL PAUSE
14020 LD HL,SCRMES
14030 CALL 021BH
14040 LD A,13
14050 CALL 33H
14060 LD HL,(BSCRIP)
14070 STATIA LD A,(HL)
14080 CP 0
14090 JR Z,STAT2
14100 CALL 021BH
14110 LD A,13
14120 CALL 33H
14130 PUSH HL
14140 LD HL,(4020H)
14150 LD A,H

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10 '===== ZBASIC 2.2 EXAMPLE PROGRAM AND TIME TEST=====
20 CLS: CLEAR I00: 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=1 TO 127 STEP 2 : FOR J=47 TO 1 STEP -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) : POKE 15360+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)=2 : IF XX THEN 100 ELSE CLS
100 IF LEN(BA$) > 3 OR SGN(XX)=1 AND ASC(BA$)=32 THEN PRINT "++";
110 IF POS(0) < 62 THEN TRON: TROFF: PRINT ELSE XX=NOT(RND(99))+100
120 AS=INKEY$: IF AS="Y" OR AS="y" AND I > 120 THEN PRINT "TRUE.."
130 RESTORE : READA, C, Z(J), D: GOSUB 170: GOSUB 170: GOSUB 170: GOTO 210
140 NEXT : PRINT "*": NEXT I: CLS: PRINT 0512, ST$, "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 GOTO 140
    
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14160 CP 3EH ;IS THERE 8 LINES ON SCREEN
14170 CALL Z,PAUSE
14180 POP HL
14190 JR STAT1A
14200 STAT2 CALL PAUSE
14210 XOR A
14220 LD (FLAG10),A
14230 LD (FLAG11),A
14240 JF INPT1A
14250 PAUSE LD HL,3C00H+915
14260 LD (4020H),HL
14270 LD HL,WAITIN
14280 CALL 021BH
14290 CALL 49H
14300 CALL 01C9H
14310 RET
14320 ;
14330 EDIT CALL 01C9H
14340 LD A,1
14350 LD (FLAG12),A
14360 LD (POS),A
14370 LD HL,3C00H+147
14380 LD DE,MENU3
14390 CALL OPTION
14400 LD HL,3C00H+147+192
14410 CALL CURSOR
14420 LD A,(POS)
14430 CP 2
14440 JF Z,EDIT1 ;DELETE SCRIPT
14450 LD HL,(BPROG)
14460 LD A,(HL)
14470 OR A
14480 JF Z,ENDED
14490 EDIT0 LD A,1
14500 LD (POS),A
14510 CALL 1C9H
14520 LD HL,3C00H+147
14530 LD DE,MENU4
14540 CALL OPTION
14550 LD HL,3C00H+147+192
14560 CALL CURSOR
14570 ; ROUTINE THAT EDITS LINE #
14580 LD HL,15360+598
14590 LD DE,PROGNUM ;LINE NUMBER
14600 LD A,4
14610 LD (LEN),A
14620 CALL BOX
14630 LD HL,(SCRIN)
14640 CALL 1ESAH ;DECODE #
14650 LD A,E
14660 OR A
14670 JF Z,EDIT
14680 LD (ADD),A
14690 DEC A
14700 LD HL,1
14710 CALL 44AEH
14720 LD L,A
14730 LD H,0
14740 LD DE,(BPROG)
14750 ADD HL,DE
14760 LD A,(HL) ;TEST IF OVER PROG POINTERS
14770 OR A
14780 JF Z,EDIT
14790 LD A,(POS)
14800 CP 1
14810 JF NZ,EDITA
14820 ; REPLACE LINE #
14830 PUSH HL
14840 CALL 01C9H
14850 HL
14860 CALL INPT1A
14870 CALL 01C9H
14880 JF ENDED
14890 EDITA PUSH AF
14900 LD A,1
14910 LD (POS),A
14920 POP AF
14930 CP 2 ;INSERT LINE
14940 JF NZ,EDITB
14950 PUSH HL
14960 ; ROUTINE TO INCREMENT LOOPS
14970 LD HL,(BPROG)
14980 LD DE,3
14990 LD A,(HL)
15000 CP 0
15010 JR Z,EDITAC
15020 CP 5
15030 JR NZ,EDITAB
15040 INC HL
15050 LD A,(ADD)
15060 CP (HL)
15070 JR Z,EDITAL
15080 JR NC,EDITAB
15090 EDITAL INC (HL)

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15100 DEC HL
15110 EDITAB ADD HL,DE
15120 JR EDITAA
15130 EDITAC POP HL
15140 PUSH HL
15150 PUSH HL
15160 POP DE ;DE=START
15170 LD HL,(EPROG) ;HL=END OF DATA BLOCK
15180 PUSH HL
15190 POP BC
15200 INC BC
15210 INC BC
15220 INC BC ;BC=END OF DESTINATION BLOCK
15230 CALL 195BH ;MOVE DATA BLOCK ROUTINE
15240 CALL 01C9H
15250 POP HL ;RESTORE HL
15260 CALL INPT1A
15270 XOR A
15280 LD (FLAG12),A
15290 JP POINT
15300 EDITB PUSH HL
15310 LD HL,(BPROG)
15320 LD DE,3
15330 EDITBA LD A,(HL)
15340 CP 8
15350 JR Z,EDITBC
15360 CP 5
15370 JR NZ,EDITBB
15380 LD A,(ADD)
15390 INC HL
15400 CP (HL)
15410 JR NC,EDITBB
15420 DEC (HL)
15430 DEC HL
15440 EDITBB ADD HL,DE
15450 JR EDITBA
15460 EDITBC POP DE
15470 PUSH DE
15480 INC DE
15490 INC DE
15500 INC DE ;DE=START OF DATA BLOCK
15510 POP BC ;BC=START OF DESTINATION BLOCK
15520 LD HL,(EPROG) ;HL=END OF DATA BLOCK
15530 RST 1BH
15540 LD A,(DE)
15550 LD (BC),A
15560 INC BC
15570 INC DE
15580 JR NZ,EDITC
15590 LD HL,(EPROG)
15600 DEC HL
15610 DEC HL
15620 DEC HL
15630 LD (EPROG),HL
15640 ENDED XOR A
15650 LD (FLAG12),A
15660 CALL 01C9H
15670 LD A,1
15680 LD (POS),A
15690 JP INPT1A
15700 EDITI LD HL,(ESCRIP) ;DELETE LAST LINE OF SCRIPT
15710 LD DE,(BSCRIP)
15720 RST 1BH
15730 JR Z,ENDED
15740 DEC HL
15750 EDITIA DEC HL
15760 LD A,(HL)
15770 CP 3
15780 JR NZ,EDITIA
15790 XOR A
15800 INC HL
15810 LD (HL),A
15820 LD (ESCRIP),HL
15830 INC HL
15840 LD (HL),A
15850 JP ENDED
15860 ;SAVE AND LOAD
15870 MEMOR CALL 01C9H
15880 LD A,1
15890 LD (POS),A
15900 LD HL,(EPROG)
15910 LD (006E0H),HL
15920 LD HL,(ESCRIP)
15930 LD (006E2H),HL
15940 LD HL,3C00H+147
15950 LD DE,MENU5
15960 CALL OPTION
15970 LD HL,3C00H+147+192
15980 CALL CURSOR
15990 LD A,8
16000 LD (LEN),A
16010 LD HL,15091
16020 LD DE,NAME
16030 CALL BOX
16040 ;SAVE ROUTINE

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16050 LD HL,(SCRIN)
16060 LD DE,0FF00H
16070 LD BC,8
16080 LDIR
16090 LD A,13
16100 LD (DE),A
16110 LD HL,0FE00H
16120 LD DE,0FF00H
16130 LD B,8
16140 LD A,(POS)
16150 CP 2
16160 JP Z,LOAD
16170 CALL 4420H
16180 CP 8
16190 JF NZ,TRSEBR
16200 LD HL,(BPROG)
16210 LD B,6
16220 CALL WRITE
16230 LD HL,(CHRBUFF)
16240 LD A,(HL)
16250 INC A
16260 LD B,A
16270 CALL WRITE
16280 LD HL,(MVBUFF)
16290 LD B,(HL)
16300 INC B
16310 CALL WRITE
16320 LD HL,(BCKBUF)
16330 LD A,(HL)
16340 SLA A
16350 SLA A
16360 LD B,A
16370 INC B
16380 CALL WRITE
16390 CLOSE LD DE,0FF00H
16400 CALL 4420H
16410 CALL 01C9H
16420 LD A,1
16430 LD (POS),A
16440 JP INPUT
16450 WRITE PUSH BC
16460 LD DE,0FE00H
16470 LDIR
16480 PUSH HL
16490 LD DE,0FF00H
16500 CALL 4439H
16510 CP 8
16520 JP NZ,TRSEBR
16530 POP HL
16540 BC
16550 DJNZ WRITE
16570 RET
16580 LOAD CALL 4424H
16590 CP 8
16600 JP NZ,TRSEBR
16610 LD HL,(BPROG)
16620 LD (MISC),HL
16630 LD B,7
16640 CALL READ
16650 LD HL,(CHRBUFF)
16660 LD A,(HL)
16670 CP 8
16680 JR Z,LOAD1
16690 LD B,A
16700 LD DE,256
16710 ADD HL,DE
16720 LD (MISC),HL
16730 CALL READ
16740 LOAD1 LD HL,(MVBUFF)
16750 PUSH HL
16760 LD (MISC),HL
16770 LD B,1
16780 CALL READ
16790 POP HL
16800 LD A,(HL)
16810 CP 8
16820 LD Z,LOAD2
16830 LD B,A
16840 LD DE,256
16850 ADD HL,DE
16860 CALL READ
16870 LOAD2 LD HL,(BCKBUF)
16880 PUSH HL
16890 LD (MISC),HL
16900 LD B,1
16910 CALL READ
16920 POP HL
16930 LD A,(HL)
16940 SLA A
16950 SLA A
16960 CP 8
16970 JR Z,LOAD3
16980 LD DE,256
16990 ADD HL,DE

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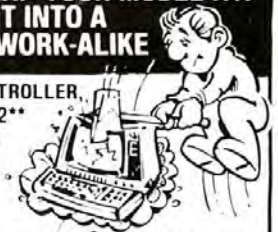
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17000 LD B,A
17010 CALL READ
17020 LOAD3 LD HL,(0B6E0H)
17030 LD (EPROC),HL
17040 LD HL,(0B6E2H)
17050 LD (ESCRIP),HL
17060 JP CLOSE
17070 READ PUSH
17080 LD DE,0FF00H
17090 CALL 4436H
17100 LD HL,0FE00H
17110 LD DE,(MISC)
17120 LD DC,256
17130 LDIR
17140 LD (MISC),DE
17150 POP BC
17160 CP 0
17170 JP NZ,TRSERR
17180 DJNZ
17190 RET
17200 ERR1 CALL ERROR
17210 LD HL,ERROR1
17220 JP ERR
17230 ERR2 POP IX
17240 POP IX
17250 POP IX
17260 XOR A
17270 LD (FLAG6),A
17280 LD (FLAG8),A
17290 CALL ERROR
17300 LD HL,ERROR2
17310 JP ERR
17320 TRSERR OR 0C0H
17330 LD HL,16147
17340 LD (4020H),HL
17350 CALL 4409H
17360 CALL 49H
17370 JP CLOSE
17380 ERR CALL 021BH
17390 CALL 49H
17400 CALL 01C9H
17410 JP INPUT
17420 ERROR LD HL,(SCRIN) ;SCREEN POSITION
17430 LD DE,181
17440 ADD HL,DE
17450 LD (4020H),HL
17460 RET
17470 MMENU DEFB ' Play-Byte Menu'
17480 DEFB 13
17490 DEFB '-----'
17500 DEFB 13
17510 DEFB 13
17520 DEFB 'Draw Chr/Bckgrnd/Mven'
17530 DEFB 13
17540 DEFB 'Construct Play'
17550 DEFB 13
17560 DEFB 'Action !!!'
17570 DEFB 13
17580 DEFB 'Return to TRSDOS'
17590 DEFB 13
17600 DEFB 1
17610 MMENU1 DEFB 'Drawing Menu'
17620 DEFB 13
17630 DEFB '-----'
17640 DEFB 13
17650 DEFB 13
17660 DEFB 'Background'
17670 DEFB 13
17680 DEFB 'Character'
17690 DEFB 13
17700 DEFB 'Moves'
17710 DEFB 13
17720 DEFB '-----'
17730 MMENU2 DEFB 'Construction Menu'
17740 DEFB 13
17750 DEFB '-----'
17760 DEFB 13
17770 DEFB 10
17780 DEFB 'List'
17790 DEFB 9
17800 DEFB 'Status'
17810 DEFB 9
17820 DEFB 'Edit'
17830 DEFB 9
17840 DEFB 'Memorize'
17850 DEFB 9
17860 DEFB 'Clr Screen'
17870 DEFB 9
17880 DEFB 'Curtain'
17890 DEFB 9
17900 DEFB 'Erase Chr'
17910 DEFB 9
17920 DEFB 'Dialogue'
17930 DEFB 9
17940 DEFB 'Displ Bkgr'
17950 DEFB 9
17960 DEFB 'Loop'
17970 DEFB 9
17980 DEFB 'Move Char'
17990 DEFB 9
18000 DEFB 'Restre Mvs'
18010 DEFB 9
18020 DEFB 'Speed'
18030 DEFB 9
18040 DEFB 'Script'
18050 DEFB 9
18060 DEFB 1
18070 MENU3 DEFB 'Editor Menu'
18080 DEFB 13
18090 DEFB '-----'
18100 DEFB 13
18110 DEFB 13
18120 DEFB 'Edit Program Lines'
18130 DEFB 13
18140 DEFB 'Delete Script'
18150 DEFB 13
18160 DEFB 1
18170 MENU4 DEFB 'Editor Menu'
18180 DEFB 13
18190 DEFB '-----'
18200 DEFB 13
18210 DEFB 13
18220 DEFB 'Replace Program Line'
18230 DEFB 13
18240 DEFB 'Insert Program Line'
18250 DEFB 13
18260 DEFB 'Delete Program Line'
18270 DEFB 13
18280 DEFB 1
18290 MENU5 DEFB 'Memorize Menu'
18300 DEFB 13
18310 DEFB '-----'
18320 DEFB 13
18330 DEFB 13
18340 DEFB 'Save'
18350 DEFB 13
18360 DEFB 'Load'
18370 DEFB 13
18380 DEFB 1
18390 TABLE DEFW CLR1
18400 DEFW CURT2
18410 DEFW DIALG1
18420 DEFW DISPL1
18430 DEFW LOOP2
18440 DEFW MOVE2
18450 DEFW RESTR2
18460 DEFW SPED2
18470 DEFW DELET2
18480 NAME DEFB 'Input Name:'
18490 DEFB 13
18500 EXTRA DEFB 'Base Character?'
18510 DEFB 13
18520 EXTRAB DEFB 'Base Background?'
18530 DEFB 13
18540 MVCHR DEFB 'Input MOVE which CHAR is using'
18550 DEFB 13
18560 PROGNM DEFB 'Input Appropriate Line #'
18570 DEFB 13
18580 MOVES DEFB 'Base Move?'
18590 DEFB 13
18600 LINNUM DEFB 'Line Number?'
18610 DEFB 13
18620 TIMNUM DEFB 'Number Of Loops?'
18630 DEFB 13
18640 SPREDS DEFB 'Speed?'
18650 DEFB 13
18660 SCRIPS DEFB 'Enter One Line of Script'
18670 DEFB 13
18680 NUMBCK DEFB 'Backgrounds:'
18690 DEFB 13
18700 NUMCHR DEFB 'Characters:'
18710 DEFB 13
18720 NUMMOV DEFB 'Moves:'
18730 DEFB 13
18740 SCRME DEFB 'Script:'
18750 DEFB 13
18760 WAITIN DEFB 'Press ANY key to continue'
18770 DEFB 13
18780 ERROR1 DEFB 'Too Many Bcks/Chrs/or Mves'
18790 DEFB 13
18800 ERROR2 DEFB 'No such Bckgr/Chr/ of Mve'
18810 DEFB 13
18820 CLRMES DEFB 'Clear Screen'
18830 DEFB 13
18840 CURNES DEFB 'Background:'
18850 DEFB 1
18860 DEFB ' with Curtain'
18870 DEFB 13
18880 DIAMES DEFB 'Dialogue'
18890 DEFB 13
18900 DISMES DEFB 'Background:'
18910 DEFB 1
18920 DEFB 20H
18930 DEFB 13
18940 LOPMES DEFB 'Loop to Line'
18950 DEFB 4
18960 DEFB ' '
18970 DEFB 4
18980 DEFB ' Times'
18990 DEFB 13
19000 MOVME DEFB 'Move Char:'
19010 DEFB 2
19020 DEFB ' with Move:'
19030 DEFB 3
19040 DEFB 13
19050 RESMES DEFB 'Restore Move:'
19060 DEFB 3
19070 DEFB 13
19080 SPDME DEFB 'Speed = '
19090 DEFB 4
19100 DEFB 13
19110 DELMES DEFB 'Erase Char which is using MOVE:'
19120 DEFB 3
19130 DEFB 13
19140 DEFB 0H ;FLAG TO GET ADDRESS OF BACKGRND
19150 FLAG7 DEFB 0 ;FLAG TO PRINT '# OF MOVES'
19160 FLAG8 DEFB 0 ;FLAG TO RETURN TO PROG EXECUTION
19170 FLAG9 DEFB 0 ;FLAG TO HAVE DIFFERENT CURSOR MOVEMENT ON MENUES
19180 FLAG10 DEFB 0 ;FLAG FOR USE OF 'STAT'
19190 FLAG11 DEFB 0 ;USED TO PRINT # OF MOVES
19200 FLAG12 DEFB 0 ;FLAG FOR EDITOR TO INTERCEPT
19210 FLAG13 DEFB 0 ;FLAG FOR ERASE CHARACTER
19220 DATFLG DEFB 0 ;FLAG FOR DATA STATEMENTS
19230 MCHR DEFB 0
19240 POS DEFB 1
19250 LEN DEFB 0
19260 BPROG DEFW 9000H ;ADDRESS OF BEG OF PROGRAM
19270 EPROG DEFW 9000H ;ADDRESS OF END OF PROGRAM
19280 ESCRIP DEFW 931H
19290 ESCRIP DEFW 930H
19300 SCRMAX DEFW 95FFH
19310 COORD DEFW 0000
19320 BCKBUF DEFW 0B600H
19330 BEGBAK DEFW 0B340H
19340 CHRBUF DEFW 05600H
19350 DESCRIP DEFW 89640H
19360 MVBUFF DEFW 0A100H
19370 BEGMOV DEFW 0A100H
19380 ALLBUF DEFW 0000H
19390 CPYCHR DEFW 0000H
19400 BYTE DEFW 0000H
19410 ADD DEFW 0000H
19420 RATE DEFW 0001H
19430 SCRIN DEFW 0000H
19440 MISC DEFW 0000H
19450 MISC1 DEFW 0000H
19460 SAVBUF DEFW 0E000H
19470 SCRBUF DEFW 0000H
19480 PRGEND DEFW 9270H
19490 TRANS EQU 859AH
19500 TRANS3 EQU 85AFH
19510 TRANS6 EQU 85C4H
19520 BCKGRO EQU 81CEN
19530 CHRCTR EQU 83DEH
19540 DEFMV EQU 843DH
19550 PLACE EQU 8677H
19560 PLACE1 EQU 8679H
19570 END 6000H

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Program Listing 2. Play-Byte, part 2.

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00100 ORG 01CEH
00110 ; DISPLAY STATUS ON TOP OF SCREEN
00120 ; MAKE BACKGROUND
00130 BCKGRO JP %,BCKGRA
00140 CALL 01C9H
00150 BCKGRA CALL INTRO
00160 BCKGRB LD HL,3000
00170 LD (SPEED),HL
00180 LD A,1
00190 LD (FLAG1),A
00200 BCKGR1 LD A,0
00210 LD (X),A
00220 BCKGR2 LD A,8

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00230 LD (Y),A
00240 CALL SET3A
00250 ; ACCEP INPUT FROM USER
00260 LOOP CALL HALT
00270 LD A,(2840H)
00280 BIT 3,A
00290 JR NZ,UP
00300 BIT 4,A
00310 JR NZ,DOWN
00320 BIT 5,A
00330 JR NZ,LEFT
00340 BIT 6,A
00350 JR NZ,RIGHT
00360 BIT 2,A
00370 JP NZ,ENDIT
00380 BIT 0,A
00390 JP NZ,MOVE
00400 BIT 1,A
00410 JP NZ,ERASE
00420 LD A,(3810H)
00430 BIT 1,A
00440 CALL NZ,FAST
00450 BIT 2,A
00460 CALL NZ,MED
00470 BIT 3,A
00480 CALL NZ,SLOW
00490 LD A,(3801H)
00500 BIT 0,A
00510 JP NZ,MOVE1
00520 LOOP
00530 ; MOVE CURSOR WHICH WAY?
00540 LEPT LD A,(X)
00550 DEC A
00560 CALL SET
00570 JR LOOP
00580 DOWN LD A,(Y)
00590 TNC A
00600 CALL SET1
00610 JR LOOP
00620 RIGHT LD A,(X)
00630 INC A
00640 CALL SET
00650 JR LOOP
00660 UP LD A,(Y)
00670 DEC A
00680 CALL SET1
00690 JP LOOP
00700 ; SET AND RESET PARTS OF SCREEN
00710 SET CP 80H
00720 JP NC,PAUSE
00730 SETA 80 CP
00740 JP C,PAUSE
00750 LD (X),A
00760 JR SET3
00770 SET1 CP 30H
00780 JP NC,PAUSE
00790 SET2 4 CP
00800 JP C,PAUSE
00810 LD (Y),A
00820 SET3 LD A,(CHAR)
00830 LD (DE),A
00840 SET3A LD A,(Y)
00850 LD D,0FFH
00860 SET4 INC D
00870 SUB 3
00880 JR NC,SET4
00890 ADD A,3
00900 LD C,A
00910 00910 LD A,(X)
00920 ADD A,A
00930 LD E,A
00940 LD B,2
00950 SET5 LD A,D
00960 RRA
00970 LD D,A
00980 LD A,E
00990 RRA
01000 LD E,A
01010 DJNZ SET5
01020 LD A,C
01030 ADC A,A
01040 INC A
01050 LD B,A
01060 XOR A
01070 SCY
01080 SET6 ADC A,A
01090 DJNZ SET6
01100 LD C,A
01110 LD A,D
01120 OR 3CH
01130 LD D,A
01140 LD A,(DE)
01150 OR A

01160 JP M,SET7
01170 LD A,80H
01180 SET7 LD B,A
01190 LD A,(FLAG2)
01200 CP 1
01210 JR Z,SET9
01220 LD A,B
01230 LD (DE),A
01240 OR C
01250 LD (DE),A
01260 LD (CHAR),A
01270 LD A,(FLAG1)
01280 CP 1
01290 RET NZ
01300 SET8 LD A,B
01310 LD (CHAR),A
01320 RET
01330 SET9 LD A,B
01340 PUSH AF
01350 PUSH BC
01360 LD A,C
01370 CPL
01380 LD A,(DE)
01390 LD A,(DE)
01400 AND C
01410 LD (CHAR),A
01420 POP BC
01430 POP AF
01440 LD (DE),A
01450 OR C
01460 LD (DE),A
01470 RET
01480 ; PAUSE
01490 HALT LD BC,(SPEED)
01500 CALL 60H
01510 RET
01520 PAUSE POP IY
01530 JP LOOP
01540 ; ENTER MOVE MODE
01550 MOVE XOR A
01560 LD (FLAG1),A
01570 LD (FLAG2),A
01580 LD A,1
01590 LD (FLAG4),A
01600 LD HL,15360+7
01610 LD (4020H),HL
01620 LD HL,DRAMME
01630 PUSH DE
01640 CALL 021BH
01650 POP DE
01660 CALL SET3
01670 LOOP
01680 MOVE1 LD A,1
01690 LD (FLAG1),A
01700 XOR A
01710 LD (FLAG2),A
01720 MOVE2 LD HL,15360+7
01730 LD (4020H),HL
01740 LD HL,MOVEME
01750 PUSH DE
01760 CALL 021BH
01770 POP DE
01780 JP LOOP
01790 ; ENTER ERASE MODE
01800 ERASE XOR A
01810 LD (FLAG4),A
01820 LD A,1
01830 LD (FLAG2),A
01840 LD HL,15360+7
01850 LD (4020H),HL
01860 LD HL,ERASEM
01870 PUSH DE
01880 CALL 021BH
01890 POP DE
01900 CALL SET3
01910 LD HL,(PLACE1)
01920 INC (HL)
01930 JP LOOP
01940 ; ENTER DRAW MODE
01950 DRAW XOR A
01960 LD (FLAG2),A
01970 JR MOVE2
01980 ; DO IT FAST!1
01990 FAST LD HL,15360+22
02000 LD (4020H),HL
02010 LD HL,FASTME
02020 PUSH DE
02030 CALL 021BH
02040 POP DE
02050 LD HL,500
02060 JR SPEED1
02070 ; DO IT MEDIUM
02080 MED LD HL,15360+22
02090 LD (4020H),HL

02100 LD HL,MEDME
02110 PUSH DE
02120 CALL 021BH
02130 POP DE
02140 LD HL,3000
02150 JR SPEED1
02160 ; DO IT SLOWLY
02170 SLOW LD HL,15360+22
02180 LD (4020H),HL
02190 LD HL,SLOWME
02200 PUSH DE
02210 CALL 021BH
02220 POP DE
02230 LD HL,0000
02240 SPEED1 LD (SPEED),HL
02250 RET
02260 ; DISPLAY STATUS ON TOP OF SCREEN
02270 INTRO LD HL,MODE
02280 CALL 021BH
02290 LD HL,SPEED2
02300 CALL 021BH
02310 LD HL,EXIT
02320 CALL 021BH
02330 LD HL,15360+7
02340 LD (4020H),HL
02350 LD HL,MOVEME
02360 CALL 021BH
02370 CALL MED
02380 RET
02390 ; WANT TO END SESSION,CONTINUE, OR ERASE SCREEN?
02400 ENDIT LD B,A
02410 LD A,140
02420 LD (15360+63),A
02430 LD A,(CHAR)
02440 LD (DE),A
02450 ENDIT1 PUSH DE
02460 CALL 40H
02470 POP DE
02480 CP 'E'
02490 ENDITA JP Z,ENDIT3
02500 CP 'C'
02510 ENDITB JP Z,ENDIT2
02520 CP 'M'
02530 ENDITC JP Z,ENDIT0
02540 JR ENDIT1
02550 ENDIT0 LD A,(FLAG3)
02560 CP 1
02570 JP Z,CHAR1
02580 RET
02590 ENDIT2 LD A,32
02600 LD (15360+63),A
02610 JP LOOP
02620 ENDIT3 CALL 01C9H
02630 CALL INTRO
02640 LD A,(FLAG3)
02650 CP 0
02660 JP Z,BCKGRB
02670 CALL 01C9H
02680 ; DRAW THE CHARACTER
02690 CHRCTR LD A,1
02700 LD (FLAG3),A
02710 LD A,80
02720 LD (SET+1),A
02730 LD A,42
02740 LD (SET+1),A
02750 LD (BCKGR1+1),A
02760 LD A,30
02770 LD (SET+1),A
02780 LD A,12
02790 LD (SET2+1),A
02800 LD (BCKGR2+1),A
02810 LD HL,15360+213
02820 LD A,52
02830 LD (HL),A
02840 LD B,22
02850 CHAR2 INC HL
02860 INC A
02870 LD (HL),A
02880 DJNZ CHAR2
02890 LD HL,15360+276
02900 LD A,310
02910 LD (HL),A
02920 LD B,5
02930 LD DE,64
02940 CHAR3 ADD HL,DE
02950 INC A
02960 LD (HL),A
02970 DJNZ CHAR3
02980 JP BCKGRA
02990 CHAR1 XOR A
03000 LD (FLAG3),A
03010 LD A,80H
03020 LD (SET+1),A
03030 XOR A

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03050 LD (BCKGR1+1),A
03060 LD A,30H
03070 LD (SET1+1),A
03080 LD A,1
03090 LD (SET2+1),A
03100 LD A,8
03110 LD (BCKGR2+1),A
03120 RET
03130 ; DRAW THE MOVES
03140 DEFMV CALL INTRO
03150 LD A,1
03160 LD (FLAG1),A
03170 LD A,BC3H
03180 LD (SET3),A
03190 LD A,BC3H
03200 LD (LOOP),A
03210 LD HL,LOOP1
03220 LD (LOOP+1),HL
03230 HL,RETURN
03240 LD (ENDITC+1),HL
03250 LD HL,DEPMV1
03260 LD (ENDITA+1),HL
03270 LD HL,15360+129
03280 LD (X),HL
03290 LD DE,SCREEN
03300 PUSH HL
03310 INC HL
03320 CALL TRANS3
03330 POP HL
03340 LD A,(15360+129)
03350 LD (CHAR),A
03360 LOOP1 CALL HALT
03370 LD HL,(X)
03380 LD A,(3840H)
03390 BIT 3,A
03400 JR NZ,UPM
03410 BIT 4,A
03420 JR NZ,DOWNM
03430 BIT 5,A
03440 JR NZ,LEFTM
03450 BIT 6,A
03460 JR NZ,RIGHTM
03470 BIT 2,A
03480 JP NZ,ENDIT
03490 BIT 0,A
03500 JP NZ,MOVE
03510 BIT 1,A
03520 JP NZ,ERASE
03530 LD A,(3810H)
03540 BIT 1,A
03550 CALL NZ,FAST
03560 BIT 2,A
03570 CALL NZ,MED
03580 BIT 3,A
03590 CALL NZ,SLOW
03600 LD A,(3801H)
03610 BIT 0,A
03620 JP NZ,MOVE1
03630 JR LOOP1
03640 DEPMV1 CALL 01C9H
03650 JP DEPMV
03660 UPM CALL COORD2
03670 LD DE,E4
03680 OR A
03690 SBC HL,DE
03700 JP COORD
03710 DOWNM CALL COORD2
03720 LD DE,E4
03730 ADD HL,DE
03740 JP COORD
03750 LEFTM CALL COORD2
03760 DEC HL
03770 JP COORD
03780 RIGHTM CALL COORD2
03790 INC HL
03800 JP COORD
03810 COORD LD COORD
03820 CP 3CH
03830 JR 2,COORD1
03840 CP 62
03850 JP P,COORDB
03860 COORDA INC HL
03870 CALL DRWCHR
03880 LD HL
03890 LD (X),HL
03900 LD A,(HL)
03910 LD (CHAR),A
03920 LD A,'-'
03930 LD (HL),A
03940 JP LOOP1
03950 COORD1 LD A,L
03960 CP 41H
03970 JP NC,COORDA
03980 LD DE,64
03990 ADD HL,DE
04000 JP COORDA
04010 COORDB LD A,L
04020 CP 167
04030 JP C,COORDA
04040 LD DE,64
04050 OR A
04060 SBC HL,DE
04070 JP COORDA
04080 COORD2 LD A,(FLAG2)
04090 CP 1
04100 JR 2,ERASH
04110 LD A,(FLAG1)
04120 CP 1
04130 JR 2,MOVEM
04140 LD A,(FLAG4)
04150 CP 1
04160 JR 2,DRAWM
04170 JP LOOP1
04180 ; DRAW DASHES WHERE MOVES ARE
04190 DRAWM PUSH HL
04200 LD HL,(PLACE)
04210 LD A,(HL)
04220 CP 125
04230 JR 2,DRAWM1
04240 INC (HL)
04250 POP HL
04260 LD DE,(PLACE1)
04270 LD A,L
04280 LD (DE),A
04290 INC DE
04300 LD A,H
04310 LD (DE),A
04320 INC DE
04330 LD (PLACE1),DE
04340 LD A,'-'
04350 LD (HL),A
04360 RET
04370 DRAWM1 POP HL
04380 POP IX
04390 LD A,'-'
04400 LD (CHAR),A
04410 JP MOVE1
04420 MOVEM LD A,(CHAR)
04430 LD (HL),A
04440 RET
04450 ; ERASE DASHES
04460 ERASH LD A,(CHAR)
04470 CP '-'
04480 LD (HL),A
04490 RET NZ
04500 LD A,20H
04510 LD (HL),A
04520 LD DE,(PLACE1)
04530 DEC DE
04540 DEC DE
04550 LD (PLACE1),DE
04560 PUSH HL
04570 LD HL,(PLACE)
04580 DEC (HL)
04590 POP HL
04600 RET
04610 ; ROUTINE TO ERASE PORTION OF SCREEN AND
04620 ; RECORD CONTENTS OF NEXT PORTION OF SCREEN
04630 ; AND DISPLAY CHARACTER
04640 ; APPEARS AS IF IT IS MOVING
04650 DRWCHR PUSH HL
04660 LD HL,(X)
04670 INC HL
04680 LD DE,SCREEN
04690 CALL TRANS
04700 DRWCH1 POP HL
04710 PUSH HL
04720 LD DE,SCREEN
04730 CALL TRANS3
04740 LD DE,(CPYCHR)
04750 POP HL
04760 PUSH HL
04770 CALL TRANS6
04780 POP HL
04790 RET
04800 TRANS LD B,6
04810 TRANS1 PUSH BC
04820 LD B,24
04830 TRANS2 LD A,(DE)
04840 LD (HL),A
04850 TRANSA INC HL
04860 INC DE
04870 DJNZ TRANS2
04880 PUSH DE
04890 LD DE,40
04900 ADD HL,DE
04910 POP DE
04920 POP BC
04930 DJNZ TRANS1
04940 RET
04950 TRANS3 LD B,6
04960 TRANS4 PUSH BC
04970 LD B,24
04980 TRANS5 LD A,(HL)
04990 LD (DE),A
05000 INC HL
05010 INC DE
05020 DJNZ TRANS5
05030 PUSH DE
05040 LD DE,40
05050 ADD HL,DE
05060 POP DE
05070 POP BC
05080 DJNZ TRANS4
05090 RET
05100 TRANS6 LD B,6
05110 TRANS7 PUSH BC
05120 LD B,24
05130 TRANS8 LD A,(DE)
05140 CP 128
05150 JP 2,TRANS9
05160 CP 20H
05170 JP 2,TRANS9
05180 LD (HL),A
05190 TRANS9 INC HL
05200 INC DE
05210 DJNZ TRANS8
05220 PUSH DE
05230 LD DE,40
05240 ADD HL,DE
05250 POP DE
05260 POP BC
05270 DJNZ TRANS7
05280 RET
05290 ; RESET EVERYTHING
05300 RETURN XOR A
05310 LD (FLAG1),A
05320 LD (FLAG2),A
05330 LD A,30H
05340 LD (SET3),A
05350 LD A,BCDH
05360 LD (LOOP),A
05370 LD HL,HALT
05380 LD (LOOP+1),HL
05390 LD HL,ENDIT3
05400 LD (ENDITA+1),HL
05410 LD HL,ENDIT0
05420 LD (ENDITC+1),HL
05430 CALL 01C9H
05440 RET
05450 MODE DEFM 'Mode: '
05460 DEFB 03
05470 EXIT DEFM 'Exit: (Era, Cont, or Mem)'
05480 DEFB 03
05490 SPEED2 DEFM 'Speed: '
05500 DEFB 03
05510 MOVEME DEFM 'MOVE '
05520 DEFB 3
05530 DRAWME DEFM 'DRAW '
05540 DEFB 3
05550 ERASEM DEFM 'ERASE '
05560 DEFB 3
05570 FASTME DEFM 'FAST'
05580 DEFB 3
05590 MEDME DEFM 'MED '
05600 DEFB 3
05610 SLOWME DEFM 'SLOW '
05620 DEFB 3
05630 X DEFB 0
05640 Y DEFB 0
05650 FLAG1 DEFB 0 ;MOVE FLAG
05660 FLAG2 DEFB 0 ;ERASE FLAG
05670 FLAG3 DEFB 0
05680 FLAG4 DEFB 0 ;DRAW FLAG
05690 CHAR DEFB 0
05700 SPEED DEFW 0
05710 PLACE DEFW 0000H
05720 PLACE1 DEFW 0000H
05730 SCOUNT DEFB 0
05740 CPYCHR EQU 01BCH
05750 BEGIN LD HL,9000H
05760 LD DE,9001H
05770 XOR A
05780 LD (HL),A
05790 LD BC,11520
05800 LDIR
05810 JP 7800H
05820 SCREEN DEFB 01
05830 DEFB 193
05840 END

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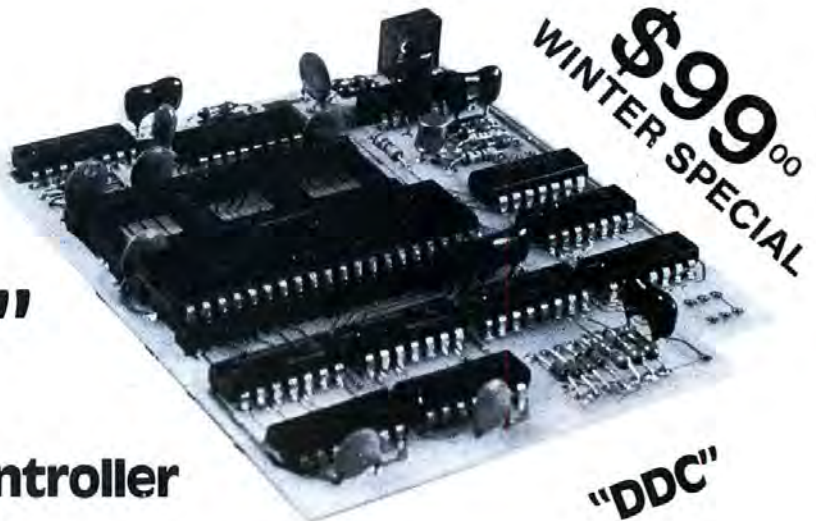
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Seven 100 Percent Solutions

by Rolf A. Deininger

Once upon a time, there was darkness in Tandyland. The apples and oranges and other fruits blossomed and the Big Blue grapes grew bigger and bluer each day, but the models numbered one through four would not sell.

And John, prophet of Tandyland, looked throughout the warehouses at the other items, the works of the mighty Archer and others, and chose batteries, saying, "If we cannot sell computers, then let us sell batteries."

"But how do we do this?" asked the sages and shopkeepers.

And John said, "Realistically. Let us find a toy which everyone on this earth needs, and one which devours batteries. Let it consume two hundred AA batteries in a year."

Now the shopkeepers were conservative, and were abashed by the boldness of John. They thought they could sell but 100 batteries per year, and thus the name Model 100 was born.

The wise men searched high and low for such a product, until Jon, aide of John, prophesied, "Let us look to the land of the rising sun, and the software bedlam of Bellevue."

So they looked to Japan and Washington, and men there created a portable computer. And John, Jon, and the sages and shopkeepers rejoiced, because they saw that the toy was good and that it would sell many batteries.

And later, Jon left for Bellevue himself, to be received by open Gates. But here endeth the story of John and Jon. And our story begins.

The Problem

In my first two weeks with the Model 100, I went through three sets of alkaline AA batteries at a cost of roughly \$10. Scared by the prospect of a \$200 annual battery bill, I bought

an ac adapter (\$5.95)—which freed me from alkalines, but kept me within a 75-inch radius of the nearest wall outlet.

A 50- or 100-foot extension cord would give me some leeway, but not enough to write a story at an airport. The gangways are long, the doors of the plane crimp the cord, and when the plane taxis from the gate, I lose both the power and the cord.

What I needed was an auxiliary power supply capable of giving my 32K RAM Model 100 the 60 milliamperes (mA) it needs for longer than the 20 hours available on alkaline batteries (20 hours \times 60 milliamps = 1,200 mAhrs or milliamperhours).

The Solutions

I came up with seven possible solutions. Solution 1 was to replace the Model 100's four alkaline batteries with rechargeable nickel-cadmium batteries—about \$10 for four NiCads, plus \$7 for a battery charger. Unfortunately, this doesn't work very well.

The NiCads produce 5 volts when fresh and then drop to 4.8 volts, triggering the Model 100's low-power light. At this voltage, the Model 100 draws 75 mA, and up to 120 mA while dialing the telephone.

Five NiCads would provide the necessary 6 volts, but there's no room for a fifth cell in the battery compartment.

Solution 2, by contrast, works like a charm: Put only three NiCads into the 100 and tape a two-battery holder (Radio Shack part number 270-382, 79 cents) to the top of the case to hold a few more NiCads (see Photo 1).

With the outside battery pack properly connected to the partially empty battery compartment, the NiCads produce about 450 mAhrs, powering the computer for seven to eight hours between recharges.

Fitting five batteries into a recharge holder for four is a problem, but so is this solution's ugly appearance.

Solution 3 is a similarly simple, clumsy kludge. A 6-volt



Photo 1. Model 100 with two AA batteries taped next to the display.



Photo 2. Gel cells—from a 9.5-Ahrs Sears cell to a 1-Ahrs cell.

lantern battery (\$3 to \$13) and a homemade cable using Radio Shack's coaxial adapter plugs (Radio Shack part number 274-1551, \$1.69 for two) provide from three to 40 ampere-hours (Ahrs) of power. A 20-Ahrs Duracell MN908 battery (\$6), for instance, should power your Model 100 for over 300 hours; a 40-Ahrs MN918 battery (\$13) for over 650.

Solution 4 is a compromise: Attach the plug described in Solution 3 to a six-cell battery holder for C cells. Put five rechargeable NiCads (about \$16, plus \$12 for a charger) in the holder. For the sixth cell space, use any dead C battery. Solder a wire from the bottom to the tip of the dead battery so it serves as a space filler only.

A fully charged set should last between 15 and 20 hours. If you don't want to use a dead cell to fill the holder, you can use six NiCads; 7.2 volts won't hurt the 100 and the current will go down to about 50 mA.

Gel Cells and Solar Power

Solutions 5 and 6 are more exotic. Gel cells are normal electrolyte batteries (like your car battery), except that their electrolyte solution is gelled; they are excellent power supplies, a bit heavy, but with ample reserve for remote computing.

Photo 2 shows a 9.5-Ahrs Sears cell (toy catalog part number 49 N 86522, \$15) and three Globe Industries cells (7.5, 1.8, and 1 Ahrs). You'll have to make the appropriate cables and buy a charger (\$6 to \$10).

Returning to Radio Shack, Tandy's solar panel (part number 277-1250, \$25) delivers 80 mA at 6 volts in bright sunlight (see Photo 3). If you can keep the panel in the sun and yourself and the 100 in the shade, it's okay. However, it doesn't work at night, and it makes it hard to take notes in a lecture hall.

Solar power may not be practical, but my other solutions are bargains compared to alkaline AA cells. With 20 hours' computing per week, you'd need 52 sets (208 batteries) per year—at about \$3 per set, a \$156 total. By contrast, just three Duracell MN908 lantern batteries will provide a year's worth of use for \$18.

Rechargeables are even cheaper. Solution 4's five NiCad C cells will survive several hundred weekly recharges, or at least three years' service. If the cells, charger, and cable cost \$30,



Photo 3. A solar power panel for the Model 100.

that's a modest \$10 per year. And the Sears gel cell mentioned in Solution 5, about \$21 with charger and cable, will run your 100 for \$7 a year.

The Ideal Solution

The best bargain of all? Solution 7: Enroll 18 friends or relatives in Radio Shack's Battery-of-the-Month Club (see p. 150 of the 1984 Radio Shack catalog). Each month, have your friends pick up the give-away AA battery. Except for the gas they use trotting to participating Radio Shack dealers, it's free. ■

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The Shadow Knows

by Richard Ramella

Lamont Cranston, or The Shadow as old-time radio listeners will remember, had the ability to cloud men's minds. I've named this short program in his honor. LAMONT.BA protects sensitive text material in the Model 100 by encoding it (see Program Listing 1).

The encrypted files thwart the casual sneakpeek as well as the most determined snoop. In addition, LAMONT.BA befuddles many line printers' efforts to print the coded version. And the same program both encodes and decodes text files.

LAMONT works by increasing the ASCII value of each of your old file's characters by 100, then sending them to a new .DO file. The resulting program code looks like gibberish because it comprises both pictographic and non-English characters instead of conventional ASCII character values.

Using the Program

First, create a short .DO file to test the system. Call it Test.DO.

Then run LAMONT. Answer the first prompt, "Will you be 1-Coding? 2-Decoding?", by typing 1 and pressing the enter key. Answer the next prompt, "File to be coded?", by typing TEST and hitting the enter key. Answer the last prompt, "Name of new file?", with TEST2 and tap the enter key.

Once the program writes the new encoded or decoded file, it displays "File transferred," and beeps 20 times. It also reminds you to destroy the plaintext version by stating: To kill old file, type "KILL TEST.DO" and tap enter.

To see the coded version of your text, press the F8 key to enter the menu mode. Put the cursor over the file named TEST2 and press the enter key.

The Key Box

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Decoding Material

To decode your text, run LAMONT.BA again. This time answer the first prompt by pressing 2 and then the enter key. The old file is now TEST2, the new file, TEST3, and the program has restored the Text file to plaintext.

To store a Basic program file in plaintext, first run the program, then stop it by pressing the shift and the break keys simultaneously. Note that all subsequent references to the word program in commands denote the name you gave the program, not the word itself. Type SAVE"PROGRAM.DO" and press the enter key.

To reclaim the program in Basic, decode the coded file, then type SAVE"PROGRAM" and wait until it begins to run. Stop the run by pressing the shift and break keys together, then type SAVE"PROGRAM" and the program returns to a Basic file.

Further Security

You can, of course, enhance this method in order to provide more security. Line 280 is a likely place to customize LAMONT.BA. Note that 100 appears twice in that line. You can substitute any single number from one to 133 to yield a different set of encryption symbols. Be sure to use the same number in both places.

If you're really paranoid, you can store an encoded text file or program in two different files, sending every other charac-

ter to alternate files, then have the same program reassemble the file in plaintext. ■

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Backing Up the 100

by Bryan R. Leipper

In spite of the Model 100's constant memory feature, you still need to back up your files. If you maintain several document files, it's inconvenient to save them all to tape by going in and out of Text or by typing the file names. Here's a way to automate that process.

BKUPDO (Program Listing 2) PEEKs into memory to find the file names for all of the document files in the Model 100 menu. The program asks you whether you want to store each file to tape. It notes the files you select for tape back-up by typing a Y, stores them in a cassette file, and then reads the files from memory and stores them to tape.

To ensure that the 100 properly stores the files on cassette, BKUPDO has a verify function that compares the tape files with the RAM files. It tells you if you changed a line in the file, changed the length of a file, or if there is an input/output error in the file. One error that doesn't show up directly is when the 100 cannot find a file (probably due to a recording problem). In this case the tape machine continues to run, and you have to hit the break key or control/C to interrupt the program.

When you want to reload the programs, BKUPDO first reads the list of file names from cassette and then reads the files and places them in memory. Be careful to avoid overwriting updated files that you haven't backed up.

How It Works

The 100 stores its directory of user files starting at memory location 63930 (F98A hexadecimal (hex)). Each entry is 11 bytes long. The first byte identifies the type of file, with 80 hex indicating a Basic program file and a C0 hex (192 decimal) indicating a document file. This is followed by a 2-byte starting address for the file. Then the Model 100 stores the file name as 6 bytes, padded on the right with blanks. The last 2 bytes are the ASCII codes for the extension, which should be .DO for document files.

Knowing this, you can write a Basic program to PEEK at the addresses looking for the proper codes in order to extract a file name. The computer then reads and stores this file on tape.

When you run the program, you must first decide whether you want to read files from the tape, save files to tape, or verify what you've previously saved. If you select R to read the tape, make sure you have a proper back-up tape in the cassette machine ready to play. The program looks for cassette file FINM to read a list of names and then will load each file just as it was recorded. All you have to do is wait a few minutes until the program loads all of your document files to RAM.

Typing S makes the program search memory for document file names. As it finds them, the program asks if you want the file saved to cassette. An upper- or lowercase Y sets the file name in an array for later processing. Any other response bypasses back-up of the file named. After the program ex-

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100 REM * Lamont * TRS-80 Model 100 8K *
Richard Ramella
110 MAXFILES=2
120 CLS
130 PRINT "Will you be..."
140 PRINT "1 - Coding
150 PRINT "2 - Decoding
160 INPUT Z
170 IF Z<>1 AND Z<>2 THEN 120
180 PRINT "File to be ";
190 IF Z=2 THEN PRINT "de";
200 INPUT "coded";A$
210 INPUT "Name of new file";B$
220 IF LEN(B$)>6 THEN CLS: PRINT "New
file name must be in 6 or fewer
characters.": GOTO 210
230 BEEP
240 PRINT "Translation begun. Patience,
please."
250 OPEN A$ FOR INPUT AS 1
260 OPEN B$ FOR OUTPUT AS 2
270 C$=INPUT$(1,1)
280 IF Z=1 THEN C$=CHR$(ASC(C$)+100)
ELSE C$=CHR$(ASC(C$)-100)
290 PRINT #2,C$;
300 IF EOF(1) THEN 320
310 GOTO 270
320 PRINT "File transferred."
330 FOR T=1 TO 20
340 BEEP
350 NEXT
360 PRINT "To kill old file "A$",
370 PRINT "Type " CHR$(34)"KILL
"A$".DO"CHR$(34)" and tap Enter
380 END

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Program Listing 1. LAMONT.BA.




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Program Listing 2. BKUPDO.

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10 CLEAR2E3 :DIMF$(19) :MAXFILES=2
15 INPUT"(R)ead, (S)ave, or (V)erify";B$
:IF B$="R" THEN 700 ELSE IF B$="S" THEN
500 ELSE IF B$="V" THEN 300 ELSE 15
20 OPEN"RAM:"+F$(J%)+".DO" FOR INPUT AS
1 :RETURN
30 OPEN"CAS:"+F$(J%) FOR INPUT AS 2
:RETURN
60 OPEN"CAS:FINM" FOR INPUT AS 2 :X%=0
:PRINT"Reading File Names from cassette"

70 IF EOF(2) THEN 90 ELSE X%=X%+1
:LINEINPUT#2,F$(X%) :IF F$(X%)="" THEN
X%=X%-1
75 PRINT F$(X%);"- ";
80 GOTO70
90 PRINT:CLOSE:RETURN
100 I=I+1:A=PEEK(I)+256*PEEK(I+1)
120 N$=""
130 FOR I=I+2 TO I+5
140 J%=PEEK(I) :IF J%>32 THEN N$=N$+CHR$(
J%)
150 NEXT
160 EX$=CHR$(PEEK(I))+CHR$(PEEK(I+1))
170 IFEX$<>"DO"THENPRINT"Bad
extension":RETURN
180 PRINT"File: ";N$;".DO at
address:";A:PRINT"store on cassette (y/n
)? ";
190 B$=INKEY$:IFB$=""THEN190
200 IFB$="Y"ORB$="y"THENX%=X%+1:F$(X%)
=N$:PRINT"save ";N$ELSEPRINT"skip ";N$
210 RETURN
300 PRINT"Failure to find file will
cause": PRINT"cassette to run until tape
out.":PRINT"Looking for FINM":ON ERROR
GOTO 450
310 GOSUB60
320 FOR J%=1 TO X%
330 PRINTUSING"Attempting to verify: \
";F$(J%);
340 GOSUB30:PRINT" Found ";
350 GOSUB20
360 IFEOF(1)ANDEOF(2)THEN PRINT" ok"
:GOTO410
370 IFEOF(1)OREOF(2)THENPRINT" length
mismatched":GOTO410
380 A$=INPUT$(1,1):B$=INPUT$(1,2)
390 IFA$<>B$ THEN PRINT"char mismatch"
400 GOTO360
410 CLOSE:NEXT
420 PRINT:PRINT"Verify Completed":END
450 MOTOR OFF:PRINT:PRINT"Machine error
at file: ";F$(J%)
460 RESUME 410
500 I=63930:X%=0
510 IF PEEK(I)=192THENGOSUB100:GOTO510
520 I=I+1:IF I<64140 THEN 510
530 IF X%<1 THEN END ELSE INPUT"prepare
cassette and hit <ENTER>";B$
540
OPEN"CAS:FINM"FOROUTPUTAS2:PRINT"Saving
File NaMes":FORJ%=1TOX%:PRINT#2,F$(J%)
:NEXT:CLOSE
550 FOR J%=1TOX%
560 PRINT"Saving: ";F$(J%)
570 GOSUB20
    
```

Listing 2 continued

Listing 2 continued

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580 OPEN"CAS:"+F$(J%)FOROUTPUTAS2
590 IFEOF(1)THEN610ELSEB$=INPUT$(1,1)
600 PRINT#2,B$;:GOTO590
610 CLOSE:NEXT
620 CSAVE"BKUPDO":END
700 GOSUB 60
710 FOR J%=1 TO X%
720 PRINT"Reading: ";F$(J%)
730 OPEN"RAM:"+F$(J%)+".DO"FOROUTPUTAS1
740 GOSUB 30
750 IFEOF(2)THEN770ELSEB$=INPUT$(1,2)
760 PRINT#1,B$;:GOTO750
770 CLOSE:NEXT
780 CLOSE:END

```

amines all file names, it writes file FINM to cassette, followed by each file in the back-up list. Finally, a CSAVE"BKUPDO" command saves a copy of the program as a follower to the data files. This command stops program execution.

Because the 100 requires a .DO extension for files opened in Basic, it cannot save Basic and command program files by reading them from memory. This isn't usually a nuisance as working programs are not often updated. You can make backups by the usual loading and saving routine with little inconvenience. ■

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Write Now

by Ronald F. Balonis

While not a full-blown word processor with fancy editing features, Writer.BA is a print processor that complements the Model 100's text editor (see Program Listing 3).

Writer.BA provides the most basic formatting features (see Table 1): page length (PL), left margin (LM), right margin (RM), top margin (TM), bottom margin (BM), line spacing (LS), and page numbering (PG). The program left-justifies the printed text and determines line length using the last space in the text before the right margin value. The only in-text editing command is the down-arrow key used to start a new page.

Program Operation

I chose variable names that relate closely to the variables' functions. Program lines 0-30 initialize the variables and the screen. In lines 35-75, the program reads the directory with the text files printed on the screen. Lines 80-90 prompt for the name of the file you want printed. Then lines 100-180 open the file, read the format line, and set the print format parameters. Lines 190-450 read and print the text file to your format specifications. Lines 500-600 error-trap for file or format errors; all other errors cause an abort to the menu.

Using the Program

To save memory and attain an acceptable printing speed (about 30 characters per second), I limited the program's functions to those I usually need. You must start a Writer text file with a format line: begin with a greater-than sign and end with an end-of-text marker (by pressing the enter key).

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Right Margin	RM-72	1	132
Top Margin	TM-6	1	89
Bottom Margin	BM-60	2	90
Line Spacing	LS-1	1	90
Page Numbering	PG-0 (off)	0	(on) 1

Table 1. Text format values.

The program tests the format values to ensure that the given range of values exist; the rest is left up to you. The format line need only contain those format values that differ from the default values listed in Table 1.

A typical format line might look like this:

```
>PL=66 LM=12 RM=72 TM=6 BM=60 LS=1 PG=0
```

The program consists of two screens: The first, or initialization, screen lists your text files and prompts you to type in the name of a file you want printed or press the enter key to exit the program. The second screen notifies you of format or file errors or that the program is printing a file.

After it prints a file, the program redisplay the first screen so you can either select and print another text file or exit the program.

Initially, it might seem difficult to visualize how the text on the Model 100 screen would appear once printed, but with experience you'll become proficient at it. ■

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Program Listing 3. Writer.BA.

```
0 ' WRITER.BA MEMO SCRIBE
2 ' A TEXT PRINT PROCESSOR
5 ' BY RON BALONIS
10 CLS: CLEAR500: DEFINITA-Z:N=0: NX=0
12 ON ERROR GOTO 500
15 NPAGE$="": CHAR$="": LINES$=""
20 TITLE$="---- Memo Scribe ----"
25 LF$=CHR$(10): CR$=CHR$(13): SPAC$=""
30 CLS: PRINT@10, TITLE$: PRINT: FNME$=""
32 '
35 '--READ MENU FOR .DO FILES ONLY--
40 FOR II=63930 TO 64139 STEP 11
45 B$="": IF PEEK(II)=0 THEN 75
50 FOR II=3 TO 10
55 B$=B$+CHR$(PEEK(II+II))
60 NEXT II
65 IF INSTR(B$,"DO")<1 THEN 75
70 PRINTLEFT$(B$,6) " ";
75 NEXT II: PRINT
80 PRINT@240, "<FILE NAME> OR <> TO
EXIT";: INPUT FNME$
85 IF FNME$="" THEN BEEP: MENU
90 FNME$=LEFT$(FNME$,6)
95 '
98 '--GET FILE AND PRINTING FORMAT--
100 OPEN FNME$ FOR INPUT AS 1
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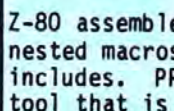
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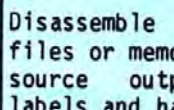
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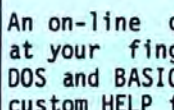
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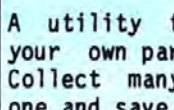
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105 INPUT#1,F0RMT$:PAGE=1
110 CLS:PRINT@10,TITLE$:RESTORE:ERX=0
115 IF LEFT$(F0RMT$,1)<>">" THEN 600
120 FOR I=1 TO 7
125 READ T$,L,H,DFLT
130 II=INSTR(F0RMT$,T$)
135 IF II=0 THEN 150
140 DFLT=VAL(MID$(F0RMT$,II+3,2))
145 IF DFLT<L OR DFLT>H THEN ERX=-1
150 X0(I)=DFLT
155 NEXT I
160 PL=X0(1):LM=X0(2):RM=X0(3)
165 TM=X0(4):BM=X0(5):LS=X0(6)
170 PG=X0(7):LCNT=0:LGTH=RM-LM:PN=0
175 IF LM>RM OR TM>BM OR BM>PL THEN
ERX=-1
180 IF ERX=-1 THEN 600
185 '
190 PRINT@120," -- PRINTING TEXT
FILE < "FNME$" > --"
200 LLINE$="":N=0:LCNT=0:PN=PN+1
210 IF TM=1 THEN 300
220 FOR I=1 TO TM
230 FOR II=1 TO LS
240 LPRINT"":LCNT=LCNT+1
250 NEXT II
260 NEXT I
290 '
300 CHAR$=INPUT$(1,1):IF EOF(1) THEN
350
305 IF CHAR$=NPAGE$ THEN 410
310 IF CHAR$=CR$ THEN 350
315 IF CHAR$=LF$ THEN 300
320 N=N+1:LLINE$=LLINE$+CHAR$
325 IF CHAR$=SPAC$ THEN NX=N
330 '

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335 IF N<LGTH THEN 300 ELSE 360
340 '
350 LPRINTTAB(LM)LLINE$;
355 LLINE$="":N=0:NX=0:GOTO370
360 LPRINTTAB(LM)LEFT$(LLINE$,NX);
365 LLINE$=RIGHT$(LLINE$,N-NX):N=N-NX
370 FOR I=1 TO LS
375 LPRINT"":LCNT=LCNT+1
380 NEXT I
390 '
400 IF LCNT<BM AND NOT EOF(1) THEN 300

410 FOR I=LCNT TO PL-1
415 IF I<>PL-3 THEN 425
420 IF PG=1 THEN LPRINTTAB(((RM-LM)
/2)-7+LM)USING"Page ##";PN;
425 LPRINT""
430 NEXT I
440 IF EOF(1) THEN CLOSE 1 ELSE 200
450 GOTO 30
490 '
500 CLOSE 1
510 IF ERL<>100 OR ERL<>105 OR ERL<>300
THEN MENU
520 PRINT@250,"---- FILE ERROR ----"
530 FOR I=1 TO 500:NEXT I:RESUME 30
540 '
600 CLOSE 1
610 PRINT@250,"---- FORMAT ERROR ----"
650 FOR I=1 TO 500:NEXT I: GOTO 30
800 END
890 'FORMAT,LOW,HIGH,DEFAULT--VALUES
900 DATA PL,1,90,66,LM,0,131,12
905 DATA RM,1,132,72,TM,1,89,6
910 DATA BM,2,90,60,LS,1,90,1
915 DATA PG,0,1,0

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Pin Pals

by Ronald F. Balonis

You can transfer Basic and Text files between two Model 100s with a homemade cable. I'll describe the construction of such a cable and asynchronous file transfers using the Model 100 RS-232 ports for file input/output (I/O). See Table 2 for a list of parts necessary for this project.

Constructing the Cable

Since the Model 100's RS-232 port is flush with its case, you first have to trim the plastic lips that cover the pin flange on the cable covers (see Photo 4). Lay the covers on a flat surface



Photo 4. Pin connections for null modem RS-232 connectors.

and cut through the molded groove with a hacksaw blade.

Next, cut six 1-inch jumper wires from some hook-up wire; trim 1/16 inch of insulation from the ends of each and tin the exposed ends with solder.

Then, on both ends of the cable, cut the outside insulation back 1 inch and trim 1/16 inch of insulation from each cable wire and tin the ends with solder.

On each 25-pin connector, solder jumper wires as follows (see the Figure): one from pin 4 to 5, one from pin 6 to 8, and one from pin 8 to 20.

Push the cable ends through the covers.

To one 25-pin connector and cable end, solder the wires as follows: black to pin 1, green to pin 2, red to pin 3, and yellow to pin 7.

To the other connector and cable end, solder the wires as follows: black to pin 1, red to pin 2, green to pin 3, and yellow to pin 7.

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Fasten the connectors to the covers with the screws provided and tighten the strain relief screws. Your null modem cable is ready for use.

File Transfer Procedure

On the Model 100, communications files require an RS-232 transmission configuration (refer to p. 125 of the reference manual for more detailed information).

The configuration I use, 88E1E, is 9,600 baud, 8-bit word length, even parity, 1 stop bit, and XON/XOFF enabled.

Transferring Basic Programs

To transfer a Basic program file, connect the null modem cable to both machines. Load Basic on the destination machine, type LOAD "COM:88E1E" and press the enter key.

Then load Basic on the source machine, load the file to transfer, then type SAVE "COM:88E1E" and press the enter key. When the cursors on both machines reappear, indicating the transfer is complete, type SAVE "PROGRAM NAME" on the destination machine, and press the enter key.

Transferring Text Files

To transfer a text file first interconnect the machines with the null modem cable. Load the 100's built-in Text file on the destination machine, create a text file with the same file name, and press the F2 key (Load). Then type COM:88E1E and press the enter key.

Load Text on the source machine, load the text file to transfer, press the F3 key (Save); then type COM:88E1E and press the enter key. When the cursors reappear, the transfer is complete.

Both cable and procedure have worked well for me. With the configuration of 88E1E, small programs of 1 to 2 kilobytes require just a few seconds. ■

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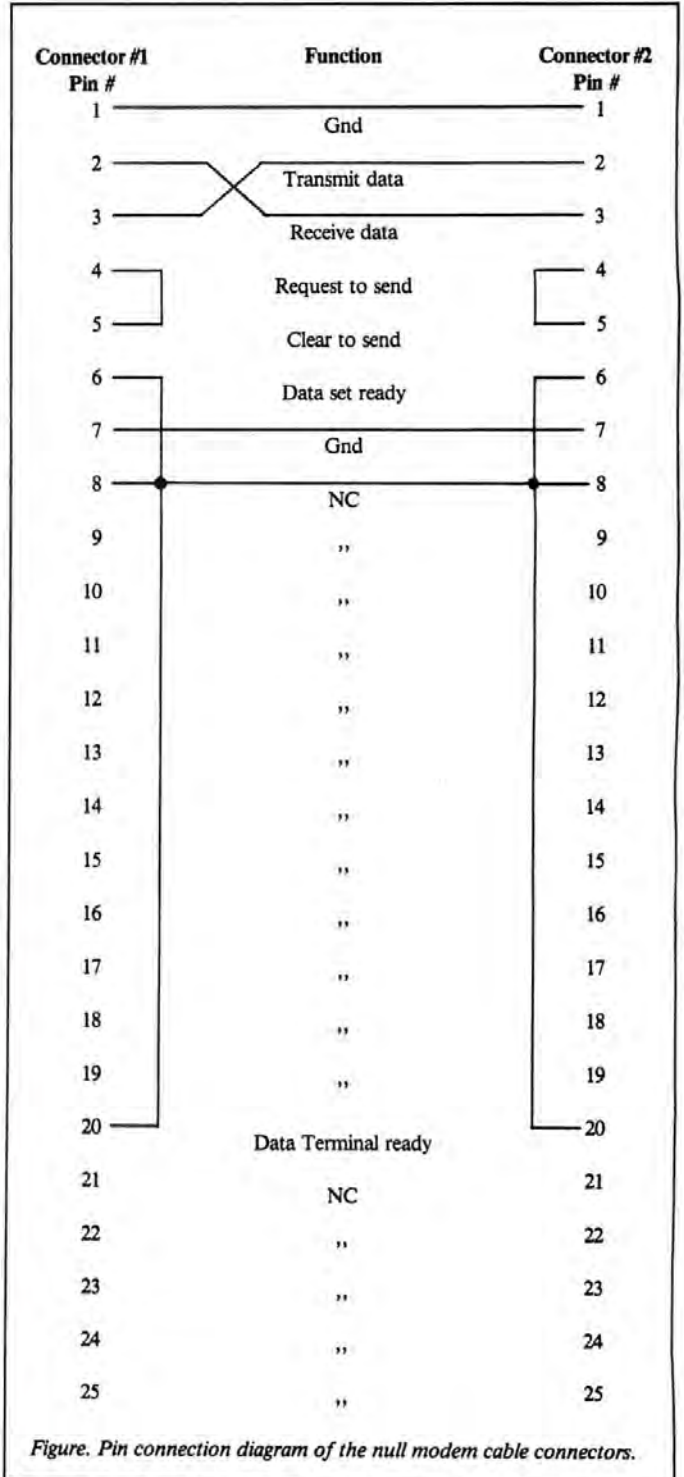


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Peripheral Problems

While on my way through a Model 100-to-peripheral routine for the serial port, I tried without success to use STR\$ for the conversion of values to string form as the instruction manual description suggests.

I traced the peripheral's resulting fits and starts to the computer's unexpected insertion of a space character just before the numerals in each output string.

If your unit has the same characteristics as mine (serial number 301005984), you may see the problem by typing and running the following routine, based on the manual's example:

```
10 BAL = 133
20 BS = "$" + STR$(BAL) + ".00"
30 PRINT BS
```

Note that the unwanted space occurs between the dollar sign and the numeral 1 on the screen display.

One way to handle this is to substitute a synthetic command for STR\$, automatically removing the leading space:

```
RIGHT$(STR$(n.e.),LEN(STR$(n.e.))-1)
```

where n.e. is the numeric expression you want to convert.

This command is long enough to qualify for subroutine

status when used frequently in a program. You can see its effectiveness by running a revised version of the above program that includes the solution as part of two additional lines:

```
40 BS = "$" + RIGHT$(STR$(BAL),LEN(STR$(BAL))-1) + ".00"
50 PRINT BS
```

The screen printout provides results both before and after running this program for quick performance confirmation.

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Mighty Write Debug



In the PRNTXT.BA program in "Mighty Write" (C•Notes, October 1983, p. 266) the N option to print the next page of text only works the first time you use it. This creates a problem when text is longer than two pages.

To correct the problem, replace lines 200, 230, and 340 with:

```
200 LC = LC + 1:IF LC = 57 THEN 320
230 IF LC < 57 THEN 140 ELSE GOTO 320
340 FORQ = 1 TO 50:NEXT Q:CLS:LC = 1
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For most applications, the TRS-80 is acceptably fast in its mathematical calculations. This month's column is for those applications where greater processing speed is necessary or desirable. I'll describe the construction and operation of a mathematical slave processor for 48K RAM Models I and III.

Adding a slave processor can decrease calculation times by well over 90 percent. You can use the slave processor with Basic programs as described below. But you may find it even more helpful in Assembly-language programs, since you can access most mathematical functions without having to write software routines which, of course, are slower than those for hardware.

Meet the Intel 8231A and 8232

Intel offers two pin-compatible mathematical slave processors. The 8231A, their arithmetic processing unit, is capable of 16-bit and 32-bit integer calculations as well as 32-bit floating-point calculations. It performs the four basic math functions as well as most trigonometric functions. Throughout this column, my examples will refer to the 8231A.

The 8232, Intel's floating-point processing unit, operates on 32- or 64-bit floating-point numbers, conforms to the proposed IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) floating-point format standard, and is limited to the four basic functions.

Integers

Integers represent the most basic data format type and are usually stored as "two's complement" values, where the binary number ranges in value from -2^{N-1} to $+2^{N-1}-1$ (N is the number of bits in the binary number). An 8-bit integer, for example, would have the range -128 to $+127$. In two's complement format, the high-order bit determines whether the value is positive (bit is zero) or nega-



tive (bit is 1). The value zero is represented by all zeros and thus is considered positive.

To determine the decimal value of a positive two's complement number, calculate the value in the normal manner, multiplying each bit value by the corresponding column weight and adding the results. For example, you can find the number 00101011 by calculating right to left: $1*2^0 + 1*2^1 + 0*2^2$ to get 43.

If the number is negative, first complement all of the bits, then add one. This gives the two's complement of the negative number, which is its absolute value. Now find the value of the new number as described above; this tells you of what the original number is a negative.

For example, the number 11101001 is a negative two's complement value. First complement all of the bits to get 00010110, then add one to get 00010111. This value can be found to be 23 using the method described above; therefore, the original value, 11101001, is -23 . Be careful to note that the most negative number (for example, -128 for an 8-bit binary integer) is always its own two's complement.

Binary Floating-Point Numbers

You represent binary floating-point numbers in much the same manner as decimal numbers in scientific nota-

tion. Numbers in scientific notation are in the form $X.YYYY*10^Z$, where X is a digit from one to nine, inclusive. The Y digits represent further significant digits of the number, and the number of Y digits determines the number's accuracy or precision. The Z digits represent the exponent that determines the dynamic range of the number, that is, its magnitude range.

Notice how the number has only one non-zero digit to the left of the radix (decimal point). This is called "normalization." The number $0.00234*10^{-4}$ is not in proper scientific notation since it isn't normalized. The proper representation is $2.34*10^{-7}$. The only exception to normalization is the value zero.

The number is separated into a mantissa part and an exponent part. The binary mantissa is always normalized. The three formats I'm discussing have this much in common. But from here on, the actual normalization format varies, as do the form of the exponent and the placement of the mantissa sign bit.

A typical binary floating point number format is $0.1XXX*2^ZZ$, where $1XXX$ represents the mantissa portion, and ZZ represents the exponent portion. Both the X and Z bits are either zero or one values. Note that binary floating-point numbers are often normalized to the right of the radix (binary point).

TRS-80 Floating-Point

The TRS-80 floating-point format for a single-precision value requires 4 bytes of memory. The high-order byte is the exponent portion of the number, with the remaining 3 bytes making up the mantissa portion. The exponent byte is in excess 128 format. That is, the exponent byte is an absolute binary (not two's complement) byte, which is 128 greater than the actual exponent value it represents. Since an 8-bit absolute binary value can range from zero (not used as an exponent value) to 255, the actual exponent value ranges from -127 to $+127$.

The mantissa consists of the 3 low-order bytes of the 4-byte block, the low-order byte of the block being the low-order byte of the mantissa. Since the mantissa portion of the number is normalized to the right of the radix, a decimal point is assumed to be above the high-order mantissa bit. Since the mantissa is normalized, the high-order bit must be a one for any non-zero value. Because of this, the one is omitted and simply assumed. The high-order bit of the mantissa, instead of holding the 1 bit, holds the mantissa sign bit. This bit determines if the mantissa is positive (bit 0) or negative (bit 1).

The TRS-80 single-precision floating-point format as 24 bits of precision, and an 8-bit exponent range of 2^{-127} to 2^{+127} . The actual decimal range calculates out to approximately $\pm 1.701411 \times 10^{-38}$ to $\pm 1.701411 \times 10^{+38}$. The value zero is represented by a zero exponent byte, without regard to the bits in the mantissa portion of the

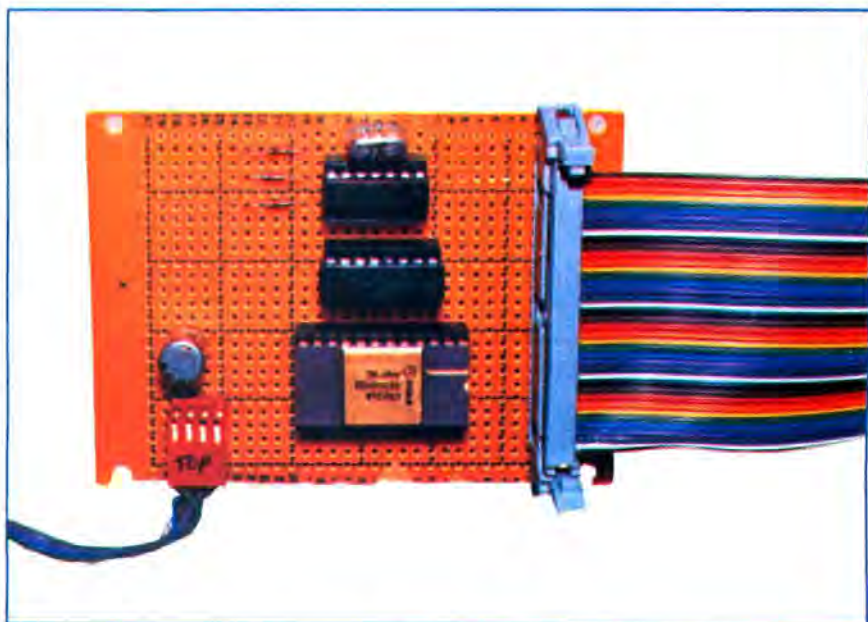


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number. Figure 1 shows the floating-point format the TRS-80 uses.

Intel 8231A Floating-Point

Like the TRS-80, the 8231A uses 4 bytes to represent its value. Again, the high-order byte is the exponent byte, with the remaining 3 bytes making up the mantissa. As in the TRS-80, the mantissa is normalized to the right of the radix. Unlike the TRS-80, the high-order 1 bit must be present, even though it is a necessary part of any normalized, non-zero number and can be assumed.

Since the high-order bit must be a 1, it cannot be used as a sign bit, as is the

case with the TRS-80 format. The mantissa sign bit, it turns out, is in the exponent byte. Since you move the sign bit, you still have 24 bits of mantissa precision, the same as the TRS-80 format.

The 8231A exponent portion is more different from the TRS-80 format than is the mantissa portion. The high-order bit of the exponent byte is the sign bit for the mantissa; this leaves 7 exponent bits to work with. These remaining exponent bits represent the exponent value in two's complement format. Since there are 7 bits, the exponent value can range from -64 to $+63$. This is one bit less than the TRS-80 format, giving the 8231A about half the dynamic range of the TRS-80, but the same accuracy (precision).

The value zero is represented by all 32 bits being zero. The decimal numeric range of the 8231A is approximately $\pm 2.7 \times 10^{-20}$ to $\pm 9.2 \times 10^{+18}$ —significantly smaller than that for the TRS-80, although sufficient for most applications. Figure 2 shows the format the 8231A uses.

8232 Floating-Point

The single-precision format of the 8232 comes the closest to the TRS-80 single-precision format, and provides the same precision (24 bits) and roughly the same dynamic range.

The 8232 format may seem some-

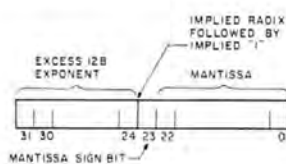


Figure 1. TRS-80's floating-point format.

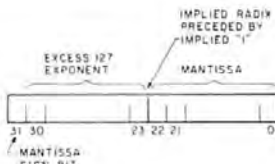


Figure 3. Intel 8232's single-precision format.

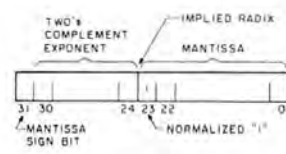


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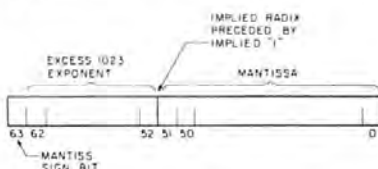


Figure 4. The 8232's double-precision format.

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what awkward, since the mantissa and the exponent are not completely separated on a byte boundary. Like the TRS-80 format, the 8232 has an 8-bit exponent. The high-order byte of the 4-byte single-precision block contains most of the exponent portion; however, the low-order bit of the exponent is in the high-order bit position of the next-lower-order byte. The high-order

bit of the high-order byte contains the mantissa sign bit.

The 8232 exponent byte is in excess 127 form, similar to the excess 128 form used in the TRS-80. Like the TRS-80 format, a zero exponent value represents the numeric value of zero, regardless of the value of the mantissa. In the 8232, the exponent value with all bits set to 1 is an invalid condition.

The exponent can range from -126 to +127.

The mantissa portion of the 8232 single-precision format consists of the 23 bits of lower order than the exponent bits. The radix is assumed to be between the exponent and the mantissa bits. An assumed 1 bit is to the left of the radix point (instead of the right as in the previous two formats discussed). The decimal numeric range for the 8232's single-precision format is approximately $\pm 1.17 \cdot 10^{-38}$ to $\pm 3.40 \cdot 10^{+38}$ (see Fig. 3).

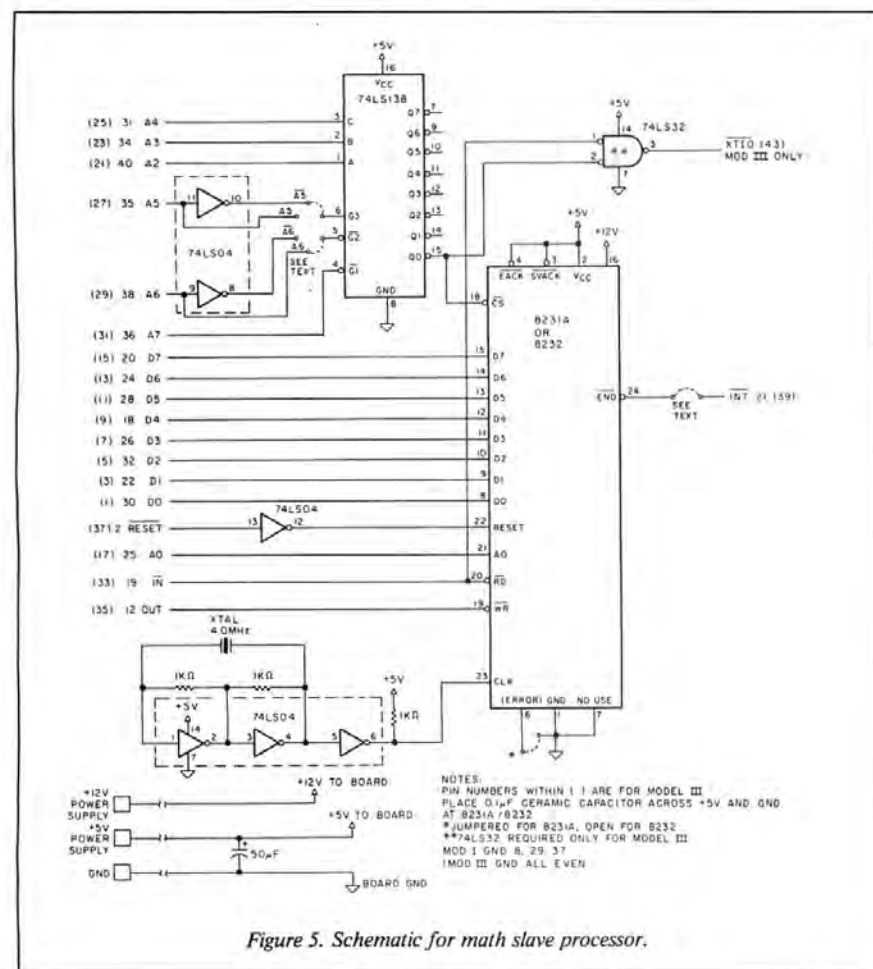
The 8232 double-precision format is a logical extension of its single-precision format, moving from 32 bits to 64 bits (8 bytes). The high-order bit again is the mantissa sign bit. The exponent consists of bits 52 through 62 (portions of the high-order 2 bytes) in excess 1023 form. Again, all zero bits in the exponent represent the numeric value zero, and all 1's represent an invalid condition. There are 52 bits of precision. The decimal numeric range of the 8232's double-precision format is approximately $\pm 2.22 \cdot 10^{-308}$ to $\pm 1.80 \cdot 10^{+308}$ (see Fig. 4).

Note that the 8232's and the TRS-80's double-precision formats differ greatly. The 8232 increases both its precision and its dynamic range from its single-precision format, whereas the TRS-80 increases only its precision (from 24 bits to 56 bits), leaving its dynamic range the same.

Format Conversions

To convert from the TRS-80 single-precision format to the 8231A format, the computer follows these steps:

1. Checks the high-order TRS-80 byte for zero value; if zero, clears all four 8231A bytes, then goes to Step 7.
2. Moves the 3 low-order TRS-80 bytes to the 3 low-order bytes of the 8231A storage area.
3. Sets the high-order bit of the third byte (the high-order mantissa bit).
4. Subtracts 128 from the high-order TRS-80 byte.
5. Sees if the high-order 2 bits are the same; if not, goes to Step 8; otherwise, saves byte in 8231A high-order byte position.
6. Alters the high-order bit of the high-order 8231A byte as necessary to be the same as the high-order TRS-80 mantissa bit (the mantissa sign bit).
7. Ends.
8. Signifies error. Ends.



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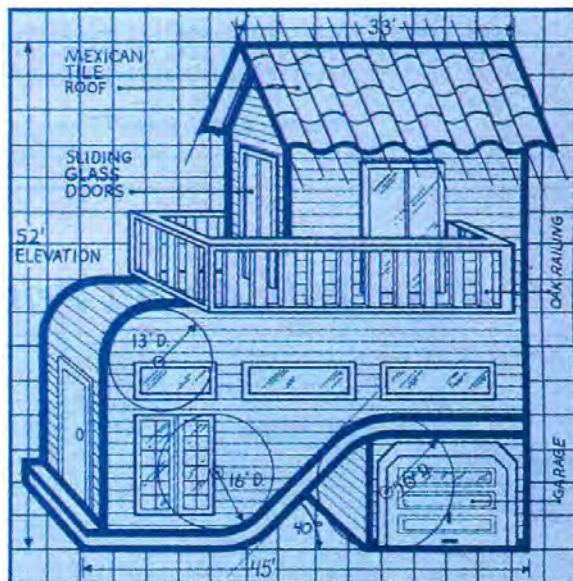
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30 A=.2345:B=7:C=0
40 V=VARPTR(A):GOSUB1000
50 V=VARPTR(B):GOSUB1010
60 V=VARPTR(C):GOSUB1020
65 FORI=1TO5000
70 X=USR(12)
75 NEXTI
80 PRINT:END
1000 V1=INT(V/256):POKE-2047,V1:POKE-2048,V-V1*256:RETURN
1010 V1=INT(V/256):POKE-2045,V1:POKE-2046,V-V1*256:RETURN
1020 V1=INT(V/256):POKE-2043,V1:POKE-2044,V-V1*256:RETURN
    
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Program Listing 1. VARPTR user function.

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The only error that can occur is if the exponent value of the TRS-80 number is outside the 8231A's exponent range, which can occur since the TRS-80 uses an 8-bit exponent (the 8231A uses a 7-bit exponent). I implement this algorithm in Z80 Assembly-language code in two of my program listings.

The reverse algorithm to convert from the 8231A floating-point format to the TRS-80 single-precision floating-point format requires the computer to:

1. Check for error code from 8231A. If error, go to Step 8.
2. Check for zero flag bit set in the 8231A. If set, zero the high-order TRS-80 byte, pop the value from the 8231A stack, then go to Step 7.
3. Move all four 8231A bytes into TRS-80 storage locations.
4. Change the high-order mantissa bit (the high-order bit of the third byte) to the same value as the high-order bit of the high-order byte (this is the mantissa sign bit).
5. Make the high-order bit of the exponent (high-order) byte the same value as the next-lower-order bit.
6. Add 128 to the exponent byte.
7. End.
8. Signify error. End.

Constructing the Board

Now that you understand the relevant floating-point formats, you can construct the math processor board. The board design is actually very simple (see Photo); it requires only three chips (four for the Model III), a crystal, three resistors, and two capacitors (see Table 1). You need a +5V (at 100 mA) and +12V (at 95 mA) power supply. Place a 50-microfarad, 10-volt electrolytic capacitor across the +5V power input to supply short-term surge requirements, and an additional 0.1-microfarad ceramic capacitor across the 8231A/8232 +5V line for decoupling (not shown in the Photo).

Figure 5 shows pin numbers for both the Model I and the Model III (in parentheses). The Model III requires an extra circuit, since it must change the direction of an internal bidirectional buffer during every external I/O read. You need the 74LS32 shown in the Photo for the Model III. Of the several jumpers shown on the schematic (Fig. 5), two at the input to the

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Program Listing 2. Math processing routine.

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00100 ;*****
00110 ; MATH PROCESSING ROUTINE FOR INTEL 8231A MATH
00120 ; PROCESSOR.
00130 ;
00140 ; Created by Roger C. Alford
00150 ; October, 1983
00160 ;
00170 ; This program is entered via the Basic USR
00180 ; function. The code specified during the user call
00190 ; determines which math function is to be executed.
00200 ; Currently, only floating point operations are
00210 ; supported. The functions available, and their
00220 ; corresponding code, are shown here:
00230 ;
00240 ; 0 = ADDITION
00250 ; 1 = MULTIPLICATION
00260 ; 2 = INVERSE COSINE
00270 ; 3 = INVERSE SINE
00280 ; 4 = INVERSE TANGENT
00290 ; 5 = SIGN CHANGE
00300 ; 6 = COSINE
00310 ; 7 = EXPONENTIAL
00320 ; 8 = DIVISION
00330 ; 9 = SUBTRACTION
00340 ; 10 = COMMON LOGARITHM
00350 ; 11 = NATURAL LOGARITHM
00360 ; 12 = POWER FUNCTION
00370 ; 13 = SINE
00380 ; 14 = SQUARE ROOT
00390 ; 15 = TANGENT
00400 ;
00410 ;*****
00420 ;
00430 ;
F800 00440 ORG 0F800H
00450 ;
0001 00460 COMAND EQU 01H ;8231A COMMAND PORT ADDRESS
0001 00470 STATUS EQU 01H ;8231A STATUS PORT ADDRESS
0000 00480 DATA EQU 00H ;8231A DATA PORT STACK ADDRESS
0A7F 00490 FNCTN EQU 0A7FH ;TRS-80 'GET USR PARAM.' ROUTINE
0010 00500 FADD EQU 10H ;8231A ADD COMMAND BYTE
0012 00510 FMUL EQU 12H ;8231A MULTIPLY COMMAND BYTE
0006 00520 ACOS EQU 06H ;8231A INVERSE COSINE CMD BYTE
0005 00530 ASIN EQU 05H ;8231A INVERSE SINE CMD BYTE
0007 00540 ATAN EQU 07H ;8231A INVERSE TANGENT CMD BYTE
0015 00550 CHSP EQU 15H ;8231A SIGN CHANGE CMD BYTE
0003 00560 COS EQU 03H ;8231A COSINE CMD BYTE
000A 00570 EXP EQU 0AH ;8231A EXPONENTIAL CMD BYTE
0013 00580 FDIV EQU 13H ;8231A DIVIDE CMD BYTE
0011 00590 FSUB EQU 11H ;8231A SUBTRACT CMD BYTE
0008 00600 LOG EQU 08H ;8231A COMMON LOG CMD BYTE
0009 00610 LN EQU 09H ;8231A NATURAL LOG CMD BYTE
000B 00620 PWR EQU 0BH ;8231A POWER CMD BYTE
0002 00630 SIN EQU 02H ;8231A SINE CMD BYTE
0001 00640 SQRT EQU 01H ;8231A SQUARE ROOT CMD BYTE
0004 00650 TAN EQU 04H ;8231A TANGENT CMD BYTE
0018 00660 POPP EQU 18H ;8231A STACK POP COMMAND
033A 00670 PRCHAR EQU 033AH ;TRS-80 'PRINT CHAR.' ROUTINE
;
0002 00680 PARAM1 DEFS 2 ;FIRST MATH PARAMETER ADDRESS
0002 00700 PARAM2 DEFS 2 ;SECOND MATH PARAMETER ADDRESS
0002 00710 DEST DEFS 2 ;DESTINATION VARIABLE ADDRESS
00720 ;
F806 F3 00730 MATH DI ;INTERRUPTS ARE DISABLED
F807 CD7F0A 00740 CALL FNCTN ;GET MATH FUNCTION VALUE
F80A 7C 00750 LD A,H ;GET HIGH BYTE OF VALUE
F80B B7 00760 OR A ;BYTE SHOULD BE ZERO
F80C C2FFF8 00770 JP NZ,ERROR1 ;IF NOT, ERROR
F80F 7D 00780 LD A,L ;GET LOW BYTE OF VALUE
F810 FE10 00790 CP 16 ;CHECK FOR VALID VALUE
F812 D2FFF8 00800 JP NC,ERROR1 ;IF NOT, ERROR
F815 CB25 00810 SLA L ;MULTIPLY VALUE BY TWO
F817 116CF9 00820 LD DE, FNCTBL ;GET FUNCTION TABLE ADDR.
F81A 19 00830 ADD HL,DE ;POINT TO FNCTN ADDRESS

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F81B 5E      00840      LD      E,(HL)      ;GET LOW ADDRESS BYTE
F81C 23      00850      INC     HL           ;POINT TO HIGH BYTE
F81D 56      00860      LD      D,(HL)     ;GET HIGH ADDRESS BYTE
F81E EB      00870      EX     DE,HL       ;PUT ADDRESS INTO HL
F81F E9      00880      JP      (HL)       ;EXECUTE SPECIFIC FNCTN
                00890      ;
                00900      ;
                00910      ;*** SUBROUTINE CONVRT:
                00920      ;* CONVRT gets the Radio Shack floating point value
                00930      ;* pointed at by the IX register and converts it to
                00940      ;* the Intel 8231A format, and pushes it onto the 8231A
                00950      ;* stack.
F820 DD7E03  00960      CONVRT LD      A,(IX+3) ;GET EXPONENT BYTE
F823 B7      00970      OR      A           ;CHECK FOR ZERO VALUE
F824 2009    00980      JR      NZ,CONV2   ;IF NOT, GO ON
F826 D300    00990      OUT     (DATA),A   ;ELSE, PUSH 00 BYTE
F828 D300    01000     OUT     (DATA),A   ;PUSH 00 BYTE
F82A D300    01010     OUT     (DATA),A   ;PUSH 00 BYTE
F82C D300    01020     OUT     (DATA),A   ;PUSH 00 BYTE
F82E C9      01030      RET                    ;DONE - RETURN
F82F DD7E00  01040     CONV2 LD      A,(IX)     ;GET LOW ORDER BYTE
F832 D300    01050     OUT     (DATA),A   ;PUT INTO 8231A
F834 DD7E01  01060     LD      A,(IX+1)   ;GET NEXT ORDER BYTE
F837 D300    01070     OUT     (DATA),A   ;PUT INTO 8231A
F839 DD7E02  01080     LD      A,(IX+2)   ;GET HIGH MANTISSA BYTE
F83C F600    01090     OR      80H        ;SET HIGH BIT
F83E D300    01100     OUT     (DATA),A   ;PUT INTO 8231A
F840 DD7E03  01110     LD      A,(IX+3)   ;GET EXPONENT BYTE
F843 D680    01120     SUB     12H        ;PUT INTO REAL FORMAT
F845 4F      01130     LD      C,A        ;SAVE EXPONENT IN C REG
F846 07      01140     RLCA              ;MOVE HIGH BIT INTO CARRY
F847 8600    01150     LD      B,00H      ;CLEAR THE B REGISTER
F849 CB18    01160     RR                    ;PUT CARRY BIT INTO B REG
F84B E680    01170     AND     80H        ;MASK LOW 7 ACC. BITS
F84D A8      01180     XOR     B          ;CHECK FOR SAME BIT 7'S
F84E C204F9  01190     JP      NZ,ERROR2  ;IF NOT, OUT OF RANGE ERR
F851 79      01200     LD      A,C        ;ELSE, GET EXPONENT BACK
F852 E67F    01210     AND     7FH        ;CLEAR HIGH BIT
F854 DDCB027E 01220     BIT    7,(IX+2)   ;CHECK MANTISSA SIGN BIT
F858 2802    01230     JR      Z,NOCHG    ;IF POSITIVE, NO CHANGE
F85A CBFF    01240     SET    7,A        ;ELSE SET BIT FOR NEGATIV
F85C D300    01250     NOCHG OUT     (DATA),A ;PUT EXP. BYTE INTO 8231A
F85E C9      01260     RET                    ;DONE - RETURN
                01270      ;*
                01280      ;*** ROUTINE ADD:
                01290      ;* This routine causes the 8231A to add the two
                01300      ;* provided numbers.
F85F 3E10    01310     ADD     LD      A,FADD ;GET FLOATING ADD CMD BYT
F861 182E    01320     JR      TWOVAL     ;TWO-VALUED OPERATION
F863 3E12    01330     MULT   LD      A,FMUL  ;GET MULTIPLY COMMAND BYT
F865 182A    01340     JR      TWOVAL     ;TWO-VALUED OPERATION
F867 3E06    01350     INVCOS LD      A,ACOS   ;GET INV COSINE CMD BYT
F869 1843    01360     JR      ONEVAL     ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F86B 3E05    01370     INVSIN LD      A,ASIN   ;GET INV SINE CMD BYT
F86D 183F    01380     JR      ONEVAL     ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F86F 3E07    01390     INVTAN LD      A,ATAN   ;GET INV TANGENT CMD BYT
F871 183B    01400     JR      ONEVAL     ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F873 3E15    01410     CHGSGN LD      A,CHSF   ;GET CHANGE SIGN CMD BYT
F875 1837    01420     JR      ONEVAL     ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F877 3E03    01430     COSINE LD      A,COS   ;GET COSINE COMMAND BYT
F879 1833    01440     JR      ONEVAL     ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F87B 3E0A    01450     EXPON  LD      A,EXP   ;GET EXPONENTIAL CMD BYT
F87D 182F    01460     JR      ONEVAL     ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F87F 3E13    01470     DIV    LD      A,FDIV   ;GET DIVIDE CMD BYT
F881 180E    01480     JR      TWOVAL     ;TWO-VALUED OPERATION
F883 3E11    01490     SUB    LD      A,FSUB  ;GET SUBTRACT CMD BYT
F885 180A    01500     JR      TWOVAL     ;TWO-VALUED OPERATION
F887 3E08    01510     COMLOG LD      A,LOG    ;GET COMM LOG CMD BYT
F889 1823    01520     JR      ONEVAL     ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F88B 3E09    01530     NATLOG LD      A,LN     ;GET NAT LOG CMD BYT
F88D 181F    01540     JR      ONEVAL     ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F88F 3E0B    01550     POWER LD      A,PWR   ;GET POWER COMMAND BYT
F891 08      01560     TWOVAL EX     AF,AF'      ;SAVE COMMAND BYTE
F892 DD2A00F8 01570     LD      IX,(PARAM1) ;POINT TO FIRST PARAMETER
F896 CD20F8  01580     CALL   CONVRT      ;CONVERT TO 8231A FORMAT
F899 DD2A02F8 01590     LD      IX,(PARAM2) ;POINT TO SECOND PARAM.
F89D CD20F8  01600     CALL   CONVRT      ;CONVRT TO 8231A FORMAT
F8A0 1814    01610     JR      EXECUT     ;EXECUTE DESIRED FUNCTIN
F8A2 18ED    01620     JR      TWOVAL     ;TWO-VALUED OPERATION
F8A4 3E02    01630     SINE  LD      A,SIN   ;GET SINE COMMAND BYTE
F8A6 1806    01640     JR      ONEVAL     ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F8A8 3E01    01650     ROOT  LD      A,ROOT   ;GET SQUARE ROOT CMD BYT
F8AA 1802    01660     JR      ONEVAL     ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F8AC 3E04    01670     TANGNT LD      A,TAN   ;GET TANGENT COMMAND BYT
F8AE 0B      01680     ONEVAL EX     AF,AF'      ;SAVE COMMAND BYTE
F8AF DD2A00F8 01690     LD      IX,(PARAM1) ;POINT TO FIRST PARAMETER
F8B3 CD20F8  01700     CALL   CONVRT      ;CONVERT TO 8231A FORMAT
F8B6 0B      01710     EXECUT EX     AF,AF'      ;GET COMMAND BYTE
F8B7 D301    01720     OUT     (COMAND),A ;SEND COMMAND TO 8231A
F8B9 DB01    01730     LOOP1 IN      A,(STATUS) ;CHECK FOR COMPLETION
F8BB CB7F    01740     BIT    7,A        ;STILL BUSY?
F8BD 20FA    01750     JR      NZ,LOOP1   ;IF YES, CHECK AGAIN
F8BF E61E    01760     AND     1EH        ;CHECK FOR ANY ERROR
F8C1 C20AF9  01770     JP      NZ,ERROR3  ;IF YES, CALC. ERROR
F8C4 DD2A04F8 01780     LD      IX,(DEST)  ;ELSE, POINT TO DEST.
F8C8 DB01    01790     IN      A,(STATUS) ;GET STATUS AGAIN
F8CA CB6F    01800     BIT    5,A        ;CHECK FOR ZERO RESULT
F8CC 280F    01810     JR      2,RESULT   ;IF NOT, GET RESULT
F8CE DD360300 01820     LD      (IX+3),0   ;ELSE STORE 00 EXP BYTE
F8D2 3E18    01830     LD      A,POPF     ;GET STACK POP COMMAND
F8D4 D301    01840     OUT     (COMAND),A ;POP 8231A STACK

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74LS138 select the address where the 8231A or 8232 appears in I/O space to the TRS-80. The dotted lines show the combination I used here and in the upcoming program listings. The four combinations give addresses as in Table 2.

The slashes following the address bit represent the inverted (barred) signals on the schematic. I assigned four addresses to each combination above, although the math processor only needs two. The math processor is therefore "double addressed" in the selected addressing space; that is, you can access it by either the lower two addresses or the upper two addresses (or a combination thereof).

The jumper between pin 6 of the 8231A/8232 and ground should be in place when you use the 8231A and removed when you use the 8232. This is

G2	G3	Address Range
A6/	A5/	40 hex-43 hex
A6/	A5	60 hex-63 hex
A6	A5/	00 hex-03 hex
A6	A5	20 hex-23 hex

Table 2. Address ranges for the math processor.

the only hardware interface difference between the two devices. Pin 6 is not used on the 8231A and must be tied to ground. The 8232 uses that pin as an error output; it can generate a special interrupt if other hardware is available to support it.

The final jumper, between the END/ output of the 8231A/8232 and the TRS-80 interrupt line, goes active (low) at the completion of its command processing, and can be used to alert the TRS-80 when it's ready to be serviced. This is great for applications where the Z80 can do other useful work while the math processor cranks away, but can cause problems if not properly handled.

If you don't intend to use the interrupt feature, don't hook it up. I did hook up my interrupt line, but the upcoming software does not use the interrupt feature. When the interrupt (END/) line goes active, any access to the math processor forces it inactive.

The crystal on the schematic (Fig. 5)

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shows a 4 MHz value. There are various speed ranges available for the 8231A/8232 math processors, ranging from 2.5 MHz to 6 MHz. Only the crystal frequency needs to be changed to use a different speed math processor.

To work properly, the math processor must get a reset signal before you use it. You can guarantee this by turning on the power to the math processor board before turning on the computer power, or by pressing the TRS-80 reset button while both are on.

Operation

A hardware math processor is most beneficial when used strictly with Assembly-language programs, since it requires no format conversions, takes up no Basic (or other language) overhead, and since all of the common mathematical functions are available (when using the 8231A), without requiring any software math routines. You save programming time, and attain much faster speeds than executing software math routines.

But since it's likely that you use programs written in Basic, you need a way for them to access the math processor. Do this through the user (USR) function.

First create a way to pass variables to and from the Basic program. Basic provides the VARPTR function to find the addresses of specified variables. You can POKE the desired variable addresses into predetermined memory locations (reversed by the Assembly-language routine) so that the Assembly-language routine knows where to find its operands. In Program Listing 1, the variables A, B, and C are used: A or A and B are the operand(s); C is the result.

My Assembly-language routines begin at location 0F800 hex (in a 48K RAM system) reserving more memory than necessary. You can shrink the routines as well as place them at the top of memory for other memory configurations; make sure memory size is set properly to reserve the used space. I set memory size to 63487 for my routines as addressed. The six memory locations reserved for the operands are the first six in the reserved area: 0F800 hex, 0F802 hex and 0F804 hex, for the first Assembly-language routine, and the first 16 locations for the second routine.

To set up Basic to access the user function, follow line 20 of Listing 1 for a disk-based system, or POKE the proper address into locations 16526 and 16527 for a non-disk system. For the two Assembly-language routines below, the first is at 0F806 hex, requiring you to POKE the values 6 and 248, respectively. The second Assembly-language routine, starting at 0F810 hex, requires that you POKE the values 16 and 248, respectively.

The first Assembly-language routine (Program Listing 2) converts the TRS-80 operand(s) into 8231A for-

Listing 2 continued

```
F8D6 DB01 01850 LOOP2 IN A, (STATUS) ;CHECK FOR COMMAND DONE
F8D8 CB7F 01860 BIT 7,A ;DONE?
F8DA 20FA 01870 JR NZ,LOOP2 ;IF NOT, KEEP CHECKING
F8DC C9 01880 RET ;DONE - RETURN
F8DD DB00 01890 RESULT IN A, (DATA) ;GET EXPONENT BYTE
F8DF 4F 01900 LD C,A ;SAVE VALUE TEMP.
F8E0 CB7F 01910 BIT 7,A ;CHECK FOR NEG. MANTISA
F8E2 DB00 01920 IN A, (DATA) ;GET HIGH MANTISSA BYTE
F8E4 2002 01930 JR NZ,SKIP ;IF BIT SET, OK
F8E6 CBBF 01940 RES 7,A ;ELSE, RESET HIGH MANT BT
F8E8 DD7702 01950 SKIP LD (IX+2),A ;STORE HIGH MANT BYTE
F8EB 79 01960 LD A,C ;GET EXPONENT BYTE
F8EC 07 01970 RLCA ;ROTATE LEFT ONE BIT
F8ED CB2F 01980 SRA A ;DUPLICATE HIGH BIT
F8EF C680 01990 ADD A,128 ;MAKE EXCESS 128 FORM
F8F1 DD7703 02000 LD (IX+3),A ;SAVE EXPONENT BYTE
F8F4 DB00 02010 IN A, (DATA) ;GET NEXT RESULT BYTE
F8F6 DD7701 02020 LD (IX+1),A ;SAVE IN RESULT AREA
F8F9 DB00 02030 IN A, (DATA) ;GET RESULT LSB
F8FB DD7700 02040 LD (IX),A ;SAVE IN RESULT AREA
F8FE C9 02050 RET ;DONE - RETURN
02060 ;*
02070 ;*** ERROR ROUTINES:
F8FF 2116F9 02080 ERROR1 LD HL,ERMSG1 ;POINT TO ERR MSG #1
F902 1809 02090 JR PRRTN ;PRINT AND RETURN
F904 E1 02100 ERROR2 POP HL ;POP ADDR FROM STACK
F905 2131F9 02110 LD HL,ERMSG2 ;POINT TO ERR MSG #2
F908 1803 02120 JR PRRTN ;PRINT AND RETURN
F90A 2154F9 02130 ERROR3 LD HL,ERMSG3 ;POINT TO ERR MSG #3
F90D 7E 02140 PRRTN LD A,(HL) ;GET CHARACTER
F90E B7 02150 OR A ;CHECK FOR ZERO BYTE
F90F C8 02160 RET Z ;IF ZERO, DONE
F910 CD3A03 02170 CALL PRCHAR ;ELSE, PRINT THE CHAR.
F913 23 02180 INC HL ;POINT TO NEXT CHAR.
F914 18F7 02190 JR PRRTN ;LOOP AGAIN
02200 ;
02210 ;
F916 0D 02220 ERMSG1 DEFB 0DH
F917 2A 02230 DEFB '*** INVALID COMMAND CODE'
F92F 0D 02240 DEFB 0DH
F930 00 02250 DEFB 0DH
F931 0D 02260 ERMSG2 DEFB 0DH
F932 2A 02270 DEFB '*** PARAMETER VALUE OUT OF RANGE'
F952 0D 02280 DEFB 0DH
F953 00 02290 DEFB 0DH
F954 0D 02300 ERMSG3 DEFB 0DH
F955 2A 02310 DEFB '*** CALCULATION ERROR'
F96A 0D 02320 DEFB 0DH
F96B 00 02330 DEFB 0DH
02340 ;
F96C 5FF8 02350 FNCTBL DEFW ADD ;ADDITION ROUTINE
F96E 63F8 02360 DEFW MULT ;MULTIPLICATION ROUTINE
F970 67F8 02370 DEFW INVCOS ;INVERSE COSINE ROUTINE
F972 6BF8 02380 DEFW INVSIN ;INVERSE SINE ROUTINE
F974 6FF8 02390 DEFW INVTAN ;INVERSE TANGENT ROUTINE
F976 73F8 02400 DEFW CHGSGN ;CHANGE SIGN ROUTINE
F978 77F8 02410 DEFW COSINE ;COSINE ROUTINE
F97A 7BF8 02420 DEFW EXPON ;EXPONENTIAL ROUTINE
F97C 7FF8 02430 DEFW DIV ;DIVISION ROUTINE
F97E 83F8 02440 DEFW SUB ;SUBTRACTION ROUTINE
F980 87F8 02450 DEFW COMLOG ;COMMON LOG ROUTINE
F982 8BF8 02460 DEFW NATLOG ;NATURAL LOG ROUTINE
F984 8FF8 02470 DEFW POWER ;POWER ROUTINE
F986 A4F8 02480 DEFW SINE ;SINE ROUTINE
F988 A8F8 02490 DEFW ROOT ;SQUARE ROOT ROUTINE
F98A ACF8 02500 DEFW TANGNT ;TANGENT ROUTINE
02510 ;
F806 02520 END MATH
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10 DEF FN ACS(X)=-1*ATN(X/SQR(-1*X*X+1))+1.5708
25 PI=3.14159
30 A=2.445:B=1.44556:C=2.5:D=6:E=.456:F=2.456:G=15
65 FORI=1TO1000
70 Z=A[4+C*TAN(B*4)+2*PI*(SIN(D[7]+FNACS(E)+EXP(F))+SQR(LOG(G))]
75 NEXTI
80 PRINTZ:END
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Program Listing 3. A complex equation.

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Program Listing 4. Modification of math processing routine.

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00100 ;*****
00110 ; MATH PROCESSING ROUTINE FOR INTEL 8231A MATH *
00120 ; PROCESSOR. *
00130 ; *
00140 ; Created by Roger C. Alford *
00150 ; October, 1983 *
00160 ; *
00170 ; This program is entered via the Basic USR *
00180 ; function call. It executes the function: *
00190 ; Z=A**4+C*TAN(B*4)+2*PI*(SIN(D**7)+ACOS(E)+EXP(F)) *
00200 ; +SQR(LN(G)) *
00210 ; *
00220 ; Where ** is 'to the power of', LN is the natural *
00230 ; log function, and ACOS is the inverse cosine *
00240 ; function. *
00250 ; *
00260 ;*****
00270 ;
00280 ;
F800 00290 ; ORG 0F800H
00300 ;
0001 00310 COMAND EQU 01H ; 8231A COMMAND PORT ADDRESS
0001 00320 STATUS EQU 01H ; 8231A STATUS PORT ADDRESS
0000 00330 DATA EQU 00H ; 8231A DATA PORT STACK ADDRESS
0A7F 00340 FNCTN EQU 0A7FH ; TRS-80 'GET USR PARAM.' ROUTINE
0010 00350 FADD EQU 10H ; 8231A ADD COMMAND BYTE
0012 00360 FMUL EQU 12H ; 8231A MULTIPLY COMMAND BYTE
0006 00370 ACOS EQU 06H ; 8231A INVERSE COSINE CMD BYTE
0005 00380 ASIN EQU 05H ; 8231A INVERSE SINE CMD BYTE
0007 00390 ATAN EQU 07H ; 8231A INVERSE TANGENT CMD BYTE
0015 00400 CHSP EQU 15H ; 8231A SIGN CHANGE CMD BYTE
0003 00410 COS EQU 03H ; 8231A COSINE CMD BYTE
000A 00420 EXP EQU 0AH ; 8231A EXPONENTIAL CMD BYTE
0013 00430 FDIV EQU 13H ; 8231A DIVIDE CMD BYTE
0011 00440 FSUB EQU 11H ; 8231A SUBTRACT CMD BYTE
0008 00450 LOG EQU 08H ; 8231A COMMON LOG CMD BYTE
0009 00460 LN EQU 09H ; 8231A NATURAL LOG CMD BYTE
000B 00470 PWR EQU 0BH ; 8231A POWER CMD BYTE
0002 00480 SIN EQU 02H ; 8231A SINE CMD BYTE
0001 00490 SQRT EQU 01H ; 8231A SQUARE ROOT CMD BYTE
0004 00500 TAN EQU 04H ; 8231A TANGENT CMD BYTE
0018 00510 POPF EQU 18H ; 8231A STACK POP COMMAND
001A 00520 PUPI EQU 1AH ; 8231A PUSH PI ON STACK COMMAND
033A 00530 PRCHAR EQU 033AH ; TRS-80 'PRINT CHAR.' ROUTINE
00540 ;
0002 00550 PARAM1 DEFS 2 ; FIRST MATH PARAMETER ADDRESS
0002 00560 PARAM2 DEFS 2 ; SECOND MATH PARAMETER ADDRESS
0002 00570 PARAM3 DEFS 2 ; THIRD PARAMETER ADDRESS
0002 00580 PARAM4 DEFS 2 ; FOURTH PARAMETER ADDRESS
0002 00590 PARAM5 DEFS 2 ; FIFTH PARAMETER ADDRESS
0002 00600 PARAM6 DEFS 2 ; SIXTH PARAMETER ADDRESS
0002 00610 PARAM7 DEFS 2 ; SEVENTH PARAMETER ADDRESS
0002 00620 DEST DEFS 2 ; DESTINATION VARIABLE ADDRESS
00630 ;
F810 F3 00640 MATH DI ; INTERRUPTS ARE DISABLED
F811 DD2A06F8 00650 LD IX,(PARAM4) ; POINT TO D VARIABLE
F815 CDCFF8 00660 CALL CONVRT ; PUT ONTO 8231A STACK
F818 DD21B4F9 00670 LD IX,CONST7 ; POINT TO THE CONSTNT 7
F81C CDCFF8 00680 CALL CONVRT ; PUT ONTO 8231A STACK
F81F CD3EF9 00690 CALL POWER ; RAISE TO THE POWER
F822 CD42F9 00700 CALL SINE ; GET SINE OF RESULT
F825 DD2A08F8 00710 LD IX,(PARAM5) ; POINT TO E VARIABLE
F829 CDCFF8 00720 CALL CONVRT ; PUT ONTO 8231A STACK
F82C CD16F9 00730 CALL INVCOS ; GET INVERSE COSINE
F82F CD0EF9 00740 CALL ADD ; ADD INTERMED. RESULTS
F832 DD2A0AF8 00750 LD IX,(PARAM6) ; POINT TO F VARIABLE
F836 CDCFF8 00760 CALL CONVRT ; PUT ONTO 8231A STACK
F839 CD2AF9 00770 CALL EXPON ; GET NATURAL ANTILOG
F83C CD0EF9 00780 CALL ADD ; ADD TO INTERMED. RESULT
F83F CD4EF9 00790 CALL PI ; PUSH PI ONTO 8231A STACK
F842 CD12F9 00800 CALL MULT ; MULTIPLY W/INTERMED. RES
F845 DD21ACF9 00810 LD IX,CONST2 ; POINT TO CONSTNT 2
F849 CDCFF8 00820 CALL CONVRT ; PUT ONTO 8231A STACK
F84C CD12F9 00830 CALL MULT ; MULTIPLY W/INTERMED. RES
F84F DD2A0CF8 00840 LD IX,(PARAM7) ; POINT TO G VARIABLE
F853 CDCFF8 00850 CALL CONVRT ; PUT ONTO 8231A STACK
F856 CD3AF9 00860 CALL NATLOG ; GET NATURAL LOG
F859 CD46F9 00870 CALL ROOT ; GET SQUARE ROOT
F85C CD0EF9 00880 CALL ADD ; ADD TO INTERMED. RESULT
F85F DD2A02F8 00890 LD IX,(PARAM2) ; POINT TO B VARIABLE
F863 CDCFF8 00900 CALL CONVRT ; PUT ONTO 8231A STACK
F866 DD21B0F9 00910 LD IX,CONST4 ; POINT TO CONSTNT 4
F86A CDCFF8 00920 CALL CONVRT ; PUT ONTO 8231A STACK
F86D CD12F9 00930 CALL MULT ; MULTIPLY B VARIABLE
F870 CD4AF9 00940 CALL TANGNT ; GET TANGENT
F873 DD2A04F8 00950 LD IX,(PARAM3) ; POINT TO C VARIABLE
F877 CDCFF8 00960 CALL CONVRT ; PUT ONTO 8231A STACK
F87A CD12F9 00970 CALL MULT ; MULTIPLY WITH INTER. RES
F87D CD0EF9 00980 CALL ADD ; ADD INTERMED. RESULTS
F880 DD2A00F8 00990 LD IX,(PARAM1) ; POINT TO A PARAMETER
F884 CDCFF8 01000 CALL CONVRT ; PUT ONTO 8231A STACK
F887 DD21B0F9 01010 LD IX,CONST4 ; POINT TO CONSTNT 4
F88B CDCFF8 01020 CALL CONVRT ; PUT ONTO 8231A STACK
F88E CD3EF9 01030 CALL POWER ; DO POWER FUNCTION
F891 CD0EF9 01040 CALL ADD ; ADD TO INTERMEDIATE RES.

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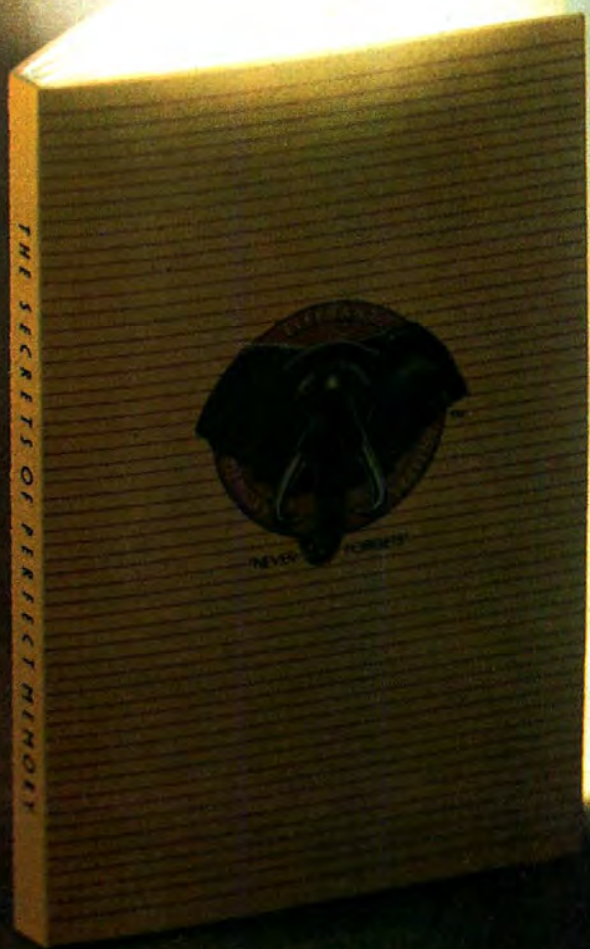
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F898 DB01 01060 IN A,(STATUS) ;GET LAST STATUS BYTE
F89A CB6F 01070 BIT 5,A ;CHECK FOR ZERO RESULT
F89C 280F 01080 JR Z,RESULT ;IF NOT ZERO, SKIP
F89E DD360300 01090 LD (IX+3),0 ;ELSE STORE 00 EXP BYTE
F8A2 3E18 01100 LD A,POPF ;GET 8231A POP COMMAND
F8A4 D301 01110 OUT (COMMAND),A ;SEND TO 8231A
F8A6 DB01 01120 LOOP2 IN A,(STATUS) ;CHECK STATUS BYTE
F8A8 CB7F 01130 BIT 7,A ;DONE YET?
F8AA 28FA 01140 JR NZ,LOOP2 ;IF NOT, LOOP AGAIN
F8AC C9 01150 RET ;ELSE, DONE - RETURN
F8AD DB00 01160 RESULT IN A,(DATA) ;GET EXPONENT BYTE
F8AF 4F 01170 LD C,A ;SAVE VALUE TEMP.
F8B0 CB7F 01180 BIT 7,A ;CHECK MANT. SIGN
F8B2 DB00 01190 IN A,(DATA) ;GET HIGH MANT. BYTE
F8B4 2002 01200 JR NZ,SKIP ;IF BIT SET, OK
F8B6 CBBF 01210 RES 7,A ;ELSE, CHANGE TO NEG.
F8B8 DD7702 01220 SKIP LD (IX+2),A ;SAVE HIGH MANT. BYTE
F8BB 79 01230 LD A,C ;GET EXPONENT BYTE
F8BC 07 01240 RLCA ;ROTATE LEFT ONE BIT
F8BD CB2F 01250 SRA A ;DUPLICATE HIGH BIT
F8BF C680 01260 ADD A,128 ;MAKE EXCESS 128 FORM
F8C1 DD7703 01270 LD (IX+3),A ;SAVE EXPONENT BYTE
F8C4 DB00 01280 IN A,(DATA) ;GET NEXT RESULT BYTE
F8C6 DD7701 01290 LD (IX+1),A ;SAVE IN RESULT AREA
F8C9 DB00 01300 IN A,(DATA) ;GET NEXT RESULT BYTE
F8CB DD7700 01310 LD (IX),A ;SAVE IN RESULT AREA
F8CE C9 01320 RET ;DONE - RETURN
01330 ;
01340 ;
01350 ;*** SUBROUTINE CONVRT:
01360 ;* CONVRT gets the Radio Shack floating point value
01370 ;* pointed at by the IX register and converts it to
01380 ;* the Intel 8231A format, and pushes it onto the 8231A
01390 ;* stack.
F8CF DD7E03 01400 CONVRT LD A,(IX+3) ;GET EXPONENT BYTE
F8D2 B7 01410 OR A ;CHECK FOR ZERO VALUE
F8D3 2009 01420 JR NZ,CONV2 ;IF NOT, GO ON
F8D5 D300 01430 OUT (DATA),A ;ELSE, PUSH 00 BYTE
F8D7 D300 01440 OUT (DATA),A ;PUSH 00 BYTE
F8D9 D300 01450 OUT (DATA),A ;PUSH 00 BYTE
F8DB D300 01460 OUT (DATA),A ;PUSH 00 BYTE
F8DD C9 01470 RET ;DONE - RETURN
F8DE DD7E00 01480 CONV2 LD A,(IX) ;GET LOW ORDER BYTE
F8E1 D300 01490 OUT (DATA),A ;PUT INTO 8231A
F8E3 DD7E01 01500 LD A,(IX+1) ;GET NEXT ORDER BYTE
F8E6 D300 01510 OUT (DATA),A ;PUT INTO 8231A
F8E8 DD7E02 01520 LD A,(IX+2) ;GET HIGH MANTISSA BYTE
F8EB F680 01530 OR 80H ;SET HIGH BIT
F8ED D300 01540 OUT (DATA),A ;PUT INTO 8231A
F8EF DD7E03 01550 LD A,(IX+3) ;GET EXPONENT BYTE
F8F2 D680 01560 SUB 128 ;PUT INTO REAL FORMAT
F8F4 4F 01570 LD C,A ;SAVE EXPONENT IN C REG
F8F5 07 01580 RLCA ;MOVE HIGH BIT INTO CARRY
F8F6 0600 01590 LD B,00H ;CLEAR THE B REGISTER
F8F8 CB18 01600 RR B ;PUT CARRY BIT INTO B REG
F8FA E680 01610 AND 80H ;MASK LOW 7 ACC. BITS
F8FC A8 01620 XOR B ;CHECK FOR SAME BIT 7'S
F8FD C25EF9 01630 JP NZ,ERROR2 ;IF NOT, OUT OF RANGE ERR
F900 79 01640 LD A,C ;ELSE, GET EXPONENT BACK
F901 E67F 01650 AND 7FH ;CLEAR HIGH BIT
F903 DDCB027E 01660 BIT 7,(IX+2) ;CHECK MANTISSA SIGN BIT
F907 2002 01670 JR Z,NOCHG ;IF POSITIVE, NO CHANGE
F909 CBBF 01680 SET 7,A ;ELSE SET BIT FOR NEGATIV
F90B D300 01690 NOCHG OUT (DATA),A ;PUT EXP. BYTE INTO 8231A
F90D C9 01700 RET ;DONE - RETURN
01710 ;
F90E 3E10 01720 ADD LD A,FADD ;GET FLOATING ADD CMD BYT
F910 183E 01730 JR EXECUT ;TWO-VALUED OPERATION
F912 3E12 01740 MULT LD A,FMUL ;GET MULTIPLY COMMAND BYT
F914 183A 01750 JR EXECUT ;TWO-VALUED OPERATION
F916 3E06 01760 INVCOS LD A,ACOS ;GET INV COSINE CMD BYT
F918 1836 01770 JR EXECUT ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F91A 3E05 01780 INVSIN LD A,ASIN ;GET INV SINE CMD BYT
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F91E 3E07 01800 INVTAN LD A,ATAN ;GET INV TANGENT CMD BYTE
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F922 3E15 01820 CHGSGN LD A,CHSP ;GET CHANGE SIGN CMD BYTE
F924 182A 01830 JR EXECUT ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F926 3E03 01840 COSINE LD A,COS ;GET COSINE COMMAND BYTE
F928 1826 01850 JR EXECUT ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F92A 3E0A 01860 EXPON LD A,EXP ;GET EXPONENTIAL CMD BYTE
F92C 1822 01870 JR EXECUT ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F92E 3E13 01880 DIV LD A,FDIV ;GET DIVIDE CMD BYTE
F930 181E 01890 JR EXECUT ;TWO-VALUED OPERATION
F932 3E11 01900 SUB LD A,FSUB ;GET SUBTRACT CMD BYTE
F934 181A 01910 JR EXECUT ;TWO-VALUED OPERATION
F936 3E08 01920 COMLOG LD A,LOG ;GET COMM LOG CMD BYTE
F938 1816 01930 JR EXECUT ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F93A 3E09 01940 NATLOG LD A,LN ;GET NAT LOG CMD BYTE
F93C 1812 01950 JR EXECUT ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F93E 3E0B 01960 POWER LD A,PWR ;GET POWER COMMAND BYTE
F940 180E 01970 JR EXECUT ;TWO-VALUED OPERATION
F942 3E02 01980 SINE LD A,SIN ;GET SINE COMMAND BYTE
F944 180A 01990 JR EXECUT ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F946 3E01 02000 ROOT LD A,SQRT ;GET SQUARE ROOT CMD BYTE

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mat, pushes them onto the 8231A internal stack, gives the 8231A command to start the desired operation, then processes and stores the result. It also prints appropriate error messages. If any calculation errors occur, the program displays a general Calculation Error message. I did not add the code to display the particular problem (for example, divide by zero), but you can add this since the 8231A provides specific error flags.

The Basic program indicates its choice of function by the parameter passed with the USR function. The top of Listing 2 shows the various commands and operations available. The USR function in Listing 1 is passing the value 12, which indicates the power function (raise A to the B power).

You can run some Basic benchmarks with this method, simply by running the program in Listing 1 as is (with a loop to line 5000), and with line 70 replaced with the Basic math replacement (for example, C=A*B). I did this for several functions and found only small improvement for Basic functions (5 to 9 seconds for add, subtract, multiply, and divide), but a marked improvement for more complex functions (sine, cosine, tangent, powers, etc.). For example, the power function dropped time from 5:04 (all times are in minutes:seconds) to 1:02, the sin function went from 2:49 to 0:55, and the tan function went from 5:23 to 0:56!

The program in Listing 2, as mentioned, provides the necessary interface to the math processor. The CONVRT routine beginning at line 910 converts a TRS-80-formatted variable, pointed to by the IX register, into the proper 8231A format and stores the value in the 8231A processor. The Result routine, beginning at line 1890, gets the result from the 8231A and converts it to TRS-80 format and stores it in the proper location as specified by the DEST variable at 0F804 hex.

The problem with the above method is that there is too much Basic overhead. While times are great for a lot of calculations after the program sets up the variable pointers, there is too much time required to change the variable pointers each time you want a new operation with new variables. The Basic overhead outweighs the advan-

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F94A 3E04 02020 TANGNT LD A,TAN ;GET TANGENT COMMAND BYTE
F94C 1802 02030 JR EXECUT ;ONE-VALUED OPERATION
F94E 3E1A 02040 PI LD A,PUPI ;GET PUSH PI COMMAND
F950 D301 02050 EXECUT OUT (COMAND),A ;SEND COMMAND TO 8231A
F952 DB01 02060 LOOP1 IN A,(STATUS) ;CHECK FOR COMPLETION
F954 CB7F 02070 BIT 7,A ;STILL BUSY?
F956 20FA 02080 JR NZ,LOOP1 ;IF YES, CHECK AGAIN
F958 E61E 02090 AND 1EH ;CHECK FOR ANY ERROR
F95A C264F9 02100 JP NZ,ERROR3 ;IF YES, CALC. ERROR
F95D C9 02110 RET ;DONE - RETURN
02120 ;*
02130 ;*** ERROR ROUTINES:
F95E E1 02140 ERROR2 POP HL ;POP ADDR FROM STACK
F95F 2171F9 02150 LD HL,ERMSG2 ;POINT TO ERR MSG #2
F962 1804 02160 JR PRRTN ;PRINT AND RETURN
F964 E1 02170 ERROR3 POP HL ;POP ADDR FROM STACK
F965 2194F9 02180 LD HL,ERMSG3 ;POINT TO ERR MSG #3
F968 7E 02190 PRRTN LD A,(HL) ;GET CHARACTER
F969 B7 02200 OR A ;CHECK FOR ZERO BYTE
F96A C8 02210 RET Z ;IF ZERO, DONE
F96B CD3A03 02220 CALL PRCHAR ;ELSE, PRINT THE CHAR.
F96E 23 02230 INC HL ;POINT TO NEXT CHAR.
F96F 18F7 02240 JR PRRTN ;LOOP AGAIN
02250 ;
02260 ;
F971 0D 02270 ERMSG2 DEFB 0DH
F972 2A 02280 DEFB '*** PARAMETER VALUE OUT OF RANGE'
F992 0D 02290 DEFB 0DH
F993 00 02300 DEFB 00H
F994 0D 02310 ERMSG3 DEFB 0DH
F995 2A 02320 DEFB '*** CALCULATION ERROR'
F9AA 0D 02330 DEFB 0DH
F9AB 00 02340 DEFB 00H
02350 ;
F9AC 00 02360 CONST2 DEFB 00H ;CONSTANT VALUE 2 BYTES
F9AD 00 02370 DEFB 00H
F9AE 00 02380 DEFB 00H
F9AF 82 02390 DEFB 82H
F9B0 00 02400 CONST4 DEFB 00H ;CONSTANT VALUE 4 BYTES
F9B1 00 02410 DEFB 00H
F9B2 00 02420 DEFB 00H
    
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Listing 4 continued

tage of using the hardware math processor in many applications.

A better solution is to execute an entire equation at a time by the math processor before returning from the USR call. This eliminates the overhead problem and speeds up execution significantly.

Program Listing 3 shows a short Basic program with a reasonably complex equation in line 70. I have set the program to execute the equation 1,000 times. My computer executed the program in 7:45. I then created a significantly modified version of the Assembly-language program in Listing 2 (see Program Listing 4). This program executes the same equation by obtaining the various Basic variables (in the same way as in Listing 2) and calling the various math processor functions. The USR routine calls this program from Basic (see Program Listing 5) and executes the desired equation. The program ignores the parameter passed in the USR function, although it could be used to select one of several possible equations. Notice that we are now

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passing eight variable addresses, instead of three.

When I executed the Basic program in Listing 5, calling the Assembly-language program in Listing 4 1,000 times, the processing took only 25 seconds—only 1/19 of the original software-based execution time. ■

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Listing 4 continued

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F9B3 83      02430      DEFB      83H
F9B4 00      02440 CONST7 DEFB      00H      ;CONSTANT VALUE 7 BYTES
F9B5 00      02450      DEFB      00H
F9B6 3C      02460      DEFB      3CH
F9B7 83      02470      DEFB      83H
                02480 ;
F810          02490      END      MATH
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20 DEFUSR0=&HF810
40 A=0:B=0:C=0:D=0:E=0:F=0:G=1:Z=0
50 V=VARPTR(A):GOSUB170
60 V=VARPTR(B):GOSUB180
70 V=VARPTR(C):GOSUB190
80 V=VARPTR(D):GOSUB200
90 V=VARPTR(E):GOSUB210
100 V=VARPTR(F):GOSUB220
110 V=VARPTR(G):GOSUB230
120 V=VARPTR(Z):GOSUB240
130 FORI=1TO1000
140 X=USR(0)
150 NEXTI
160 PRINTZ:END
170 V1=INT(V/256):POKE-2047,V1:POKE-2048,V-V1*256:RETURN
180 V1=INT(V/256):POKE-2045,V1:POKE-2046,V-V1*256:RETURN
190 V1=INT(V/256):POKE-2043,V1:POKE-2044,V-V1*256:RETURN
200 V1=INT(V/256):POKE-2041,V1:POKE-2042,V-V1*256:RETURN
210 V1=INT(V/256):POKE-2039,V1:POKE-2040,V-V1*256:RETURN
220 V1=INT(V/256):POKE-2037,V1:POKE-2038,V-V1*256:RETURN
230 V1=INT(V/256):POKE-2035,V1:POKE-2036,V-V1*256:RETURN
240 V1=INT(V/256):POKE-2033,V1:POKE-2034,V-V1*256:RETURN
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Program Listing 5. USR routine to call program from Basic.

Circle 244 on Reader Service card.



Hello thayuh. This is Eben Flow, proprietor of the Fish or Cut Bait Company, buyer and seller of lobster bait for 49 years. My hobbies are collecting linoleum samples, squashing flies and playing pac-person on my home computer.

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Mercedes is proud of her achievement, and calls it her "micro opus."

"Not bad for a Ph.D. project, hey?" she said to Max and me in the MIT cafeteria.

"It makes the Cray look like a moped," I said. "But what's anybody going to do with it? I mean, you can't even take it outside that bunker."

I was referring to the fact that the government had blocked the Mach 4's early tests in the Nevada desert, claiming it would violate the SALT treaty.

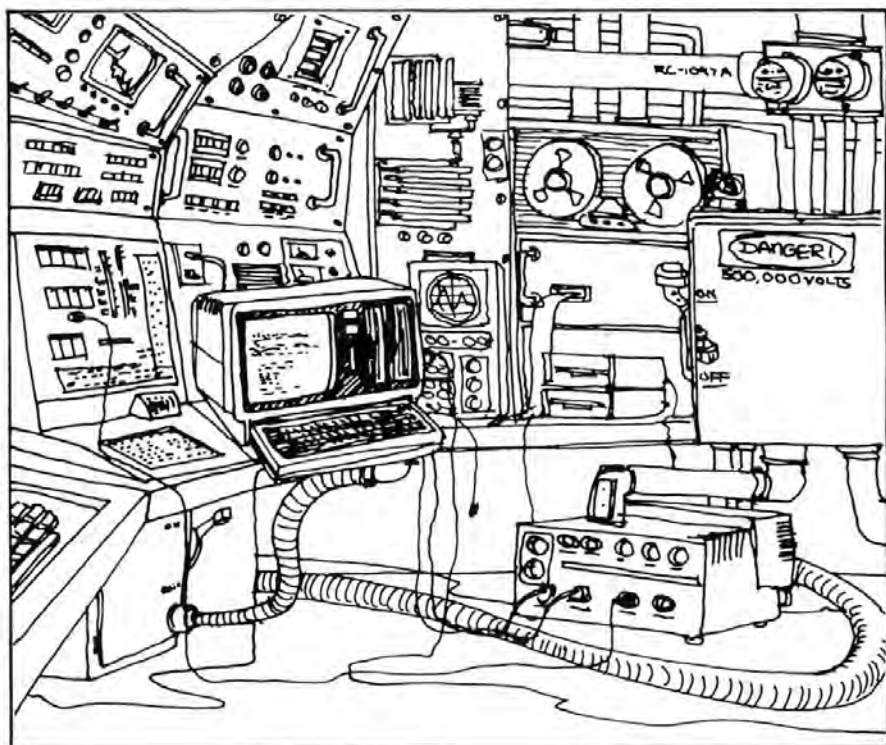
Mercedes shrugged. "Who cares? The world is full of useless gadgets. Another one won't hurt anybody."

Max and I looked at each other. We were not used to such cavalier comments from Mercedes, but they had been coming more frequently since she took the fellowship and began working on the Mach 4.

"It's just a stage," her adviser had told us. "All 11-year-old geniuses go through it."

"Well," she said, slurping down the last of her milk. "What say we start working on the operating system, Bernie?"

Bernie Washington, her student assistant, blinked behind his nearly opaque glasses. He was a computer science major, and the great-great-great-grand-nephew of George. "Uh—sure," he said. "Uh—what do you want me to do?"



"Just get out a pad of paper and transcribe," she said. "Okay, we'll start with an ORG at 7EC0 hex."

So while Mercedes began dictating the 1 MByte program that would drive the Mach 4, Max and I turned to some mail.

"You got a letter from Mr. Arcade, the King of the Arcadians," I said. "He says, 'It seems to me, Sad Max—'"

"Sad Max?!" Max growled. "—that someone who travels around with an 11-year-old girl and a group of misfits is nothing more than a loser."

"Eleven and a half. Twelve, almost," Mercedes broke in.

"But I am giving you a chance to prove yourself. This is the challenge. You may pick any game you want, either on the market or self-written, or

written by one of your comrades, and play this game until you have a high score you think can stand up to ME. (You cannot have played this game before.) Then I will play the game, and if I can't beat your score within one week, you will be King of the Arcade.

"If I don't receive a reply in person and in your column I will assume you are chicken."

"Hey, I don't have to prove myself to some two-bit joystick junkie from nowhere," Max clucked. "My Bable Terror score's been on the board from the beginning."

"Easy," I said. "Here's another guy from Vermilion, OH, who says he's the original Mad Max—Mad Max Kennedy."

"Everybody's out to get you when you're number one," Max sighed.

"There's only one Mad Max," Mercedes said. "My Mad Max."

Max looked embarrassed and blushed.

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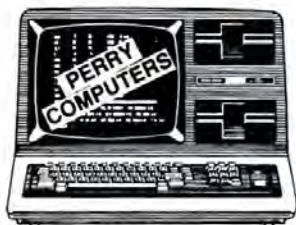
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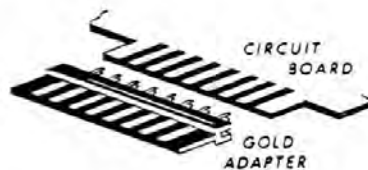
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Fury	46,120	Amy Campbell, Peterborough, NH
Galactic Empire	2,010	Mike Bach, Brisbane, Australia
Galaxy Invasion Plus	3,000,000	Shawn Lipman, Nelspruit, S. Africa
Gauntlet	58,360	David Schwartz, San Jose, CA
Ghost Hunter	43,190	Lance Smith, Auckland, N.Z.
Gobbleman	64,310	Mick Bach, Brisbane, Australia
Hamburger Sam	34,300	Mark Adams, Tampa, FL
Hoppy	70,381	Mike Bach, Brisbane, Australia
Insect Frenzy	691,156	Tommy Seniuk, Vegreville, Alta.
Invaders from Space	655,360	Darren Cotter, Oceanside, CA
Jovian	311,320	Mark Brinkman, Burlington, KS
Jungle Boy	851,900	Zagros Sadjadi, Petaluma, CA
Killer Gorilla	28,312	Alex Poon, Baton Rouge, LA
Laserball	72,530	Neil Matson, Panama City, FL
Laser Defense	1,504,610	Greg Samson, Loudonville, NY
Leaper	144,500	Tommy Seniuk, Vegreville, Alta.
Lunar Lander	18,000	Graham Williams, Ballarat, Australia
Mad Mines	10,220	Gorman Miller, Titusville, FL
Meteor Mission 2	124,990	Andy Anderson, Orangeville, Ont.
Monster Invaders	32,620	Troy Scrapchansky, Uncasville, CT
Olympic Decathlon	10,856	Adrie van Geffen, Hoogvliet, Netherlands
Outhouse	1,000,000	Kyle Hoyt, Titusville, FL
Panik	85,075	Mark Owens, Houston, TX
Penguin	39,250	Mark Adams, Tampa, FL
Planetoids	56,450	Carl Pflanzner, Gillette, NJ
Rear Guard	195,240	John Hope, Kingston, Ont.
Rescue at Rigel	456	Glenn Butler, Belrose, N.S.W.
Sea Dragon	610,180*	Robert Fitzwilliam, Houston, TX
Sky Sweep	1,000,540	Tommy Seniuk, Vegreville, Alta.
Space Castle	69,750	Rick Sayre, Stockton, CA
Space Intruders	14,030	Ron Johnston, Emporia, KS
Space Rocks	32,600	John Dunkelberg Jr., Winston-Salem, NC
Star Blazer	52,750	Mark Adams, Tampa, FL
Stellar Escort	625,000	Kevin Josephson, Chilliwack, B.C.
Super Nova	2,138,710	Mark Fertig, Northville, MI
Swamp Wars	59,130	Farhad Abrishami, Silver Spring, MD
Temple of Apshai	390	Carl Pflanzner, Gillette, NJ
Time Bandit	14,460	Mark Adams, Tampa, FL
Time Runner	89,479	Mad Max
Voyager I	1,177	Al Ayer, Mechanicsburg, PA
Weerd	61,180	Tommy Seniuk, Vegreville, Alta.
Wild West	47,000	Dave Westfall, N. Olmsted, OH

*Expert mode: 339,080 (David Smith, Kingwood, TX).

THE GAMER'S CAFE

"We've got a new score here," I said, changing the subject. "Mark Brinkman of Burlington, KS, racked up 311,320 in Jovian on Antares sector 79. He also wants to know whether others have succeeded in Jovian's other galaxies, Belthix and Centuri, and whether anyone has finished Centuri's sector 18."

Max, meanwhile, was huffing over a letter from Richard Stokes of Burbank, IL, who set a new record for Flying Saucers.

"He asks why we don't print a program that makes Air Supply and Billy Joel songs come out of the tape recorder," he said. "And he wants to ask Mercedes out on a date. 'I'm 12 years old (born June 16, 1971), very cute and mature. If she says no then ask her again, only say please.'"

Mercedes looked flustered. "Cute and mature and he listens to Air Supply? Get serious. Besides, he's a Gemini. He'd probably change his mind and leave me for some red-haired flashdance floozy."

"Twelve years old and he's dating?" Max cried in protective, fatherly fashion. "Not our girl, he isn't. I didn't date until I was 27."

"Twenty-seven?" I asked incredulously.

"Well, not dating per se," Max said.

Mercedes spent three solid weeks dictating the Mach 4 operating system. She worked 16 hours a day and lived on peanut butter sandwiches and Kool-Aid. She went through student assistants like pencils—Bernie burned out after one day and was succeeded by 11 others, none of whom lasted longer than 48 hours.

Max and I spent the time hanging out in Cambridge, eating at Joyce Chen's and leafing through the magazines at the Harvard newsstand. It was a melancholy time; Max wanted to get back out on the road, and we were both worried about Mercedes.

The Mach 4 had become an all-con-

suming project. Mercedes rarely spoke to us, and when she did, it was in Assembly. As the days passed, her eyes took on an obsessed, wild, almost feral gleam.

"We need a change," said Max one grey winter day as we gazed across the murky Charles at the city skyline.

"Yes," I agreed. "But we can't do anything until Mercedes finishes."

"Will she ever finish?" he asked. "I mean, what happens when the Mach 4 project is done with? What will she do then? Will she start something even more monumental?"

It was a good question. Mercedes was growing up, but with no world to grow up in. She didn't belong in the world of the Gamer's Cafe. She didn't belong in the normal world of 11-year-olds. And she didn't belong in the world of adults. So she was creating one of her own, one made of circuits and chips and streams of code.

What happened to Mercedes was something neither of us was ready for. But it's a story that will have to wait until next month. ■



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ROM Routines Explained, Contest Winners Announced

I recently received a fantastic book in the mail—one that is quickly becoming a favorite reference manual. The book is *TRS-80 ROM Routines Documented*, by Jack Decker (Alternate Source, Lansing, MI, \$19.95 + \$3 s/h). It includes over 250 ROM routines and explanations of how to use them, a complete discussion of device control blocks, the RST commands, Disk Basic and DOS vectors, the differences between Model I (Level II), Model III, Model 4, and PMC ROMs, and many programming examples.

If you want to simplify your Assembly-language programs by using ROM routines, or just want to know how your TRS-80 works, I doubt you could find a better book anywhere.

When reading the book, I came across two interesting techniques that are the basis of the first half of this month's column. In the second half of the column, I'll announce the results of last October's great screen white-out contest.

Adding Basic to Machine Language

If you regularly read this column, you should have a good grasp of the techniques of adding machine-language routines to Basic programs. During the last year, I've covered many of the normal techniques and some of the more abstruse ones. However, you may have run across some programming situations in which you'd like to do the opposite: add some lines of Basic to a machine-language program.

I use this technique to perform difficult number crunching or string manipulation. Assembly-language instructions could perform such tasks, but, when speed isn't important, it's easier to let Basic handle the work.

To make the Basic ROMs do the work, you can adopt one of three programming tactics: you can find the ROM routines that perform the necessary tasks and call them individually; if you are writing a USR routine, you

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7F17 2
7F1A C
7F1D C
7F20 D
FOKEP
NEXTY
P=&H8
IFPEE
175
200
210

```

can return to Basic momentarily and then enter a new USR routine to complete your task; or you can use what Jack Decker calls the "fudge-it" method of adding Basic to machine language. I'll describe this third method.

Suppose your machine-language routine needs to evaluate an expression such as:

```
X = VAL(LEFT$(A$,3))
```

A single ROM call can do it for you. First, enter Basic and type NEW. Then type:

```
10 VAL(LEFT$(A$,#))
```

Normally, that line causes a syntax error, since the results of the operation aren't returned in any variable. But you won't be running the program from Basic, only adding that function to your machine-language routine.

As soon as you press the enter key after typing line 10, the Basic ROMs take that line and tokenize it in memory, using single bytes to represent each function (like VAL and LEFT\$ above). Now, without disturbing the tokenized form of the expression, you

need to get it out of memory. The beginning of the Basic program is stored in memory locations 16548 and 16549, so enter the following to discover how Basic has tokenized the line:

```
X = PEEK(16548) + PEEK(16549)*256 + 4:
FOR Y=X TO X+100:PRINT PEEK(Y):
NEXT Y
```

A list of numbers will appear—the decimal form of whatever is in memory. Write down the numbers up to and including the first zero value. For the example above, the numbers are:

```
245 40 248 40 65 36 44 51 41 41 0
```

Add that list of numbers as a string to your Assembly-language program, using DEFB statements. Remember, these are decimal values, not hexadecimal (hex) values. When your program needs to evaluate the expression, point the HL register to the string and CALL 2337 hex. The program evaluates the expression and places the result in Basic's accumulator between 411D hex and 4124 hex. Also, the program sets Basic's number type flag to 02, 03, 04, or 08 to indicate

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00100 ;*****
00110 ;*
00120 ;* Demonstration USR routine *
00130 ;* that directly handles *
00140 ;* string variables *
00150 ;*
00160 ;* Changes all lowercase *
00170 ;* characters in passed string *
00180 ;* to uppercase, and returns *
00190 ;* to new variable. *
00200 ;*
00210 ;* From Basic, call with *
00220 ;* X$ = USR (Y$) *
00230 ;*
00240 ;*****
00250 ;
7000 00260 ORG 7000H ;COMPLETELY RELOCATABLE
7000 CDF40A 00270 CALL 0AF4H ;BE SURE STRING IS PASSED
7003 2A2141 00280 LD HL,(4121H) ;GET STRING ADDR. IN HL
7006 0100FF 00290 LD BC,0FF00H ;SET UP BC REGISTER
7009 CD682A 00300 CALL 2A68H ;MOVE Y$ TO HIGH MEMORY
700C DD2A2141 00310 LD IX,(4121H) ;GET VARPTR OF Y$ IN IX
7010 DD4600 00320 LD B,(IX+0) ;GET STRING LENGTH
7013 DD6E01 00330 LD L,(IX+1) ;GET LSB OF STRING ADDR
7016 DD6602 00340 LD H,(IX+2) ;GET MSB OF STRING ADDR
00350 ;
00360 ;Now HL ==> Y$ and B contains LEN(Y$)
00370 ;
7019 7E 00380 LOOP LD A,(HL) ;GET CHARACTER
701A FE61 00390 CP 61H ;IS IT > a ?
701C 3807 00400 JR C,L10 ;GO IF NOT
701E FE7B 00410 CP 7BH ;IS IT ALPHABETIC?
7020 3003 00420 JR NC,L10 ;GO IF NOT
7022 D620 00430 SUB 20H ;MAKE IT UPPERCASE
7024 77 00440 LD (HL),A ;AND STORE IT BACK
7025 23 00450 LI0 INC HL ;BUMP POINTER
7026 10F1 00460 DJNZ LOOP ;REPEAT FOR WHOLE STRING
7028 C9 00470 RET ;RETURN TO BASIC
00480 ;
00490 ;
0000 00490 END
00000 TOTAL ERRORS
33912 TEXT AREA BYTES LEFT

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Program Listing 1. This USR routine operates only on strings.

Line 270 of Listing 1 calls 0AF4 hex to test the value that the program passes to the routine and places in Basic's accumulator. If the program passes something other than a string, control returns to Basic with a Type Mismatch error. Assuming the test is passed, the next three instructions copy Y\$ to a new location in the string space in high memory. First, the program loads HL with the VARPTR of Y\$, which Basic has stored in its accumulator at 4121 hex. Then the program loads B with 0FF hex (255), the maximum length of the string, and clears C to zero. The CALL to 2A68 hex copies the string into the string space, and puts the VARPTR of the new string at 4121 hex.

Using this new VARPTR, lines 310-340 transfer the address of the string into HL and its length into B. The instructions in the loop check each character to determine whether it is in lowercase (between 61 hex and 7A hex). If it is, the program changes the character to uppercase by subtracting 20 hex from its value. Otherwise, it doesn't affect the character.

At the end of the loop, the new string, whose VARPTR is still at 4121 hex, is all uppercase. The RET instruction exits the USR routine and places whatever is in the accumulator in X\$. Because the VARPTR is in the accumulator and Basic's type flag is already set to 03, indicating a string, X\$ becomes the new string.

That last step may need more explanation. When your USR routine returns to Basic, the program places whatever is in Basic's accumulator in the variable on the left of the equals sign. If the variable is of the wrong type, the program stops processing and generates an error. Basic always maintains a flag at 40AF hex indicating the type of the value in the accumulator: 02 indicates an integer, 03 indicates a string, 04 indicates a single-precision value, and 08 indicates a double-precision value.

Those flag values also represent the number of bytes required to store the value in either the simple or array variable table. Since the short routine has already created a new string with a VARPTR in the accumulator, the return equates that string with X\$.

By judicious use of other ROM routines, you can just as easily pass single- or double-precision values between

whether the result is an integer, string, single-precision, or double-precision value. The program further manipulates the value using other ROM routines or returns directly to Basic when it leaves the USR routine. If you want to convert the value to an integer and move it into the HL register pair (assuming it is numeric, not a string value), CALL 0A7F hex.

Be aware that this technique only works if Basic is initialized and active. On a tape-based system, that's any time the computer is turned on (unless a machine-language program has gone rampaging through Basic's reserved low memory). On a disk-based system, you are essentially limited to using this technique as part of a USR routine. And speaking of USR routines...

More Power from USR

The Radio Shack manuals, as well as others, give the impression that in the equation:

$$X = \text{USR}(Y)$$

Y must be in integer range (-32768 to +32767) if you wish to pass a value to your machine-language routine, and

X will be in integer range if your routine returns a value. As Decker points out in *ROM Routines*, X and Y can be any types of variables or values: integer, single- or double-precision, or string variables. They don't even need to be of the same type!

When you follow the Radio Shack manual and begin your machine-language routine with CALL 0A7FH to get the value from Y into the HL register, you're performing a CINT function. When your routine ends with JP 0A9AH, it's loading the current value in HL into Basic's accumulator, marking it as an integer, and passing it to X.

The standard procedure works fine if you want to pass integers both ways, but you don't have to do this. Program Listing 1 is an example of a USR routine that operates solely on strings. Assuming you call the routine by the command:

$$X\$ = \text{USR}(Y\$)$$

the routine takes Y\$ and changes all characters in it to uppercase, returning the new string as X\$. Once you get used to the technique, it's no more difficult to use than any other USR routine.

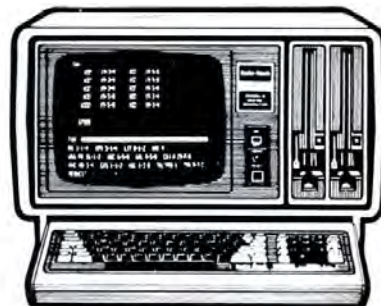
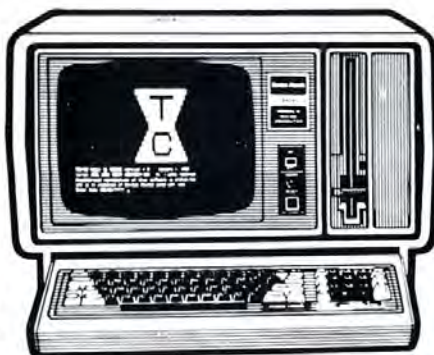
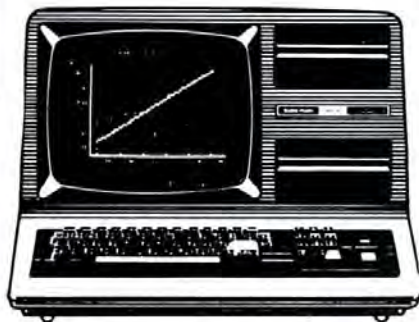
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00110 ;*
00120 ;* THE SHORTEST AND THE FASTEST *
00130 ;*
00140 ;* Winning routines from the *
00150 ;* October Screen-Whiteout *
00160 ;* Contest *
00170 ;*
00180 ;*****
00190 ;
00200 ;
00210 ;*****
00220 ;*
00230 ;* THE SHORTEST (11 bytes) *
00240 ;* Uses Register HL *
00250 ;*
00260 ;*****
00270 ;
0000 21003C 00280 LD HL,3C00H ;HL=> TOP OF SCREEN
0003 36BF 00290 LOOP LD (HL),0BFH ;SEND ONE GRAPH. BLOCK
0005 23 00300 INC HL ;BUMP THE POINTER
0006 CB74 00310 BIT 6,H ;CHECK IF H < 40H
0008 28F9 00320 JR Z,LOOP ;LOOP IF IT IS
000A C9 00330 RET ;RETURN TO CALLER
00340 ; End of routine
00350 ;
00360 ;*****
00370 ;*
00380 ;* THE FASTEST *
00390 ;* Uses registers -- HL, DE *
00400 ;* 5699 T-States *
00410 ;* NOTE -- Disable Interrupts (DI) *
00420 ;* before calling. *
00430 ;*
00440 ;*****
00450 ;
000B 210000 00460 LD HL,0000H ;INITIALIZE HL TO 0
000E 39 00470 ADD HL,SP ;SAVE SP FOR RETURN
000F 310040 00480 LD SP,4000H ;SP=>BOTTOM OF SCREEN
0012 11BFBF 00490 LD DE,0BFBFH ;DE HAS 2 GRAPH. BLOCKS
0015 D5 00500 PUSH DE ;WHITE BOTTOM OF SCREEN
0016 D5 00510 PUSH DE ; AND MOVE TOWARDS
0017 D5 00520 PUSH DE ; TOP OF SCREEN
00530 ;
00540 ; ;512 PUSH DE instructions
00550 ; ; to fill screen
00560 ;
0018 F9 00570 LD SP,HL ;RESTORE STACK POINTER
0019 C9 00580 RET ;RETURN TO CALLER
00590 ; End of routine
00600 ;
NO END STATEMENT
00001 TOTAL ERRORS
33659 TEXT AREA BYTES LEFT

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Program Listing 2. Winning subroutines.

Basic and USR routines. All necessary ROM routines are described in Decker's book. In future columns, I'll explore possible applications of some of the other routines.

Contest Results

In October, I challenged readers to find the shortest and fastest possible screen white-out subroutines. I was unprepared for the number of entries I received and surprised by the uniformity of the answers. The winning routines are shown in Program Listing 2. More than half the entries had one or both answers, though sometimes in slightly altered form.

Eleven bytes seems to be the shortest possible screen-white subroutine. (Notice the emphasis, both here and last October, on the word subroutine. Some readers tried to shorten their answers by omitting the RET instruction or making a return impossible.) The 11-byte answer is essentially the

same as one of the routines that started the discussion, except that a BIT instruction makes the check for the end of the screen. I wasn't terribly surprised by this answer, and I kicked myself a bit for not having thought of it when I wrote the October column.

I was surprised by the "fastest" routine. A majority of those who submitted an entry for the fastest subroutine used the same algorithm:

- Save the stack pointer in the HL register pair.
- Load the stack pointer with 4000 hex, the first address above the screen memory.
- Load either DE or BC with 0BFBF hex, the code for two complete graphics blocks.
- Perform 512 successive PUSH operations to white out the screen.
- Reload the stack pointer with its original address.
- Return from the subroutine.

What surprised me most about this

answer was the creative use of the stack, which I usually treat with great respect and never think of moving around in memory. Thanks to all who suggested the idea.

Many entrants, however, forgot one crucial piece of the routine. If you're using it on a Model III, or on a Model I with an expansion interface, you must disable interrupts before PUSHing bytes of 0BF hex onto the screen. If an interrupt occurs during the PUSHes, the current contents of the program counter, as well as of the general registers, are PUSHed into screen memory while the interrupt is processed.

Normally, this is no problem, because the same information is POPed off the screen when interrupt processing is complete. However, if the screen is nearly full when the interrupt occurs (or if you're using a Model I without a lowercase upgrade) some essential data may be stored below the screen in the "ghost" keyboard memory and will be unrecoverable, crashing the entire system.

From the stack of entries (no pun intended) that tied for first place for either shortest or fastest subroutines, I selected two winners at random. I awarded the prizes to George Barlow of Kirksville, MO, and Norman Watts of Logan, OH.

Along with the fastest and shortest routines, I received some ingenious entries that found a successful compromise between fast and short. I'll discuss some of those next month. Some readers asked for further contests, but until I finish answering the many questions I received, I'm in no shape to handle another flood of mail. Perhaps in a few months. ■

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Weighing the MC68000 Against its Peers

A number of microcomputers currently on the market use the 16-bit CPU (central processing unit). But what constitutes a 16-bit microprocessor and what differences exist between those available?

In this column we'll examine Texas Instruments' 9900, Zilog's Z8001 and Z8002, Intel's 8086, and National Semiconductor Corporation's NS16032 chips to better understand the Model 16's MC68000 microprocessor.

Up front, let's define the term "16-bit." Generally, a bit value (4, 8, 16, or 32) refers to the number of data bits the microprocessor uses. These bits aren't necessarily internal to the microprocessor package; instead, they may use a chunk of dedicated RAM for their activities.

A 16-bit microprocessor doesn't have to have 16 external pins for data transmission. The number 16 doesn't necessarily denote the number of address lines. In fact, most microprocessors already have 16 address lines. The Model I, for instance, with an 8-bit Z80 CPU, has 16 address lines, and a memory of eight physical address lines. Multiplexing eight by eight address lines yields the maximum 64K RAM of directly addressable memory.

The TI9900

Texas Instruments developed one of the first 16-bit microprocessors, the 9900, in the mid-1970s. It accesses 64K of memory directly, the same as any 8-bit processor.

The 9900 is rather unique in that it



has only three internal registers. Sixteen bytes of external RAM act as general-purpose registers. (Compare this with 17 registers in the Model 16's MC68000, which are extremely handy in Assembly-language programming and temporary storage.)

The original chip operated at speeds between 2 and 3.3 MHz, but a later enhancement allows 4 MHz operation. The TI9900 is a 64-pin device.

Zilog's Z8001 and Z8002

Zilog's entries into the 16-bit race comprise the Z8001 and the Z8002. Like the TI9900, the Z8002 is only capable of directly addressing 64K RAM. It has 40 pins.

Another version of that chip, the Z8001, can access 8 megabytes. Since it only has 48 pins, it must multiplex address and data bus lines. It uses the same 16 pins for data transfer (to and

from memory) as it uses for address lines.

The Z8002, first out in late 1979, has 21 registers—all 16 bits wide—14 of which are general-purpose registers. Neither the Z8001 nor Z8002 have any special-purpose registers or an index register.

The 8086 and NS16032

Intel's 8086 can access 1 megabyte (1,048,576 bytes) of RAM and has 40 pins. Relatives of the 8086 are the 8088 and the 8080.

National Semiconductor Corporation's NS16032 and Motorola Corporation's MC68000 chips both have a 32-bit PC (program counter) register, making them closer to 32-bit processors. Not all of the NS16032 pins connect on the package. Only 24 pins come out of the chip. Future versions may have the potential to address an impressive 8,092 megabytes.

The NS16032 has eight general-purpose registers and a basic clock speed of 10 MHz.

Motorola's MC68000

The MC68000, the Model 16's microprocessor chip, has some unique features that make it stand out in the forest of 16-bit processors.

Physically, it's a big chip, with 64 pins on its package (like the 9900). Therefore, a full complement of data and address lines are available and it requires no multiplexing to place data and address signals on the same pins. This eliminates the need for external decoding circuits to handle such signals.

Sixteen-bit microprocessors usually provide two operating devices—simple system configuration and complex system configuration. The MC68000's 64-pin package lets it operate in either the simple or complex mode.

A big plus for the MC68000 is its ability to directly address 16 mega-

Processor	Z8001	TI9900	LSI-11	8086	NS16032	MC68000
Directly Addresses	8meg	64K	64K	1meg	16meg	16meg
Number of Pins	48	64	40	40	48	64
Number of Registers	23	3	8	14	8 gen. pur.	19

Table. 16-bit microprocessors.

bytes. This is more than most microprocessors we discuss here. It can do this because of its 24-bit address bus.

Most of the registers in the MC68000 are 32 bits wide. They are addressable as 8-bit (1 byte), 16-bit (one word), or 32-bit (one long word) registers. In contrast, the Z8000 regis-

ters are only 16 bits wide, but can be paired.

The MC68000 is available in versions using 4, 6, 8, and 10 MHz clock speeds. In your Model 16, the clock speed is 6 MHz.

The Table compares some of the characteristics of microprocessors. ■

Assembly-Language Corner

A fundamental aspect of Assembly-language programming involves displaying text on the video display. TRSDOS-16 provides two built-in routines or supervisor calls that perform this task. One routine (supervisor routine 8) displays a character, the other (supervisor routine 9) displays a line of text.

Displaying a Character

To use supervisor routine 8 to display a character, load the ASCII code of the character into byte offset 6 of the SVC block (your supervisor buffer area). The character sent to the screen prints at the current cursor position.

This routine can print control codes as well as any alphanumeric character. It's handy when you want to clear the screen or execute line feeds. (In our last column we showed you how to use this supervisor call to clear the screen by sending the ASCII code that erases the video (30) down to the supervisor routine.)

Program Listing 1 displays an A on the screen using the ASCII code for the letter A (65 decimal) at the current cursor position.

```

LDA      .A0,SVC BLOCK *LOAD A0 WITH BLOCK ADDRESS
MOVW    @A0,#8         *IDENTIFYING FUNCTION CODE
MOVW    6@A0,#65      *ASCII FOR "A" TO BE SENT
BRK     #0             *JUMP TO SUPERVISOR CALL
SVC BLOCK
RDATAB  32,0          *ESTABLISH 32 BYTE BUFFER
    
```

Program Listing 1. A display.

Displaying a Line of Text

To use supervisory call 9 to display a line of text on the screen, first establish the parameters for the storage area to which you want the text printed.

The Text pseudo-op lets you define an area of memory to store a string of characters. Radio Shack's Assembler-16 manual refers to pseudo-ops as directives. Whatever you call them, they are commands understood by the assembler but not by the MC68000. The assembler creates the necessary machine code that the MC68000 executes to perform an otherwise lengthy task.

Use a label to define the address of the first character in the block of text. Surround the text you want displayed with apostrophes (this is similar to using quotation marks in Basic).

Place the identifying TRSDOS supervisor call number in byte offset zero of the SVC block. Load the length of the string in byte offset 6. Count each character and space in the string as 1 byte.

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the screen after the program finishes printing the line, much like a line feed and carriage return.

You must tell the supervisor routine the starting address of where to locate your text in memory. Load this address into byte offset 10 of the SVC block. Note that here you add the suffix L onto the Move command; the Model 16 requires a 4-byte memory address in order to store addresses. In Z80 Assembly-language programming, you need only deal with 2 bytes and the range of addresses from zero to 65535 or 0000 to FFFF hexadecimal (hex). With 4 bytes available, you can store addresses at locations up to FFFFFFFF hex.

It's best to place the storage area for your text at the end of the program to avoid a possible Odd Address Trap error in case you use text containing an odd number of characters. All instructions for the MC68000 must begin on an even memory address location.

Put it all together and you can write this routine to print the message SUITE 16.

```
LDA      .A0,SVC BLOCK
MOVW    @A0,#9
MOVW    6@A0,#8
MOVW    8@A0,#13
MOVL    10@A0,#MESSAGE
BRK     #0
RET

SVC BLOCK
RDATA 32,0
MESSAGE TEXT 'SUITE 16'
```

This is only a program module

```
START LDA      .A0,SVC BLOCK
MOVW    @A0,#9          *IDENTIFYING SVC CODE
MOVW    6@A0,#8        *LENGTH OF TEXT
MOVW    8@A0,#13       *SEND CARRIAGE RETURN AT END
MOVL    10@A0,#MESSAGE1
BRK     #0              *EXECUTE SVC CALL #9
MOVW    @A0,#264       *SVC CALL TO JUMP TO TRSDOS
BRK     #0              *EXECUTE SVC CALL #264

SVC BLOCK
RDATA 32,0
MESSAGE1
TEXT    'SUITE 16'
END     START
```

Program Listing 2. Text display.

and can't run on its own.

Model 16 programs don't need ORG statements since the machine automatically places Assembly-language programs at the first available space in RAM after DOS. However, you need an End instruction as well as a label defining the beginning of the program. Whatever label you use with the End pseudo-op, be sure to also use it at the location where you want program execution to start.

If you omit the End operand label, no error message appears, but when you run the program nothing happens and you have no clue as to why.

The assembler, however, does detect the End command and generates an error message if it's missing. The assembler doesn't check the operand.

A complete stand-alone program to display a line of text on the screen and return to the TRSDOS Ready mode is shown in Program Listing 2.

The supervisor call to display a character (number 8) sends any of the 255 ASCII codes to the screen. Therefore it can display the various graphic characters in the Model 16's video character generator. Control codes have ASCII values from zero to 31. Graphics codes extend from 128 on.

The routine to display a line (number 9) can only direct characters to the screen with an ASCII code falling between 1 and 127. You can't use it to dump graphics to the video display. ■

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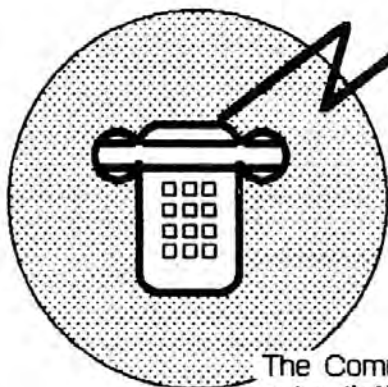


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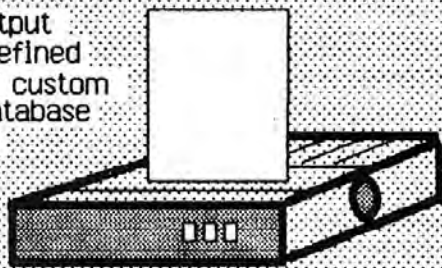
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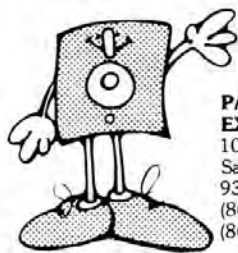
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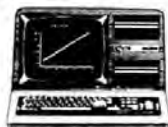
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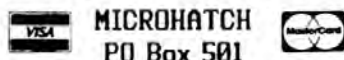
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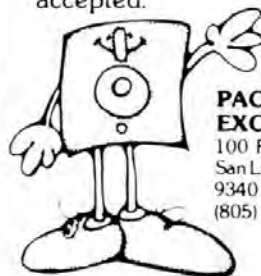


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A reader called me one day because he was having a problem loading a cassette. I told him to try other volume settings, explained how to align the head on his recorder, and finally said, "If it still won't load, perhaps it's a bad tape. Return it and let me send you another."

"Oh no," the caller replied. "I know the tape is fine. Got it from my friend and it works great for him."

Maybe I'm uncharitable. I can see how the friend who got this neat tape would want to share it with a buddy. And yet, I had been talking to a software pirate who had conned me into giving him something else to which he had no right—my time.

Intuitively, lending software seems different to me than lending a record or a book because of the support involved. When you play a record, you don't call Capitol if your stereo isn't working. If you don't understand a

word, you don't call the author. But when software messes up, you expect your dealer to straighten it out. And that's how it should be.

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Freeware?

There's the rub. Looked at in terms of development and support time, a megabucks price tag on software seems reasonable. Looked at in terms

of helping people and sharing useful information, software should be free.

Some friends of mine have developed a "freeware" concept. As they envision it, their programs would circulate on bulletin boards with the following message: "If this program is useful to you, send us some money."

They would provide no support for the product, thus minimizing their investment. The optimist in me thinks that they'd probably make some money, but not enough on which to raise a family.

Freeware completely defuses the question of piracy. You can't steal something that's given away. If you like the programmer's work, you contribute to him or her. But, judging from my mail, I'd say that malfunctioning software frustrates some users to the point that only talking to an informed person will help.

Perhaps the idea is not to sell the actual lines of code, but to sell the support. In selling support, we could take a lesson from the newspapers' personals columns which are filled with advertisements from women who will talk to you. The first question they ask is "What's your Visa or Mastercard number?" If the software is free, the support will have to be on a payment for time basis. Theoretically elegant, logistically difficult to administer.

Should the government step in and create a new agency: the Department of Software Social Services? Its charter could be to provide free support for computer software. A new kind of professional would emerge: the Computer Social Worker. This course would institutionalize the implicit doctrine of software pirates—that everyone has a right to software, documentation, and support.

Clearly, there's nothing easy about this issue. While companies wait for the courts to set a legal precedent, the individual has to work out the software piracy question for him or herself. What is a reasonable limit on

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copying software? When does it become piracy? Are manufacturers of software responsible for supporting those pirated copies?

On the other hand, should software (or software support) be the exclusive domain of a moneyed elite? If the only way to get hold of exciting software is to purchase it (or write it yourself if you're talented enough), then the computer world of the future looks undemocratic.

Ah well, better minds than mine (yours, for instance) have been mulling over these questions for some time. I haven't reached a satisfactory conclusion, though I've developed some working parameters. Seeing the definition of piracy as an individual ethical decision, not an institutional one, I am committed to seeing commercial programmers adequately reimbursed for their efforts and computer users adequately supported in their efforts to get the most from their machines. Your comments on these questions are of great interest to me. Please write. ■

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point on, you load and use the compiled program.

Compiled programs, being in machine code, run much faster than their Basic equivalents. This is because Basic isn't involved in running the program and doesn't have to translate each line of the program before it can execute that line's instructions. String reorganization is a function of Basic, not machine-language programs, so time lost in this function in Basic has no equivalent time loss in machine code. On the other hand, all string operations in machine code must have the exact amount of required room preallocated for data storage. You can't just have the program save 2,000 bytes for string storage. Each machine code string save must have an explicit location and length to store the string. If it doesn't, your program will crash.

As yet, there aren't any Basic compilers for TRSDOS 6.0, but you can use several Basic tricks to speed up your Basic program up to 50 percent. First, get the IJG book *Basic Faster and Better* (see address and price at the end of this column). Most of these tricks work with any version of Microsoft Basic, and so should work with TRSDOS 6.0.

Next, Prosoft (Dept. G, Box 560, North Hollywood, CA 91603, 213-764-3131) has two programs which might help you out: Trashman (\$39.95) and Faster (\$29.95). Trashman is a machine-language program that takes control away from the built-in Basic string-reorganization routine, and makes it faster and more efficient, with an average improvement of about 95 percent. Faster is a machine-language program that analyzes your Basic program while it's running, and then tells you how to organize your program's variables in such a way as to allow your program to run faster and more efficiently. Call Prosoft and ask them about compatibility with TRSDOS 6.0.

Q: The June 1983 Feedback Loop contained a letter signed by D.S. of Fountain Valley, CA (p. 353), which I surmise to be the programmer of Disk Doctor, Dave Stambaugh. I tried to locate him after purchasing his program because I dis-

covered a bug in it. When trying it out, I was unable to get any action from test "T".

After several calls to the local Alpha Store, I was referred to Apparatus. After confirming the problem, which occurs in a Model I in double-density mode with the Percom doubler board, they promised to contact the author.

When I called back, they said Dave acknowledged the problem, but was very sorry because he couldn't do anything about it since he no longer has a Model I computer.

I'm very sorry too, since software rip-offs seem to continue to plague the industry. (Henry Ball, Burbank, CA)

A: A rip-off is when you spend money for an inferior product that doesn't do what is promised, and you can't get your money back. If you get your money back, how can you be ripped off? Did Alpha Stores refuse to let you return Disk Doctor for a refund?

If they did, the rip-off is their fault, not Dave's. Disk Doctor is a good product, one of the more useful ones that I own. It's too bad that there's a bug in it, but one bug doesn't make for a rip-off. I think you're being unreasonable. What do you expect him to do? Buy a Model I and expansion interface with disk drives and Percom doubler (especially when they aren't sold anymore) just to track down a minor bug? And what about all the other doublers, disk drives, and expansion interfaces for the Model I? Is he supposed to buy all of those too? If he did, any money he earned in royalties would all be spent on hardware.

In the several years that his product has been on the market, this is the first that I've heard of this problem (that's why I call it minor). However, I thank you for writing and telling everyone that the "T" test in Disk Doctor doesn't work with the Model I in double-density with a Percom doubler.

Q: I own a Model I and I recently bought the Radio Shack lower-case modification for it. Unfortunately, Radio Shack didn't include installation instructions. Can you either give me instructions on how to do it, or tell me where I can get the instructions? (J. Michael Hawthorne, Southern Pines, NC)

A: Either buy the Service Manual (part number MS-2601104) for \$1.49 from National Parts (see the address at the end of this column), or take your kit and computer to any Radio Shack Computer Repair Center and have them install the kit for only \$15. If Radio Shack does it, there won't be a guarantee because you bought the kit separately.

Q: Is there a simple way to interface a Facit 4554 printer to the parallel port of a Level II Model I? The printer was designed to operate with a Facit SP-1 interface for parallel data transfer, but I can't find the documentation on this hardware.

Also, would building a parallel-to-serial converter and using the printer's serial input port be an easier task? (John Maikisch, Morris Plains, NJ)

A: Since you can't find the documentation for building a Facit SP-1, your best choice would be to build or buy a parallel-to-serial converter. (Binary Devices, 11560 Timberlake Lane, Noblesville, IN 46060, 317-842-5020, sells one for \$149.95: the UPI-3VB.)

Q: I'm thinking of buying an LNW-80, and I've been told different stories about how good it is. If anyone who owns or works with one would write about its good and bad points, I would really appreciate it. (Brian Blasjo, Riverside, CA)

A: All right you LNW-80 users, tell him about your experiences!

Q: I followed your instructions in the June Feedback Loop (p. 350) and installed another 16K of memory in my Model III. I now have 48K of memory, but I'd like to have 64K. However, there aren't any more empty sockets. Can you tell me how to install the next eight chips? (Paul Ferris, Pound, WI)

A: You can't do it easily. It requires rewiring most of the primary circuit board. You can, however, buy kits that will let you install a full 64K in your computer. The only

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problem is that with full 64K RAM there's no room for the ROM (Basic and your operating system). Most of these 64K upgrades get around this by making the computer into a Z80 64K CP/M computer. For more details on three of these systems, see the December 1983 issue of *80 Micro* (p. 122).

Q: I thought you might be interested in the enclosed response to M.L. from Wichita, KS (July 1983, p. 366): Picto-Script, a user- and programmer-friendly word and graphic processor, uses dynamic run-time hyphenation. It's accurate about 75 percent of the time, and correction is simple if you catch the mistake while on the next line (or you can use INS-DEL editing commands). It doesn't have proportional spacing since the current print driver is written totally in Basic (graphics are slow).

The program costs \$49 and is available from Dan Baright, 281 North Jackson #9, Lebanon, MO 65536. (D.B., Lebanon, MO)

A: Good luck with your program.

Q: In addition to the information you gave M.L. (July 1983, p. 366) with respect to the hyphenation problems he was having with Scripsit, Lazy Writer has fine semiautomatic hyphenation, as well as visible and adjustable page breaks, with none of the problems Scripsit apparently has.

Also, it interacts with the new Electric Webster to provide fully automatic hyphenation if so desired. (Sidney Bloom, Frederick, MD)

A: Thanks for the information. Since I don't use Lazy Writer, I didn't know it could do that.

Q: I just purchased a Model 4 computer, with SuperScripsit for the Model III mode. While running SuperScripsit, I note that it continues to display 40 characters instead of the 80 characters possible in the Model 4 mode. Is there a patch or anything else I can do to change it to 80 characters? (Edward Markle, New Orleans, LA)

A: Unfortunately, the design of the Model 4 uses an either/or setup; you're either in one mode or the other. SuperScripsit was designed to operate on a Model III, and requires certain parameters for that operation. The Model 4 mode uses slightly different parameters, different enough that SuperScripsit can't operate in Model 4 mode.

One of these parameters is the video display, which is memory mapped (that is, the video display actually occupies RAM locations, which you can directly access). The video map in the Model III mode (64 characters by 16 lines, 1,024 locations) is different from the Model 4 mode (80 characters by 24 lines, 1,920 locations). These maps are in different locations. Changing SuperScripsit, which directly accesses video memory, to use the Model 4 video map would require major surgery by an expert programmer. There isn't a simple patch.

It's possible that Radio Shack will have SuperScripsit rewritten for the Model 4 if enough people ask for it, but that could mean a wait of up to a year. In the meantime, you're stuck with 64-character lines (not 40). ■

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If you have a Model I with a lowercase conversion, load the lowercase driver before loading The Word Machine. The program recognizes lowercase and uppercase commands, with a couple of exceptions.

The text entry, editing, and print formatting functions are those used for preparing normal correspondence. The Fill mode lets you enter text when you start preparing a document or append it to existing text.

The capacity of the text buffer in a 48K system is 290 lines. The program displays the number of lines available in the buffer in the screen's upper right corner. You can insert a line or multiple lines into the text, kill (delete) a line or block of lines, or search for a string located at the start of or within a line.

You can move text on the monitor one line at a time or scroll it up or down. The Up versions, single line or scrolling, display the lines in reverse order so you have to get used to that.

You can center text on a line with a two-key command. The Word Machine uses word wraparound. This program is line-oriented and what you see on the monitor is what you get in the printout.

The edit functions are simple and easy to learn. In fact, if you use the Basic editor at all, you'll feel right at home with this editing approach. The cursor is nondestructive and the up-arrow key acts as a control key for many edit functions.

You can insert or delete characters

within a line without first specifying the number of characters. Hack and clear from cursor to the end of the line and Extend line both put you in the Insert character mode.

From edit you can go into the graphics mode. This lets you embed block graphics or printer codes in a line of text. You depress numeric keypad keys and record the values by pressing the period key.

The program calculates ASCII code values from the key values according to a code explained in the manual. The clear key lets you cancel any edit changes made and exit the edit mode, while enter updates the text line to the buffer and returns to the command

values, include margins, line length, page length, tab positions, and line spacing (single or double). Alphabetic input must be in uppercase.

Set the end-of-page pause option for single sheets, and set the option to print command lines if you want a record of the complete file including command lines.

The Word Machine doesn't forget Model I owners without lowercase modifications. With the Reverse Caps option, you can key in typewriter style (shift for capitals). At print time the program reverses this to print normally, although you still won't see lowercase on your monitor.

The last variable in the Form screen is "Retain line count after printing." This is necessary to chain files together for printing a continuous document. You must do chaining manually. When you've finished printing a file, load the next file and give the Print command. With the line count carried over from the previous printout, the new file's pagination is correct. This doesn't work when you specify multiple copies as a print option.

The Word Machine provides interesting options for the Save and Load disk file commands. Extensions must be uppercase. Normally, you save files with a /TXT extension and include the print parameters at the beginning of the file. If the file name already exists, the program asks if you want it replaced; if it doesn't exist the program asks if it should create the file.

If you use the extension /DOC, the program saves the file without the print parameters in an ASCII file. You can use these files for transmission to bulletin boards and videotext systems.

When you ask to load a disk file, The Word Machine first prompts you for the file name, then gives you the choice of clearing and loading the buffer, or of inserting the file into the buffer between the current line and that following it. This lets you save stock paragraphs or text segments in small files and insert them anywhere in your text as you need them.

This particular capability saves a great deal of time. Finally, before you actually load the file, the program asks whether to use the file format values. If the response is N, the program uses the values currently set with the text.

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mode. You edit on one line at a time.

The program recognizes lines starting with a semicolon as command code lines. The commands can be printer control codes or commands to skip lines, eject a page, and so on.

In addition, a Pause comment command pauses text printing, displays the comment line on the screen, and waits for input from the keyboard. This lets you type names and addresses into a form letter.

If you have trouble remembering the commands, Help displays and briefly describes virtually all the commands and controls. The printer command works with the text currently in the buffer, not on a disk file.

Before printing begins the program asks how many copies (up to a maximum of 999) you want. As soon as it receives a response, the program starts printing at the current text line and continues to the end of text. If you want to print the complete text, move the line pointer to the top of the text.

The Form command displays and permits changes to the print format parameters. Set these prior to the initial entry of text for a given document. The format variables, all with default

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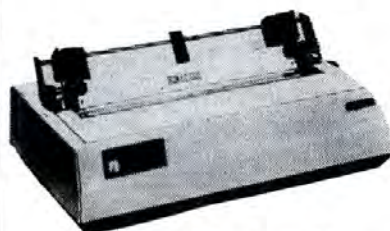
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To get rid of all that text in the buffer and make room for the new, just type **NEW** on the command line (the top line on the monitor) and the buffer clears.

When you want to go on to other programs, type **QUIT** to get to **DOS READY**. Suppose you forgot to save that file before quitting or you had to reboot. When you reload The Word Machine, it senses an active buffer and offers you the option of a warm start. If you take that option, the program starts with your complete buffer intact.

Limitations

The Word Machine can't control right justification, proportional printing, and header or footer titles. It cannot support block moves or replace or change strings, but it wasn't intended to perform those functions.

So what are its real limitations? I haven't yet found a way to center lines of text entered from the keyboard during print time except by adding spaces in front of the text.

You must install a lowercase driver in the Model I before loading The Word Machine. DOSes such as **DOSPLUS 3.4** have a built-in driver in low memory that is automatically installed when the DOS senses a lowercase modification. But operating systems such as **DOSPLUS 3.5** and **LDOS 5.1** use large keyboard drivers that do more than provide the lowercase driver.

The **DOSPLUS 3.5** keyboard driver is larger than the space reserved by The Word Machine, so you can't use it on the Model I. The same situation might exist for the **LDOS** driver. As a result, I dusted off the Radio Shack lowercase driver and installed that—it works just fine.

Pel-Tek indicates that the next version, due out after the first of the year, will probably incorporate its own lowercase driver. This situation doesn't exist in the case of the Model III.

The manual details the operation of the **Proof** command, originally incorporated to call the inexpensive Aspen Company's Random House Proofreader (spelling checker) program. Unfortunately, that program is no longer available.

Spelling checkers such as Electric Webster should work on The Word Machine files but at considerably greater cost. Pel-Tek states that a current project is writing their own spelling checker program.

Support and Documentation

Pel-Tek's technical support is excellent. I ran into a couple of bugs while putting The Word Machine through its paces.

Epson printers with **Graftrax Plus** use the zero as a control code for several functions, including underlining and superscripting. Unfortunately, the Model I ROM Print routine sees this as a null and throws it away. The only way to get the control code to

the printer is to **POKE** it there.

The embedded control code routine of The Word Machine sends these codes to the printer as **LPRINT CHR\$(code)** so the zero codes don't get to the printer. I talked to Ed Levy of Pel-Tek on a Saturday morning and had a corrected version on disk by the following Wednesday. That's a fast response.

I was also told that the corrected version would be shipped on all new orders and to current owners who have the same problem. This is not a problem on the Model III.

Another bug I encountered concerns the **Search** function. The first time you use it in a session, it returns an error message, but if you repeat the command it works perfectly from then on.

The Word Machine's documentation consists of 22 pages of clear, concise text, illustrations, and tables in a 5½- by 8½-inch format. One appendix provides detailed instruction on embedding graphic/control codes in a line.

A table shows the numeric key combinations corresponding to ASCII values from zero to 255. Finally, the back cover of the manual has a summary of the commands, controls, and format variables. The manual is quite adequate.

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This is a best buy, not only for the person who has a limited need and budget, but as a second, quick job word processor for those who normally use a program like Newsprint or SuperScript. I like this program! ■

Managing Data:

Filemate II

by Alan Neibauer

Filemate II is a data-base manager that provides advanced features for a program in its price range. It offers form letter merging, transfer of fields between data bases, and arithmetic abilities.

You can revise or expand the file structure at any time without reentering data. As your needs change, you can add or increase fields, or change them from alphabetic to numeric format.

The program's major weaknesses derive from the fact that it's written in

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3.	Address#1	Alpha—20
4.	Telephone	Alpha—14
5.	Territory	Alpha—10
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Relational Keys: H, S, M

Figure 1. File structure for company sales records.

Basic and requires knowledge of the operator beyond simply booting up the system.

Filemate II comes on a single-density data disk with instructions for transferring eight Basic program files to a minimum operating system disk. You need NEWDOS/80 2 or DOSPLUS 3.4 for the Model I, and TRSDOS 1.3 or LDOS for the Model III.

Because of syntax differences between the Models I and III systems, Datafile Systems provides two separate versions of the File and Sort modules.

Once you transfer or convert Filemate II, call up Basic and run the ORG module to initiate the file structure. The program then uses the File module to manipulate the data and perform other functions.

If you use DOSPLUS, you must reserve three file buffers each time you load Basic. You can avoid this manual

MENU

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< A >—ADD A RECORD
< V >—VIEW, CHANGE, OR DELETE
< F >—FETCH A RECORD
< G >—GLOBAL SEARCH
< P >—PRINT-OUT RECORDS
< S >—SORT
< M >—MODIFY NAME OF A FIELD
< C >—CALCULATE
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Figure 2. File module main menu.

loading of Basic and the program file by using a DOS Auto command.

As with all data bases, you must do some preliminary work before initializing the program. Decide what fields you need, their length in characters, and which numeric fields you'll need in calculations.

Filemate II provides selection of relational keys, user-defined codes that represent groups or sets to which the record belongs.

Using Filemate II

To use Filemate II, first load Basic and run the ORG module, which names the data base and designates a drive to hold the file. Then enter the names of up to 20 fields, preceding those on which you'll perform calculations with a # sign.

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Once you enter all field names, input the maximum character length with a maximum limit of 255 characters. Finally, input the relational keys.

The resulting file structure appears in Fig. 1. Each numeric field contains eight characters to handle double-precision variables.

When you've written the structure to disk, load the File module to display the main function menu (see Fig. 2). The system gives you the option of Model I or III versions of File.

To add a record, enter each field in response to the field name and row of dashes. After the last field, add the appropriate relational keys. After each complete record, Filemate II requests a final confirmation before hashing the first field and writing the data to disk.

Select the V option from the main menu to display the desired record number. Since hashing places records in various locations on the disk, the order in which you enter data does not correspond to its record number. After you display the requested

record, you can change, delete, or print the data, or increment or decrement the displayed record.

The only problem arises if you change the first field. Since this field determines the record number, changes can result in a new hash code and you might not find the record with later Fetch commands. The manual suggests deleting the entire record, then reentering the data with the new first field.

The Fetch option retrieves records by first field name rather than by record number. The system computes the hash code of the string entered and searches for the appropriate record. You can also use the Global option for data retrieval but it searches entire records for the input string.

Printing

The Print and Sort options require more input. You define the report layout and have the option of saving the format to disk. You can save and easily retrieve any number of such formats.

A nice feature of the Print module is

layout flexibility. You can generate single and multiline formats or mailing labels to correspond to any report style. The program displays fields as it prints them.

To sort records, you create an index file rather than physically sort the records on disk. This makes it possible to make several sorts for easy retrieval.

The Sort option first asks you for the data base desired, then the relational keys used to select records. Pressing the enter key alone includes all records in the sort.

By using the keys and Boolean operators, you can select specific records for a particular index file. While you can designate two fields for the sort, the program uses only the first five characters of each. You can use the completed index file immediately or save it on disk.

While entering the format number easily retrieves print formats, you must describe index files when retrieving them from disk. Although no actual sort takes place, you must describe the sort parameters in the same

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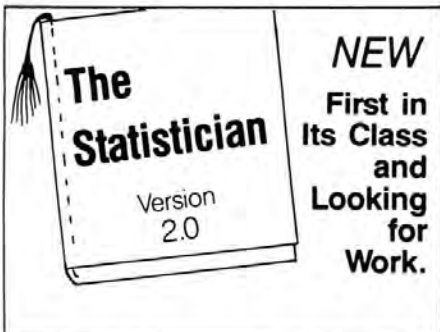
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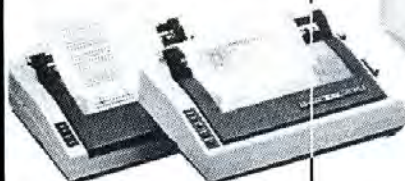


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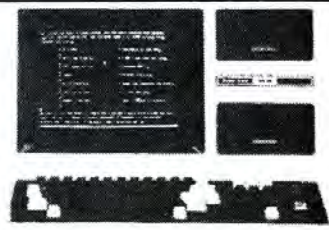


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way you initially created them. It would be more useful to save and recall index files by number.

Calculations

The remaining options on the main menu provide the means for additional data manipulation, from changing a field name to transferring data between related files.

One good feature of Filemate II is the Calculate mode, which performs arithmetic operations on fields. Calculations can involve addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division between fields; a designated constant; or square root, sine, and cosine operators. The system also assigns temporary stack fields in which you can store results until the program determines the final figures.

When initiating the Calculate mode, input the record you want used. The program provides the options of applying the algorithm to all records, saving it for future use, or reporting cumulative totals of all records in the file.

Algorithms aren't limited to manipulation of two fields. The program performs any number of passes until you achieve the desired result. The Filemate II manual gives an example of a 12-pass operation to compute selling price from a list of cost and overhead figures.

Modification

Filemate II lets you add or delete fields and change the length and nature of fields. The MODFIELD module permits such alterations without affecting the integrity of the current data. The Keys module permits the same changes to relational keys.

The XFRMERGE module lets you transfer fields between files. This module has two options: You can create new data bases by moving fields from an existing file to an empty one, and you can transfer data into an existing data file.

As you update records in one file, you can use the XFRMERGE module to update all related files. With these options available, you can create a se-

ries of related data files when total records would exceed the 255-byte limit the program imposes.

The final file manipulation module, XPNDFILE, expands the file to hold

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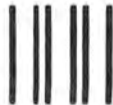
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a greater number of records than it was originally designed to serve. Since the program actually rewrites the entire file onto a new disk, the hashing algorithm changes the number of each record. Of course, you have to re-create the sorted index files.

Filemate II provides two last functions that are its least useful segments. If the data base is structured along certain specific lines, the XFRMERGE module can merge the file with a standard form letter.

Actually, you perform merging by retrieving and printing the fields in the correct sequence, then calling on the DOS Print function to print the text message. Since you must create the text itself with a word processor or screen editor, a better merge function might be available already.

Finally, a Convert program transfers your existing sequential access data files, created by your own Basic program, into a random-access format compatible with Filemate II. Unfortunately, this section in the manual is a little confusing and the process requires knowledge of Basic programming. It would be easier, except for very large data bases, to create a new Filemate II file and reenter the data.

Evaluation

I changed my mind about Filemate II as I worked on this review. I was initially put off by placing the files on a system disk and remembering to ini-

tiate the correct number of buffers. It seemed that the state-of-the-art in data-base managers should go beyond what a Basic program can provide.

I was impressed by the speed at which I could retrieve records using the hash code technique, but was troubled that I had no control over the record number. The entire file has to be scanned or printed to determine how the records are numbered. I'd suggest that the record number appear on the screen as you initially save it or that the program create a small reference file.

As I used the program, I became quite pleased with its overall flexibility, especially the Print routine and data transfer modules. I also appreciate the Calculation mode and the general ease with which I can use most of the functions, even though Basic slows the overall performance.

I'm not completely pleased with the instruction manual. I find sections a little confusing and would prefer that it take the reader through every step using one sample data base.

I am impressed with the abilities and flexibility of Filemate II, and the support it receives from Datafile Systems and Jack Egbert. Jack quickly responded to some minor problems I encountered in the program by correcting them and actually improving the program's performance.

I would now rather use Filemate II than Profile or some more costly file

management program on my Model I. I recommend it for TRS-80 users looking for an inexpensive data file manager. ■

A Learning Language That Slithers

by Mare-Anne Jarvela
80 Micro staff

Snake is a computer language originally written to introduce children to Basic. Like Logo, it draws pictures on the screen when a child provides Basic commands. The more a child knows about the commands, the more complex a picture he can draw.

If you liked Logo, you'll like this program. The graphics are a bit less sophisticated than the ones on the Apple or Texas Instruments computers, but they're not bad. Snake is a good teaching tool.

Using Snake

When you start programming, type in AUTO for automatic line numbering. See Table 3 for the list of commands that move the cursor. A very simple program appears in the Program Listing.

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This option allows the child to select letters at random, match the current letter displayed, or type in the next letter. When a correct response is given, an animation associated with the letter moves across the screen, e.g., Z for Zebra. The computer says the letters also.

NUMBERS

This option allows the child to select the numbers zero to nine at random, match the current number displayed, or type in the next number. Men walk out on the screen equal to the number chosen. This section also contains speech.

SHAPES

This section allows the child to control the menu-man, moving shapes from the left hand of the screen to the right hand of the screen. The first level allows the child to pick up shapes using the spacebar. The second level, in addition, allows the child to control the menu-man with the arrow keys. The third level puts a small 'Bee' on the screen which the child must avoid while manipulating the menu-man and shapes.

WORDS

This final section allows the child to type in letters to form words. The first level asks for a word to be typed in, then to be repeated before another word can be tried. The second level

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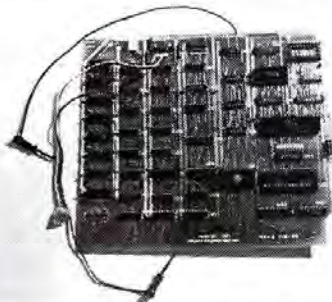
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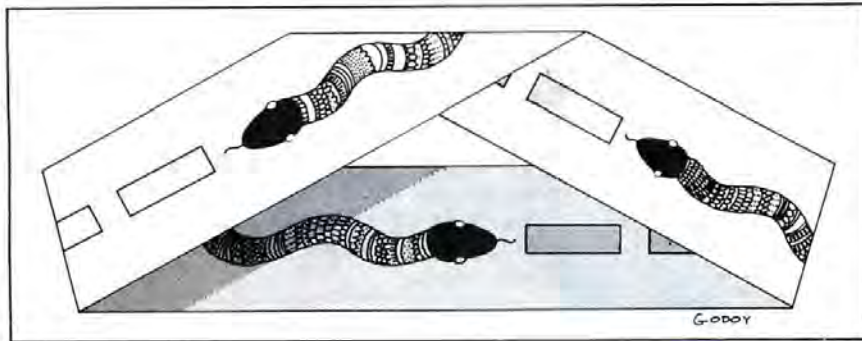


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mines what kinds of moves the cursor makes when he writes the program.

The cursor starts out in the middle of the screen. A small symbol in the upper right corner of the screen constantly indicates the cursor's direction of movement.

You can use a repeat command (RPT) with the sample program above. This draws the same box, but the programming is simpler:

```

5 RPT 4
10 FD 10
15 RT 90
20 ENDR
    
```

Other commands include Get (user input) and Text (print words on the screen). Snake also allows nested loops, variable use, subroutines, and If...Then statements, among other functions.

The operating system uses many simple Basic commands, including New, Load, Run, Delete, RENUM, LLIST, and DIR.

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The manual comes with sample programs and is easy to follow. All the commands are clearly explained.

Conclusion

Children find this language simple to learn: Its visual orientation makes Snake very exciting. Another plus is that the user gains experience with Basic.

I found Snake very entertaining and rewarding to work with. It's great that the Model III has a language comparable to Logo. ■

**From the Inside Out:
Super Utility Plus**

by Amee Eisenberg
80 Micro staff

There's something sad about the guy who buys a Maserati and drives it like his old, slant-six Dodge; likewise the person who buys Super Utility Plus 3.0 and parks it on the shelf. Luckily Paul Wiener and Gary Camp, coauthors of *Inside Super Utility Plus: Series 3.0*, have written a book that can teach anyone to drive this super-charged utility.

First and foremost, *Inside Super Utility Plus* tutors you in using Kim

FD	Move forward
RT	Turn right
LT	Turn left
JP	Jump (draw no line)
POS	Position snake at coordinates

Table 3. Cursor movement commands.

Watt's newly revised, multipurpose disk utility (see the SU+ review in *80 Micro*, October 1983, p. 110). This volume is also a revision, essentially the same as the original *Inside Super Utility Plus*, but changed where the utility itself has changed.

The book begins with a "Technical Introduction" unique in computer literature for its clarity, informativeness, and friendliness. Even if you don't own Super Utility Plus, you might consider investing \$19.95 just to read this chapter.

Its subject is your TRS-80's disk system. If you've ever wondered how the Z80, the floppy disk controller (FDC), and the disk drives communicate with each other, or how disk operating systems (DOSES) organize information on a disk, check out this book.

Because the utility works on almost every DOS available to the TRS-80 owner, the first step in using SU+ 3.0 is telling it what DOS is on your disk. In SU+'s first incarnation, this was no fun. Version 3.0 displays a configuration table that appears formidable at first glance, but with the help of Wiener and Camp's text it's easy to gain insight into the mysteries of DOS organization.

Since the business at hand is usually repairing a blown disk, the book provides a "problem recipe," a guide through the sections that deal with solving your current problem. In keeping with the book's overall style, these sections are clear, informative, step-by-step guides, telling you exactly which buttons to push and what SU+'s response will be.

Even better, these sections explain why something works or doesn't work, and what an error message really means. The voice used throughout the book is friendly: common sense advice about using your computer in general and SU+ specifically, offered

5	FD 10 (moves forward 10 steps)
10	RT 90 (turns snake 90 degrees right)
15	FD 10 (moves forward 10 steps)
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by someone who knows his stuff.

Of course, it's the kind of common sense that takes years of climbing around inside of computers to develop. Here, Wiener and Camp share their experience in a volume loaded

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Readable? ★★★★★

with solutions for any number of disk problems.

In a section towards the book's end called "Undocumented Features in Super Utility," the authors describe some undocumented ways to configure SU+ 3.0 so that it automatically determines what DOS is on your disk (useful for getting into that unlabeled data disk your cousin in Australia just sent you).

You can use this book in two ways. The first is to read it from cover to cover while sipping a cold beer in the shade. Granted, some of the information won't make a lot of sense until you have a computer in front of you, but most of it will educate you in the workings of your disks and SU+.

The second is to use it like a cookbook; when your disk blows, find the problem recipe and cook according to directions. Both ways give you something of value.

My biggest complaint with this book (and its predecessor) is its lack of an index. You have to skim through the entire book to find anything. The

table of contents is brief to the point of absurdity.

At this point, my copy is underlined in about 10 different colors. You'll have to find your own method of locating information. If there's an SU+ 4.0 and accompanying "inside" book, I hope it's indexed.

All in all, the difference between the guy who keeps SU+ 3.0 on the shelf and the guy who drives it around his disks is a few hours spent reading *Inside SU+: Series 3.0*. For my money, I'd rather drive. ■

BASIC Learning Programs

by Mary Gasiorowski

BASIC Learning Programs is another unexceptional package for teaching Basic programming.

A popular way to teach Basic is to provide sample programs that the student runs and modifies and then provide questions to encourage the learning process. *BASIC Learning Programs* follows this school of thought; the 82 programs are on disk and listed in the accompanying manual, with some explanations and exercises in the manual.

In terms of the number of commands covered, *BASIC Learning Programs* compares very favorably with other packages. It demonstrates most of the possible Basic commands, including Load, Run, List, Print, End, variables, math operations, REM, Input, Read-Data, GOTO, If-Then, For-Next-Step, arrays, GOSUB-Return, string variables, LEN, Right\$, MID\$, Left\$, sorting, Clear, disk files, DIR, RND, INT, Tab and Print @, CLS, graphics, and CHR\$.

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One nice feature of this package is the authors' statement of permission (even encouragement) to make as many copies of the programs as you need. Finally someone recognizes the teacher's need to have enough materials for an entire class without spending hundreds of dollars buying legal copies.

The major problem with this package is that it isn't exciting—or motivating. The material is extremely sketchy and leaves a lot for the teacher to fill in. This is called *discovery learning*: With luck, the student discovers what the author is trying to accomplish. If the package provided more information, you'd need less luck.

The disks add nothing to the value of the package; you might as well type the programs in from the manual and save them on disk yourself. In addition, the more developed packages on the market today include answers to the exercises and suggestions to the teacher on use of the program.

As a set of supplementary materials for a knowledgeable and motivated

teacher, *BASIC Learning Programs* might be useful. A computer-novice teacher who's looking for a Basic programming curriculum should keep looking. ■

Write Your First BASIC Program

by Richard Ramella

Here is a clever, concise, entertaining beginner's approach to Basic programming.

Although the book earns its high rating with a scintillating presentation, its appeal might be too broad in this era of many versions of Basic. Mass appeal, even within the computer subculture, seems impossible.

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Zaks gives you a precise tour of start-up Basic. Even if you've been programming a while, this book might inspire you to reconsider some ideas you've filed away without uncovering their full potential. *Your First BASIC Program* is a valuable cross-reference to your computer's manual.

Zaks covers the history of Basic, explains the keyboard, and gently eases the reader into an understanding of programming. The programming examples are limited by the available Basic commands.

The book's design and illustrations are superlative. The cartoon art, by a curiously uncredited artist, is a combination of high humor and calculated lunacy. It takes wild imagination to present a variable as a big-nosed little creature with antennae.

On the back cover is the statement: "If you're 8 years old or 88 and want to learn how to program a computer, this book is for you."

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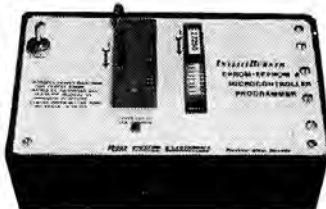
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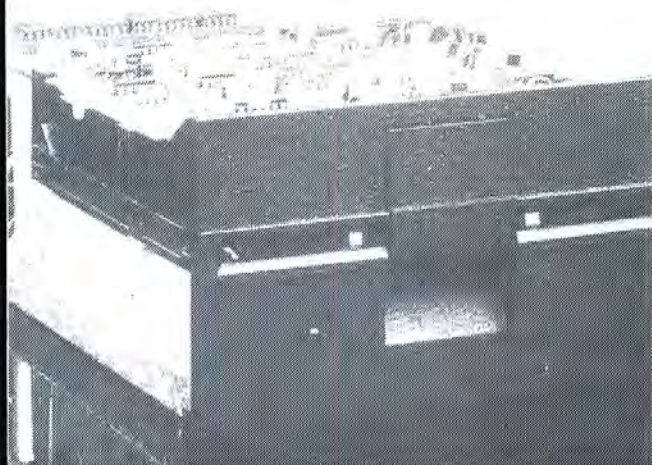
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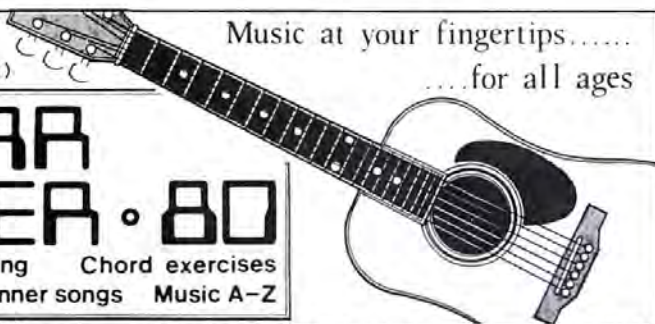
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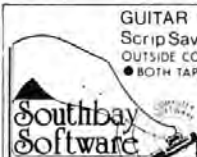
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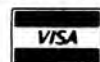


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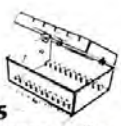
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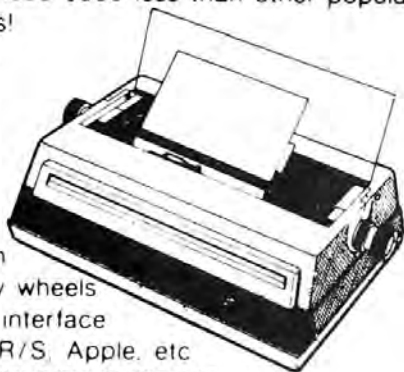


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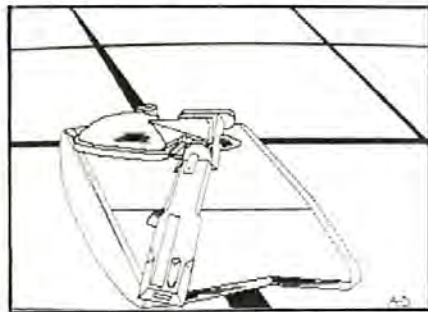
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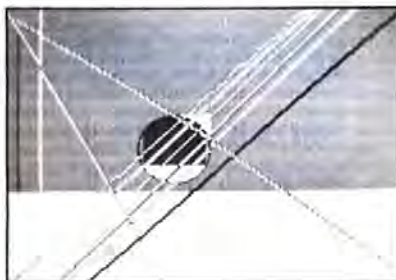


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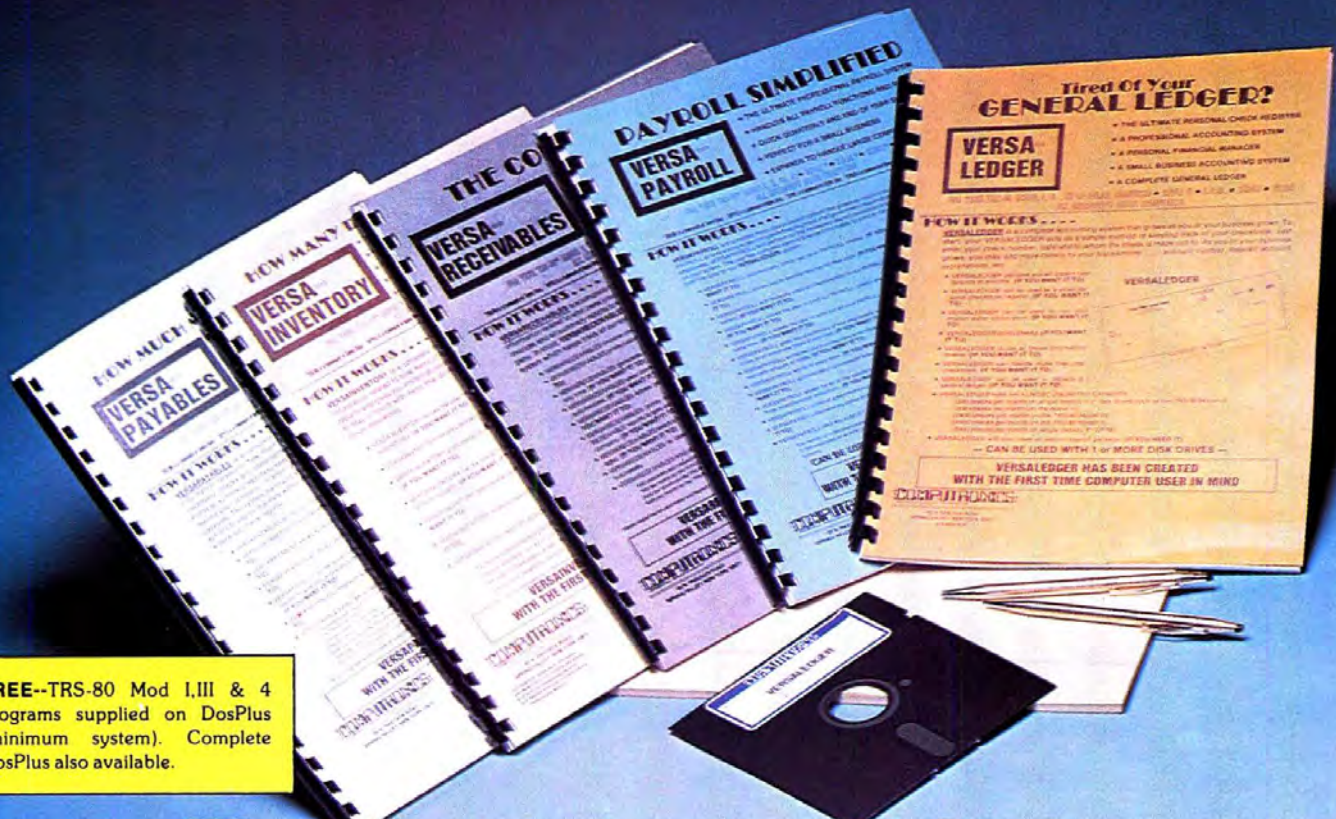
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