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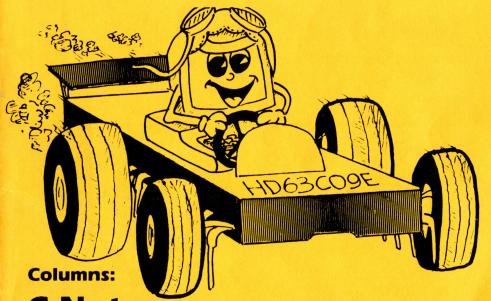
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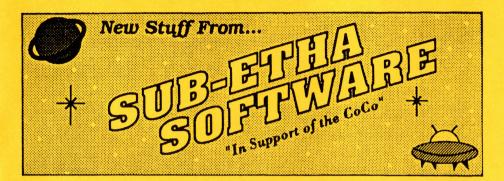
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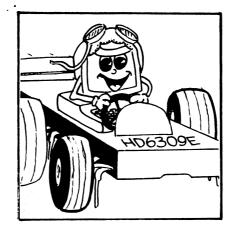


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In this, the premeier issue of THE OS9 UNDERGROUND we feature an article about the 6309 chip that has been discussed and bandied about on various computer networks. Mike Ortloff's compilation will show some of the pros and cons of replacing the Coco's 6809E with Hitachi's "6809 Clone", the 6309. Three programming columns, one for BasicO9, one for C and yet another that will cover software engineering for both, will be begin with this issue. Jim Vestal's article on "Structured BO9" Programming will help you to break some bad programming habits, while Andy DePue's excellent tutorial shows you how to make use of data modules in C. Leonard Cassady, no novice to C, also starts his fine series on Software Engineering and how to program for business.

Of course, a magazine isn't complete without a Question and Answer column, and our celebrated Paul Pollock will be there to field your Questions from programming to Hardware.

I round this issue out with a special "Congratulations to the CocoFest" and to Dave Meyers, who has helped to keep our community "in touch".

This is my first issue, but not my first venture into publishing. I have worked in the graphics trade for almost 20 years now and have produced advertising and newsletters for many major corporations, such as McDonald's, Max Factor and Holiday Inn, to name a

I have tried to use OS9 where ever possible in conjunction with producing this magazine. Dynastar is my editor of choice and SDB for my subscription list. I even wrote my own custom "mini-DTP" in b09 just for this magazine.

Each month, I hope to bring you the best in articles about our favorite operating system, OS9, in all of it's varieties.

Program and article submissions are always welcome by you and encouraged. Deadlines for programs, articles and ads are the 10th of each month for publication in the following month.

I would also appreciate any comments, complaints, suggestions, kudos you may have about the "OS9 Underground". Who knows, I may even have to have a "letters to the editor" column too. See you next month with our coverage of the Chicago CocoFest!

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Reviving the

By OS-9 UG MOTD Editor, Scott McGee

[Included here is an excerpt from an interview with the President of the newly-formed OS9 User Group, Boisy G. Pitre. -Ed]

I had a chance to talk with Boisy and asked him a few question about his feelings concerning the OS-9 Users Group. I have included below the responses he gave me to questions I thought readers might like to hear.

Tell me about the OS-9 Users Group?

The OS-9 Users Group is a self-sufficient organization dedicated to the growth and expansion of the OS-9 operating system. We BELIEVE in OS-9. Our officers are all experienced in the operating system and have equitable ability to provide the professionalism that OS-9 deserves.

Why start another (New) OS-9 Users Group?

Well, "new" is a trivial term to use. I think "revived" better describes the OS-9 Users Group. Its a revival of the spirit of the old Users Group. In its time, the old group served well. Now, there are new systems that promise to be excellent choices or OS-9 users, and this growing base will need a professional organization to represent

What purpose will the Users Group Serve?

Our primary goal is the dissemination of information concerning the OS-9 operating system. As our theme says, we are "dedicated to excellence in OS-9 computing." The OS-9 Users Group also gives OS-9 users a 'home base' to meet other OS-9 users and sha e information with them with them.

What is the likely audience for the Users Group?

Just about every professional OS-9 user out there! Engineers, students, programmers, casual users... because we have something to offer for everyone, from OS-9/6809 to OS-9000, everyone benefits.

What systems do you support? Software. Hardware, revisions?

The Users Group has made it a point to support all versions of OS-9, from OS-9/6809 to OSK to OS-9000. Our goal has been to encompass every OS-9 user.

and offer them practical information on their particular version of OS-9. As for hardware, we will only support systems as they relate to OS-9.

How is this Users Group different from other user groups?

The OS-9 Users Group is a professional organization. I don't think that we are different from the OS-9 Community Network or foreign user groups as far as the mission goes, but we do have different means to our

The OS-9 Users Group Librarian, Alan Sheltra, is putting together a library of software disks which will be avaible to our members. And with new software being added regularly, the library is expanding.

Is the software/newsletter available to non-members?

The MOTD is available to paid members of the OS-9 Users Group. However, copies of our premiere issue may be shipped with the MM/1 from IMS, and the Tomcat systems from Frank Hogg Labs and other machines.

How do I join?

Becoming a member is easy! Just pick up an application from any one of the many available information services, or write to:

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with your name, address, system type, and diskette size/format. Along with this information, all that is needed is a money order for \$25.00 to secure your membership for one year. Upon receipt of your membership application, you will be processed and your membership will go into effect immediately.

What do I get when I join?

Along with your one-year subscription to the MOTD newsletter, you will the introdisk for your system from the Users Group Library.

How do I contribute programs?

You may contribute programs to the OS-9 Users Group Library by sending your program and documentation to the address in care of Alan Sheltra, the Users Group Librarian. It will be evaluated and, if it merits, be included in the OS-9 Users Group Library Articles for the MOID are Library. Articles for the MOTD are also welcomed and may be sent for submission to the same address above.

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  $0001 $0073 * Records Records For Users (Chatting)
                   * Number of Records (2)
Records equ $02
DataStrt fcb Records
UserRecs
    REPT Records
                   * Set up User Records Now
     fcb
                   * Entry Usage Flag
     fdb
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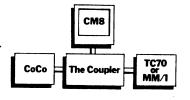


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by Mike Ortloff

Around February 22nd, 1992, a gentle-man in Tasmania, an OS9er inquired of the readers of the InterNet (the global hi-speed computer link where many in the OS9/OSK community get their updates and entertainment) as to the availability of microprocessors compatible with and faster than our beloved Motorola 6809. In response were

compatible with and faster than our beloved Motorola 6809. In response were the expected deluge of messages suggesting the 68000 family, but a cryptic note from a student at Hiroshima University caught the attention of Kevin Darling and many others currently involved with or using 05/9 in various 6809-based systems.

The student, one Hirotsugu Kakugawa, had posted his experiences and discovery that the Hitachi product, the HD63C09, had certain features designed into it that were compatible with the existing 6809 architecture and provided expanded capabilities and faster operation over the 6809. Apparently his discoveries were guite by accident, as these features (discussed in detail in subsequent articles) were not mentioned in the Hitachi specifications for the 6309. According to Mr Kakugawa, the features were discussed in the Japanese 05/9 magzine 0h!FM in the April 1988 issue (4 years ago!! Are we asleep or what?!) and verified by independent Japanese 05/9 hackers. In response to Mr. Kakugawas' original message, an incredulous-sounding Kevin Darling requested more info, and got it.

Following the discussions between Mr. Darling and Mr. Kakugawa, I and a good many others became excited. Was this of the Color Computer? the rebirth of the Color Computer? Could ancient GIMIX and Peripheral Tech boxes be reincarnated as platforms to rival the power of the 68000-based machines? Were there chips made to complement this addtional power and would the peripheral chips in the current 6809-based CPUs require the current of the advantage of the current body-based CPUS require updating to take advantage of the faster up? A "bazillion" questions, and patience and careful observation of discussions on the BITNet and UseNet proved to be prudent.

It would seem Kevin Darling has been using a 6309 for a good many years in his Color Computer, without using nor

Mr. Darlings' associates has been using the 6309 reliably at a clock speed of 5 mHz, an unsupported speed, the 63009 being rated to only 3 mHz in the specs)
also without realizing there were
additional undocumented features. In response to the excitement regarding the potential new applications of the 6309, one Takeshi Miyazaki posted a warning, that the extensive and powerful undocumented features were not only undocumented and unsupported, but untested as well.

untested as well.

According to Net discussions revolving around the reason such features existed, it seems that Motorola wanted Hitachi to produce a simple, straightforward CMOS clone of the 6809. In the process of developing such a beast, Hitachi added additional capabilities to the basic 6809 architecture without Motorolas' direct involvement. these capabilities were to run in a new mode, the 6309 "native" mode, while it retained an ability to emulate the 6809 in the "emulation" mode. It appears this upset Motorola mode. It appears this upset Motorola and they informed Hitachi that this violated certain agreements and and they informed Hitachi that this violated certain agreements and patents, so Hitachi simply produced and documented the emulation mode, leaving the new features engineered onto the production mask. Hitachis' production technique resulted in these features being fully functional on a majority of the chips, yet they have yet to be tested, by other 6809 users, in any statistically significant number.

THE SEARCH BEGINS...

Beginning April 10th, 1992, I began calling various suppliers mentioned by posters in the UseNet newsarea comp.sys.m6809. The first one I tried being Marshall Electronics in §XXX¶, Texas. During that first call, I spoke to a Dan Pence, who informed me they were out of stock at the time but were expecting more a few weeks later. I followed this up with a call on Apr. 27th, when another conversation with Mr Pence concluded with hime encouraging me to contact another company handling me to contact another company handling Marshalls' marketing, as they didn't accept orders under \$200.00 US. Mr Pence was extremely helpful, understanding and sympathetic in referring me to this other company, insisting I call back if I encountered

insisting I call back if I encountered any problems.
Following another lead, supplied by paulba@lab.tek.com, to the readers of the BITNet CoCo listserver. I contacted Western Micro, Hitachis' sales and distribution representative in the U.S., where a conversation with a gentleman by the name of Mike O'Brian led me to a local lead, Quad Rep §whew!¶. A brief discussion with a very nice sales rep there resulted in a sample quantity of HD63CO9EPs being sent out to Animajik. As we go to press, I have yet to receive the sample

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** printstats() - Prints Information On Data Module
printstats()
      int counter; /* General Purpose Counter */
      printf("Stats on Data Module '%s':\n\n", MODNAME);
      printf("Module Linked At: %u (%%X)\n",modptr,modptr);
printf("Offset to Data : %u (%%X)\n",modptr->m data,modptr->m data);
printf("Data Begins At : %u (%%X)\n",mod,mod);
      printf("\nContents of Data Module:\n\n");
printf("This Module Contains %d User Entries.\n",mod->NumOfRecs);
      /* Print Each Record */
      for (counter=0; counter < mod -> NumOfRecs; counter++)
            printf("\nStats For User Record #%d:\n",counter);
            printf("This record currently is%s in use.\n",
    mod->UI[counter].UsedFlag==EMPTY?" not":"");
printf("User's User ID: %u ($%X)\n",mod->UI[counter].UserID,
                                                        mod->UI (counter).UserID);
            printf("User's Name : %s\n",mod->UI[counter].UserName);
printf("User's Buffer : %s\n",mod->UI[counter].TextBuf);
      printf("\nEnd of Data Module\n");
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** Chat.h - Copyright (C) 1992 by Andy DePue.
** Header file for Chat.c
/* Include header files */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <module.h> /* Includes structures for OS-9 Memory Modules */
/* Setup Constants */
#define MODNAME
                         "ChatMod"
define USED
                        0xFF
                                     /* $FF=Entry in Use */
#define EMPTY
                        0x00
                                     /* $00=Entry Empty */
#define DTYPE
                        04
                                     /* Module Type for a Data Module */
                        ÕÕ
                                     /* Language Type */
#define LTYPE
#define DEFRECS
                                     /* Default Number of Records */
/* Setup Data Module Header Structure (Returned From Link) */
mod_data *modlink(),*modload(),*modptr;
/* Setup Data Module Structures (or "Templates") */
/* Structure for a User Entry */
typedef struct (
     char UsedFlag:
                              /* This Entry in Use? */
                              /* User ID for This Entry */
      int UserID;
     char UserName[32], /* User's Chat Name */
            TextBuf[80];
                              /* Text Buffer for This User */
) USER ENTRY;
/* Structure for Entire Data Module */
typedef struct {
     char NumOfRecs; /* Number of User Records (Entries) in This Module */
USER_ENTRY UI[DEFRECS]; /* Setup Two User Records (UI for User Info) */
) DATA MODULE:
/* Now Setup "Template" for Data Module */
DATA MODULE *mod;
                              /* Data Module Structure */
```



Linking to a data module is very simple; just execute the OS-9 F\$Link system call with the proper parameters. If an error occurs, it would be best to then execute the OS-9 FSLoad system call to check for the data module in the CMDS directory, if it is found then it will automatically be linked. If an error still occurs, then act accordingly. Once finished with the data module, execute the OS-9 F\$UnLink system call. Once the data module has been linked, the next step is to calculate the address of the data from the header information returned. To do this, add the offset of the data to the address of the header. The offset can be found in the header itself, as defined in 'module.h'. Since we are going to be writing this program in C, it is best to create a "template" for the data module. This can be accomplished with 'typedef struct'. Since this structure must be a pointer, simply take the address of the data and literally point your template in the right direction. The data module can then be accessed just

as if it were any other global variable. We can now begin to lay the groundwork for the 'Chat' program by creating the proper structures for the data module and putting them in a header file for 'Chat' along with other useful information. See program listing 2 for the source of this header file. Because of space limitations, I won't be able to give you the 'Chat' program this month, but I will leave you with a small program which were the Chat this month, but I will leave you with a small program which uses the Chat header file (program listing 3). It simply links to the module, prints info about it, and unlinks so as to demonstrate how it is actually done. This program will, of course, show an empty data module for now, but when we write the Chat program it will be very useful to the System Operator for seeing who all is using the data module at the moment. The routine 'getmodule' in this program will also be used in Chat as well. Chat as well. Well, that's •all for this month. the next article of this series we will begin work on the Chat program itself. Until then, happy programming!

```
** LinkModule.c - Copyright (C) 1992 by Andy DePue
** A demonstration of linking to a data module (in this case 'ChatMod')
** and seting up the proper structures for it. This program simply links
** to the module, prints information or it's memory location, prints
** information on it's contents, unlinks, and exits
#include "Chat.h" /* Header file for 'Chat' program, used here as well */
/* main() - Links, Prints Stats, Unlinks, and Exits */-
main()
     if(getmodule(MODNAME) ==-1) /* Attempt Linking to ChatMod */
           /* If Attempt Fails, Inform User and Exit */
           fprintf(stderr,"LinkModule, Error: Cannot Link to '%s'\n",MODNAME);
           exit(errno);
     printstats();
                           /* Print Stats on Module */
                           /* Unlink Module */
     munlink (modptr);
                           /* And Exit */
   getmodule(name) - Attempts to link to data module. If it fails, it attempts
                       to load data module. If it still fails, it returns an
                       error.
getmodule(name)
char *name;
      char *databegin;
     if((modptr=modlink(name,DTYPE,LTYPE)) ==-1) /* Attempt Link */
           /* If Link Failed, Attempt Load */
if((modptr=modload(name,DTYPE,LTYPE)) ==-1)
                /* If Load Failed, Return Error */
                return(-1):
     databegin=modptr;
                                      /* Assign address of module header */
     databegin+=modptr->m data;
                                     /* Calculate address of data from offset */
     mod=databegin;
                                 /* Return Non Error */
     return(0):
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quantity requested (no fault of QuadRep I'm sure, whaddaya want fer nothin', o'ernite delivery?) however, the, editor of the Undergound received the Hitachi microprocessor databook on May 8th, like 24 hours after requesting it from QuadRep. Quoting from the Data Book, much of which is virtually identical to the specsheet on the 6809, event except...

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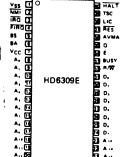
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Sleep Mode:
"During the interrupt wait period in SYNC instruction (the SYNC state) and that period in the CWAI instruction (the WAIT state), MPU operation is halted and goes to the sleep mode. However, the state of the I/O pins is the same as that was to the same as that was to the HD6809E in this mode". Sleep Mode:



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From the above information we see that the 6309 from

the timing chart in fig. 2 (page 8) and the illustration in fig. 1 above, that this chip is pin-for-pin compatible with our beloved Motorola 6809. Convenient! I couldn't see any difference in functionality between the difference in functionality between the

two chips either, aside from this slight difference in bus timing. (hey, will this difference help with the "sparklies"? Inside joke, guys) and this most unusual documented feature, the "sleep mode". What use this feature may be, is up to the experimenters among us to determine. A Laptop OS/9 box, maybe? With the extended instruction set, companion hi-speed CMOS peripheral chips?

As of press time, this is the only firsthand information I have for for this article, although monitoring DELPHI, FIDO and BINEI leads me to conclude many individuals are already

DELPHI, FIDO and BITNET leads me to conclude many individuals are already running the Hitachi chip with no problems, in the default emulation mode. Next month, with luck and a good tailwind, I should be able to report my initial findings in testing the features of the chips I receive. In any case, I'll be adding the "reference card" created by Kevin Darling, originally from Mr Kakugawas' raw info, in sections, in upcoming articles. As well, the next article will include some simple instructions for those familiar with EDTASM and the 0S/9 assembler under Level I so all of you to see for yourself how the to see for yourself how the new features work...

If, indeed, they do!

WORK TO BE DONE

As this is to be an ongoing series, documenting my own disoveries as well as that of other users, watch for future aticles, some copied from the BITNet, some from UseNet and others from Fido as well as StGNet. In order to provide you with firsthand information about the 6309, and knowing that the 6309 is pin compatible with the 6809, I decided I would drop a 6309 in my CoCo 2 and test it under OS9 Level 1 (the 6809 in my CoCo III ain't dead yet, and so isn't socketed) as well as landys' DECB. I plan to check ALL the chips I receive, and in articles to come, let you, the readers, know of my results. As these features are unsupported, and untested by the As this is to be an ongoing series know of my results. As these features are unsupported and untested by the manufacturer, it's up to us, the OS9 user community, to see for ourselves like what percentage of these chips actually have the additional features implemented reliably. Seems if like 100 of us test, and report our findings, that would be an adequate sampling to begin inferring that maybe, just MAYBE, we have a future in OS9-6809 after all arriving on So, with Kevin Darlings. arriving on So, with Kevin Darlings' permission, we commit the thorough documentation that Kevin posted to the BitNet, to print, for your consternation and enlightenment. Challenges, flames, kudos and whatever may be directed to the editor here at 0S9 UnderGround or boobie@mcws.fidonet.org.

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By Jim Vestal

Hi folks!

The Goal of this column is to provide instruction on the fundamentals of modern structured programming to the self-taught BASIC programmer. There are benefits to learning such programming skills, two of which are more enjoyable programming and more readable source code.

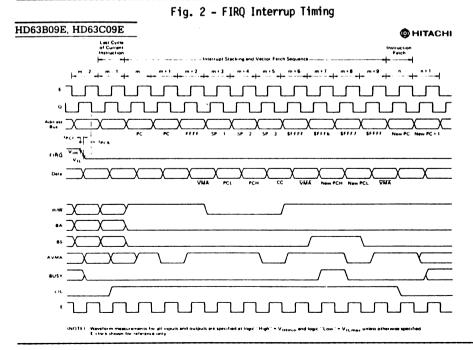
ORIGIN OF THE BASIC LANGUAGE

BASIC, Beginner's All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code, was first invented as a programming environment for the multi-user mini and mainframe systems of the late 1960's and early 1970's. BASIC was intended as an interpreted programming language, it's syntax similar to the compiled language ForTran, but BASIC is an interactive language rather than a batch processing

language. Thus programs written in BASIC can be made to directly interact with the computer user in a user-friendly setting. BASIC was chosen as the operating environment of the first micro- computers since it's binary object code could be loaded from ROM in an instant, giving the user an interactive interface to their micro-computer. Microsoft BASIC built into such computers as the CoCo 3 is an user interactive programming environment that can be a very flexible tool in learning how to program computers. But because of the nature of line numbers and goto statements many self-taught programmers have learned programming habbits that are not considered good programming by teachers of today's structured programming languages.

LESSON ONE: TOP-DOWN PROGRAMMING THE USE OF THE REMARK STATEMENT

One of the foundations of structured programming is the very simple concept known as "top-down" programming. "Top-down" refers to the direction of the flow of the execuated program statements. The first program statement, at the top of program source code listing, will be executed first, followed by each sequential statement until the last statement, at the bottom of the source code listing, is executed. At that point the program



to it. Each entry should contain information about the user that is using this entry and a buffer to contain what he/she types as shown below (Figure 1).

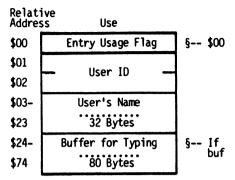


Figure 1 showing setup of an entry.

Each entry contains a flag which shows if the entry is in use. The first character of the text buffer also acts as a flag, if it is set to NULL then nothing is in the buffer, otherwise it is the first character of the string which the other program challed string the character of the string thick the other program challed string the character of the string thick the other program challed string the character of the string the character of the string thick the other program challed string the character of the string the character which the other program should print. Once the other program is finished printing the string, it should clear the flag again. A NULL character signifies the end of the string as Since all programs linked to a data module are actually accessing the same exact physical RAM (for Level 1 exact physical RAM (for Level I systems, each program is returned the same pointer to the data module. For Level II system, the MMU actually physically maps, not copies, the module into the programs address space) all changes to the data module are INSTANTLY recognized by all programs linked to it. Thus, the only thing that would slow down this type of inter-process communications would be that would slow down this type of inter-process communications would be the speed of the computer itself and the efficiency of it's multi-tasking. Before I go on, I might note that because of the way 0S-9 multi-tasks, a problem can occasionally arise. Although very rare, a scenario such as the following could occur: Iwo processes want to access the same buffer within a data module at the same time. Now, this buffer has a flag that determines if it is currently in use, so everything should be ok, right? Wrong. so everything should be ok, right? Wrong.
The first program checks the flag and sees that the buffer is indeed free to use, so it immediately sets the flag. But, before it gets a chance to actually set the flag, that program's time slice ends and 05-9 gives the second program it's time slice. Since the first program had not been able to set the flag before it's time slice The second program now checks the flag and sees that the buffer is free, so it sets the flag and begins to copy it's information to the buffer. Now the second program's time slice ends and the first program continues right where it left off. In other words, it still thinks that the buffer is free. So, it sets the flag also, and copies it's information to the buffer. The second program's information has just been lost. The second program's of this happening are very rare.

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has just been lost. The chances of this happening are very rare. But the possibility is still there, so it is wise to carefully build your data module to avoid this. Since our

data module gives each user his own buffer and information record we have almost avoided this problem since the programs accessing the data module will not try to write to the same buffer. I say almost because there is still the possibility that two users will try to execute "chat" at the exact same time and that each program will claim the same user record for itself just like the scenario above depicted. But this possibility is so small we will not even try to worry about it. We now have all the information we need to build the data module. Using an assembler we define the module header (or, with RMA, the program section) as a "Data Module" and then fill the module with the proper data. Program listing 1 is the source to the data module we have been working on. You'll notice it uses RMA's compiler directive "REPT" to repeat the user record two times, this way you don't have to type in the same thing twice and also makes it alot easier if you wanted to expand the number of records in the data module. Notice also that there is a byte at the very beginning of the entire data module defining how many records there are. To compile, use this command sequence (replace RMA with C.ASM if you do not have RMA):

RMA ChatModule.a -o=ChatModule.r RLink ChatModule.r -o=ChatModule

There should now be a module in your CMDS directory names "ChatModule". If you do an Ident on it, you will notice that it is indeed a Data Module.

INTERFACING WITH THE DATA MODULE

Now that we have a data module, we must interface it with a program. This can be accomplished by linking to it.

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I have been asked by several people to explain the practical use of a "Data Module", and have also had requests for information on how to allow several programs to communicate with each other. Since the two go along with each other so well, I have decided to write a series of articles about them. These articles will be focused on data modules, how they relate with "inter-process communications", and how to use them with the C language.

WHAT A DATA MODULE IS:

A data module is essentially an OS-9 memory module that contains data simular to executable OS-9 program modules. However; instead of containing program code, it contains data that is meaningful to a program. Because of this, a data module can be loaded and linked just like any other OS-9 memory module. This makes it useful for inter-process communications since any number of programs can link to the data module, and each program that is linked to the data module is actually sharing the same physical RAM. For further information on OS-9 memory modules see the OS-9 Technical Reference, chapter three.

USES FOR A DATA MODULE

Data modules can be used for a variety of things such as a fast and efficient method of storing data (which can be loaded and saved as well), a permanent storage for a program's global variables or configuration, a method for inter-process communications, etc... I will be explaining the latter in this article.

HOW TO MAKE A DATA MODULÉ

There are basically two ways to make a data module. Each method has a good side and a bad side. I will have a short explanation of one method first then go into the second method in detail. The first method is to write a program (in the language of your choice) that will output the proper header information for a data module, write

the actual data, and then calculate the CRC of the final product. Once you have written this program, you could easily have it output any data module size you want. This method is good if you want to quickly make a data module with the same initialized value throughout the entire module, but it doesn't allow much control over the doesn't allow much control over the data within the data module. Thus; if you had a program that required, say, a value of \$00 at the end of every used "record" and a value of \$FF at the end of every non-used "record", you lose out since you would not be able to pre-define each record. The second method is to use an assembler such as "ASM" or "RMA". Simply set up a module header for a data module and, using Pseudo-Instructions such as FCB and FDB, fill it in with any data you want. This is good if you want full control over the data module and the data within it, but not everyone has access to an assembler. Since these articles are written for programmers who wish to are written for programmers who wish to interface with data modules via C then they must have an assembler (either C.ASM or RMA), so I will use the second method. This method also gives a much clearer idea about the inner workings of a data module. Before you start to build a data module you will most likely want to sit down and make a rough outline of what you want it to do and how you want it organized. Once you have the basic idea outlined, expand it to include more detail so you can begin to build it with an assembler. This will make it alot easier to build and then interface with the data module.

CREATING OUR OUR DATA MODULE

With all the technical information out of the way, we can now build our own data module. First, a purpose. What should this data module be designed for? Well, this article is about getting programs to communicate with each other, so that should be a good place to start. But, what kind of programs? How about if we design a simple "chat" between two people? As in: if a user who is logged into a terminal (/T2) wants to chat with a user who is logged into the computer console (say, /Term), then all he has to do is type something like "chat /term" and the user on /term would be paged. The user on /term would then type "chat" and the two would be linked together with a means to communicate. Thus, the data module would be allowing two programs (in this case, "Chat" on /T2 and "Chat" on /Term) to communicate with each other, Now that we know what the data module should do, we decide how it can be done. The data module should have at least two "entries"; one for each user, or program, that is going to be linked

ends. Another very foundumental concept of structured programming is the use of comment or remark statement to help document the internals of the program login. All programmers should make liberal use of the REM statement in BASIC. BASICO9 allows the use of the Pascal-style remark symbols: (* This is a remark statement *). Place remarks at the beginning of each procedure and each subroutine, and remark each program statement that is not 100% self-documenting. For example, no remarks are needed after the print statement in the following code, but remarks after the calcuations help to document the program:

PRINT "This Sample program written
by Jim Vestal."
s := a(n) + b(n) + c(n) ½
(* Calculate the sum of the entries *
n := n + 1½ (* increment row number *

COMING NEXT MONTH

The next installment of this column will concentrate on the rules of using line numbers, subroutines, and goto statements within a structured BASICO9 program. (Editor's Note: You can reach Jim for comment or questions at one of the following addresses: Delphi: JIMVESTAL, StG Net:SysOp@Narnia or US Mail to Jim c/o this magazine.)

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DOING THE SPLIT - SPLIT.B09

By Wayne Campbell

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(* Default output filename
    * w/ extension
    file2:="x.aa"
(* User specified output
   (* filename w/extension file2:=file2+".aa"
 ENDIF
 (* # of lines to write per output file INPUT " Lines per Sub-File: ",lnnum
1num:=100
 ENDIF
 num:=VAL(]nnum)
 IF Inum=0 THEN

(* Default # of lines if input is 0
    1num:=100
 ENDIF
 PRINT
 ON ERROR GOTO 2
 OPEN #path,file1:READ
(* Read lnum lines from input file
FOR count:=1 TO lnum
__READ #path,line(count)
NEXT count
PRINT file2,
(* Create output file
CREATE #path1, file2:WRITE
(* Write lines to output file and
 (* close file
FOR count:=1 TO lnum
WRITE #path1,line(count)
NEXT count
CLOSE #path1
 (* Update output filename and repeat
(* process
GOSUB 3
(* When EOF is reached, create output
(* file, write lines, and close file CLOSE #path
lnum:=count
PRINT_file2,
CREATE #path1,file2:WRITE
FOR count:=1 TO Inum
WRITE #path1,line(count)
 NEXT count
CLOSE #path1
PRINT
END
(* Change extension identifier on
(* output file
char2:=ASC(ext2)
char2:=char2+1 *ext2:=CHR$(char2)
IF ext2="2" THEN
   ext2:="a"
char1:=ASC(ext1)
char1:=char1+1
ext1:=CHR$(char1)
file2:=LEFT$(file2,LEN(file2)-2)
file2:=file2+ext1+ext2
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SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

By Leonard Cassady

Welcome to the premier issue of OS9

Underground.

I've encountered many coding examples over the years, some well written. In the first part of this written. In the first part of this column, we'll explore the basic elements of software engineering relating to program design, programming style, hopefully avoiding the pitfalls usually encountered in poorly written program code.

The guidelines presented here may be applied to any programming language, although the focus of this column will be on the C Langauge.

The second half of this column will be devoted to programming questions and problems submitted by readers.

The following procedures are similar to those used to design and produce commercial software. The guidelines presented have proven to be efficient and productive.

PROGRAM SPECIFICATION

A program specification should des--cribe exactly how the program is expected to behave. It should describe how the final program will appear to the users. Vague language such as "fast response" or "easy to use" and the like should be avoided as these are relative terms.

relative terms.

"Consistancy" and "simplicity" should be cardinal rules. A few primative operations that meet all the user requirements is ideal.

Sometimes it is not clear what the set of primative operations should be when designing the program. A suggested outline could be:

1) Abstract of project.
The intent and goal of program operation and behavior.

operation and behavior.

2) Input format.
User input, data input, or command selection method. This includes mouse-driven menus, command-line arguments, file formats, etc.

3) Screen design.
The user interface should be concise easy to use and understand. This includes prompt messages, and the program bell and whistles.

4) Dutput format. Data file output, "in progress" reporting, etc.

5) Error messages. Diagnostic error messages.

messages.

6) Future expansions. Enhancements or increased function--alities.



Some or most of the suggestions may be excluded, depending on the particular program in design.

SOFTWARE DESIGN

Once the program is specified, the processing phases and major data processing phases and major data structures need to be identified. Magazines, books, source code listings are excellent references, and should not be overlooked when difficult programming problems arise.

There are no physical parameters to measure against. The only guides are previous attempts at solving similar problems.

problems.

Important to consider is the speed, memory usage, and flexiblity when choosing efficient data structures and algorithms. No ammount of trickery can compensate for a slow, inefficient

algorithm. A common pitfall of software design is known as the NIH (Not Invented Here) syndrome. It is the tendency to feel that if the problem solution wasn't invented by the programmer, it can't be any good.

"CONSISTANCY" AND "SIMPLICITY" SHOULD BE CARDINAL RULES

An effective design method called "stepwise refinement" is often used to divide up a program at this level of abstraction into smaller subproblems, each less abstract, until each part can be easily implemented. Dividing a program in this manner clearly defines sections, or "modules", that are not strongly interrelated. The same method can then be used to decide the functions within each module.

The three basic phases of stepwise refinement are:

refinement are:

- Identify major divisons of funct--ionality. Define what goes into each program module or subsection.
- Identify major data structures shared by each program module. Program modules identified in step 1
- 3) Create an additional module for each data structure. Data structures identified in step 2

The fewer module inter-dependencies, the easier the program will be to read and maintain.

I enlisted the help of some friends to build dould wide expansion slot cover out of sheet metal with 3 large holes punched in each for installing the djn connectors to the back of the case. (Photo Below)



This proved to be one of the neatest features of my COCO/PC! Now I have ALL the CoCo ports (and then some) neatly arranged along the back expansion slots just like the clowns, ops, I mean clones (g). It's amazing how fast the little parts all ad up (\$\frac{5}{2}\)!

I learned something funny while wiring the audio... if you don't wire the ground properly (the Radio Shack salesman didn't even know how to) you can listen to Country & Western music! Of course if you live in California you may wind up listening to Heavy Metal!

Alas, the RGB connection was a chore. I unfortunately didn't find out in time that you can (supposedly) by a 10 pin plug which could have been installed in back of my case. I wound up cutting the existing RGB cable, lengthened it and installed a DB-9 connector since the CMB cable had one hole plugged on it's connector, it obviously wasn't used. It took some trial and error to get the wires hooked up right, but the results were a cable that is 5 feet longer and will fasten securely to the case with thumb-screws.



(CoCo PC with "innards" exposed)

The power supply has a fan built in, but to be sure the 512K upgrade and all the other components didn't get too hot, I addeda 12 vold DC fan to the front of the case. It's a bit noisier this way, but I hope it will insure the

longest possible life for my CoCo/PC.

The question of what to do with the keyboard interface, and the controller (and later the RS232 pak) attached now with the home grown Y-cable was a very important one which would have a great deal to do with how successful the conversion would be when it's used, moved and jostled about in the months and years (hopefully) to come! I first installed a metal shelf covered in plastic attached to the side of the drive bay. However, after a run in with a bad disk (it's soft hub was misaligned causing the drive and it's neighbors to shake violently) caused problems with my CM8's sound (likely due to a momentary shorting to ground). I replaced it with a plastic pencil case (properly mutilated, I mean re-engineered!)



The really unique part about my CoCo/PC is the front.. it's wood! My other hobby is woodworking. I laminated Southern Oak, Honduras Mahogany, Walnut and Hard Rock Maple together, had it surface planed to 1/2" thick and cut out the opening for the floppy drives. Before gluing it up, however, I cat saw kerfs in the center board for ventilation and added a hole for my extended reset button to protrude through. It turnned out great and without a doubt the only CoCo of it's kind!

I got a great deal on a used

I got a great deal on a used keyboard (108 key) and interface so the whole project cost about \$160 give or take a few dollars, and took sevel weeks to complete. The interface is easy to hook up and I have come to LOVE the bigger keyboard! I strongly recommend the conversion to all but the hopelessly timed or those upskilled hopelessly timid or those unskilled hackers that don't have a friend to assist and/or troubleshoot.

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My CoCo PC

by Caroyl Johnson

desire to put my CoCo 3, hard drive and floppy drives into a PC case. I wanted to clear some space on my small desk and also have the ability to easily gather up my computer and take it along to club meetings or when I go on two weeks active duty for Naval Reserve training. Price was an important factor in the project, but not the most important one. I felt that a conversion worth the time, effort and cost of doing was well worth doing well.

First, I looked around for a suitable case. If purchased new, it would cost \$40.00 or more. I located a used XI case that was missing it's front face piece. I checked out a friend's Coco that had been installed in a similarly sized case for ideas to make it fit. I decided to buy the used case (for \$5) and build a wooden face piece. I also picked up a used 150 watt power supply (for \$35). The case came with 8 expansion slots and several slot covers.

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to use the plastic box. I'd built

to use the plastic box I'd built earlier to provide multiple bitbanger ports and joystick ports and mount it to the back of the case, but later decided to take a different approach.

The afternoon I brought home the case was the same day that my November 1991 Rainbow came in the mail. This was fortunate because there was a letter in the Coco Consultations column (by Marty Goodman) which dealt with switching power supplies. I soon figured out that I'd have to find another way to hook up the motherboard (m/b) to the power supply as I'm not a "skilled" hacker and shuddered at the thought of cutting my beloved Coco. I spoke with our club president, Iim, about an idea he had once mentioned on the subject. Tim advised that I tap into the switch using a normal extention cord (the female end) to gain 100 volts and leave the wimpy CoCo p/s inside the PC case with the m/b. This worked well and along with a few modifications to the m/b, fit my needs and skill level.

The case had hard drive bays for 2 full height or 4 half-height drives. I have a 40 track DDDS drive and an 80 track 3.5" drive as well as a full height 20 meg hard drive. I picked up a spare CoCo 3 at the local Radio Shack Outlet Store just days before it closed (which came as a big surprise to everyone, including the manager) in case I messed up big-time during the conversion. As it turned out, I didn't need it, by my courage was strengthened just by knowing I had a CoCo (ace) in the hole! I learned something about these switching power supplies... they (at least mine did) require a minimum load be applied before they will work. The floppy drives will not draw enough power to do the job, but the hard drive had no trouble in meeting the requirement.

I planned on using Y-cable to hook up my Disto Super Controller and to leave room for a converted DC modem/RS232 Pak. When I checked with COCOPRO, Dave Meyer's said he had none in stock but could special order one.

I decided that price wouldn't mesh well with my limited budget so I took another approach. A friend from our local CoCo Cub. Gene, had a cost-effective solution

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and helped out by
soldering a 40 wire
ribbon cable to the
bottom of the CoCo
bus to which we
added two female 40 pin edge card connectors. I had to file the edges of my controller's edge

tabs would fit around the female connectors I bought. (gee, a Y-cable would have been so much easier...but \$30 more).

Fitting all the components inside the case was the most difficult part (no surprises there, huh). My friend Gene, also came to the rescue by ripping out the support brackets (with brute force and a pair of tin snips) in the bottom of the case which were creating a space problem. This freed up enough room to fit the corner of the m/b (that holds the RF modulator) under the leftmost drive bay. We removed the heat sink, drilled a new hole and mounted it lying on it's side to allow for the cables crossing above it (be sure to use heat sink compound if you do this). do this).

I made shielded cables to connect all the ports from the back of the CoCo to the back of the case. I took several of the slot covers and drilled them out to hold the smaller ports such as the TV, audio and video ports.

DEBUGGING

Not even the best programmers write bug-free code on the first try. A large part of the development time for the program will be spent finding and fixing program bugs. This is also known as "debugging". There are three laws pertaining to degugging:

- 1) All complex software has bugs.
- 2) The bug is probably caused by the last thing you touched.
- 3) If the bug isn't where you're looking, it's somewhere else.

Alogorithms have the nature to grow more complex as they gain added functionality, becoming more difficult to read and maintain. The first step is to isolate erroneous behavior. Vague comments such as "it doesn't run", need to be defined clearly as, "After I type 'run', the program hangs".

"After I type 'run', the program hangs".

Programming requires painful attent—ion to detail, and humans are prone to err. We have the tendency to stick to first impressions. What may be obvious to a disspassionate person, may not be clear to the fustrated programmer. After an exhaustive, unsuccessful search for the bug where you know it has to be, try looking elsewhere.

Another phemmenon that affects software is the tendency to add too many bells and whistles. Adding new features usually means the program will run slower, require more system resources, and certainly introduce additional bugs.

TESTING

The two major test phases a program should be subjected to are "Alpha" and "Beta" testing.

The alpha testing should be done by the programmer for the express purpose of purging all bugs from the software. Once in this phase, no new features or specification changes are made to the software.

The beta test is best done by a dispassionate person before the software is released to the general public. This phase of testing insures the program will function properly in "real life".



the Q&A by Paul Pollock

FIRST EDITION

The OS9 Underground Magazine (or OS9UG) is finally off the presses. And this is the first of what I hope to be many inclusions in what surely is a much needed resource in the OS9

much needed resource in the OS9 community.

Alan Sheltra, the Editor-In-Chief of the OS9UG, asked me some time ago, if I'd be willing to host this column. And after some thought, I heartily agreed. The rules here are fairly simple. This is a place for all users of OS9 (of all types); to ask questions, pose problems, and air difficulties.

You'll find separate columns (in the OS9UG) for specific programming languages.

Januages.

This column is intended to answer those OS9 operating system questions, and programming algorythm methods, or hardware specific questions; which just don't seem to 'fit the nitch' anywhere else. To do this, just send your questions in one of several ways:

1) You can write directly, or call directly, the Editor (Alan Sheltra). His address and phone number is in the opening pages of OS9UG.
2) Contact the Editor, or I, via the StG-Net. This can be done either via a mailgram (public messages are OK if you want the world to read your submission (grin)), to:

OS9UNDER@ZOG

A dummy account specifically intended for submissions of this type.

SYSOP@ZOG

Another name for the Editor-In-Chief (or as we are ordered to refer to him, "Fearless Leader").

PAULBELL@ZOG

That's me. I'm extremely easy to reach.

It's a very good idea to place in the SUBJECT line, the name of this column: "OS9: Questions & Answers" (or just Q&A). This will route all proper traffic to me.

If I know the answer, you'll not only get an accurate and thorough answer, but you'll be adding to an important text-based resource for many other users. I promise! other users. I promise!

If I don't know the answer, i'll seek out the finest minds in the galaxy, to reach an answer. If that becomes inconclusive, I won't waste you time by trying to sound pretentious, and noncommital. I'll just tell you "I don't know". Those of you that have read me in the past, know that I can be gritty and devilish one minute, and inciteful and informative the next. So without further ado, let's get on with the show!

ASKING GOOD QUESTIONS AN EDITORIAL APPROACH

As some of you know, I own a shortwave radio. Some time ago, I was listening to these old guys talking to each other. This is a long-established practice known as 'rag-chewing' among friends.

Anyhow, after some minutes, one of these guys asked an interesting question. But before he did, he explained the situation.

explained the situation.

He told them that for many years, he was a committed soda-pop drinker. Even to the point of leaving a glass of soda on the bed-stand at night.

Well, recently he had gone to the hospital for a checkup. And they prompted him to discontinue the habit of drinking soda-pop, and drink water instead

of drinking soda-pop, and drink water instead. Finally he got to the point. Soda-pop always tasted the same, no-matter how long it had been left standing (except for the loss of carbonation). But water, tasting fine in the evening, consistantly tasted aweful, the following morning. How

aweful, the following morning. How come?

As luck would have it, everyone party to the question, had his own idea of the answer.

Maybe it was the iron, rusting in the water? No, iron makes water taste delicious. The cleaner water is, the blander it tastes, yech!

Maybe it was germs in the water, growing over time? No, can't be any worse than the germs already in his mouth.

Maybe it was just his imagination?
No, his imagination was as creative as ever (grin), no soap.
So after all of that, what was the answer? Well, here we can bring the problem into clear focus by asking the fellow a second 'fact finding' question.

"What did you eat, the night before?"

Sure enough, that makes the solution easy. The fact is, that during the waking day, we are constantly eating or drinking something. So anything that might be in our mouths which might otherwise alter the taste of things, is constantly being flushed out of our mouths.

But in sleep, whatever was last in our mouths, stays there for many hours. becomes stagnant. 'flavorful'.

Since water rarely has much flavor, anything that's in your mouth already, tends to flavor the water.

In this case, morning breath is a distinct possibility; and is solved by the judicious use of a toothbrush.

Yea, but what's the point?

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/* error(err,msq1,msq2,flag) - prints error message, exits if flag set */
error (err, msg1, msg2, flag)
int err;
                       /* Error Code */
                       /* Error Messages */
char *msq1,*msq2;
int flag;
                       /* Exit Flag */
      fprintf(stderr, "ConvC, Error: %s%s\n", msq1, msq2);
     if(flag)
           exit(err);
     else if (err>0)
           prerr(fileno(stderr).err);
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/* getdig(ptr) - gets the next digit in the string and returns the value. */
                    also updates the ptr.
getdig(ptr)
char **ptr;
     int digi; /* Return digit value */
     /* Scan line until a digit is encountered */
while(**ptr && isdigit(**ptr)==0) *ptr=*ptr+1;
     /* Convert ASCII to INTEGER */
digi=atoi(*ptr);
     /* Skip past ASCII digits */
           *ptr=*ptr+1;
     while(**ptr && isdigit(**ptr)==1);
if(*(*ptr+1)) *ptr=*ptr-1;
     /* Go to end of ASCII digits */
     return digi;
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                                                (Stripping LFs...etc..)
convfile(in,out,linecount,tabcount)
FILE *in:
                 /* In (Orig.) file */
FILE *out;
                 /* Out (New) file */
int *linecount,*tabcount;
      int inchar;
      int curpos, curtab, counter;
      /* Init Variables to NULL */
      *linecount=*tabcount=curpos=curtab=NULL;
      /* Loop through entire file character by character and convert it */
      while((inchar=getc(in))!=EOF)
            if(inchar!=lfchar)
                 if(inchar==TABCHAR && tabflag)
                       /* Get Next Tab Position */
                       curtab=tabsize-(curpos % tabsize);
                       for(counter=0;counter<curtab;counter++)
   putc(' ',out);</pre>
                       /* Update Current Line Position */
                       curpos+=curtab;
                       /* Update Number of Tabs Converted */
                       *tabcount=*tabcount+1;
                 else /* If not a TAB, write out and update curpos */
                       putc(inchar,out);
                       if (isprint (inchar))
                            curpos++:
                       else if(inchar=='\n')
                            curpos=0;
           else /* If char is a LF, convert it */
                 if(lfchar>0)
                       if (newlf>0)
                            putc(newlf,out);
                       *linecount=*linecount+1;
                 curpos=0;
           }
)
 docopy(realfile,tempfile)
 char *realfile;
                        /* Orig. File */
 char *tempfile;
                        /* Temp. File */
       int waitstats:
      char renstring[160]; /* Rename Command Line Option String */
      unlink(realfile); /* Delete Orig. File */
      strcpy(renstring,tempfile);
strcat(renstring,"");
      strcat(renstring,realfile);
strcat(renstring,"\n");
if(os9fork("Rename",strlen(renstring),renstring,1,1,0)==-1)
            fprintf(stderr,"Cannot rename temp file for '%s'!\n",realfile);
fprintf(stderr,"Temp File: ");
error(errno,tempfile," is still intact",0);
      else
            wait (&waitstats);
            if (waitstats>0)
                  error (waitstats, "Rename Returned With Error"; "", 0);
 )
```



TEXT FILE UTILITY

Here's a powerful utility to add to your OS9 bag of tools. While ConvC was written with the idea to convert C programs from other platforms (Unix, MSDos) to OS9 convention, it will also come in handy to for text file applications. ConvC allows you to strip linefeeds, convert TABs characters to spaces and may also be used in a pipe as a filter.

ConvC has built-in help, just type: "convc -?" to better explain it's options.

ConvC was written by Andy DePue who writes our "C Notes" column.

by Andy DePue

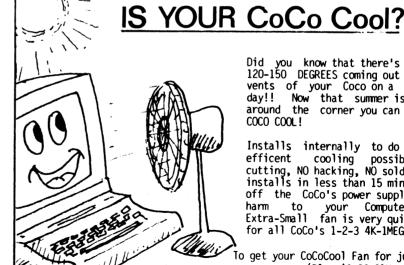
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** ConvC v2.0 - A utility to convert tabs and/or strip line feeds from a file
** Copyright (C) by Andy DePue - April 23, 1992
#include <stdio.h>
#include <ctype.h>
                                /* Tab Character */
#define TABCHAR
                          0x0A /* Default Line Feed Character */
#define DEFLF
                                /* Default Tab Size */
                          4
#define DEFTABSZ
/* Define Globals */
int lfchar; /* Line feed character = 0 for no line feed stripping
                    /* If lfchar>0 and newlf>0 then the program will replace */
     newlf:
int
                    /* lfchar with newlf */
int tabsize; /* Size (in spaces) of a tab */
int tabflag; /* Convert Tabs? */
/* help() - prints help screen and exits */
help()
       printf("ConvC v2.0 - Copyright (C) 1992, by Andy DePue\n");
      printf("Description:\n");
printf(" ConvC is a ger
                       ConvC is a general purpose ASCII text convertion utility\n"); for OS-9. It will convert tabs and or linefeeds. ConvC\n");
       printf("
                       stands for \"Convert C\" because the main reason I\n");
       printf("
       printf("
                       programmed this was to convert ASCII C files from other\n");
       printf("
                       platforms to OS-9, but it can convert any ASCII file just\n");
       printf("
                      as well.\n\n");
       printf("Usage:\n");
       printf(" ConvC (Opts> [Opts....]\n");
printf("Where \"Opts\" can be any of the following:\n");
       printf("
                       -?
                                        This help screen.\n");
                                        Do not convert Line Feeds.\n");
Do not convert Tabs.\n");
       printf("
                       -N
       printf("
                                        This will cause the program to treate ASCII\n"); character '###' as the Line Feed. Where\n"); '###' is a decimal number representing any\n"); ASCII character. Default is 10 ($OA)\n"); This is sets the tab size. Default is 4\n"); This will replace the line feed character\n");
       printf("
                       -L=###
       printf("
       printf("
       printf("
       printf("
                       -T=###
       printf("
                       -R=###
       printf("
                                        with '###' instead of stripping the LF out\n");
       printf("
                                        (### being a Decimal number representing\n");
any ASCII character)\n");
       printf("
       printf("
                                        This will cause ConvC to act as a filter\n");
                       -F
       printf("
                                         (converting from stdir to stdout) so that \n");
       printf("
                                        you can use pipes..etc.. No reporting is\n");
                                        done with this option and program is exited\n");
       printf("
       printf("
                                        once finished.\n");
       printf("
                                        where 'filename' is the name of a file to be\n"); converted.\n");
                       filename
       printf("
       printf("\nExample:\n");
       printf("
                       ConvC -t=5r=13 Test1.TXT Test2.TXT -r=0 Test3.TXT\n");
This will convert the files 'Test1.TXT' and 'Test2.TXT'\n");
       printf("\n
printf("
                       with a tab setting of 5 and it will replace all linefeeds\n"); with a carriage return (#13). It will then convert\n"); 'Test3.TXT' by stripping out all line feeds (r=0).\n");
       printf("
printf("
       exit(0);
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Main(argc,argv)
                        This routine reads the parameter line and sets up
                        the proper global flags.
* /
main(argc,argv)
int argc:
char *argv[];
                           /* Number of LFs program stripped/replaced */
     int linecount;
                           /* Number of TABs program converted */
     int tabcount:
                           /* General purpose counter */
     int count;
                           /* Number of files processed */
     int filecount;
                           /* Command line pointer */
     char *ptr;
     char tmpfile[80];
                           /* Temp filename */
     char tstring[2];
                          /* Temp string */
                           /* Crig. File */
     FILE *path1;
                           /* New File */
     FILE *path2;
     lfchar=DEFLF; /* Setup LF to default value */
     tabsize=DEFTABSZ; /* Setup tabsize to default */
     tabflag=1:
     newlf=filecount=0;
     tstring[1]='\0';
      /* Check for no parameters */
     if(argc<2)
           help(); /* If no parameters, display help screen */
      /* Parse Command Line */
     for (count=1:count<argc:count++)
           if (argv[count][0]!='-') /* Check for no option */
                strcpy(tmpfile,"temp."); /* Setup temp file */
                strcat(tmpfile,argv[count]);
                /* Attempt to open original file */
                if ((path1=fopen(argv[count],"r")) ==NULL)
                     error(errno, "Cannot Open File: ", argv[count], 0);
                     continue;
                /* Attempt to create temp file - Check for existance first */
                else if((path2=fopen(tmpfile,"r")) ==NULL)
                     /* Temp does not exist, so create it */
if((path2=fopen(tmpfile,"w")) == NULL)
                           fclose(path1);
                           error(errno, "Cannot Create Temp File: ", tmpfile, 0);
                /* If temp file exists, skip conversion for this file */
                else
                     fclose(path1);
                     error (errno, "Temp File Already Exists! Skipping file: ",
                         argv[count],0);
                     continue;
                convfile(path1,path2,&linecount,&tabcount);
                fclose(path1);
                fclose(path2);
                docopy(argv[count],tmpfile); /* Delete Orig. and Rename New */
/* Print Info on File */
                printf("Replaced %d tabs",tabcount);
                if(lfchar!=NULL)
                      if (newlf!=NULL)
                           printf(" and replaced ");
                           printf(" and removed ");
                      printf("%d linefeeds",linecount);
                printf(" from file '%s'...\n",argv[count]);
filecount++;
```

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/* If line does begin with '-' then process as option */
      else
                                    /* Point to current parameter */
          ptr=argv(count);
          ptr++;
                                    /* Skip past '-' */
          if(!*ptr) help();
                                   /* If no option, show help */
               switch(toupper(*ptr))
                                        /* Now process option */
                    case 'N':
                         lfchar=NULL:
                         break:
                    case
                         lfchar=getdig(&ptr);
                         break:
                    case 'R':
                         newlf=getdig(&ptr);
                         break:
                    case
                         tabsize=getdig(&ptr);
                         break;
                    case 'C':
                         tabflag=0;
                         break;
                    case 'F':
                         convfile(stdin, stdout, &linecount, &tabcount);
                         exit(0);
                    case '?':
                         help();
                         break:
                    default:
                         tstring[0] = *ptr;
                         error(0, "Unknown Option: ",tstring,0);
                         break:
               } while(*++ptr); /* Continue Processing Options */
printf("Done.\n");
printf("Processed %d file%s\n",filecount,filecount==1?"":"s");
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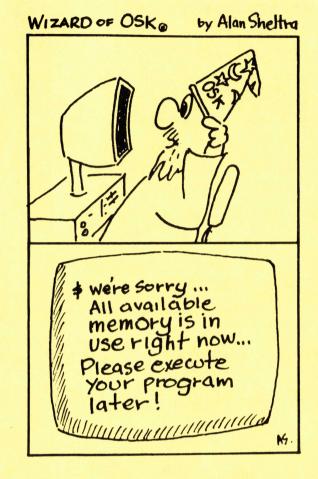
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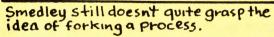
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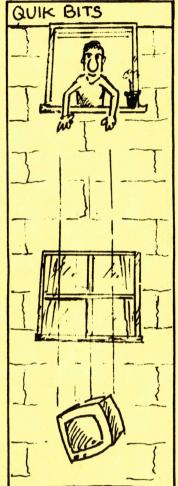
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