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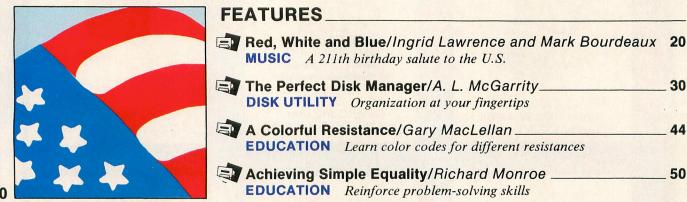


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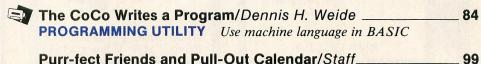
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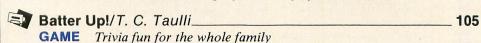
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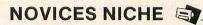
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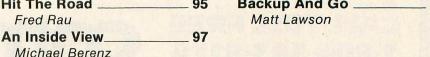


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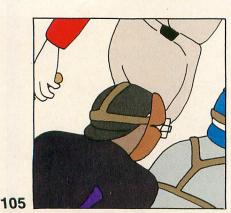
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LETTERS TO THE RAINBOW

Turning in the Eyepatch: A Pirate Reforms

Editor:

After reading Mr. Falk's column in the April 1987 issue, and remembering several other articles and letters addressing the subject of piracy, I have finally decided that I am tired of being "the bad apple" in my CoCo System. Over the past year or so, I have pirated several programs — nearly 15 percent of my library and accounting for a third of its value. I am truly sorry I have done this, and I have erased every pirated program from my disks. It took a long time to decide to do it, but I think it was the best thing to do.

To those of you who also have pirated software, it's up to you whether or not to continue breaking the law. There is no effective way of stopping piracy, but piracy is an effective way of stopping the CoCo Community from the rapid and substantial growth that has become a trademark of our favorite micro. People often say (I did) that the pricing of software is outrageous; it may be, it may not. The pricing of the IBM PC is outrageous, but that doesn't mean people stole them instead of buying them. To the software vendors that I pirated from, I'm really sorry. That probably doesn't do much good, though. I will try my best to purchase more software from your companies.

Lost and Mistaken Idaho Falls, ID

An Offer You Can't Refuse

Editor:

This letter is being written for two reasons, the first of which is to tell you that I am no longer a member of the CoCo Community. I am the owner of an IBM Compatible and I will be subscribing to RAINBOW's sister publication, SOFT SECTOR. The CoCo will be given to my 7-year-old grand-daughter so that she can become familiar with computers and their use.

The second reason for writing is that I have saved almost all of my RAINBOW magazines which date back to November 1982. I want to get rid of them and don't want to toss them out in the trash. I would like to donate my collection to a club or organization that needs them. I will even throw in about 18 issues of *Color Computer* magazine, too.

Harry Norkin 103 W. Janss Road Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

A Fix Here, a Fix There

Editor:

I have been a proud owner of a CoCo 2 for two years and enjoyed OS-9 Level I. I recently bought a CoCo 3 and OS-9 Level II. Level II is unbelievable. However, when updating my DEFS files with the new system calls, I found out that on Page 8-69 of the OS-9 II reference manual, important information is missing: the call number of F\$A11HRam, which should be 103F XX. I am missing the XX and cannot complete my updates.

In the April 1987 issue, I read the letter from Mike Roush. Looking at the schematic, the two rows with O and G are hooked to the joysticks. Two capacitors (C15, C18) are also hooked to these rows and, after a time, the capacitors tend to leak (slowly short to ground). I cured my problem by changing those capacitors. I propose to Mike to unsolder those two capacitors and, if the problem is cured, just replace them. Page 51 of the CoCo 2 Service Manual, Paragraph 5.3.1, "No Keyboard Entry," mentions those two capacitors as a potential cause.

Finally, I want to congratulate your magazine for having comprehensive and honest product reviews that uncover not-so-honest suppliers.

Jean-Maurice Moreau Kingston, Ontario

RoBoCoCo

Editor:

I have developed what you might call a beginner's robot. It is a remote-controlled tank such as Radio Shack sells, hooked up to the CoCo, with a minimum of parts. I am working on ways of marketing this device, but, meanwhile, plans are available for enterprising types for \$25. If interested, contact me at 523 W. Spring Street, 22664.

Rich Taylor Woodstock, VA

TV Joker Poker

Editor.

To make *Joker Poker* work on a TV set instead of a monitor, change the PALETTE RGB commands in lines 1 and 5999 to PALETTE CMP, change PALETTE 0,1:CLS1 in Line 14 to PALETTE 0,0:CLS1, and change HCOLOR 2 in lines 1099, 1200 and 5918 to HCOLOR 6.

Robert L. Brimmer Pittsburgh, PA

Educational Fair

Editor:

ECCO, The Educational Computer Consortium of Ohio, announces its Seventh Annual Educational Computer Fair, on Thursday and Friday, October 8-9, 1987, at the Stouffer Tower City Plaza in Cleveland. For further information, contact me at ECCO, 1123 S.O.M. Center Road, Cleveland, OH 44124, or call (216) 461-0800.

Alice Fredman, Director Cleveland, OH

BACK TALK

Editor:

I read with amazement the letter from John Tiffany in the March 1987 issue. John claims to be "against the abuse of illegal drugs" but is "shocked and annoyed" at your using CoCo Cat to spread the word concerning the dangers of drug abuse.

You can't have it both ways. You can't oppose illegal drug use and at the same time remain silent on the issue. RAINBOW has taken the lead in trying to reach the youth of our great nation by using our magazine to inform them that drugs are indeed "not user-friendly." How can you say that you are "against the use of abuse of illegal drugs" and in the same breath take our magazine to task for saying exactly the same thing?

Mel Waxman Freehold, NJ

The Borrowing Attitude

Editor.

No matter how much protection a small developer may have, the economics of law make it very difficult for any but the giants to bring successful action against a company that is stealing software — especially since most corporate theft occurs when distributors underreport copies sold on royalty reports. Who, but the largest can afford accountants to verify reports? However, the theft of computer software in this blatant manner is isolated and protected (as your article pointed out).

The reason so much computer software is stolen is an attitude in the general public that "borrowing" software is OK. I believe this attitude is fostered by a number of forces in our society. A few of which come to mind



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include schools that purchase one copy of a piece of software and then make copies for

all their machines. Software developers

themselves must shoulder a part of the

blame. After buying a dozen pieces of

software that are overpriced or just don't

work, it's no wonder people are concerned

about shelling out another \$30 for a pig in

working on a new copyright law. And

although there is no doubt that it is needed

and overdue, I really greet it with a long

yawn. The fact is that laws are only useful

when the majority of people decide to obey

them. What is needed now is a massive

public education program to change the

attitudes of the general public.

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And Still They Complain

Editor:

Why all this hostility toward the CoCo 3? Tandy gives us a computer that does virtually everything we ask and people are not happy. I think the only valid thing to get upset about is third-party software not running. Will there be patches? I think so. What about the couple of Tandy programs that don't run? I feel Tandy should send a patch to all of the registered owners of those programs. Gary Pagac

Spokane, WA

REQUEST HOTLINE

Editor:

Does anyone have a Canadian stamp program for the CoCo 2? I have a large Canadian collection and would love to be able to enter this into my computer.

W. C. Arrowsmith R.R. #4 Stouffville, Ontario Canada L4A 7X5

Terminal Driver Search

Editor:

I am looking for a 300/1200 baud terminal driver for my custom-designed 1200 BPS, DCM-5 modem. In the past, I was using a 64K CoCo 2 with an unmodified DCM-5, Remote 2 terminal driver and the CoCo Chronograph [June 1985, page 83]. I have upgraded to a 128K CoCo 3, 1200 BPS and Xmodem.

Steve Finlayson Box 19 Kaleden, British Columbia Canada V0H 1K0

The Indonesian CoCo 2

Editor:

I would like to know if there are any Indonesian language programs available for the CoCo 2. If not, would anybody be interested in writing one?

Tracy D. Long 2805 Butler Street Oceanside, CA 92054

80-Micro Interest

Editor:

In the December 1986 "Print#-2," column, mention was made of 80 Micro magazine, which is basically for Model I, II, III and 4 computers. Could you possibly print the address of this publication?

Peter Cormier 100 Tour Du Lac Ste. Agathe Des Monts, Quebec Canada J8C 1B1

The address is CW Communications, 80 Pine Street, Peterborough, NH 03458.

INFORMATION PLEASE

Editor:

I need help getting Radio Shack's Codump and X-Pad programs to work together. I own a 64K CoCo 2 (ECB) with a multipack. I can't get both Codump and Demo into memory at the same time, no matter where I put Codump in memory. The

COCO 3

Editor:

a poke.

I've been waiting on pins and needles for Tandy to finally come out with a new CoCo with enhanced graphics, 80-column text display and more memory. Now it's here, and yet I'm still waiting to buy one. Why? Because at a time when everyone else is making their computers user-friendly and easier to operate, the CoCo 3 requires that we learn the OS-9 operating system and know how to program.

Peter M. White Coconut Creek, FL

Bob van der Poel

Edmonton, Alberta

manual says CLEAR200,14848, but this is for a 16K machine.

Andrew Wiest Rt. 6, Box 183A Anderson, SC 29624

Seeking Circle City

Editor:

Some time ago I purchased *Masterlink* from Circle City Software, Box 30166, Indianapolis, IN 46220. I didn't use it right away and only recently discovered that my copy does not work. Do you have an address for this company? My letter was returned with "address unknown" on it. Does anyone have a working copy of this program? I get an I/O Error in 6.

Ben Zininey

1644 Seagirt Blvd. Far Rockaway, NY

A Vanishing Act

Editor:

I just received Disk Utility 2.1A from my local Radio Shack. In the January 1987 issue of RAINBOW [Page 110], the Spectrum Projects ad stated that Disk Utility is compatible with CoCo 3. Mine does not boot. I have tried to call Mr. Rosen only to find that his answering machine no longer takes messages. I tried to leave him E-Mail on Delphi only to find he is not listed in the member directory. I don't know what to do. Tandy says that they are not responsible for "90 series" software and that I would have to speak to the company that produced it. I would appreciate any help you can give me.

John D. Farrar Cumberland University Lebanon, TN 37087

The Spectrum Projects ad indicates that a CoCo3 upgrade is available for Disk Utility 2.1 and can be had for \$15 with proof of purchase.

Get the Connection

Editor:

I do a lot of work with the database *Profile* and the word processor *Scripsit*. I would like to know if there is software able to connect those two programs so I would be able to write an original letter or form letter with *Scripsit* and have names and addresses from *Profile* inserted automatically.

If not, can you recommend a database that can write the original letter or form letter using uppercase and lowercase letters? The Report Format of *Profile* is limited to the use of uppercase letters.

Marie Le Blanc

C.P. 431 Perce, Quebec Canada G0C 2L0

No Double-Sided Access

Editor:

When my new CoCo 3 arrived, I discovered it is not compatible with my two half-size, double-sided drives with a 16K JFD-CP controller. The CoCo 3 doesn't recognize double-sided drives or J&M, so all of my disks formatted as such failed to produce any working programs. The J&M doesn't recognize any of the new CoCo's commands. I'm stuck with using my expensive double-sided drive system as an RS-DOS single-sided system with over 90 percent of my

programs inaccessable. I have always liked J&M and their products, but I have received no help as to what I can do to make my two systems compatible.

Rick Butler

30 Annapolis Lane Rotonda West, FL 33947

Strange Connection

Editor:

I have a problem with my modem, the DCM-3. My friend has a VIC-20 and a modem. So we decided to try to connect. I used my *Color Compac*, and we set our parameters the same. Something strange happened when we connected. I received his messages, but he did not receive mine. We tried changing the settings. I even checked the system at Radio Shack. But nothing worked. Please help.

Charles D. Baum 1116 W. 39th Place Hobart, IN 46342

Where Is Four Star?

Editor:

I have been trying, without success, to contact Four Star Software in Canada. It seems they are no longer in business, as my last letter to them was returned "Moved/Address Unknown." I would like to contact anyone from Four Star, or one of the *Penpal* programmers, Dave Shewchun or Roland Knight. If anyone can help, please write.

Dave Suiter P.O. Box 65 Harborton, VA 23389

Escaping With CoCo 3

Editor:

How do you set CoCo 3 to send an escape character? I would like to access my work database over the phone using *Compac*, but I must send an ESCXX sequence to identify my terminal type. (Pressing BREAK while using *Compac* sends me back to the menu.)

I could use an IBM 3270-type emulation package for the CoCo to take advantage of SPF's full screen edit.

Ron Potter 10914 Oliver Road Cleveland, OH 44111

KUDOS

Editor:

I'd like to congratulate you on a great magazine! I received HOT CoCo magazine until its demise in February 1986, and I was glad to see that the Doctor ASCII column was picked up by your magazine. This column has already saved me a painful repair bill.

Mike Mumper Jr. Loysville, PA

Software House Comes Through

Editor:

Once again one of your advertisers has shown outstanding concern and has gone the extra distance to satisfy a customer. I would like to publicly acknowledge The Software House in Redford, Michigan. When I had a problem with an order, Dallas Cox corresponded with me and compensated me far beyond my expectations.

Ron Draeger Spencer, WI

BULLETIN BOARD SYSTEMS

CORRECTION: The numbers published in RAINBOW for The Presidio and Colorboard of San Francisco, Gatorboard of Redwood City, Colorboard of Vallejo, Hal 2001 of San Mateo, and Color Users Board of Los Angeles are no longer being used for BBS activity. We apologize for any inconvenience to our readers and present holders of these numbers.

• The Color Computer Board of Mobile has been online since May 1986. It's run on a 'D' board 64K CoCo I at 300 baud. Parameters are 7 bits, I stop bit, no parity. Call (205) 341-1616.

Edward Jones 281 Lakeview Drive Mobile, AL 36609

• I would like to announce the opening of Complex, a new BBS in Encino, California. Over 30 menus of things to do. Running on a CoCo 1 with eight drives. Call (818) 996-9290 24 hrs.

Cliff Redding

Encino, CA

• King Arthur's Court is run on a CoCo 2 with homemade software. It has up/downloads for several types of computers and is currently running at 300 baud. Online 24 hrs., seven days a week. Call (619) 320-5072.

Paul Estes

352 Glen Circle Palm Springs, CA 92262

• The Citrus Color Computer Club in Colton, California, is sponsoring the Color-Book BBS. Featuring articles, message base and download section. Online 24 hrs. at 300 baud, even parity and 7 bit. A password is required, but new users are allowed online. (714) 877-2714.

James C. Gracey San Bernardino, CA

• I am proud to announce a new CoCo BBS in the Denver area. It is called the CoCo County Airport. 300/1200 baud, 24 hrs. It has 2 Meg of online storage. Call (303) 343-6707.

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Sacy, Please Come Home

his is our Sixth Anniversary Issue, and it is always a time for good feelings on everyone's part here and, I hope, in the CoCo Community. Naturally, we're pleased and proud to be celebrating our Anniversary again and, as usual, we have a nice surprise inside — our CoCo Cat calendar.

The calendar is filled with interesting dates in the history of the CoCo as well as the usual holidays and a few "extra special" days you probably didn't know about until now. I know everyone will be interested, for instance, in celebrating National Pig Week in an appropriate manner.

With all the hullabaloo, I hate to be on a downer, but I am. And, though I usually do not share "personal" type things in this column, this one has been bothering me for some time. I know no one can help, but, somehow, it seems better to share this tale of "man's inhumanity to man."

My eldest daughter, Wendy, is just back from a "Semester At Sea," a program through the University of Pittsburgh. Wendy, who works on the magazine when she is home, is now a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She's 20 years old.

Wendy approached me about 18 months ago to take a "Semester At Sea." The program is fully accredited and includes regular college credit courses and practicum studies while the students spend about four months on a ship as it circles the globe. The spring semester included stops in Spain,

Yugoslavia, Turkey, the Soviet Union, Egypt, India, Malaysia, Taiwan, China, Hong Kong and Japan. The ship left the Bahamas and docked a few weeks ago in Seattle.

To balance out costs for the academic year, Wendy stayed home during the fall semester and attended the University of Louisville. She also worked part-time — to pay for part of her tuition this spring and to provide herself with spending money for the trip. I was really proud that she was so mature in accepting part of the financial responsibility for the trip. In sum, her junior year in college didn't cost "Daddy" any more than it would have had she been at Wisconsin.

And it was a wonderful experience for her. She was exposed to many different cultures, formed firsthand opinions of countries, peoples and economic systems, and she learned a great deal, too, through her practicum classes in addition to more traditional studies on ship. Pix Converter

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Everyone was looking forward to her return — to hearing the stories, getting her impressions, looking at her photographs.

Wendy took 17 rolls of pictures, almost 550 of them. Friends snapped her standing in front of a line of gray-clad Russian soldiers in Red Square, at the Taj Mahal, beside the Golden Horn, on a camel at the pyramids, at a market in China, in front of the bullet train in Japan. And so on.

We don't have a single one of those pictures.

We don't have the one present Wendy bought herself — some pearls she had saved money for so she could get them in Hong Kong.

We don't have Sacy, either.

Sacy is Wendy's teddy bear. He's 17 years old. The name, incidentally, means "Soft And CuddlY." Sacy is who Wendy cried with when she didn't get in the high school club she wanted. He accompanied her on a scholarship summer to Israel. He kept her company when she broke both her arms at the same time.

Sacy has been to Denver and to Washington, D.C. He's been to Florida and he's been to Kansas City. He's lived in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Chicago and Madison, Wisconsin.

And he's been almost all the way around the world.

Someone, you see, stole Wendy's tote bag from the customs shed of Pier 28 in Seattle while Wendy went back onto the ship to get her other luggage. That tote bag contained Wendy's pearls, a present for Wendy's sister, 17 rolls of film. And Sacy.

Wendy spent four hours searching the pier for her tote bag. She talked to longshoremen and ship personnel, to the police and customs agents, to other students and strangers. No tote bag. No Sacy.

Wendy has written to all 400 students who traveled with her, asking if anyone might have seen something. So far, no one has. Students have volunteered to send her copies of their pictures — but no one has many pictures of Wendy, of course.

And no one has Sacy.

Just last night, Wendy came to talk to me, so upset I thought she had broken up with her boyfriend.

"Why did they have to steal Sacy and my pictures?" she asked. "Couldn't they have at least sent Sacy home?" Then: "Do you think Sacy's OK?"

I told her I was sure Sacy was, but we both knew it was a lie. Whoever stole the tote bag knew it belonged to a youngster — that the film had to represent irreplaceable memories and the teddy bear had to be very, very special. They could have kept the other stuff and just sent the pictures back.

And sent Sacy home.

So I'm down even if this is our Sixth Anniversary Issue. Somehow it helps to have written about it and I hope you'll pardon my injecting a personal issue in this space.

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- Lonnie Falk

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A muscular Rainbow with an M-60 . . .

The OS-9 Users Group battles back . . .

And, Rainbow's Color Computer Hall of Fame

f you saw *People* magazine's special issue on Russia a few weeks ago, perhaps you read that many videotapes produced here in the West are stolen by underground "video garage" operations in the USSR and reproduced to run on Russian video cassette recorders. Among the "hot" videos are the Rambo duo.

Curiously enough, not only is Sylvester Stallone's dialogue dubbed in by a woman on one popular, but illegal copy (she does the entire sound track), but the word "Rambo" was mistranslated into "Rainbow"! A soprano soldier named Rainbow wielding a machine gun! Well, recollection of this came immediately to mind during my vacation recently as I was riding an express train out of Helsinki, Finland. Destination: Moscow.

We had been warned to use the restrooms early, before the fretfully hot coach would be sealed for an enroute immigration/customs inspection. Thus, it was expected when a tall Russian soldier came into the compartment I shared with my wife and asked to see our documents, which we were careful to have in total order. It was just by chance that he asked me to open the very suitcase in which I had a copy of what else, THE RAINBOW. It immediately caught his eye. "Rainbow!" he said, and, were it anywhere else, I might have blurted, "Oh, are you a reader?" Instead, I volunteered, "It's a magazine for home computer users." Home users, indeed, in a country where even the hotels and biggest retail stores still use the abacus! He thumbed through it, laid it down, picked it up again and muttered "Rainbow, Raaaainnnnn-bowww" drawing it out as if he might be considering whether this was the book that inspired the video! Replacing it in my suitcase, he made a cursory inspection of our compartment and then picked it up a third time. I was quite ready to give it to him, but thought better of it when, at last, he dropped it, saluted us and moved on.

Yes, I am proud of THE RAINBOW, now entering its seventh year! Was this the first copy of THE RAINBOW to enter Russia? Well, while we have no subscribers in the USSR, and while I saw no computer magazines at any newsstands anywhere, I suspect my copy is not the first. In fact, a while back, I'm told, the Russians approached Tandy, as they did Apple, about introducing the Color Computer to the Russian marketplace! Whatever negotiations took place apparently did not work out, so, alas, the Russian soldier and I still have little common ground.

Bruce Warner hasn't told me if any copies of the OS-9 Users Group's MOTD newsletter are headed toward the Kremlin, but I do want to report that, after an eight-month suspension, publication of MOTD has resumed and a fresh copy is right here on my desk. If you didn't get one, you might write to: OS-9 Users Group, ATTN: Membership, 1715 East Fowler Avenue, Suite R237, Tampa, FL 33612. The group has suffered some setbacks over the past year, but appears to be getting back on track with folks like Bruce, Bill Turner, David Kaleita and Carl Krieder putting in enormous amounts of volunteer hours to get things moving again. That's good news for all of us and, while I know many of you may be frustrated over past experience with the group, I urge you to please show patience and understanding and help these new officers get things rolling again.

Along with my usual invitation for you to join the tens of thousands who subscribe to THE RAINBOW (the magazine, not the soprano soldier), let me cordially invite you to nominate someone for induction into Rainbow's Color Computer Hall of Fame! Yes, you can nominate your favorite CoCo Community citizen and the selection committee will carefully consider your nomination. The time and site for the formal induction ceremony are yet to be determined, but now is the time for nominations. All you do is fill out the nomination form (see Page 104) and mail it in. No essay nor documentation is required or desired, and just one nomination per reader please. We'll discuss the Hall of Fame in more detail later on; in the meantime, keep following THE RAINBOW, the Rambo of computer magazines.

- Jim Reed

- See our other ads on pages 67 & 69 -

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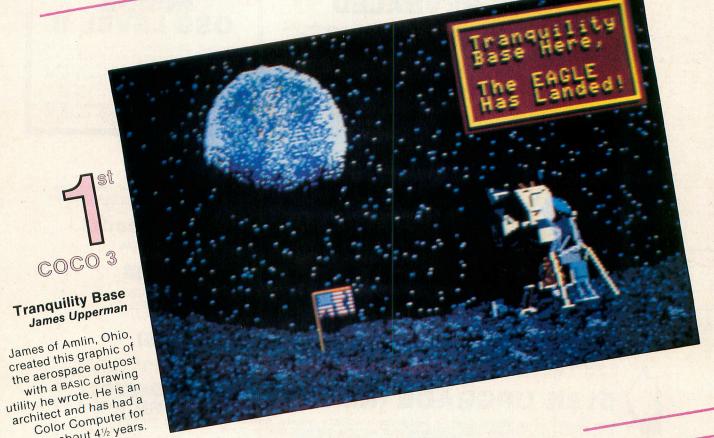
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The CoCo Gallery





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Unicorn James Stewart

James of Highland Falls,
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dreamland in BASIC on the
CoCo 3. He is confined to
a wheelchair and does his
programming with a
mouthstick.

SHOWCASE YOUR BEST! You are invited to nominate original work for inclusion in upcoming showings of "CoCo Gallery." Share your creations with the CoCo Community! Be sure to send a cover letter with your name, address and phone number, detailing how you created your picture (what programs you used, etc.) and how to display it. Also, please include a few facts about yourself.

Don't send us anything owned by someone else; this means no game screens, digitized images from TV programs or material that's already been submitted elsewhere. A digitized copy of a picture that appears in a book or magazine is not an original work.

We will award two first prizes of \$25, one for the CoCo 3 and one for the CoCo 1 and 2; one second prize of \$15 and one third prize of \$10. Honorable Mentions may also be given

Please send your entry on either tape or disk to the CoCo Gallery, THE RAINBOW, P.O. Box 385, Prospect, KY 40059. Remember, this is a contest and your entry will not be returned.

Angela Kapfhammer, Curator

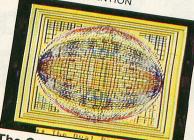


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Spring Window Logan Ward

Color Max 3 and the CoCo 3 were used to create this variegated scene. Logan lives in Memphis, Tennessee, and is a technician for The Computer Center.

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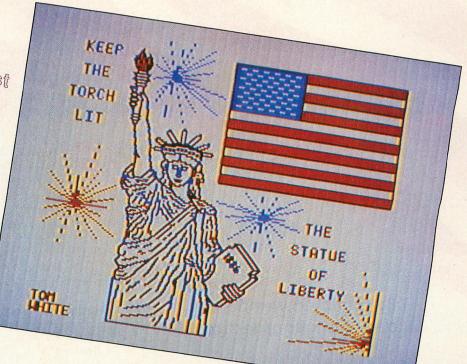


The Oval Prism Ron Stanwood

This bright and colorful graphic was created on the CoCo 3 with a program Ron wrote. He is an independent software designer in Langley, British Columbia,



CoCo Draw was used to visualize "Liberty Enlightening the World." Thomas lives in Mission Viejo, California. He enjoys art, bicycling and his CoCo.







By Ingrid Lawrence and Mark Bourdeaux

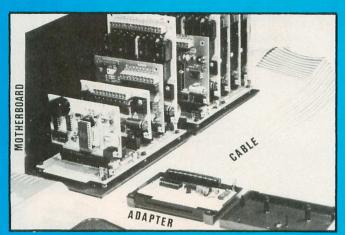
rom sea to shining sea, the United States is celebrating its 211th birthday this year and we are in the spirit! For your listening pleasure, we have combined submissions from two RAINBOW readers who are programming patriots.

Ingrid Lawrence salutes the flag with her rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Mark Bourdeaux adds to the festivities with "America the Beautiful," "My Country Tis of Thee" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever." But these songs are not for the ears only; there are stirring graphics, too. So come on and join us in wishing the U.S. a very happy birthday!

Ingrid Lawrence lives in Elkton, Ohio, where she attends Beaver Local School. Ingrid is 14 years old and enjoys programming her 64K CoCo.

Mark Bourdeaux is a freshman at Western High School in Spring Arbor, Michigan. Mark is 14 years old and enjoys computing, golf and basketball.

The Amazing A-BUS



An A-BUS system with two Motherboards A-BUS adapter in foreground

The A-BUS system works with the original CoCo, the CoCo 2 and the CoCo 3.

About the A-BUS system:

- . All the A-BUS cards are very easy to use with any language that can read or write to a Port or Memory. In BASIC, use INP and OUT (or PEEK and POKE with Apples and Tandy Color Computers)

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 A-BUS cards are shipped with power supplies (except PD-123) and detailed manuals (including schematics and programming examples).

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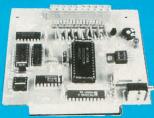
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Is CoCo Max for you?

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What made CoCo Max an instant success?

First there's nothing to learn, no syntax to worry about. Even a child who can't read will enjoy CoCo Max. Its power can be unleashed by simply pointing and clicking with your mouse or joystick. With icons and pull down menus, you control CoCo Max intuitively; it works the same way you think.

Don't be misled by this apparent simplicity. CoCo Max has more power than you thought possible. Its blinding speed will astound you.

It lets you work on an area 3.5 times the size of the window on the screen. It's so friendly that you will easily recover from mistakes: The undo feature lets you revert to your image prior to the mistake. As usual, it only takes a single click.

Later, we will tell you about the "typesetting" capabilities of CoCo Max II, but first let's glance at a few of its graphic creation tools:

With the pencil you can draw free hand lines, then use the eraser to make corrections or changes. For straight lines, the convenient rubberbanding lets you preview your lines before they are fixed on your picture. It's fun and accurate. Lines can be of any width and made of any color or texture.

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CoCo Max will instantly create many shapes: circles, squares, rectangles (with or without rounded corners), ellipses, etc. Shapes can be filled with any pattern. You can also add hundreds of custom patterns to the 86 which are included.

The Glyphics are 58 small drawings (symbols, faces, etc.) that can be used as rubber stamps. They're really great for enhancing your work without effort.





Control Over Your Work

CoCo Max's advanced "tools" let you take any part of the screen, (text or picture) and perform many feats: You can move it around
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- it Shrink or enlarge it in both directions ● Save it on the electronic
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All this is done instantly, and you can always undo it if you don't like the results.

For detail work, the fat bits (zoom) feature is great, giving you easy control over each pixel.

To top it all, CoCo Max II works in color. Imagine the pictures in this ad in color. If you own a Radio Shack CGP-220 or CGP-115, you can even print your work in full color!

There is so much more to say, such as the capability to use CoCo Max images with your BASIC programs, the possibility to use CoCo Max's magic on any standard binary image file. There are also many advanced features such as the incredible lasso.



Inside the Hi-Res Input Pack

Why a Hi-Res Input Pack?

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Printing Your Creations

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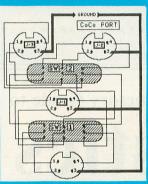


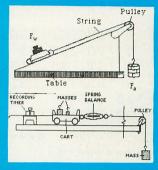
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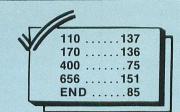
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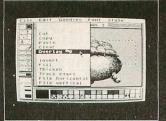
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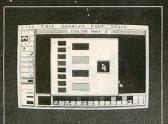
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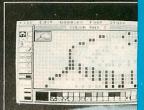
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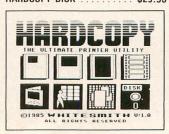
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No, we don't mean to imply time is nearly up for our Fourth Adventure Contest. Plenty of time remains. However, the final deadline for your entry in this contest is August 15, 1987 — a date that is rapidly approaching. So, you'd better get started soon, if you haven't already begun.

What? No ideas, you say? Just take a look around you! Your everyday life presents you with hundreds. Just sit down and start now! We await the very best you have to offer. If you want some pointers, check out "The Adventure Writer's Toolkit" (April 1985, Page 105) by Eric W. Tilenius. Or, for another helping hand, see "The Adventure Processor" (August 1986, Page 26) by Bill Cook. These articles, and many more, are just what you need to get started on the right track.

Your Adventure can be written for a 4K early model CoCo, or it can be written to take advantage of all the features in a 512K CoCo 3. It can be written under Disk BASIC, or it might be a creation in BASICO9.

Judging: The judges of the Fourth Rainbow Adventure Contest will be looking for several things in each entry. In addition to ensuring each submission is complete, they will consider the following:

- Originality
- Creativity
- Programming Efficiency
- Clarity of Instructions
- Ease of Use
- Vocabulary and Grammar
- Responsiveness
- Level of Challenge
- Enjoyment

The judges will also be concerned with the "publishability" of each Adventure. A shorter program is easier to fit into print (both in THE RAINBOW and any subsequent Adventure book) as well as being easier for the reader to type in. While the use of graphics tends to enhance any program, graphics are not necessary for an Adventure to win. The winning entry will be chosen for its unique appearance. Make your Adventure stand above the rest!

RULES: Your submission should include all programs and information needed to set up and run the Adventure. All programs must be sent on tape or disk with several saves of each program including at least one ASCII save. If an Adventure cannot be loaded, it cannot be judged. We will not type in even the shortest of programs! Hard copy of all program listings and instructions must also be included. If your Adventure uses machine language routines, all source code, as well as assembled object code, should be included on the tape or disk. Indicate the minimum CoCo system required to run your Adventure and include a complete solution!

Please, don't use packed lines that can't be LISTed or LLISTed for the benefit of our readers. Your program should run on standard Radio Shack equipment without requiring any special modifications and should not rely on commercial software for its execution. The only exception is the use of the OS-9 operating system (Level I and Level II) and BASICO9. If your Adventure uses graphics, make sure the graphics are self-contained. In other words, don't submit a program that loads several different graphics screens unless those graphics are created by a publishable program included in the submission.

In summary, send a complete package. Put the accompanying article, documentation, listings, complete instructions and solution, and cover letter on paper. Include your name, address and telephone number on each page of all materials. Be sure to write-protect your disk or punch out the fabs on your cassette to avoid accidental erasure, and label each with the name of the program(s) and your name and address. As in any contest, packaging does make a difference.

Your entry must be postmarked no later than August 15, 1987, in error-free condition. Each

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Additional Rules: All entries must be original, unpublished and unmarketed works (no "conversions"). No programs that have been placed in the public domain are eligible. All entries become the property of Falsoft, Inc., publisher of the THE RAINBOW. The decisions of the judges will be final. Duplicate prizes will be awarded in the event of a tie. Winning entries will be featured in a future issue of THE RAINBOW.

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18Ø PLAY C$
190 CLS
200 CLS (5)
205 \text{ FOR A} = 2 \text{ TO } 27
2Ø6 SET (A,1,3)
207 NEXT A
21Ø SET (1,1,3)
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22Ø SET
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25Ø SET
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28Ø SET
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29Ø SET
         (1,9,3)
3ØØ SET
         (1, 10, 3)
31Ø SET (1,11,3)
32Ø SET (1,12,3)
33\emptyset \text{ FOR B} = 2 \text{ TO } 27
34Ø SET (B,2,3)
35Ø NEXT B
36\emptyset \text{ FOR C} = 2 \text{ TO } 27
37Ø SET (C,2,3)
39Ø SET
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4ØØ SET
          (C, 4, 3)
41Ø SET
          (C, 5, 3)
42Ø SET
          (C, 6, 3)
          (C,7,3)
43Ø SET
44Ø SET
          (C, 8, 3)
          (C, 9, 3)
45Ø SET
46Ø SET
          (C, 10, 3)
47Ø SET (C,11,3)
48Ø SET (C, 12, 3)
49Ø NEXT C
500 \text{ FOR D} = 28 \text{ TO } 63
51Ø SET (D,1,4)
53Ø SET
          (D, 5, 4)
55Ø SET
          (D, 9, 4)
57Ø SET (D, 13, 4)
58Ø NEXT D
583 \text{ FOR E} = 1 \text{ TO } 63
585 SET (E, 17, 4)
59Ø SET (E,21,4)
6ØØ SET (E, 25, 4)
61Ø NEXT E
65Ø FOR F=1 TO 63
652 SET (F,27,1)
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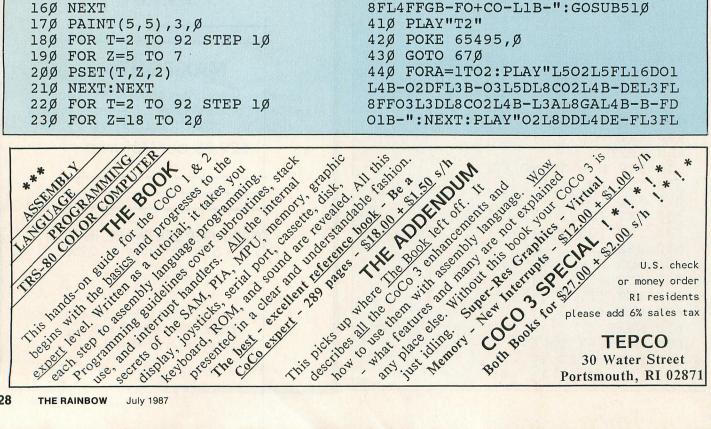
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655 SET (F,29,1)
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656 SET (F,31,1)
                                       76Ø SET (15,3,5)
658 NEXT F
66Ø PRINT @ 454,"***AMERICAN FLA
                                       77Ø SET (15,7,5)
G***!
                                       78Ø SET (15,11,5)
                                       79Ø SET (19,3,5)
67\emptyset SET (3,3,5)
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72Ø SET (7,11,5)
73Ø SET (11,3,5)
                                       85Ø GOTO 85Ø
                                       24Ø PSET(T,Z,2)
                       310 .....143
                                       25Ø NEXT:NEXT
                       450 .....161
                                       26Ø FOR T=2 TO 92 STEP 1Ø
                       600 . . . . . . . 83
                       770 ......13
                                       27Ø FOR Z=31 TO 33
                      END .....188
                                       28Ø PSET(T,Z,2)
Listing 2: USSONGS
                                       29Ø NEXT:NEXT
                                       3ØØ FOR T=2 TO 92 STEP 1Ø
10 J = 0
                                       31Ø FOR Z=44 TO 46
2Ø PMODE 3,1:PCLS:SCREEN 1,Ø
                                       32Ø PSET(T,Z,2)
3Ø LINE(1,1)-(24Ø,13Ø), PSET, B
                                       33Ø NEXT:NEXT
4Ø LINE(1,1)-(95,6Ø), PSET, B
                                       34Ø FOR T=2 TO 92 STEP 1Ø
5Ø FOR T=6Ø TO 12Ø STEP 1Ø
                                       35Ø FOR Z=57 TO 59
6Ø LINE(1,T)-(24Ø,T),PSET
                                       36Ø PSET(T,Z,2)
7Ø NEXT
                                       37Ø NEXT:NEXT
8Ø FOR Y=1Ø TO 5Ø STEP 1Ø
                                       38Ø IF J=>1 THEN J=\emptyset:GOTO 47Ø
9Ø LINE(95,Y)-(24Ø,Y),PSET
                                       39Ø GOTO 53Ø
100 NEXT
                                       400 PLAY"V15T3L4O2FL3FL8DL4DDL3F
11Ø FOR T=5 TO 13Ø STEP 2Ø
12Ø PAINT(11Ø,T),Ø,Ø
                                       L8CL4CDE-FGAL2FP8L4FL3FL8DL4DFL3
13Ø NEXT
                                       FL8CL4CO+CO-BO+CDO-GO+L2CP8O-L4F
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14Ø FOR T=15 TO 125 STEP 2Ø
15Ø PAINT(99,T),2,Ø
                                       AGFL2B-P8L4B-L3B-L8GL4GL4B-L3B-L
16Ø NEXT
                                       8FL4FFGB-FO+CO-L1B-":GOSUB51Ø
170 \text{ PAINT}(5,5),3,0
                                       41Ø PLAY"T2"
18Ø FOR T=2 TO 92 STEP 1Ø
                                       42Ø POKE 65495,Ø
19Ø FOR Z=5 TO 7
                                       44Ø FORA=1TO2:PLAY"L5O2L5FL16DO1
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21Ø NEXT:NEXT
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22Ø FOR T=2 TO 92 STEP 1Ø
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23Ø FOR Z=18 TO 2Ø
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65Ø IF A\$="" THEN 54Ø 8E-DL4CDE-L3E-O3L4E-L3DO2L4B-L3A 66Ø DRAW"CØ":GOTO 4ØØ L8GAL4B-DEL3FL4FB-B-L8B-AL4GGGO3 67Ø A=Ø:B=2:C=3 CL8E-DC02B-L4B-AL8FFL3B-68Ø B\$=INKEY\$ 450 PLAY"O3L8CDE-L3F02L8B-O3CL3D 69Ø DRAW"BM4Ø,185;C=A;R1ØU15L1ØU L8E-L4CO2L2B-":GOSUB51Ø:GOSUB73Ø :PLAY"O2L4FFGL3EL8FL4GAAB-L3AL8G 15R1ØBM7Ø,185;C=B;U3ØR1ØD15L1ØR1 ØD15BM1ØØ,185R1ØL1ØU3ØBM13Ø,185; L4FGFEL2F03L4CCCL3C02L8B-L4AB-B-B-L3B-L8AL4GAL8V25B-AGFV31L3AL8B C=C;U3ØD3ØR1ØU3ØBM165,185;C=A;U3 -O3L4CL8DO2B-L4AGL1F":GOSUB 51Ø ØR5L1ØBM19Ø,185;C=B;U3ØR1ØL1ØD15 RIØLIØD15R1Ø" 46Ø GOSUB 79Ø 47Ø PLAY"T502L3DDL4C01BL3BL4A#BL 7ØØ GOSUB 58Ø 71Ø IF B\$="" THEN 68Ø 1BL4A#BL3BL4A#BO2L3DO1L4BO2DL1CO 72Ø DRAW"CØ":GOTO 44Ø 1L2AL4AL3AL4G#AL3AL4G#AO2L1CO1L4 73Ø A=3:B=2:C=Ø BABO2L3DL4DL3EEO1L1AL3AO2DDL4CO1 BL3BL4A#BL1BL4A#BL3BL4A#BO2CO1BL 74Ø C\$=INKEY\$ 3AL8F#L1AL2GL4GL3GL4F#GL3B-AGO2L 75Ø DRAW"BM3Ø,185;C=A;U3ØD3ØR1ØB lGL4GOlGAB" M65, 185; C=B; L5R1ØL5U3ØR5L1ØBM9Ø, 48Ø PLAY"02D01GAB02L4D01DEBL1AL4 185; C=C; U3ØF5D1ØL5R7F5D1ØL9BM12Ø GP404G":GOSUB 51Ø:POKE 65494,Ø:G ,185;C=A;U3ØR1ØL1ØD15R1ØL1ØD15R1 OTO 39Ø ØBM15Ø,185;C=B;U3ØR1ØD15L1ØD5F1Ø 500 Z\$=INKEY\$:IF Z\$="" THEN 500 BM 185,185;C=C;U3ØR5L11BM215,185 51Ø LINE(1,15Ø)-(23Ø,185), PRESET ; C=A; U15E15G15H15" 76Ø GOSUB 58Ø ,BF 77Ø IF C\$="" THEN 74Ø 52Ø RETURN 53Ø A=Ø:B=2:C=3 78Ø DRAW"CØ": RETURN 79Ø A=2:B=Ø:C=3 54Ø A\$=INKEY\$ 55Ø DRAW"BM8,185;C=A;U3ØR1ØL1ØD1 8ØØ D\$=INKEY\$ 81Ø PCLS:PMODE3,1:SCREEN1,Ø 5R5BM38,185;C=B;U3ØR1ØD1ØL1ØD5F1 82Ø IF J=1 THEN GOTO 3Ø 5BM68,185;C=C;U3ØR1ØL1ØD15R1ØL1Ø D15R1ØBM98,185;C=A;U3ØR1ØL1ØD15R 83Ø J=J+1 1ØL1ØD15R1ØBM128,185;C=B;U3ØF1ØD 84Ø DRAW"C2" 85 \emptyset LINE(9 \emptyset ,27)-(9 \emptyset ,15 \emptyset),PSET 1ØG1ØBM158,185;C=C;U3ØR1ØD3ØL1ØB M188,185;C=A;U3ØF1ØE1ØD3ØBM228,1 86Ø LINE-(19Ø,7Ø), PSET 85; C=B; U5C1; U5; C=B; U2Ø" $87\emptyset$ LINE- $(2\emptyset,7\emptyset)$, PSET 56Ø GOSUB 58Ø 88Ø LINE-(19Ø,145), PSET 57Ø GOTO 65Ø 89 \emptyset LINE-(9 \emptyset ,3 \emptyset),PSET 58Ø A=A+1:IF A=1 THEN A=2 9ØØ PAINT(95,4Ø),2,2 590 IF A=>4 THEN $A=\emptyset$ 91Ø PAINT(16Ø,8Ø),2,2 6ØØ B=B+1:IF B=1 THEN B=2 92Ø PAINT(5Ø,8Ø),2,2 93Ø PAINT(16Ø,12Ø),2,2 $61\emptyset$ IF B=>4 THEN $B=\emptyset$ 62Ø C=C+1:IF C=1 THEN C=2 94Ø PAINT(95,8Ø),2,2 63 \emptyset IF C=>4 THEN C= \emptyset 95Ø PAINT(95,12Ø),2,2 64Ø RETURN 96Ø RETURN

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The Perfect Disk Manager

By A.L. McGarrity

suppose my personal search for the quintessential disk management utility really began almost the day I plugged in my first CoCo disk drive. After storing a few short test files, I eagerly typed DIR, and filename, extension, file type, format, and number of granules appeared. I suppose I was relatively content with DIR at that moment — until I stored my 15th file. Whoops! Didn't an entry "roll off" the top of the screen?

Reading a bit, I became acquainted with (but not very good at) the SHIFT— @ technique. There had to be a better way.

Later, having obtained a GE TermiNet 300 to produce hard copy, I encountered the first of several references to the "device number" poke: PDKE

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111,254:DIR. I could finally view the entire directory at one time. Still, by now I had been through the RS Disk Manual with a fine-toothed comb and knew that just about all the information I could ever want was there on Track 17.

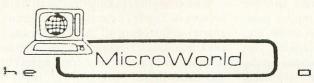
At about this time, Michael Plog's article and program on a printed directory appeared in RAINBOW (March 1983, Page 126). The format was particularly handy, because it printed the directory entries into columns: When cut out and folded in half, it made a nice record to tuck in the jacket with the disk. I quickly added a number of enhancements (sorted filenames, time and date, suppression of the printing of deleted filenames, and the option of printing the File Allocation Table) and still use it today.

The next thing that attracted my attention was Melvin Hefter's article in the July 1983 RAINBOW (Page 152), describing his program to provide a granule trace for each file. I had just encountered an incident where DOS had obviously become a bit confused and allocated some of the same granules to several different files. This hasn't happened again, but Melvin's program was useful in helping me salvage what I could from that disk before reinitializing it. Also, when one of the many published disk-checking programs advises you that, say, Track 10, Sector 6, Granule 20 is bad, it allows you to immediately see which program is damaged.

Then Marvin Swan's comprehensive Handler utility was published in the November 1984 RAINBOW (Page 100), providing interesting composite information across all disks. Although I found the package as a whole a bit timeconsuming for my own regular use, I was intrigued by the calculation of the total number of bytes in each file. I think there are at least two good reasons for having this information handy. First, it provides a fairly reliable clue in comparing two versions (copies) of the same program to determine whether they are identical — if the totals agree, they probably are.

Second, when you see, for example, that you have accumulated three or four

FILENAME	EXT	TYP	FMT	GR	BYT	ES LOST	NS	ODD		- GI	RANU	JLE	TRAC	E
3 WRITER	BAS	BAS	BIN	3	6,6Ø8	3Ø4	8	2Ø8	5ø	51	52			
ADDITION	BAS	BAS	BIN	3	4,617	2,295	1	9	53	54	55			
BASEBALL	BAS	BAS	BIN	1	1,098	1.206	5	74	21					
BLUEBERT	BAS	BAS	BIN	1	2,169 1,Ø72	135	9	121 48 5Ø	39					
CEMENT	BAS	BAS	BIN	1	1,072	1,232	5	48	24					
CHECKS	BAS	BAS	BIN	1	818	1,486	4	50	25					
CIRCLES	BAS	BAS	BIN	1	221	2,083	1	221	18					
COCOCALC	BAS	BAS	BIN	3	4,810	2,102	1	202	29	30	31			
EASTER	BAS	BAS	BIN	4	4,81Ø 6,978	2,102 2,238	1	66	35	36	37	38		
FIFTHDIM	BAS	BAS	BIN	1	1,035	1,269	5	11	Ø					
FREEZER	BAS	BAS	BIN	3	5,279 2,3Ø8 1,597	1,633	3	159	6	7	8			
GRAPHS	BAS	BAS	BIN	2	2,308	2,300	1	4	9	10				
GROCERY	BAS	BAS	BIN	1	1,597	7.07	7	61	20	75				
HURRTRAK	BAS	BAS	BIN	5	11 418	102	9	154	1	2	3	4	5	
INPUT	BAS	BAS	BIN	1	1,302	1,002	6	22	49					
IPOPPER	BAS	BAS	BIN	1	216	2,088	1	216	19					
LIFESKL6	BAS	BAS	BIN	3	5,984	928	6	96	26	27	28			
LISTER	BAS	BAS	BIN	1	1,302 216 5,984 670 2,366	1,634	3	158 62	64					
MENU		BAS	BIN	2	2,366	2,242	1	62	33	34				
MPG		BAS	BIN				7	0.4	23					
RECIPE		BAS	BIN	1	1,386	918	6	1,06	22					
RNDROBIN		BAS	BIN	3	6,499	413	8	99	46	47	48			
ROMANS	BAS	BAS	BIN	1	2,055	249	9	7	58					
SAUCER	BAS	BAS	BIN	3	1,639 1,386 6,499 2,055 4,652 281 11,179 6,160	2,260	1	44	43	44	45			
SPINNER	BAS	BAS	BIN	1	281 11,179 6,16Ø	·2, Ø23	2	25	17					
SPREAD	BAS	BAS	BIN	5	11,179	341	8	171	59	60	61	62	63	
WORDGUES	BAS	BAS	BIN							15				
YARDSALE	BAS	BAS	BIN	3	6,468	444	8	68	12	13	11			
TOTALS				66	110,079	41,985								
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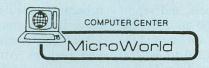
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disk utility programs each containing 400 to 500 bytes (but each taking up $^{1}/_{68}$ of a disk), it suggests the need to combine them into a single file for storage efficiency. In the simplest case, you can just RUN 1000, RUN 2000, etc. If you want to get a little fancier, you can add a short "menu" program (at the lowest range of line numbers) informing the user what is available, should he neglect to type a line number after RUN.

With this rich background of ideas, I carefully considered what information I most wanted in directory reporting for my expanding disk library (preferably in an 8½-by-11 format), and the result is embodied in the programs *Diskdata* and *Locator*.

Diskdata

First, only currently stored files are listed, and these are sorted alphabetically (using a fairly fast "pointer" sorting algorithm). Extension, file type, and file format are listed, along with the number of granules, bytes used, and total bytes lost — that is, the unused bytes in the last granule. The granules, bytes used, and bytes lost columns are totaled, so it will be evident what degree of storage efficiency you are achieving.

Referring to the column headings, NS is the number of sectors used in the last granule (1 to 9), and ODD is the number of bytes used in the last sector (0 to 256); these are not terribly useful, perhaps, except in verifying the correctness of the figure shown for total bytes used. You could, in fact, replace them with other information (e.g., storage efficiency = 100 x [used] / [used + lost]) — or delete them altogether and "close up" the report format. Lastly, the granule trace is shown for each file. The logic flow is as follows:

After sizing the string pool, declaring the dimensioned variables, and defining the PRINT USING formats and report header strings (lines 160 to 280), the program prompts for disk name and the current date and time (320 to 440). It then prints the report headings (460 to

560) and reads in the File Allocation Table from Track 17, Sector 2 (600 to 630).

It next begins reading the (up to) nine sectors of Track 17 containing directory entries and storing all the data for each file (including calculated values such as number of granules and total bytes) in the dimensioned arrays (670 to 1080).

When data for the last file has been stored away, the program jumps to the sort routine, which alphabetizes the filename array, N\$ (1120 to 1360). Finally, the sorted directory entries are printed (1400 to 1520), footed by the aforementioned totals. Note that the subroutine to slew to top of form (1570 to 1630) has substantial delays built in for my TermiNet 300, which predates buffered printers. If you are fortunate enough to have a modern, buffered printer, you can probably replace lines 1570 to 1590 with a simple PRINT#-2,CHR\$(12).

Also note that the program keeps you informed (via the text screen) as to exactly what is going on at each phase of the run — something of a personal fetish.

The program, of course, requires Extended BASIC (since RS-DOS itself does) and fits easily into 32K. It probably could be made to run in 16K via PCLEAR 1 (or the pokes to achieve PCLEAR 0 — see RAINBOW September 1983, Page 112) and, if necessary, shrinking the DIMs in Line 220 (after all, it is very unlikely that you will ever get 68 files on one disk anyway!).

Locator

When you bought your second disk, you undoubtedly stored copies of at least some of your favorite programs from old number one — either for convenience, backup or both. As you continued to expand your disk library, it became expedient to store more and more files on more than one disk — some high-use utility programs on every one, perhaps. After acquiring about a dozen disks, I found I could no longer

remember where a particular file (and/or its backup copies) could be found. Thus, the need for a program like *Locator*.

Locator simply reads and accumulates the directory entries (Track 17) for each disk in your library and generates a paged, sorted, cross-referenced listing of filename/extension versus disk ID. The disk IDs have arbitrarily been limited to two-character strings, so that 20 of them will comfortably fit on a line no more than 80 columns wide. I refer to my disks as 00, 01, 02, etc., but A1, A2, etc., would work just as well.

The program first prompts for the current date, which is centered in the report heading. So, whether you prefer December 20, 1985, or 12/20/85, it still looks neat. It then prompts you to insert each disk and enter the two-character ID associated with it. A null response (i.e., ENTER only) indicates you have no more disks to insert.

Notice that after the first one is read, cumulative totals for number of disks and number of (unique) filenames appears at the bottom of the screen, as well as a list of IDs of disks already processed.

When the last disk has been processed, you are asked whether you would like the filenames sorted. If so, the same pointer sort used in *Diskdata* takes place. Sorting 200 filenames (with their extensions) takes about 95 seconds. The report is then printed.

As with *Diskdata*, you may want to remove some of the printer delays that my unbuffered TermiNet requires.

With *Diskdata* and *Locator*, I feel that I have finally achieved my own quintessential disk management utility. Perhaps it will become yours, too, or maybe it will merely provide the starting point in your own search.

(Questions about these programs can be addressed to the author at 861 Beaver Lane, Lilburn, GA 30247. Please enclose an SASE for a response.) □

Listing 1: DISKDATA

100 ' SORTED DIRECTORY TO PRINTE

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11¢ '
12¢ ' By: A. L. McGarrity
13¢ '
14¢ ' Last Modified: $1/31/85
15¢ '
16¢ CLEAR 3¢¢¢
21¢ CLS
22¢ DIM N$(68),E$(68),A$(68),Y$(
68),R$(68),G(68),B(68),S(68),O(6
8),W(68),P(68)
```

```
23Ø F1$="%
                   8 8
                         % %
                              % %
 ###
      ###,###
               #,###"
24Ø F2$="#### ####
25Ø F3$="%
     ###,### ##,###"
26Ø T$="SORTED DIRECTORY TO PRIN
TER"
270 H15="FILENAME EXT
                         TYP
                              FMT
       --- BYTES --- NS
                           ODD"
28Ø H2S="
            --- GRANULE TRACE --
29Ø '
300 ' PROMPT FOR INPUT
31Ø '
32Ø PRINT@34,T$: PRINT: PRINT
33Ø PRINT@135,"NAME OF DISKETTE
. 11
34Ø PRINT@194,STRING$(28,"-")
35Ø PRINT@162,"";
36Ø LINE INPUT X$
37Ø PRINT@263,"DATE (MM/DD/YY):"
38Ø PRINT@331,"--/--"
39Ø PRINT@299,"";
400 LINE INPUT DAS
410 PRINT@391,"TIME (HHMM EST):"
42Ø PRINT@459,"----"
43Ø PRINT@427,"";
44Ø LINE INPUT TI$
45Ø CLS
46Ø PRINT@34,T$
47Ø PRINT@327, "PRINTING HEADINGS
48Ø '
49Ø ' PRINT HEADINGS
5ØØ '
51Ø GOSUB 157Ø
52Ø PRINT#-2, X$; TAB(36); DA$; TAB(
69);TI$
53Ø PRINT#-2,"
                  ":PRINT#-2,"
54Ø PRINT#-2,H1$;H2$
55Ø PRINT#-2, TAB(33); "USED
                              LOS
56Ø PRINT#-2,STRING$(76,"-")
57Ø '
58Ø ' READ FILE ALLOCATION TABLE
59Ø '
6ØØ PRINT@32Ø,STRING$(32," ")
61Ø PRINT@323, "READING TRACK"17"
SECTOR"2
62Ø PRINT@388," (FILE ALLOCATION
TABLE)"
63Ø DSKI$ Ø,17,2,F$,X$
64Ø '
65Ø ' READ ALL SECTORS CONTAININ
G DIRECTORY ENTRIES
66Ø '
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67Ø FOR S=3 TO 11

```
68Ø PRINT@323, "READING TRACK"17"
 SECTOR"S
69Ø PRINT@388,"
                 (DIRECTORY ENTR
IES)
700 DSKI$ 0,17,S,A$,B$
71Ø X$=A$+LEFT$(B$,112)
72Ø GOSUB 75Ø
73Ø NEXT S
74Ø GOTO 112Ø
75Ø FOR F=1 TO 8: FØ=32*F
76Ø N1\$=MID\$(X\$, FØ-31,8) ' FILE
NAME
77Ø IF LEFT$(N1$,1)=CHR$(255) TH
EN 1120
78Ø IF LEFT$(N1$,1)=CHR$(Ø) THEN
 920
79Ø N1=N1+1
800 N$(N1)=N1$
810 E$(N1)=MID$(X$,F\emptyset-23,3) 'EX
TENSION
82\emptyset X=ASC(MID$(X$,F\emptyset-2\emptyset,1))
LE TYPE
83Ø IF X=Ø THEN Y$(N1)="BAS" ELS
E IF X=1 THEN Y$(N1)="DAT" ELSE
Y$(N1) = "M/L"
84\emptyset X=ASC(MID$(X$,F\emptyset-19,1)) 'FI
LE FORMAT
85Ø IF X=Ø THEN A$(N1)="BIN" ELS
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The listing:

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2 CLS0:PRINT"ON "A\$" YOU'D BE"A*C"YEARS OLD, WEIGH"B*D"POUNDS AND LIVE WITH A NORMAL CLIMATIC TEMPERATURE OF "E"DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.":PRINT:INPUT"PRESS enter FOR ANOTHER PLANET";F:CLS0:NEXTX

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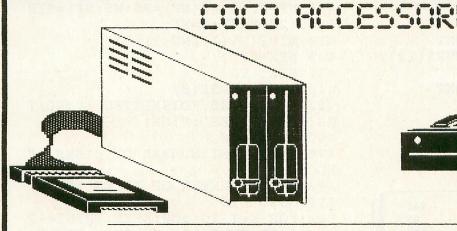
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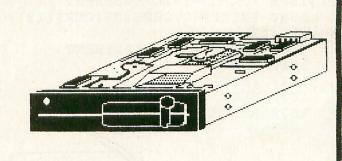
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E A$(N1)="ASC"
86Ø X=ASC(MID$(X$,FØ-18,1)) 'FI
RST GRANULE
87Ø IF X>9 THEN R$(N1)=STR$(X) E
LSE R$(N1) = " "+STR$(X)
88Ø Z1=ASC(MID\$(X\$, FØ-17, 1))
89Ø Z2=ASC(MID\$(X\$, FØ-16, 1))
9ØØ Z3=256*Z1+Z2
91Ø GOSUB97Ø
92Ø NEXT F
93Ø RETURN
94Ø '
95Ø ' SUBROUTINE TO CALCULATE NU
MBER OF GRANULES, SECTORS, TOTAL
 BYTES
96Ø '
97Ø G=Ø
98Ø G=G+1
99Ø B=ASC(MID$(F$,X+1,1))
1000 IF B>=70 THEN 1040
1010 X=B
1\emptyset2\emptyset IF X>9 THEN R$(N1)=R$(N1)+S
TR$(X) ELSE R$(N1)=R$(N1)+" "+ST
R$(X)
1Ø3Ø GOTO 98Ø
1040 \text{ G(N1)} = G
1050 B(N1) = 2304 * (G-1) + 256 * (B-193)
)+Z3 ' TOTAL BYTES
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1060 \text{ S(N1)} = B - 192 : O(N1) = Z3 : W(N1) =
23Ø4*G-B(N1)
1Ø7Ø TG=TG+G
1Ø8Ø RETURN
1090 '
1100 ' NOW SORT THE FILE NAMES
111Ø
112Ø PRINT@323, "SORTING DIRECTOR
Y ENTRIES"
113Ø PRINT@384,STRING$(32," ")
114Ø M=127
115Ø FOR I=1 TO N1
1160 P(I) = I
117Ø NEXT I
118Ø FOR K=1 TO 6
1190 M = (M-1)/2
1200 IF N1-M-1 < 0 THEN 1360
121Ø M1=M+1
122Ø I=M1
123Ø I1=P(I)
124\emptyset M2=I-M
125Ø J=1
126\emptyset J1=M2-J+1: I2=P(J1)
1270 \text{ IF N}(11) >= N(12) \text{ THEN } 1330
1280 P(J1+M) = P(J1)
129Ø IF J+M > M2 THEN 131Ø
13ØØ J=J+M: GOTO 126Ø
1310 P(J1) = I1
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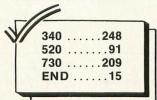
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132Ø GOTO 134Ø
133\emptyset P(J1+M)=I1
134Ø IF I+1 > N1 THEN 136Ø
135Ø I=I+1: GOTO 123Ø
136Ø NEXT K
137Ø '
1380 ' FINALLY, PRINT THE DIRECT
ORY ENTRIES
139Ø '
1400 PRINT@323, STRING$ (28, " ")
141Ø PRINT@323, "PRINTING DIRECTO
RY ENTRIES"
1420 FOR K=1 TO N1
1430 I=P(K): J=P(K+D)
144\emptyset PRINT#-2, USING F1$; N$(I); E$
(I); Y$(I); A$(I); G(I); B(I); W(I);
145Ø PRINT#-2, USING F2$; S(I); O(I
);R$(I)
146\emptyset TB=TB+B(I):TW=TW+W(I)
147Ø NEXT K
148Ø FR=FREE(Ø)
149Ø PRINT#-2,"
1500 PRINT#-2, USING F3$; "TOTALS
  "; TG; TB; TW
151Ø PRINT#-2,"
152Ø PRINT#-2, USING F3$; "AVAILAB
LE"; FR; 23Ø4*FR
153Ø END
154Ø '
155Ø ' SUBROUTINE TO EJECT PAGE
(TERMINET 3ØØ)
157Ø FOR UU=1 TO 5ØØ:NEXT
158Ø PRINT#-2, CHR$(\emptyset); CHR$(12); C
159Ø FOR UU=1 TO 8ØØ:NEXT
1600 FOR UU=1 TO 3
161Ø PRINT#-2,"
162Ø NEXT
163Ø RETURN
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Listing 2: LOCATOR

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100 ' PROGRAM TO GENERATE A DISK FILES LOCATOR REPORT

110 '
120 ' By: A. L. McGarrity
130 '
140 ' Last Modified: 02/03/85
150 '
160 CLEAR 12000
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(4\emptyset\emptyset), G(2\emptyset)
18Ø CLS
19Ø PRINT: PRINT" DISK FILES LO
CATOR PROGRAM": PRINT: PRINTTAB (7)
; "DATE: ";
2ØØ DH$=STRING$(15,"-")
21Ø LINE INPUT D$
22Ø PRINT
23Ø TP=INT((78-LEN(D\$))/2)
24Ø PRINT@32*(ND-9*INT(ND/9))+16
Ø,"INSERT NEXT DISK, ENTER ##";
25Ø SOUND 32,2:SOUND 89,4
26Ø INPUT N$
27Ø IF N$="" THEN 47Ø ' NO MORE
DISKS
280 \text{ ND=ND+1: N$(ND)=N$}
29Ø FOR S=3 TO 11
3ØØ DSKI$ Ø,17,S,A$,B$
310 A = A + LEFT (B , 112)
32Ø FOR F=1 TO 8
330 \text{ F}=MID$(A$,32*F-31,11)
34Ø IF LEFT$(F$,1)=CHR$(255) THE
N 44Ø ' NO MORE FILES THIS DISK
35Ø IF LEFT\$(F\$,1)=CHR\$(\emptyset) THEN
420 ' THIS FILE HAS BEEN DELETED
36Ø IF NF=Ø THEN 4ØØ
37Ø FOR I=1 TO NF
38Ø IF F$=F$(I) THEN 41Ø
39Ø NEXT I
4\emptyset\emptyset NF=NF+1:F$(NF)=F$:W$(NF)=STR
ING$(2Ø,"-"):I=NF
41Ø MID$(W$(I),ND,1)="X"
42Ø NEXT F
43Ø NEXT S
44\emptyset G(ND)=FREE(\emptyset)
45Ø PRINT@48Ø, "DISKETTES :"; ND; T
AB(18); "FILES: "; NF;
46Ø GOTO 24Ø
47Ø CLS:PRINT"NUMBER OF DISKS :"
ND
48Ø PRINT"NUMBER OF FILES : "NF
49Ø GOTO 61Ø
500 FOR K=1 TO 500:NEXT:PRINT#-2
, CHR$(\emptyset)+CHR$(12)+CHR$(\emptyset):FOR K=
1 TO 8ØØ:NEXT
51Ø NP=NP+1:FOR K=1 TO 3:PRINT#-
2," ":NEXT:PRINT#-2,TAB(26);"
DISK FILES LOCATOR REPORT"; TAB (6
9); "PAGE"NP
                  ":PRINT#-2,TAB
52Ø PRINT#-2,"
(TP); D$
53Ø FOR J=1 TO 2:PRINT#-2,"
54Ø PRINT#-2, "FILENAME EXT ";D
H$;" DISKETTE(S) ON WHICH STORED
 "; DH$
55\emptyset PRINT#-2, TAB(16);
56Ø FOR J=1 TO ND
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57Ø PRINT#-2,N\$(J);" "; 58Ø NEXT 59Ø FOR J=1 TO 2:PRINT#-2," :NEXT 6ØØ NL=Ø: RETURN 61Ø PRINT@128, "SORT FILENAMES (Y ";:INPUT R\$:R\$=LEFT\$(R\$,1) 62Ø IF R\$<>"Y" AND R\$<>"N" THEN 61Ø 63Ø M=511: NL=48 64Ø FOR I=1 TO NF:P(I)=I:NEXT I 65Ø IF R\$="N" THEN 81Ø 66Ø PRINT@192, "SORTING ... PLEAS E WAIT":TIMER=Ø 67Ø FOR K=1 TO 8:M=(M-1)/2 68Ø IF NF-M-1 < Ø THEN 79Ø ELSE M1=M+1:I=M1690 Il = P(I) : M2 = I - M : J = 1700 J1=M2-J+1:I2=P(J1)71Ø IF F\$(I1) >= F\$(I2) THEN 76Ø 720 P(J1+M) = P(J1)73Ø IF J+M>M2 THEN 75Ø 74Ø J=J+M:GOTO 7ØØ 75Ø P(J1)=I1:GOTO 77Ø 760 P(J1+M)=I177Ø IF I+1>NF THEN 79Ø

79Ø NEXT K 800 PRINT@256, "SORTING TOOK"; INT (TIMER/6Ø); "SECONDS" $81\emptyset$ FOR L=1 TO NF: I=P(L) 82Ø IF NL=48 THEN GOSUB 5ØØ 83Ø PRINT#-2, LEFT\$(F\$(I),8);" ;RIGHT\$(F\$(I),3);" 840 FOR J=1 TO ND 85Ø PRINT#-2, MID\$(W\$(I),J,1);" 86Ø NEXT J 87Ø PRINT#-2," 88Ø NL=NL+1 89Ø NEXT L 9ØØ PRINT#-2," 91Ø PRINT#-2, "GRANULES USED "; 92Ø FOR I=1 TO ND: PRINT #-2,USI NG "###";68-G(I);:NEXT I 93Ø PRINT#-2," ": PRINT#-2," 94Ø PRINT#-2, "GRANULES FREE "; 95Ø FOR I=1 TO ND: PRINT #-2,USI NG "###";G(I);:NEXT I 96Ø PRINT#-2,"



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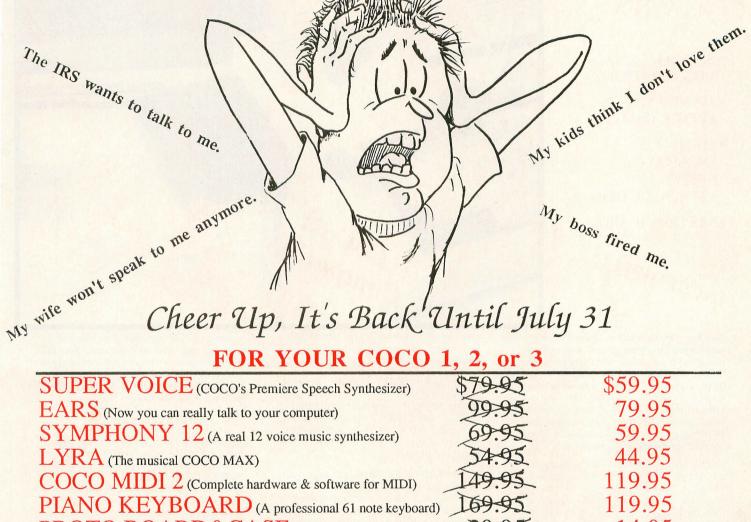
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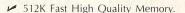
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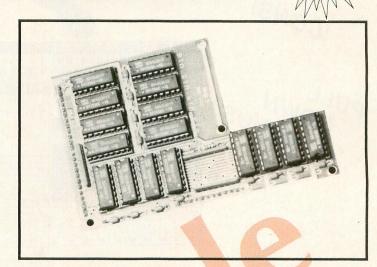
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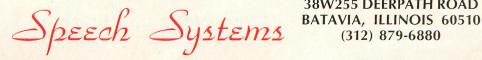
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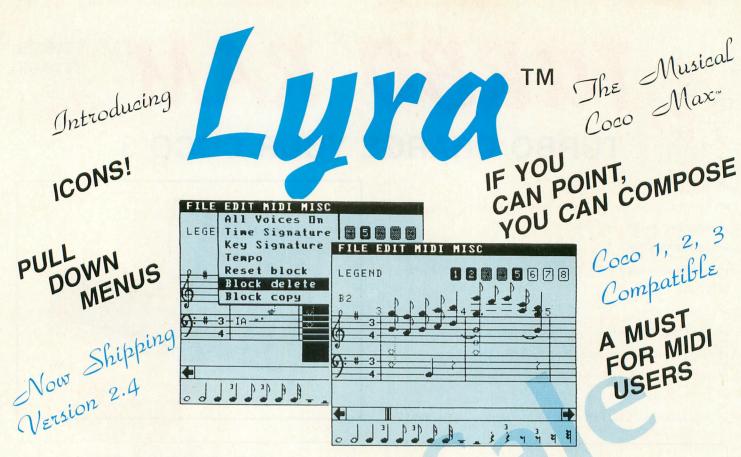
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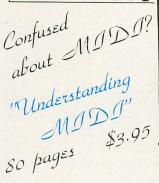
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By Gary MacLellan

esistors is a colorful, educational program that can help teach the color codes that denote different amounts of resistance. It is self-prompting and easy to use, which makes it useful for individuals learning electronics or for electronics classes, as well as for anyone who needs a handy way to identify the various color codes.

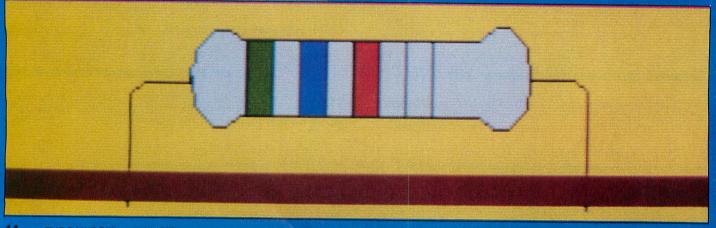
Resistors first prompts for type of monitor, then displays a set of color bars for a color test. After you make any necessary adjustments, you have two choices. If you enter a resistance (e.g., 680 ohms), the program will provide a graphic display of the corresponding color code (blue/gray/brown, in this case).

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(You may direct questions to the author at 160 Neville Street, Dominion, Novia Scotia, Canada B0A 1E0. Please enclose an SASE for a response.)

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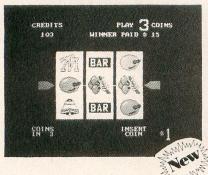
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The listing: RESISTOR

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1Ø ON BRK GOTO31Ø
2Ø POKE65497,Ø:HSCREEN 2:HCLS8:H
PRINT(5,10), "Do you have an RGB
Monitor [y/n]?"
3Ø A$=INKEY$:IF A$="Y" THEN38Ø E
LSEIF A$="N" THEN4ØØ ELSEIFA$<>"
Y" OR A$<>"N" THEN3Ø
4Ø HCLSØ
5Ø GOSUB9Ø
6Ø HCOLOR5: HPRINT (16, Ø), "Resisto
rs": HPRINT(14,4), "Programed by: "
:HPRINT(13,8), "Gary MacLellan.":
HPRINT(13,9),"16Ø Neville ST.":HPRINT(13,1Ø),"Dominion, N.S.":HP
RINT(17,11), "CANADA."
7Ø GOSUB18Ø
8Ø GOTO22Ø
9\emptyset HCOLOR15:HLINE(\emptyset, 116) - (32\emptyset, 11
6), PSET
100 HPAINT(0,127),4,15
11Ø HDRAW"BM65,144;C14R32U5E2U4E
7R6F1R1F2R9ØE3R1E2R5F7D5F1D5NR32
D5G1D4G7L6H2L1H2L9ØG2L1G2L5H7U4H
1U5
12Ø HPAINT (16Ø, 144), 9, 14
13Ø FOR Y=118 TO 178 STEP2Ø
14Ø FOR YY=128 TO 188 STEP 2Ø
150 HLINE(Y, 129) - (Y, 155), PSET: HL
INE (YY, 129) - (YY, 154), PSET
16Ø NEXTYY, Y
17Ø RETURN
18Ø HCOLOR Ø
19Ø HPRINT(8,22), "Press any key
to continue"
200 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN200 ELS
E HPAINT (\emptyset, \emptyset), 12, 15
21Ø RETURN
22Ø HCOLOR5: HPRINT(2,2), "This pr
ogram is to help with finding":H
PRINT(16, Ø), "RESISTORS"
23Ø HPRINT(1Ø,4),"1) The resista
nce or": HPRINT(10,6),"2) The col
or code"
 24Ø GOSUB18Ø
 25Ø HPAINT(Ø,Ø),14,15
 26Ø GOSUB35Ø
 27Ø HCOLOR5: HPRINT(7,1), "If you
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know the resistance, ": HPRINT (5,2
), "and want to know the color co
de":HPRINT(17,4), "PRESS C"
28Ø HPRINT(19,5), "or": HPRINT(7
),"If you know the color code,":
HPRINT(5,8), "and want to know th
e resistance": HPRINT(17,10), "PRE
SS R"
29Ø HPRINT(13,13), "PRESS Q to qu
3ØØ A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN 3ØØ EL
SEIFA$<>"C" AND A$<>"R" AND A$<>
"Q" THEN3ØØ ELSEIFA$="C"THEN42Ø
ELSEIFA$="R"THEN7ØØ ELSEIFA$="Q"
 THEN 310
31Ø HCLSØ
32Ø HPRINT(2,9),"I hope this pro
gram was of some help": HPRINT(6,
lø), "and I thank you for using i
t.": HPRINT(4,11), "Press the Q to
 end this program."
33Ø POKE65496,Ø
34Ø Q$=INKEY$:IF Q$="" THEN 34Ø
ELSE IFQ$<>"Q" AND Q$<>"q" THEN
34Ø ELSECLS: END
35Ø HCOLOR1: HLINE(\emptyset, 175) - (32\emptyset, 18)
5), PSET, BF
36Ø HDRAW"BM65,144C4R15C14G2L1G2
D26C1D11C14D2; BM257, 142C4L15C14F
2R1F2D28C1D11C14D2"
37Ø RETURN
38Ø PALETTE RGB:PALETTEØ,Ø:PALET
TE1,34:PALETTE2,36:PALETTE3,38:P
ALETTE4,54:PALETTE5,16:PALETTE6,
 11: PALETTE7, 41: PALETTE8, 56: PALET
 TE9,63:PALETTE15,46
 39Ø GOSUB118Ø:GOTO4Ø
 400 PALETTED, 0: PALETTE1, 4: PALETT
 E2,6:PALETTE3,21:PALETTE4,36:PAL
 ETTE5, 18: PALETTE6, 10: PALETTE7, 23
 : PALETTE8, 32: PALETTE9, 48
 41Ø GOSUB118Ø:GOTO4Ø
 42\emptyset HPAINT (\emptyset,\emptyset), 1\emptyset, 15
 43Ø HCOLOR13: HPRINT(7,Ø), "Please
  input the resistance": HPRINT(13
 ,1), "and press ENTER"
 44Ø Z$=INKEY$:IFZ$=""THEN44ØELSE
 HPRINT(15,10),Z$
 45Ø Z1$=INKEY$:IFZ1$=""THEN45ØEL
 SEIFZ1$="K" OR Z1$="M"THENHPRINT
 (16,10), Z1$+" OHMS": GOTO540: ELSE
 HPRINT(16,10),Z1$
 46Ø Z2$=INKEY$:IFZ2$=""THEN46ØEL
 SEIFZ2$=CHR$(13)THENHPRINT(18,10
 )," OHMS":GOTO54Ø:ELSEIFZ2$="K"
 OR Z2$="M"THENHPRINT(17,10),Z2$+
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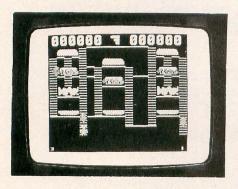


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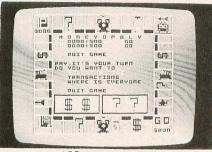


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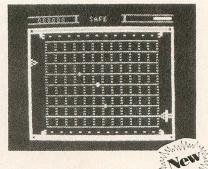
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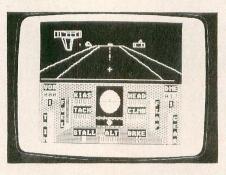
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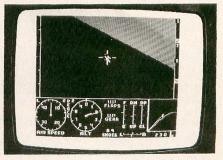
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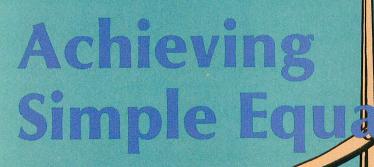
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VAL(MID\$(R\$,2,1)),14 66Ø IFMID\$(R\$,2,1)="K" OR MID\$(R \$,2,1)="." AND MID\$(R\$,4,1)="K" THENHPAINT (160, 130), 2, 14ELSEIFMI D\$(R\$,3,1) = "K"THENHPAINT(160,130)),3,14 ELSEIFMID\$(R\$,2,1)="M" OR MID\$ $(R\$, 4, 1) = "M"THENHPAINT(16\emptyset,$ 13Ø),5,14ELSEIFMID\$(R\$,3,1)="M"T HENHPAINT(160,130),6,1467Ø HPRINT(11,13), "Another one [y/n]?" 68Ø A\$=INKEY\$:IFA\$="" THEN 68ØEL SEIFA\$<>"Y" AND A\$<>"N" THEN68Ø ELSE IFAS="Y" THENHPAINT (120,130),9,14:HPAINT(14Ø,13Ø),9,14:HPAI NT(160, 130), 9, 14: HPAINT(0, 0), 14,15:GOTO42Ø ELSE IFAS="N" THEN 69 Ø 690 HPAINT(120,130),9,14:HPAINT(14Ø, 13Ø), 9, 14: HPAINT (16Ø, 13Ø), 9, 14:GOTO25Ø 700 HPAINT(0,0),10,15 71Ø HPRINT(7,1), "Press ENTER aft er each color" 72Ø HPRINT(5,2), "Please type in the first color" 73Ø C\$=INKEY\$:IFC\$=""THEN73Ø ELS EHPRINT(17,3),C\$ 740 C1\$=INKEY\$:IFC1\$=""THEN74ØEL SEHPRINT(18,3),C1\$ 75Ø C2\$=INKEY\$:IFC2\$="" THEN75ØE LSEHPRINT(19,3),C2\$ 76Ø C3\$=INKEY\$:IFC3\$=""THEN76ØEL SEIFC3\$=CHR\$(13)THEN79ØELSEHPRIN T(20,3),C3\$ 77Ø C4\$=INKEY\$:IFC4\$=""THEN77ØEL SEIFC4\$=CHR\$(13)THEN8ØØELSEHPRIN T(21,3),C4578Ø C5\$=INKEY\$:IFC5\$=""THEN78ØEL SEIFC5\$=CHR\$(13)THEN81ØELSEHPRIN T(22,3),C5\$ 781 C6\$=INKEY\$:IFC6\$=""THEN781EL SEIFC6\$=CHR\$(13)THEN82Ø 79Ø F\$=C\$+C1\$+C2\$:GOTO83Ø 8ØØ F\$=C\$+C1\$+C2\$+C3\$:GOTO83Ø 81Ø F\$=C\$+C1\$+C2\$+C3\$+C4\$:GOTO83 Ø 82Ø F\$=C\$+C1\$+C2\$+C3\$+C4\$+C5\$ 83Ø IFLEFT\$(F\$,3)="BRO" THENC=1 ELSE IFLEFT\$(F\$,1)="R" THENC=2 E LSEIFLEFT\$(F\$,1)="O" THENC=3 ELS EIFLEFT\$(F\$,1)="Y" THENC=4 ELSEI FLEFT\$(F\$,3)="GRE" THENC=5 ELSEI FLEFT\$(F\$,3)="BLU" THENC=6 ELSEI FLEFT\$(F\$,1)="V" THENC=7 84Ø IFLEFT\$(F\$,3)="GRA" THENC=8 ELSEIFLEFT\$(F\$,1)="W" THENC=9 850 HPRINT(5,4), "Please type in

the second color" 86Ø D\$=INKEY\$:IFD\$=""THEN86ØELSE HPRINT(17,5),D\$ 87Ø D1\$=INKEY\$:IFD1\$=""THEN87ØEL SEHPRINT (18,5), D1\$ 88Ø D2\$=INKEY\$:IFD2\$=""THEN88ØEL SEHPRINT(19,5), D2\$ 89Ø D3\$=INKEY\$:IFD3\$=""THEN89ØEL SEIFD3\$=CHR\$(13)THEN92ØELSEHPRIN T(2Ø,5),D3\$ 9ØØ D4\$=INKEY\$:IFD4\$=""THEN9ØØEL SEIFD4\$=CHR\$(13)THEN93ØELSEHPRIN T(21,5),D4\$ 91Ø D5\$=INKEY\$:IFD5\$=""THEN91ØEL SEIFD5\$=CHR\$(13)THEN94ØELSEHPRIN T(22,5),D5\$ 911 D6\$=INKEY\$:IFD6\$=""THEN911EL SEIFD6\$=CHR\$(13)THEN95Ø 92Ø S\$=D\$+D1\$+D2\$:GOTO96Ø 93Ø S\$=D\$+D1\$+D2\$+D3\$:GOTO96Ø 94Ø S\$=D\$+D1\$+D2\$+D3\$+D4\$:GOTO96 95Ø S\$=D\$+D1\$+D2\$+D3\$+D4\$+D5\$ 96Ø IFLEFT\$(S\$,3)="BLA" THEND=Ø ELSEIFLEFT\$(S\$,3)="BRO" THEND=1 ELSEIFLEFT\$(S\$,1)="R" THEND=2 EL SEIFLEFT\$(S\$,1)="O" THEND=3 ELSE IFLEFT\$(S\$,1)="Y" THEND=4 ELSEIF LEFT\$(S\$,3)="GRE" THEND=5 ELSEIF LEFT\$(S\$,3)="BLU" THEND=6 ELSE I FLEFT\$(S\$,1)="V" THEND=7 97Ø IFLEFT\$(S\$,3)="GRA" THEND=8 ELSEIFLEFT\$(S\$,1)="W" THEND=9 98Ø HPRINT(5,6), "Please type in the third color" 99Ø M\$=INKEY\$:IFM\$=""THEN99ØELSE HPRINT(17,7),M\$ 1000 M1\$=INKEY\$:IFM1\$=""THEN1000 ELSEHPRINT(18,7),M1\$ 1Ø1Ø M2\$=INKEY\$:IFM2\$=""THEN1Ø1Ø ELSEHPRINT(19,7),M2\$ 1Ø2Ø M3\$=INKEY\$:IFM3\$=""THEN1Ø2Ø ELSEIFM3\$=CHR\$(13)THEN1Ø5ØELSEHP RINT(2Ø,7),M3\$ 1Ø3Ø M4\$=INKEY\$:IFM4\$=""THEN1Ø3Ø ELSEIFM4\$=CHR\$(13)THEN1Ø6ØELSEHP RINT(21,7),M4\$ 1Ø4Ø M5\$=INKEY\$:IFM5\$=""THEN1Ø4Ø ELSEIFM5\$=CHR\$(13)THEN1Ø7ØELSEHP RINT(22,7),M5\$ 1Ø41 M6\$=INKEY\$:IFM6\$=""THEN1Ø41 ELSEIFM6\$=CHR\$(13)THEN1Ø8Ø 1Ø5Ø T\$=M\$+M1\$+M2\$:GOTO1Ø9Ø 1Ø6Ø T\$=M\$+M1\$+M2\$+M3\$:GOTO1Ø9Ø 1070 T\$=M\$+M1\$+M2\$+M3\$+M4\$:GOTO1 Ø9Ø 1080 T\$=M\$+M1\$+M2\$+M3\$+M4\$+M5\$ 1090 IFLEFT\$(T\$,3)="BLA" THENL\$=

"" ELSEIFLEFT\$(T\$,3)="BRO" THENL \$="Ø" ELSEIFLEFT\$(T\$,1)="R" THEN L\$="00" ELSEIFLEFT\$ (T\$,1)="0" T HENL\$="ØØØ" ELSEIFLEFT\$ (T\$,1)="Y " THENL\$="ØØØØ" ELSEIFLEFT\$ (T\$, 3)="GRE" THENL\$="ØØØØØ" 1100 IFLEFT\$ (T\$,3)="BLU" THENL\$= "ØØØØØØ" ELSEIFLEFT\$(T\$,1)="V" T HEN L\$="ØØØØØØØ" 1110 L=LEN(L\$) 1120 A=120:B=140:E=160:F=140 113Ø HPAINT(A,F),C,14:HPAINT(B,F),D,14:HPAINT(E,F),L,14 114Ø HPRINT(14,1Ø), C: HPRINT(15,1 Ø), D: HPRINT(17,1Ø), L\$+" Ohms" 1150 HPRINT(11,13), "Another one [y/n]?" 116Ø A\$=INKEY\$:IFA\$="" THEN116Ø ELSEIFA\$<>"Y" AND A\$<>"N" THEN11 6Ø ELSE IFA\$="Y" THENHPAINT(12Ø, 13Ø),9,14:HPAINT(14Ø,13Ø),9,14:H PAINT(16Ø, 13Ø), 9, 14: HPAINT(Ø, Ø), 14,15:GOTO7ØØ ELSEIFA\$="N" THEN1 117Ø HPAINT(12Ø,13Ø),9,14:HPAINT (14Ø,13Ø),9,14:HPAINT(16Ø,13Ø),9 ,14:GOTO25Ø 118Ø HSCREEN 2 119Ø FOR C=Ø TO32Ø STEP 2Ø $12\emptyset\emptyset$ HCOLOR5:HLINE(C, \emptyset)-(C,191), PSET 121Ø NEXT C 122Ø A=Ø:FORB=5 TO315 STEP2Ø 123Ø HPAINT(B, 1Ø), A, 5 124Ø A=A+1:NEXT B 1250 HCOLORØ: HLINE (\emptyset, \emptyset) - $(32\emptyset, 5\emptyset)$, PSET, BF: HLINE (320, 191) - (0, 141), PSET, BF 1260 HCOLOR13: HPRINT (10,0), "This is a color test.": HPRINT(5,1)," The colors should be as follows" :HPRINT(6,2), "Black, Brown, Red, Or ange, Yellow": HPRINT(6,3), "Green, Blue, Violet, Gray, White": HPRINT (6 ,4), "Black, White, Black, Green, Bla ck": HPRINT(18,5), "Pink." 127Ø HPRINT(9,19), "Are the color s correct?": HPRINT(18,20),"[Y/N] 128Ø B\$=INKEY\$:IFB\$="" THEN128Ø ELSEIFB\$="Y" THEN 129ØELSEIFB\$=" N" THEN 1300 ELSEIFB\$<>"Y" OR B\$ <>"N" THEN128Ø 129Ø RETURN 1300 HPRINT(8,21), "Please ajust your colors": HPRINT(16,22), "and rerun" 131Ø GOTO131Ø





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alance is an educational game that I use with 5-to 7-year-old children who have some type of learning handicap. It is designed to develop/reinforce problem-solving skills in relation to simple equalities, after the concepts of simple addition and missing addend have been taught.

Our school uses Wynroth Math Programs (Copyright 1975 by Lloyd Wynroth, Ph.D., LLB) to teach the four basic operations and the base 10 system. The screen format is based on one type of problem presentation from Wynroth's worksheets. This allows easy transfer from paper/pencil task to the use of the computer.

To solve a problem, Balance requires a two-step

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approach. First, the child must solve the left side of the equation by adding two randomly chosen numbers from 0 to 10. The "Scratch Pad" area reproduces this problem in the lower part of the screen. This sum must be solved correctly before the second step is encountered. If the sum is entered correctly, it appears and "floats" over and up to the left side of the equation. This sum will stop over the plus sign.

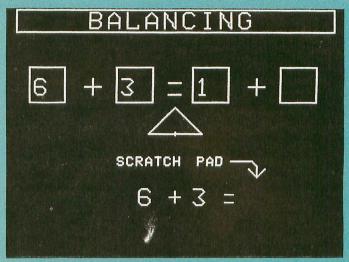
The second step begins with an arrow cue, which points to the empty box on the right side of the equation. The child is now required to apply the missing addend concept to balance the equation. Incorrect responses are not tallied during the first step, but are tallied during the second step, accompanied with sound cues and screen messages. On the third incorrect response, a special sound cue is used to alert the teacher. When the problem is solved, the sum on the right side of the equation will appear over the plus sign, indicating that the equation has indeed been balanced.

After 10 problems, the screen displays the score and a prompt to continue or end the program. The sounds at the end of the program were adapted from Raymond Larabie's One-Liner that appeared in the December 1985 issue of RAINBOW.

Ideally, the empty box (missing addend) should appear in different positions on the screen. But since this is my first

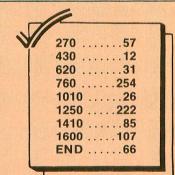
Variable List Variables Function Draw Statements for alphabet A\$-Z\$ N\$ Numeric array (1-20) BX\$ Draw statement for box DA\$ Draw statement for dash Draw statement for question mark EQ\$ PL\$ Draw statement for plus sign RE\$ INKEY\$ response for sum RT\$ INKEY\$ response for tens-place FOR/NEXT variables D,L,N,U,X,Y,Z First, second, and third addends F,S,T Ones and tens O,T Q Number of problems or the problem number R Number correct on first try TR Number of attempts to solve problem Array for GET/PUT

graphics program, I will leave that refinement to other interested readers/teachers, who are free to modify any part of this program.



Sample printout

	Program Outline
Lines	Function
10-80	Remarks for name
90-210	Program set up and send to screen display
220	Send to scratch pad routine for first sum
230-260	Determine if sum is double digit, get and evalu-
	ate response
270	Evaluate and send to correct response routine
280	Evaluate and send to incorrect response rou-
	tine
290-340	Double digit routine
350-440	Incorrect response routine
450-600	Correct response routing
610-750	Scratch pad display and routine
760-920	Get/Put response
930-990	Screen display routine
1000-1070	Remarks for credits for alphanumerics
1080-1550	Alphanumeric strings/array
1560-1610	Sound warning for help
1620-1690	Report score
1700-1720	Continue/end program



The listing: BALANCE

1Ø	1	***	******	* * *
2Ø	1	**	BALANCING EQUATIONS	**
3Ø	1	**	A PROGRAM BY	**
4Ø	1	**	RICHARD MONROE	**
5Ø	1	**	17 EAST COURT	**
6Ø	1	**	FISHKILL, N. Y.	**

7Ø ' ** 12524 **	
8Ø ! ***********	
9ø CLEAR 5øøø: DIM N\$(2Ø): DIM V(3	
Ø,3Ø)	
100 GOSUB 1040: REM alphanumerics	
11Ø PCLS(Ø)	
12Ø PMODE4,1	
13Ø SCREEN1,1	
14Ø PCLS:Q=Q+1:TR=Ø:RT=Ø:IF Q>1Ø	
THEN GOTO 1660	
15Ø GOSUB 96Ø: REM screen display	
16Ø F=RND(11)-1:S=RND(11)-1:T=RN	
D(11)-1	
17Ø IF T>F+S THEN 16Ø	
18Ø IF F+S-T>1Ø THEN 16Ø	
19Ø DRAW"S8; BM22, 66"+N\$(F)	
2ØØ DRAW"BM88,66"+N\$(S)	

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21Ø DRAW"BM144,66"+N$(T)
220 GOSUB 640: REM scratch pad
23Ø IF F+S-T>9 THEN GOSUB 29Ø:RE
M double digit response
24Ø RE$=INKEY$:IF RE$=""THEN 24Ø
25Ø SOUND 1,4
26Ø RE=VAL(RE$)+RT
27Ø IF RE+T=F+S THEN DRAW"CØ; BM2
2Ø,22;D6E3G3H3":DRAW"C5;S8;BM211
,66"+N$(RE):GOSUB 450:REM correc
t response
28Ø IF RE+T<>F+S THEN GOSUB 35Ø:
REM incorrect response
29Ø REM DOUBLE DIGIT RESPONSE
3ØØ RT$=INKEY$:IF RT$=""THEN 3ØØ
31Ø IF RT$<>"1" THEN SOUND 200,5
:SOUND 100,5:GOTO 300
32Ø SOUND 1,4
33Ø RT=VAL(RT$) *1Ø
34Ø RETURN
35Ø REM incorrect response
36Ø TR=TR+1
37Ø IF TR=1 THEN DRAW"S8; BM3Ø, 13
Ø"+0$+0$+P$+S$+DA$
38Ø IF TR=2 THEN DRAW"S8; BM7Ø, 15
Ø"+O$+N$+C$+E$:DRAW"BM14Ø,15Ø"+M
$+0$+R$+E$
39Ø IF TR=>3 THEN DRAW"S8; BM1ØØ,
18Ø"+H$+E$+L$+P$:GOSUB 16ØØ:REM
help sound warning
4ØØ IF TR>1 THEN LINE(8,11Ø)-(24
8,188), PRESET, BF
41Ø SOUND 2ØØ,3:SOUND 185,6
42Ø DRAW"BM11Ø,13Ø"+T$+R$+Y$
43Ø DRAW"BM16Ø,13Ø"+A$+G$+A$+I$+
N$
44Ø GOTO 23Ø
450 REM correct response
46Ø DRAW"BM179,4Ø"+N$(RE+T)
47Ø IF TR=Ø THEN R=R+1
48Ø FOR Z=1 TO 255 STEP 1Ø
49Ø SOUND Z,1
500 NEXT Z
51Ø DRAW"BM18Ø, 4Ø"+N$ (RE+T)
52Ø IF Q=1 THEN DRAW"S12; BM3Ø, 16
Ø"+B$+L$+A$+S$+T$:DRAW"BM16Ø,16Ø
"+0$+F$+F$
53Ø IF Q=2 THEN DRAW"S12; BM4Ø, 16
\emptyset"+N$+I$+C$+E$:DRAW"BM14\emptyset,16\emptyset"+W
$+0$+R$+K$
54Ø IF Q=3 THEN DRAW"S12; BM7Ø, 16
Ø"+A$+DA$+DA$+D$+C$+K$
55Ø IF Q=4 THEN DRAW"S12; BM1ØØ, 1
6Ø"+W$+O$+W$
56Ø IF Q=5 THEN DRAW"S12; BM1Ø, 16
Ø"+G$+O$+O$+D$:DRAW"BM11Ø,16Ø"+T
$+H$+I$+N$+K$+E$+R$
57Ø IF Q=6 THEN DRAW"S12; BM8Ø, 16
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Ø"+G$+R$+E$+A$+T$
58Ø IF Q=7 THEN DRAW"S12; BM5Ø, 16
Ø"+G$+O$+O$+D$+DA$+J$+O$+B$
59Ø IF Q=8 THEN DRAW"S12; BM7Ø, 16
Ø"+G$+E$+N$+I$+U$+S$
600 IF Q=9 THEN DRAW"S12; BM40,16
Ø"+F$+A$+N$+T$+A$+S$+T$+I$+C$
61Ø IF Q=1Ø THEN DRAW"S12; BM82,1
6Ø"+S$+U$+P$+E$+R$
62Ø LINE(8,11Ø)-(248,188), PRESET
, BF
63Ø GOTO 14Ø
640 REM scratch pad
65Ø DRAW"S4; BM85, 12Ø"+S$+C$+R$+A
$+T$+C$+H$: DRAW"BM145, 120"+P$+A$
66Ø DRAW"S8; BM1Ø1, 15Ø"+N$(F): DRA
W"BM128,152"+PL$:DRAW"BM142,150"
+N$(S)
67Ø DRAW"BM172,152"+EQ$
68Ø DRAW"BM17Ø,117;R8F1F1D4E3G3H
69Ø IF F+S>9 THEN GOSUB 29Ø:REM
double digit
7ØØ RE$=INKEY$:IF RE$="" THEN 7Ø
71\emptyset RE=VAL(RE$)+RT
720 IF RE=F+S THEN SOUND 1,4:DRA
W"S8; BM18Ø, 15Ø"+N$(RE)
73Ø IF RE<>F+S THEN SOUND 2ØØ,5:
SOUND 100,5:RT=0:GOTO 640
74Ø GOSUB 79Ø: REM get/put respon
se
75Ø IF RE=F+S THEN SOUND 168,5:D
RAW"S8; BM54, 39"+N$(RE):RT=Ø:LINE
(8,11Ø)-(248,188), PRESET, BF
76Ø FOR Z=125 TO 255 STEP 2Ø:SOU
ND Z,1:NEXT Z
77Ø IF RE=F+S THEN DRAW"BM22Ø,22
; D6E3G3H3
78Ø RETURN
79Ø REM get/put response
8\emptyset\emptyset GET(175,135)-(21\emptyset,165),V,G
81Ø FOR D=1 TO 2Ø STEP 3
82Ø PUT(175,135+D)-(21Ø,165+D), V
, PSET
83Ø SOUND D,1
84Ø NEXT D
85Ø FOR L=1 TO 126 STEP 3
86Ø PUT(175-L,135+D)-(21Ø-L,165+
D), V, PSET
87Ø SOUND L,1
88Ø NEXT L
89Ø FOR U=1 TO 14Ø STEP 5
9ØØ PUT(175-L,16Ø-U)-(21Ø-L,19Ø-
U), V, PSET
91Ø SOUND U+D,1
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92Ø NEXT U

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94Ø DRAW"BM15,76;R74
95Ø RETURN
96Ø REM screen display
97Ø LINE(8,1)-(248,18), PSET, B
98Ø DRAW"S8;BM64,15"+B\$+A\$+L\$+A\$
+N\$+C\$+I\$+N\$+G\$
99Ø DRAW"BM1Ø8,96;E1ØF1ØL2Ø
1000 CIRCLE(128,96),1
1010 DRAW"S12; BM18,72"+BX\$+PL\$+B
X\$+EQ\$+BX\$+PL\$+BX\$
1Ø2Ø RETURN
1030 *************
1040 '** ALPHANUMERICS **
1050 '** DATA BASED ON **
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1070 '** BY J. S. PARAVATI **
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1090 '** AND R. VAN DYKE **
1100 '** TRS-80 NEWS, 4/82 **
1110 '**************
112Ø A\$="U4E2F2D2NL4D2;BM+3,Ø"
113Ø B\$="U6R3F1D1G1NL3F1D1G1L3;B
$M+7, \emptyset$ "
114Ø C\$="BM+1,-Ø;H1U4E1R2F1;BM+Ø
,+4;G1L2;BM+6,Ø"
115Ø D\$="U6R3F1D4G1L3;BM+7,Ø"
116Ø E\$="NR4U3NR2U3R4;BM+3,+6"
117Ø F\$="U3NR2U3R4;BM+3,+6"
1180 G\$="BM+1,-0;H1U4E1R2F1;BM+0

_	
	,+2;NL1D2G1L2;BM+6,Ø"
	119Ø H\$="U3NU3R4NU3D3;BM+3,Ø"
	1200 I\$="BM+1,0;RINR1U6NL1R1;BM+
	4,+6"
	121Ø J\$="BM+Ø,-1;F1R1E1U5NL1R1;B
	M+3,6"
	122Ø K\$="U3NU3R1NE3F3;BM+3,Ø"
	123Ø L\$="NU6R4U1;BM+3,+1"
	124Ø M\$="U6F2ND1E2D6;BM+3,Ø"
	125Ø N\$="U6F1D1F2D1F1NU6;BM+3,Ø"
	126Ø O\$="BM+1,Ø;HlU4ElR2F1D4G1L2
	;BM+6,Ø"
	127Ø P\$="U6R3F1D1G1L3;BM+7,3"
	128Ø Q\$="BM+1,Ø;HlU4ElR2FlD3GlNH
	INFIGIL1; BM+6, Ø"
	129Ø R\$="U6R3F1D1G1L2NL1F3;BM+3,
	Ø"
	$13\emptyset\emptyset$ S\$="BM+ \emptyset ,-1;F1R2E1U1H1L2H1U
	lElR2F1;BM+3,+5"
	131Ø T\$="BM+2,+Ø;U6NL2R2;BM+3,+6
	132Ø U\$="BM+Ø,-1;NU5F1R2E1U5;BM+
	3,6"
	133 \emptyset V\$="BM+ \emptyset ,-6;D2F1D1F1ND1E1U1
	ElU2; BM+3,+6"
	134Ø W\$="NU6E2NU1F2U6; BM+3,6"
	135Ø X\$="U1E4U1;BM-4,Ø;D1F4D1;BM
	+3,Ø"
	136Ø Y\$="BM+Ø,-6;D2F2ND2E2U2;BM+
	3 611

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137Ø Z\$="NR4U1E4U1L4; BM+7,6" 138Ø BX\$="U9R9D9L9;BM+16,Ø" 139Ø DA\$="BM+2,-3;R2;BM+4,+3" 14ØØ EQ\$="BM-3,-5;R3;BM-3,+3;R3; BM+3,+2" 141Ø PL\$="BM-2,-4;R4;BM-2,-2;D4; BM+6,+2" 142Ø QU\$="BM+2,-5;E1R2F1D1G2;BM+ Ø,+1;D1" 1430 REM numeric \$ $144\emptyset$ N\$(\emptyset)="BM+1, \emptyset ;H1U4E1R2F1D4G 1L2; BM+6, Ø" 1450 N\$(1) = "BM+1,0; R1NR1U6G1; BM+5,+5" 1460 N (2) = "NR4U1E1R1E2U1H1L2G1;BM+9,+5" 1470 N\$(3)="BM+0,-1;F1R2E1H2E2H1 L3; BM+10,6" $148\emptyset N$(4) = "BM+3,\emptyset; U2NR1L3U1E3D3$;BM+6,3" $149\emptyset$ N\$(5)="BM+ \emptyset ,-1;F1R2E1U2H1L3 U2R4; BM+5,+6" 1500 N (6) = "BM+4, -5; H1L2G1D4F1R2ElUlH1L3; BM+1Ø, +3" 1510 N\$(7) = "U1E4U1L4; BM+10, +6"152 \emptyset N\$(8)="BM+1,- \emptyset ;HlU1E1HlU1E1 R2F1D1G1NL2F1D1G1L2; BM+8, Ø" 153 \emptyset N\$(9)="BM+ \emptyset ,-1;F1R2E1U4H1L2 G1D1F1R2; BM+6,+3" 154Ø T=1:0=Ø:FOR N=1Ø TO 2Ø

1550 N\$(N) = N\$(T) + N\$(O)156Ø 0=0+1 157Ø IF O>9 THEN T=T+1:0=Ø 158Ø NEXT N 159Ø RETURN 1600 REM help sound warning 161Ø FOR Z=1 TO 5 162Ø SOUND 2ØØ,5 163Ø SOUND 1ØØ,5 164Ø NEXT Z 165Ø RETURN 1660 REM report card 167Ø DRAW"BM5Ø, 4Ø"+S\$+C\$+O\$+R\$+E \$+DA\$ 168Ø DRAW"BM178,4Ø"+ N\$(R) 169Ø LINE(8,8)-(246,18Ø), PSET, B 17ØØ POKE178,1:PAINT(128,7),,5:P OKE178,3 171Ø DRAW"BM65,125"+A\$+G\$+A\$+I\$+ N\$+QU\$ 172Ø DRAW"BM95,16Ø"+Y\$+DA\$+N\$ 173Ø Z=16Ø:FOR X=1 TO 3:FOR Y=1 TO 10:SOUND Z,2:READ Z:NEXT Y:RE STORE: NEXT X: DATA 160,3,224,35,3 5,83,99,51,243,8Ø,Ø 174Ø RE\$=INKEY\$:IF RE\$="" THEN 1 74Ø 175Ø IF RE\$="Y" THEN Q=Ø:GOTO 14 176Ø IF RE\$<>"N" THEN END (

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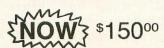
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Spell Down to Vocabulary Fitness

By Steve Blyn Rainbow Contributing Editor

his month, we present a language arts game we have played with classes for many years. It is useful for helping students become more familiar with certain key words. These are usually spelling words, but may be any kind of vocabulary words.

We call this game *Spelldown*. It is a way of practicing spelling and dictionary skills. A key word is introduced on the blackboard or computer. The word is then written vertically, letter by letter, down the side. The word is also written in backward spelling order.

The idea is to make a word that begins with the first letter and ends with the last. Next, try to make a word that starts with the second letter and ends with the second to last letter. The game proceeds in this fashion until all of the letters are used. The student has now thought of or used the dictionary to locate as many words as there are letters in the key word.

Let us suppose that the word "disk" is typed in as the key word. The com-

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puter prints the letters D, I, S and K down the side of the screen. The letters K, S, I and D form the word spelled backward. They are also written down the side of the screen. The screen looks like this:

D - - K I - - S S - - I K - - D

The student's task is to figure out words that begin and end with the letters on each line. Examples might be as follows:

DESK ICICLES SOME KEND

After these four words are entered, the computer has you evaluate each. Since the words "desk," "icicles" and "kend" begin and end with the correct letters, you will merely be asked whether or not they are correct — real words spelled correctly. The child's honesty is assumed here.

A dictionary would have to be inserted into this program if we wanted the computer to check the spelling of the many words that are possible. We would hope, instead, that the child uses a real

dictionary to check the spelling. A teacher, parent or a buddy may also be used to check the correctness of these words.

At this point, the student should get credit for the words "desk" and "icicles." Since "kend" is not a real word, no credit is given for it.

Words that do not start or end with the proper letters are flagged by the computer. A message appears to tell the student where the mistake is. In our example, the word "some" is incorrect because even though it is a real word, it does not end with the required letter I.

After all of the words are evaluated, the score for this round is shown. In our sample, the child receives a score of 50 percent. The student may then either press the letter E to end the program or A to go again.

Here is how the main program elements operate. Lines 50 to 80 ask the child to put in a key word. The program rejects words that are longer than 10 letters. The reason for this is that the screen would not accommodate longer words neatly. The new CoCo 3 has a larger screen that overcomes such problems.

Lines 90 to 190 print the first and the last letters of the word up and down near the right side of the screen. Lines 210 to 240 allow the child to put in the created words. Lines 260 to 360 evaluate these words. Correct words are stored

by the variable R, so Line 380 can then print out the final score at the end of each session.

We have played this game in classes with several computers. The children were divided into teams. Each team types in the same key word. The team having the most complete list of words was judged the winner. We have also tried to encourage greater thought by sometimes assigning greater point values for longer words. We have encouraged the use of real dictionaries by the students during the game. Our

feeling is that it is important to encourage students' use of reference materials whenever possible.

As always, we at Computer Island hope that your children or students both enjoy and learn from our programs.

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The listing: SPELDOWN
10 REM SPELLDOWN GAME
2Ø REM (C) STEVE BLYN, COMPUTER I
SLAND, STATEN ISLAND, NY, 1987
3Ø CLS:P$=STRING$(32,255)
40 PRINT@8, "spelling
5Ø PRINT@384,"TYPE A SPELLING WO
RD";
6Ø INPUT A$
7\emptyset A=LEN(A$):X=A
8Ø IF A>1Ø THEN PRINT@48Ø,"THIS
WORD IS TOO LONG";:FORT=1TO 2000
:NEXT T:RUN
90 FOR T= 1 TO A
100 PRINT@34+D, MID$(A$, T, 1)+" "+
11Ø PLAY"O4L2ØAB"
120D = D + 32
13Ø NEXT T
14Ø T=Ø:D=Ø
15Ø FOR T=A TO 1 STEP-1
16Ø PRINT@4Ø+D,"- "+MID$(A$,T,1)
17Ø D=D+32
18Ø PLAY"O2L2ØAB"
19Ø NEXT T
2\emptyset\emptyset D=\emptyset:T=\emptyset
21Ø FOR T= 1 TO A
22Ø PRINT@47+D,"";:LINE INPUT C$
(T)
23Ø D=D+32
24Ø NEXT T
25Ø PRINT P$;
260 FOR T= 1 TO A
27Ø EN$=" ":PRINT@384," ":PRINT@
416," "
28Ø IF LEFT$(C$(T),1)<>MID$(A$,T
,1) THEN PRINT@384,T;". ";C$(T)"
 DOESN'T START": PRINT"
                              WITH
THE LETTER "MID$(A$,T,1):GOTO 33
29Ø IF RIGHT$(C$(T),1)<>MID$(A$,
A,1) THEN PRINT@384,T;". ";C$(T)
" DOESN'T END": PRINT"
                             WITH T
HE LETTER "; MID$ (A$, A, 1): GOTO 33
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3ØØ PRINT@384,T;". IS "C$(T)" CO
RRECT ? ";
31Ø EN$=INKEY$
320 IF EN$="Y" THEN R=R+1 ELSE I
F EN$="N" THEN W=W+1 ELSE 31Ø
33Ø PRINT ENS
34Ø AN$=INKEY$
35Ø IF AN$=CHR$(13) THEN 36Ø ELS
E 34Ø
36Ø A=A-1:NEXT T
37Ø PRINT@384,P$+P$;
38Ø PRINT@452, "YOUR SCORE IS"; IN
T((R/X)*1ØØ+.5);"%"
39Ø PRINT@484,"PRESS 'A' OR 'E'
11 :
400 INS=INKEYS
41Ø IF IN$="A" THEN RUN ELSE IF
INS="E" THEN 420 ELSE 400
42Ø CLS: END
                                 0
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EXAM for examine. When asked for the password, you need only type one word. All other words should be completely and correctly spelled. You should not be surprised if some objects leave traces after being picked up (this is an imaginary world).

(Questions about this Adventure may be addressed to the author at 82 St. Pierre, C.P. 12, Rigaud, Quebec, Canada JOP 1PO. Be sure to include an SASE when writing for a reply.)



YOU ARE IN THE DEAD WOODS OBVIOUS EXITS: NORTH SOUTH EAST WEST YOU SEE A KEY ... A SHAMP

AND HONE

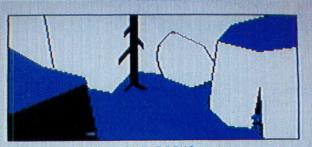
Editor's Note: The following listing is for the CoCo 1 and 2. A version for the CoCo 3 is included on this month's RAINBOW ON TAPE and RAINBOW ON DISK.

58	1 16020	29077
135	183 156	29653
28 12	5 198244	3028
487	5 21439	3109
687	219162	317126
84 16	3 228194	321202
94 13	236242	33216
1041	3 2474	34669
11610	26050	END27
	3 272 243	

The listing: LE LUTIN

1 POKE65495, Ø:CLSØ:PRINT@99, "les "; CHR\$(128); "lutins"; CHR\$(128); " du"; CHR\$(128); "mont"; CHR\$(128);" rigaud";:PRINT@238, "par";:PRINT@ 329, "louis"; CHR\$(128); "parson";: PRINT@459,"<C> 1986";:FORX=1T03Ø ØØ:NEXT:CLEAR8ØØ:PMODE4,1:PCLS1: SCREEN1,1

2 X=14:Y=15:DIML\$(X+1):DIMLO\$(Y+ 1):DIMO\$(Y+1):DIMC\$(22):DIMT(4,X +1):DIMC(27):DIMO(Y+1):DIMG\$(Y+1):DIMW\$(35):W\$(1)="BM+3, \emptyset ;U4E2F2 D2L4R4D2":W\$(2)="BM+3,Ø;R3L3U6R3 FDGL3R3FDGBR": W(3) = "BM+3, \emptyset; BUFR$



YOU ARE AMONG THE ROCKS OBVIOUS EXITS: EAST YOU SEE A STRANGE BOULDER

AND HOH!

 $3L3HU4ER3BD6":W$(4)="BM+3,\emptyset;R3L3$ U6R3FD4GBR"

3 W(5) = "BM+3, \emptyset; R4L4U3R3L3U3R4BD$ $6":W$(6) = "BM+3, \emptyset; U3R3L3U3R4BD6BL$ ":W\$(7)="BM+3,Ø;BUFR2EUHLBL2D2U4 ER3BRBD6": W(8) = "BM+3, \emptyset; U6D3R4U3$ $D6":W$(9)="BM+3,\emptyset;R4L2U6L2R4BD6"$:W\$ $(1\emptyset)$ ="BM+3, \emptyset ;BUFR2EU5BD6":W\$(11)="BM+3,Ø;U6D3RE3G3F3"

4 W\$(12)="BM+3,Ø;BU6D6R4BL":W\$(1 3)="BM+3,Ø;U6F2E2D6":W\$(14)="BM+ 3,Ø;U6DF2F2DU6BD6;":W\$(15)="BM+3 , Ø; BUU4ER2FD4GL2HFBR3": W\$ (16) = "B M+3, \emptyset ; U6R3FDGL2BD3BR3": W\$(17) = "BM+3, Ø; BUU4ER2FD4GL2HFR2EHF2BL":W \$(18)="BM+3,Ø;U6R3FDGL3R2F2D"

5 W(19) = "BM+3, \emptyset; BUFR2EUHL2HEUR2$ FBD5": W(2\emptyset) = "BM+3, \emptyset; BU6R4L2D6BR$ $2":W$(21)="BM+3,\emptyset;BU6D5FR2EU5BD6$ ":W\$(22)="BM+3,Ø;BU6D2FD2FEU2EU2 BD6": W\$(23) = "BM+3, Ø; BU6D6E2F2U6B $D6":W$(24)="BM+3,\emptyset;UE4UBL4DF4D":$ W(25) = "BM+3, \emptyset; BU5UDF2E2UDG2D3BR$

6 W(26) = "BM+3, \emptyset; BU6R4DG4D1R4"$ 7 DATA IN THE GREEN WOODS, IN THE GREEN WOODS, AMONG THE ROCKS, AMO NG THE ROCKS, IN THE DEAD WOODS, I N THE DEAD WOODS

8 DATA IN THE DEAD WOODS, IN A SW AMP, IN THE SECRET CAVES, IN THE G REEN WOODS, AMONG THE ROCKS

9 DATA NOWHERE..., IN THE LEPRECH AUN'S PLACE, NOWHERE

10 DATA AN URN, WIND, 7, BUTTERFLY WINGS, WINGS, 2,, *, 9, A KEY, KE Y, 5, A PARCHMENT, PARCHMENT, 3 11 DATAA MUSHROOM, MUSHROOM, 14, A SHOVEL, SHOVEL, 1, A TUBE, TUBE, 4, A

TORCH, TORCH, 6, A BOX, BOX, 10 12 DATAA STRANGE BOULDER, *, 11, ...

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.A SWAMP, *, 4, ... A SWAMP, *, 5, SIGN
S ON A TREE, *, 6, ... A SWAMP, *, 6
13 DATA 2,Ø,1Ø,11,4,1,5,3,4,-7,2
,\emptyset,1\emptyset\emptyset\emptyset,2,-2,3,1\emptyset\emptyset\emptyset,1\emptyset,6,2,1\emptyset\emptyset\emptyset,
7,Ø,5,6,Ø,Ø,lØ,lØØØ,lØØØ,lØØØ,lØ
\emptyset\emptyset, -3, -4, \emptyset, -2, 5, \emptyset, 7, 1, -7, \emptyset, 1, \emptyset, \emptyset
,-1,-5,\emptyset,\emptyset,1\emptyset\emptyset\emptyset,-6,\emptyset,\emptyset,-3,\emptyset,-6
14 DATATAKE, 1, GET, 1, PUT, 2, DROP, 2
,GO,3,LOOK,4,EXAM,4,READ,4,USE,5
,GLUE, 6, RUB, 7, STRIKE, 7, UNLOCK, 8,
OPEN, 9, EAT, 10, DIG, 11, LIGHT, 12, SW
IM, 13, FLY, 14, PUSH, 15, DRINK, 16, IN
V,17
15 FORC=1TOX:READL$(C):NEXTC
16 FORC=1TOY: READLO$(C), O$(C), O(
C): NEXTC
17 FORC=1TOX: READT(1,C),T(2,C),T
(3,C), T(4,C): NEXTC
18 T$(1)="NORTH":T$(2)="SOUTH":T
$(3) = "EAST": T$(4) = "WEST"
19 N=22
2Ø FORC=1TON:READC$(C),C(C):NEXT
C
21 L=11
22 GOSUB325
23 SCREEN1,1
24 GOSUB335
25 PCLS1:ONLGOSUB178,211,227,234
,25Ø,271,275,28Ø,281,288,297,3Ø5
,310,318
26 FORC=1TOY:IFO(C)=LTHENGOSUB32
5: POKE178, 3: DRAWG$ (C)
27 NEXTC
28 IFL=9ANDWM=1ANDO(9)=1\emptyset\emptyset\emptysetTHENG
OSUB283
29 IFL=11ANDZA=1THENGOSUB3Ø4
3Ø IFL=14ANDVL=1THENGOSUB324
31 COLOR8,1:N$="YOU ARE "+L$(L):
DRAW"BM5, 1Ø8;":GOSUB15Ø
32 N$="OBVIOUS EXITS: "
33 FORC=1TO4:IFT(C,L)>ØTHENN$=N$
+T$(C)+" "
34 NEXTC
35 DRAW"BM 5,123;":GOSUB15Ø
36 N$="YOU SEE "
37 FORC=1TOY:IFO(C)=LTHENN$=N$+L
0$(C)+" "
38 NEXTC
39 IFLEN(N$) < 39THENGOTO41
4Ø IFLEN(N$)>38THENGOTO339
41 IFNS="YOU SEE "THENNS="YOU SE
E NOTHING INTERESTING"
42 DRAW"BM 5,138;":GOSUB15Ø:GOTO
43 N$="AND NOW?":DRAW"BMØ,168;":
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44 LINE(1Ø,172)-(255,184), PSET, B

GOSUB15Ø

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:SOUND25Ø,1
45 COLOR6, 1
46 A$="":GOSUB165
47 IFA$="CALM"ANDL=6ANDZE=1THENG
OT0338
48 IFZE=1ANDL=6ANDA$<>"CALM"THEN
49 FORC=lTOLEN(A$): IFMID$(A$,C,1
)=" "THENA1$=LEFT$(A$,C-1):B$=MI
D$(A$,C+1,LEN(A$)-C):GOTO51ELSEN
EXTC
50 A1S=AS
51 FORC=1TON
52 IFC(C)=A1THENA=C(C):GOTO55
53 NEXTC
54 GOSUB331:N$="WHAT...?":GOSUB1
5Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
55 ONAGOTO56,65,73,78,98,100,102
,106,108,113,116,119,121,122,124
,126,133
56 IFB$="URN"THENB$="WIND"
57 IFB$="MATCHES"THENB$="BOX"
58 IFVV<4THEN59ELSEGOTO64
59 FORC=1TOY
61 IFB\$=0$(C)AND O(C)=L AND O$(C
) <> "*" THEN O(C) = 1 Ø Ø Ø: GOSUB325: P
OKE178, Ø:DRAW G$(C):GOSUB331:N$=
"DONE YOU HAVE IT!":VV=VV+1:GOSU
B15Ø:GOSUB332:GOSUB334:GOTO36
62 NEXTC
63 GOSUB331:N$="YOU CAN'T":GOSUB
15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
64 GOSUB331:N$="YOUR HANDS ARE F
ULL":GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
65 IFB$="MATCHES"THENB$="BOX"
66 IFB$="URN"THENB$="WIND"
67 IFB$="TORCH"THEN WM=Ø
68 IFB$="TORCH" AND L=9 THENPOKE
178, Ø: GOSUB284
69 FORC=1TOY
7\emptyset IFB$=0$(C)ANDO(C)=1\emptyset\emptyset\emptysetTHENO(C
)=L:VV=VV-1:GOSUB325:POKE178,3:D
RAWG\$(C):POKE178,\emptyset:GOSUB331:N\$="
DONE...!":GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332
71 NEXTC
72 GOSUB334:GOTO36
73 IFB$="HOLE"ANDL=11ANDZA=1THEN
L=3:GOTO25
74 FORC=1TO4:IFB$=T$(C)THENDR=C:
GOTO76
75 NEXTC: GOTO46
76 IFT(DR,L)>ØTHENL=T(DR,L):IFL=
1ØØØTHENGOSUB331:N$="YOU ARE SIN
KING...TOO BAD.":GOSUB15Ø:GOTO28
6
77 GOTO24
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78 IFA\$=A1\$THENGOSUB335:GOTO25

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79 GOSUB331
8Ø IFB$="WIND"THENB$="URN"
81 IFB$="BOX"THENB$="MATCHES"
82 IFB$="URN"ANDO(1)=1ØØØTHENN$=
"IT IS PRESSURIZED WIND":GOSUB15
Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
83 IFB$="RING"ANDO(3)=1ØØØTHENN$
="A GOLD RING...MAGIC?":GOSUB15Ø
:GOSUB332:GOTO46
84 IFB$="WINGS"ANDO(2)=1ØØØTHENN
$="HUGE AND VERY STRONG":GOSUB15
Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
85 IFB="KEY"ANDO(4)=1\emptyset\emptyset\emptysetTHENN=
"MADE OF SILVER...PRECIOUS.":GOS
UB15ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
86 IFB$="PARCHMENT"ANDO(5)=1ØØØT
HENN$="...WITH CALM YOU WILL SUC
CEED.":GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
87 IFB$="MUSHROOM"ANDO(6)=1ØØØTH
ENN$="BIZARRE...MIGHT BE EDIBLE"
:GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
88 IFB$="SHOVEL"ANDO(7)=1ØØØTHEN
N$="MADE OF STEEL WITH A WOOD HA
NDLE":GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
89 IFB$="TUBE"ANDO(8)=1ØØØTHENN$
="LOOKS LIKE STRONG GLUE":GOSUB1
5Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
9Ø IFB$="TORCH"ANDO(9)=1ØØØANDWM
<>1THENN$="OF RESIN...ACTUALLY O
FF":GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
91 IFB$="TORCH"ANDWM=1THENN$="..
.IT IS AFLAME. ": GOSUB15Ø: GOSUB33
2:GOTO46
92 IFB$="MATCHES"ANDO(1Ø)=1ØØØTH
ENN$="MATCHES...DRY AND WELL PRE
SERVED": GOSUB150: GOSUB332: GOTO46
93 IFB$="HOLE"ANDL=3THENN$="BIG
ENOUGH FOR TOU TO ENTER...":GOSU
B15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
94 IFB$="BOULDER"ANDL=11THENN$="
SEEMS A LITTLE UNSTABLE. ": GOSUB3
32:GOTO46
95 IFB$="TREE"THENB$="SIGNS"
96 IFB$="SIGNS"ANDL=6ANDO(5)=1ØØ
ØTHENN$="THE PASSWORD ?":GOSUB15
Ø:FORX=1T06ØØ:NEXTX:GOSUB332:ZE=
1:GOTO46
97 N$="YOU DON'T HAVE IT.":GOSUB
15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
98 IFB$="WIND"ANDO(1)=1ØØØANDVG=
landl=4Thengosub331:N$="You are
FLYING OVER THE SWAMP. ": GOSUB15Ø
:GOSUB332:GOSUB287:L=14:GOTO25
99 GOSUB331:N$=" NOTHING TO DO":
GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
1ØØ IFB$="WINGS"ANDO(2)=1ØØØANDO
(8)=1ØØØANDVK=1THENGOSUB331:N$="
 DONE!":VG=1:GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:
GOTO46
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1Ø1 GOSUB331:N$=" NOTHING TO DO
":GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
1Ø2 IFB$="MATCH"ANDO(1Ø)=1ØØØTHE
NGOSUB331:N$=" IT IS LIT.":VH=1:
GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
1Ø3 IFB$="RING"ANDO(3)=1ØØØANDL=
14THENGOSUB331:N$=" THERE IS NOW
 A WAY...":VL=1:GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB33
1Ø4 IFVL=1THENT(4,14)=12:T(1,12)
=14:GOSUB324:GOSUB336:GOTO32
1Ø5 GOSUB331:N$=" NOTHING TO DO"
:GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
1Ø6 IFB$="DOOR"ANDL=9ANDO(4)=1ØØ
ØANDWM=1THENGOSUB331:N$="IT IS U
NLOCKED": VJ=1:GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:
GOTO46
1Ø7 GOSUB331:N$="IMPOSSIBLE":GOS
UB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
1Ø8 IFB$="DOOR"ANDL=9ANDVJ=1THEN
POKE178, Ø:GOSUB285::GOSUB331:N$=
"YOU ARE GIVEN SOMETHING...":0(3
)=1ØØØ:GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOSUB33
6:GOSUB334:GOTO32
1Ø9 IFB$="TUBE"ANDO(8)=1ØØØTHENG
OSUB331:N$="
               DONE!": VK=1: GOSUB
15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
11\emptyset IFB$="BOX"ANDO(1\emptyset)=1\emptyset\emptyset\emptysetTHENG
OSUB331:N$="
               DONE!":GOSUB15Ø:G
OSUB332:GOTO46
111 IFB$="URN"THENB$="WIND":GOTO
98
112 GOSUB331:N$=" IMPOSSIBLE":G
OSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
113 IFB$="MUSHROOM"ANDL=12ANDO(6
)=1ØØØTHENGOSUB331:N$="YOU HALLU
CINATE...":GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:T(3
,12)=13:T(4,13)=12:GOSUB336:O(3)
=1000:GOTO32
114 IFB$="MUSHROOM"ANDO(6)=1ØØØT
HENGOSUB331:N$="NOT BAD...":GOSU
B15\emptyset:GOSUB332:O(6)=1\emptyset\emptyset:GOTO46
115 GOSUB331:N$="YOU CAN'T.":GOS
UB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
116 IFA$=A1$ANDL=4ANDO(7)=1ØØØTH
ENT(3,4)=9:T(4,9)=4:GOSUB331:N$=
"...AN UNDERGROUND PASSAGE APPEA
RS":GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOSUB336:G
117 IFA$=A1$ANDO(7)<>1ØØØTHENGOS
UB331:N$="TOO HARD...!":GOSUB15Ø
:GOSUB332:GOTO46
118 IFA$=A1$THENGOSUB331:N$="NOT
HERE":GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46
119 IFB$="TORCH"ANDO(9)=1ØØØANDV
H=1THENGOSUB331:N$=" ONE SEES CL
EARLY NOW...":WM=1:GOSUB15Ø:GOSU
B332:IFL=9ANDWM=1THENGOSUB283:GO
SUB332:GOTO46
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12Ø GOSUB331:N\$=" 286 ?":GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46 132 GOSUB331:N\$="NOTHING TO DRIN 121 IFA\$=A1\$ANDL=4ORL=5ORL=6THEN K...":GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46 GOSUB331:N\$="YOU ARE SINKING...T 133 IFA\$=A1\$THENGOSUB335:N\$="YOU OO BAD.":GOSUB15Ø:GOTO286 ARE CARRYING: " 122 IFA\$=A1\$ANDL=4ANDVG=1THENGOS 134 HORIZONTAL=1Ø:VERTICAL=1 UB331:N\$="IT IS NOT WINDY ENOUGH 135 DRAW"BM1Ø,118;":GOSUB15Ø:DRA ":GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46 W"BM 45,128;" 123 GOSUB331:N\$="YOU CAN'T.":GOS 136 N\$=" " UB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46 137 FORV=1TOY 124 IFB\$="BOULDER"ANDL=11THENGOS 138 IFO(V)= $1\emptyset\emptyset\emptyset$ THENN\$=N\$+LO\$(V)+ UB331:N\$="IT MOVES...":GOSUB15Ø: GOSUB332:T(1,11)=3:T(2,3)=11:LO\$139 HO=HO+6*LEN(N\$):IFHO>100THEN(11)="A DARK HOLE":GOSUB334:GOSU 141 B336:ZA=1:GOSUB3Ø4:GOTO32 14Ø GOTO146 125 GOSUB331:N\$="YOU CAN'T":GOSU 141 VE=VE+1:HO=1Ø B15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46 142 IFVE=2THENDRAW"BM 10,138" 126 IFA\$=A1\$THENGOSUB331:N\$="WHA 143 IFVE=3THENDRAW"BM 10,148;" T...?":GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOTO46 144 IFVE=4THENDRAW"BM 10,158;" 127 IFB\$="WATER"ANDL=4THENGOTO13 145 IFVE=5THENDRAW"BM1Ø,168;" 146 IFVE=6THENDRAW"BM1Ø,178;" 128 IFB\$="WATER"ANDL=5THENGOTO13 147 GOSUB15Ø:N\$=" " 148 NEXTV: FORX=1T012ØØ: NEXTX: GOS 129 IFB\$="WATER"ANDL=6THENGOTO13 UB335:GOTO31 1 149 STOP 13Ø GOT0132 15Ø FORC=ITOLEN(N\$) 131 GOSUB331:N\$="WATER PARALYSES 151 N1\$=MID\$(N\$,C,1) YOU...":GOSUB15Ø:GOSUB332:GOSUB 152 N1=ASC(N1\$)

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153 IFN1=32THENDRAW"BM+6, Ø":GOTO
163
154 IFN1=58THENDRAW"BM+3, Ø; BR1BU
lulBu2UlBulBR2BD6BR2":GOTO163
155 IFN1=39THENDRAW"BM+3, Ø; BR2BU
4U2BR1BD6":GOTO163
156 IFN1=46THENDRAW"BM+3, Ø; BR1R1
BR1":GOTO163
157 IFN1=63THENDRAW"BM+3, Ø; BU4U2
R2D3BL1D3BR1":GOTO163
158 IFN1=33THENDRAW"BM+3,Ø;BR1R1
BU2U4BR1BD6":GOTO163
159 IFN1=44THENDRAW"BM+3, Ø; BR1U2
BD3BL1L1BR3BU1":GOTO163
16Ø IFN1>=65ANDN1<=9ØTHENGOTO161
ELSENEXTC
161 N1=N1-64
162 DRAWW$(N1)
163 NEXTC
164 RETURN
165 LINE(75,161)-(256,169), PRESE
T, BF: DRAW"BM75, 168; ": A$="": GOTO1
67
166 DRAW"BM75,191;":A$=""
167 I$=INKEY$
168 IFI$=""THEN167
169 SOUND23Ø,1
17Ø IFI$=CHR$(13)THENRETURN
171 \text{ Nl=ASC}(I\$)
172 IFN1=32THENDRAW"BM+7, Ø":A$=A
$+CHR$(32):GOTO167
173 IFN1=8ANDLEN(A$)>ØTHENA$=LEF
T$(A$, LEN(A$)-1):POKE178,3:DRAW"
BM-6, Ø; R6U1L6U1R6U1L6U1R6U1L6U1R
6D6BL7": POKE178, Ø: GOTO167
174 IFN1>=65ANDN1<=9ØTHENA$=A$+I
$ELSEGOTO167
175 N1=N1-64:DRAWW$(N1)
176 IFLEN(A$)>3ØTHENRETURN
177 GOTO167
178 GOSUB328
179 IFL=2THENGOTO182
18\emptyset \text{ LINE}(2\emptyset, 6\emptyset) - (32, 27), PSET
181 IFL=1ØTHENGOTO184
182 LINE(32,28)-(2Ø,22), PSET:LIN
E(36,12)-(16,4), PSET: LINE (2\emptyset,6)-
(2\emptyset,\emptyset), PSET: LINE (36,12) - (4\emptyset,\emptyset), P
SET
183 IFL=2THENGOTO19Ø
184 LINE (76,8Ø) - (76,68), PSET: LIN
E(76,68)-(96,64), PSET:LINE(96,64
)-(96,52), PSET
185 IFL=1ØTHENGOTO187
186 LINE (96,52) - (8Ø,52), PSET: LIN
E(80,52) - (92,0), PSET
187 LINE (76,8Ø) - (96,96), PSET
188 LINE (20,64) - (20,22), PSET
189 IFL=1ØTHENGOTO192
19Ø DRAW"BM12,96;E1ØF5E12F12E8F8
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191 LINE(124,Ø)-(112,16),PSET:LI
NE(112,16)-(144,16), PSET
192 LINE(144,16)-(12Ø,44), PSET:L
INE(12Ø,44)-(144,48), PSET:LINE(1
44,48)-(14Ø,56), PSET:LINE(14Ø,56
)-(168,62), PSET:LINE(168,62)-(17
6,72), PSET
193 LINE(176,72)-(224,44), PSET:L
INE(224,44)-(244,6Ø), PSET:LINE(2
24,44)-(244,28), PSET:LINE(244,6Ø
)-(256,60), PSET
194 IFL=2THENGOTO198
195 IFL=1ØTHENRETURN
196 LINE (16\emptyset, 6\emptyset) - (152, 96), PSET
197 LINE(224,44) - (234,95), PSET
198 LINE(25Ø,6Ø)-(234,95), PSET
199 IFL=2THENRETURN
2ØØ LINE(116,96)-(156,8Ø), PSET
2Ø1 CIRCLE(116,132),65,Ø,1,.65,.
2Ø2 POKE178,Ø:PAINT(4Ø,4Ø),,Ø:PA
INT(22Ø,6Ø),,Ø:PAINT(252,68),,Ø
2Ø3 POKE178,2:PAINT(4Ø,92),,Ø:PA
INT(136,92),,\emptyset:PAINT(2\emptyset\emptyset,1),,\emptyset:P
AINT(12\emptyset, 8\emptyset), \emptyset
2Ø4 POKE178,1Ø1:PAINT(236,6Ø),,Ø
:PAINT(32,4),,Ø:PAINT(26,32),,Ø:
PAINT (100,1), 0
2Ø5 POKE178,2:DRAW"BM79,79;U1ØBR
8BU2D8BR8U9BR8BU7D9BR8BU1U19BR8B
D3D19BR8D1U12BR8U3D17BR8D3U16BR8
BD4D16BR8BU5U11":DRAW"BM95,7;D16
BR8BD4U11BU5U5BU2U3BR8BD3D27BR8B
U4U1ØBR8BD4D9BR8BU6U7"
2Ø6 IFL=2THENRETURN
2Ø7 LINE(212,82)-(214,92), PSET
2Ø8 IFL=1ØTHENRETURN
2Ø9 POKE178,1:FORLL=1TO75:XX=RND
(44)+16:YY=RND(12)+8\emptyset:PSET(XX,YY)
):NEXTLL
21Ø RETURN
211 GOSUB178
212 LINE(164,61)-(164,96), PSET:L
INE(18Ø,69)-(18Ø,96), PSET:LINE(2
ØØ,58)-(2ØØ,96),PSET:LINE(228,96
)-(228,47), PSET: IFL=10THENRETURN
213 LINE(121,51)-(142,53), PSET:L
INE (36, 12) - (40, 24), PSET: LINE (40, 24)
24) - (32, 28), PSET
214 LINE(91,23)-(92,Ø), PSET:LINE
(146,88) - (15\emptyset,9\emptyset), PSET: LINE (18\emptyset,
76) - (200, 80), PSET
215 LINE (36, 12) - (52, 2), PSET: LINE
(52,2)-(60,10), PSET: LINE (60,10)-
(84,4), PSET: LINE (84,4) - (76,16), P
SET:LINE(76,16)-(1Ø4,28), PSET:LI
NE(1\emptyset4,28) - (1\emptyset4,4\emptyset), PSET: LINE(1\emptyset
4,4\emptyset) - (12\emptyset,48), PSET: LINE (12\emptyset,48)
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 $-(124,6\emptyset)$, PSET: LINE $(124,6\emptyset)$ -(148),88), PSET 216 LINE(38,26)-(67,42), PSET:LIN E(68,39)-(38,23), PSET: LINE(126,7 7) - (143,86), PSET: LINE (84,51) - (10)1,61), PSET: LINE(61,18)-(47,27), P SET:LINE(45,34)-(42,56), PSET:LIN E(73,64)-(66,41), PSET 217 LINE(96,57)-(108,54), PSET:LI NE(96,62)-(1Ø3,76),PSET:LINE(66, 37) - (91,34), PSET: LINE(124,61) - (1 47,88), PSET 218 LINE(32,8Ø)-(16,52), PSET:LIN E(16,52) - (32,28), PSET 219 LINE(148,88)-(12Ø,92), PSET:L INE(12Ø,92)-(1Ø4,92), PSET:LINE(1 $\emptyset 4,92) - (1\emptyset\emptyset,88), PSET: LINE (1\emptyset\emptyset,88)$)-(92,88), PSET:LINE(92,88)-(88,7 6), PSET: LINE (88, 76) - (76, 8\\\\)), PSET :LINE(1Ø4,92)-(112,96), PSET 22Ø LINE(112,96)-(76,8Ø), PSET:LI $NE(76,8\emptyset) - (44,72), PSET: LINE(44,7)$ $2) - (32,8\emptyset)$, PSET: LINE $(228,8\emptyset) - (24$ $4,8\emptyset$), PSET: LINE $(2\emptyset,22) - (2\emptyset,48)$, P SET 221 POKE178, Ø: PAINT (8,8),, Ø: PAIN $T(17\emptyset,72)$,, \emptyset :PAINT(224,56),, \emptyset :PA INT(252,68),,Ø:PAINT(64,4),,Ø:PA INT(84,8\$\psi),\$\psi\$: PAINT(99,89),\$\psi\$
222 POKE178,2: PAINT(56,8),\$\psi\$: PAI
NT(4\$\psi,88),\$\psi\$: PAINT(142,6\$\psi),\$\psi\$: PA
INT(2\$\psi\$,4),\$\psi\$: PAINT(188,88),\$\psi\$: P
AINT(6\$\psi\$,48),\$\psi\$: PAINT(235,85),\$\psi\$
223 POKE178,\$\psi\$: PAINT(235,85),\$\psi\$
223 POKE178,\$\psi\$: PAINT(32,4),\$\psi\$: P
AINT(24,32),\$\psi\$: PAINT(1\$\psi\$,8),\$\psi\$: P
AINT(192,72),\$\psi\$: PAINT(24\$\psi\$,6\$\psi\$),\$\psi\$
224 POKE178,2: FORWW=1TO3\$\psi\$: XX=RND
(12)+32: YY=RND(4)+2\$\psi\$: PSET(XX,YY)
:NEXT: POKE178,1: FORWW=1TO45: XX=R
ND(28): YY=RND(8)+88: PSET(XX,YY):
NEXT
225 GOSUB2\$\psi\$5
226 RETURN

227 GOSUB328:GOSUB234:LINE(8Ø,96)-(96,84),PSET:LINE(96,84)-(92,96),PSET:LINE(96,84)-(84,68),PSET:LINE(84,68)-(64,64),PSET:LINE(112,42)-(12Ø,96),PSET

228 LINE(113,52)-(14Ø,36), PSET:L
INE(14Ø,36)-(172,4Ø), PSET:LINE(1
72,4Ø)-(184,64), PSET:LINE(184,64)
)-(2Ø2,76), PSET:LINE(184,64)-(18
Ø,72), PSET:LINE(18Ø,72)-(164,78)
, PSET

229 IFL=7THENRETURN

23Ø POKE178,2:PAINT(6Ø,4),,Ø:PAI

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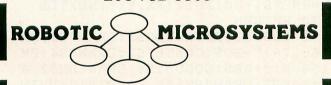
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NT(6Ø,8Ø),,Ø
231 POKE178, Ø: PAINT (88, 92), , Ø: PO
KE178,1:FORLL=1TO3Ø:XX=RND(76)+1
2:YY=RND(14)+72:PSET(XX,YY):NEXT
LL: POKE178, 2: LINE(212, 53) - (228, 5
6), PSET: LINE (200,60) - (220,60), PS
232 POKE178,1:FORLL=1TO3Ø:XX=RND
(76)+12:YY=RND(14)+72:PSET(XX,YY
):NEXTLL
233 RETURN
234 GOSUB328:LINE(\emptyset,\emptyset) - (52,2\emptyset), P
SET: LINE (52, 20) - (68, 20), PSET: LIN
E(68,2\emptyset) - (8\emptyset,26), PSET: LINE (80,26
)-(1\emptyset4,12), PSET: LINE(1\emptyset4,12)-(84)
,Ø),PSET
235 IFL=3THENGOTO237
236 LINE(2Ø,96)-(48,8Ø), PSET:LIN
E(48,80) - (56,68), PSET: LINE (56,68)
-(86,52), PSET: LINE (86,52) - (100,
43), PSET: LINE (100, 43) - (116, 40), P
SET
237 LINE(1Ø4,12)-(112,41), PSET:D
RAW"BM52,2Ø;D7L1D7BD8BL2D4L1D4BR
32BU23D5L1D5BD4D5L1D4"
238 LINE (\emptyset, \emptyset) - (52, 2\emptyset), PSET: LINE (
52,2\emptyset) - (68,2\emptyset), PSET: LINE(68,2\emptyset) -
(8\emptyset, 26), PSET: LINE (8\emptyset, 26) - (1\emptyset4, 12)
), PSET: LINE (1Ø4,12) - (84,Ø), PSET
239 LINE (240,0) - (220,12), PSET: LI
NE(22Ø,12)-(212,53), PSET:LINE(21
(2,53) - (200,60), PSET: LINE (200,60)
-(204,96), PSET: DRAW"BM200,60; R18
BL6BU7R4D1R4D1R4D1R4D1"
24Ø IFL=3THENGOTO243
241 DRAW"BM48,8Ø;R4D1R4D1R4D1R4D
1F5R4D1R4D1R4D1BR44BU24E1ØR4U1R4
U2R3U2E5R2U2"
242 LINE(116,4Ø)-(144,4Ø), PSET:L
INE (144,40) - (156,44), PSET: LINE (1
56,44)-(164,6Ø),FSET:LINE(164,6Ø
)-(172,68), PSET: LINE(172,68)-(19
6,8\emptyset), PSET: LINE (196,8\emptyset) - (2\emptyset4,96)
, PSET
243 LINE (\emptyset, 48) - (36, 62), PSET: LINE
(36,62) - (64,64), PSET
244 IFL=3THENRETURN
245 CIRCLE(172,44),52,,.25,.57,.
92:LINE(151,32)-(149,Ø),PSET:LIN
E(199,33) - (201,0), PSET
246 POKE178,2:PAINT(6Ø,4),,Ø:PAI
NT(172,44),,\emptyset:PAINT(4,6\emptyset),,\emptyset
247 POKE178,3:DRAW"BM147,34;R48B
D2R12L72BD2L6R85BD2L67BD2BR3R61B
D2L54BD2BR1R53BD2L51BD2R51BD2L5Ø
BD2BR1R46BD2BL3L41BD2R37BD2BL3L3
2BD2BR1R31BD2L29BD2BR2R29BD2L26B
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D2BR3R23BD2L18BD2BR3R15BD2L1ØBD2
BR3R6BD2L2BD2BR1R2BD2R2BD2L1"
248 POKE178,1:FORLL=1TO2Ø:XX=RND
(36)+4:YY=RND(16)+62:PSET(XX,YY)
: NEXTLL
249 RETURN
25Ø GOSUB328
251 IFL=7THENRETURN
252 IFL=6THENRETURN
253 SO$="U24E32R12D4R12F1ØR12F7H
2D4L4G3H3L16U4H5L8U4H1Ø;BR5ØBD2Ø
D38;F15D3L24H17L16H3L39"
254 IFL=6THENRETURN
255 DRAW"S4; BMØ, 76; "+SO$
256 EP$="U4L2ØE2ØL2ØE2ØU4L16E16U
4L16E16U8; R4D4F14E6U4E2F2D4F8L8D
4F8E12U4L12E12U4R4F12L12D4F16L16
D4F2ØL2ØF2ØL2ØD8;L4U4L2ØE2ØU4L2Ø
F12L12D8L4U4L12;F1ØL2ØD8L4U4R2U2
257 IFL=6THENRETURN
258 IFL=6THENRETURN
259 DRAW"S3; BM11Ø, 84; "+EP$
26Ø TR$="D7F3E8L6E2L6":DRAW"BM11
8,42;R7D3G2H5":DRAW"BM115,49;R5G
4L2U5":DRAW"BM114,63;R4G4U4":IFL
=6THENRETURN
261 DRAW"BM131,45;R12G6H6"
262 DRAW"BM114,3Ø;"+TR$
263 AR$="D32E28D8R4G32D32;E24D4R
4G12R8D2L1ØG14D12;L28U24H1ØL6U2R
4H8E4U4F16;U28H24U4E4F2ØU21R28"
264 IFL=6THENRETURN
265 IFL=7THENRETURN
266 DRAW"S4; BM224, Ø; "+AR$
267 POKE178, Ø: PAINT (41, 64),, Ø: PA
INT(1Ø6,3Ø),,Ø:PAINT(2Ø8,8),,Ø
268 LINE(64,56)-(256,84), PSET:CI
RCLE(17Ø,66),95,,.25,.55,.96:POK
E178,2:PAINT(136,6Ø),,Ø:PAINT(13
6,46),,Ø:PAINT(117,51),,Ø:PAINT(
99,54),,Ø:PAINT(166,54),,Ø:PAINT
(191,51),,Ø:PAINT(231,53),,Ø:PAI
NT(249,65),,Ø
269 POKE178,88:PAINT(8Ø,4),,Ø:PA
INT(117,33),,Ø:PAINT(187,6),,Ø:P
AINT(236,6),,Ø:PAINT(24Ø,36),,Ø:
PAINT(12Ø,4),,Ø:PAINT(172,2Ø),,Ø
:DRAW"BM75,40;H3L11H7L3H3BR13BD4
D5F6": FORLL=1TO25: XX=RND(6\emptyset)+4: Y
Y=RND(8)+8Ø:PSET(XX,YY):NEXTLL
27Ø RETURN
271 GOSUB25Ø:GOSUB253:DRAW"S3;BM
166,76;"+SO$:GOSUB263:DRAW"S4;BM
156, Ø; "+AR$: GCSUB256: DRAW"BM32, 8
4;"+EP$:DRAW"BM166,76;D1R1":DRAW
"BM166,62;G19R19E8":POKE178,3:DR
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272 PAINT(87,67),,Ø:PAINT(135,67
),, Ø:PAINT(169,67),, Ø:PAINT(193,
68),,\emptyset:LINE(\emptyset, 4\emptyset) - (256,76), PSET:
CIRCLE(178,48),86,,.11,.54,1:POK
E178,3:DRAW"BM199,4ØR11":POKE178
,2:PAINT(123,48),,Ø:PAINT(164,48
),,Ø:PAINT(1Ø6,48),,Ø:PAINT(238,
52),,0
273 POKE178,88:PAINT(14,6),,Ø:PA
INT(49,6),,Ø:PAINT(97,6),,Ø:PAIN
T(12Ø,6),,Ø:PAINT(167,6),,Ø:POKE
178, \emptyset: FORLL=1TO5\emptyset: XX=RND(1\emptyset\emptyset): YY
=RND(24)+68:PSET(XX,YY):NEXTLL:F
ORLL=1TO25:XX=RND(6\emptyset)+16\emptyset:YY=RND
(12) +78: PSET (XX, YY): NEXTLL
274 RETURN
275 GOSUB25Ø:GOSUB256:DRAW"S4;BM
32,84;"+EP$:GOSUB256:DRAW"S3;BM1
1Ø,84;"+EP$:GOSUB263:DRAW"S4;BM2
24, Ø; "+AR$
276 LINE(232,Ø)-(232,96),PSET:LI
NE(251,\emptyset) - (251,96), PSET: POKE178,
3:LINE(24Ø,2)-(24Ø,94),PSET:POKE
178, Ø: PAINT (24Ø, 9Ø), , Ø: PAINT (214
,13),,Ø:PAINT(143,39),,Ø:PAINT(7
6,39),,Ø:PAINT(252,13),,Ø:LINE(Ø
,56) - (256,28), PSET
277 FORLL=1TO5Ø:XX=RND(17Ø)+6:YY
=RND(32)+62:PSET(XX,YY):NEXTLL
278 POKE178,88:PAINT(9,16),,Ø:PA
INT(57,3),,Ø:PAINT(1ØØ,3),,Ø:PAI
NT(23\emptyset, 4), \emptyset: PAINT(1\emptyset\emptyset, 37), \emptyset: PA
INT(185,2),,Ø
279 RETURN
28Ø :GOSUB328:RETURN
281 GOSUB328
282 PAINT (100,2),,0:RETURN
283 POKE178,3
284 DRAW"BM8Ø,8Ø;U32BR12U8D32BR2
8BU16BL4L4BR8U32R24D32BR3R5":LIN
E(64,96) - (8\emptyset,8\emptyset), PSET: LINE(8\emptyset,48)
-(92,4\emptyset), PSET: LINE (94,7\emptyset) - (1\emptyset8,
56), PSET: LINE (156, 56) - (200, 96), P
285 DRAW"BM124,38;D6BD12R8BR4R4"
:POKE178, Ø:RETURN
286 POKE178, Ø: FORP=175TO1STEP-1:
CIRCLE(128,96),P,Ø,1,.5:NEXTP:FO
RP=1T015ØØ:NEXT:POKE65494,Ø:END
287 SCREENØ:CLS7:FORC=1TO1Ø:CLS3
:FORP=1TO3Ø:NEXTP:CLS5:FORP=1TO3
Ø:NEXTP:CLS1:FORP=1TO3Ø:NEXTP:NE
XTC: PCLS1: SCREEN1, 1: RETURN
288 GOSUB211
289 LINE (\emptyset, 8) - (12, 2\emptyset), PSET: LINE (
12,2\emptyset) - (3\emptyset,22), PSET: LINE(3\emptyset,22) -
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(48,44), PSET: LINE (48,44) - (68,36)
, PSET: LINE (68, 36) - (8Ø, 52), PSET: L
INE (80,52) - (94,52), PSET: LINE (120)
,45)-(143,16),PSET
29Ø LINE(94,52)-(112,4Ø), PSET:LI
NE(112,40)-(120,44), PSET: LINE(11
6,96) - (164,88), PSET: LINE(180,88)
-(196,96), PSET: LINE (24\emptyset,96) -(24\emptyset)
,55), PSET: LINE(152,Ø)-(144,8), PS
ET:LINE(144,8)-(144,16), PSET
291 DRAW"BMØ,64;E8F16E4F8E8F2ØE4
F11"
292 POKE178,2:PAINT(8Ø,4),,Ø:PAI
NT(200,4),0:PAINT(8,64),0:PAIN
T(154,92),,\emptyset:PAINT(184,92),,\emptyset:PO
KE178, Ø: PAINT(8, 20),, Ø: PAINT(168
,8Ø),,Ø:PAINT(2Ø8,8Ø),,Ø:PAINT(2
5Ø,8Ø),ø
293 POKE178, 1Ø1: PAINT(24, 28),,Ø:
PAINT(12Ø,48),,Ø:PAINT(192,8Ø),,
Ø: PAINT (235,8Ø),,Ø
294 POKE178,2:DRAW"BM79,68;D5BR8
U6D7BR8BU2U7BR8BU2U14BR8U9BD14D5
BD4D5BR8BU3U17BR8U4D8BD8D4BR8BD3
U12BU4U4BR8BD8D3BD5D8BR8BU2U12BR
8D8BR24BD2D5BR8D3U15BR4ØBU12D12B
D3D9":DRAW"BM23,24;D7BD4D6"
295 POKE178,1:FORLL=1TO3Ø:XX=RND
(32)+2\emptyset:YY=RND(12)+64:PSET(XX,YY)
):NEXTLL
296 RETURN
297 GOSUB328:LINE(\emptyset, 24) - (32, 4\emptyset),
PSET:LINE(32,\emptyset) - (4\emptyset, 4\emptyset), PSET:LIN
E(32,4\emptyset)-(68,48), PSET: LINE (68,48)
-(8\emptyset, 96), PSET: LINE (7\emptyset, 52) - (\emptyset, 76)
), PSET
298 LINE (70,56) - (92,60), PSET: LIN
E(92,60) - (109,44), PSET: LINE(115,
44)-(134,46), PSET: LINE(136,48)-(
16Ø,56), PSET: LINE(132,24)-(142,1
4), PSET: LINE(148,14)-(172,24), PS
ET:LINE(172,24)-(180,36), PSET
299 DRAW"BM136,48;U2L1U2L1U2L1U2
L1U4L1U4U4R1U4R2":DRAW"BM142,14;
R2U1R2D1R2":DRAW"BM16Ø,56;R4U1R4
UlR4U2R4UlR2"
3ØØ LINE(184,2Ø)-(176,64), PSET:L
INE(176,64)-(176,72), PSET:LINE(1
76,72)-(192,86), PSET:LINE(192,86
)-(216,88), PSET:LINE(216,88)-(22
4,96), PSET: LINE (213,88) - (22\emptyset,56)
, PSET: LINE(184,2Ø) - (196,8), PSET:
LINE (196, 8) - (232, \emptyset), PSET
3Ø1 DRAW"BM1Ø4,56;E4U24G1ØU4E1ØU
12G5U4E5U9R6D17F5D4H5D32R2D1R2D1
R2D1R2D1L4L2U1L2U1L2U1L2U1G5L4E3
":LINE(22Ø,56)-(222,93),PSET:PAI
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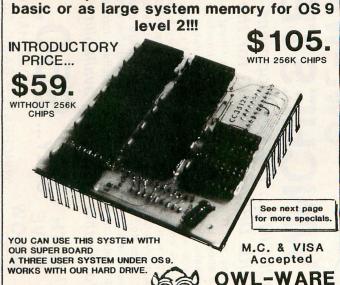
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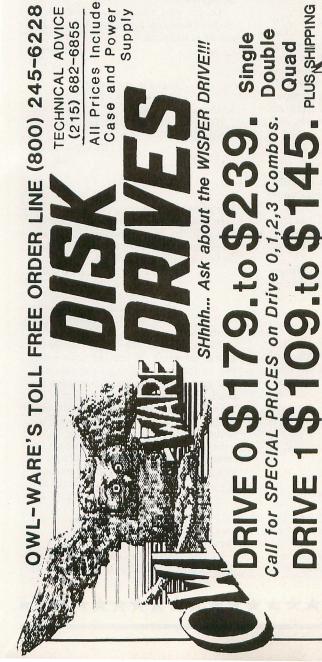
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SCOREBOARD POINTERS

In conjunction with THE RAINBOW'S Scoreboard, we offer this column of pointers for our game-playing readers' benefit. If you have some interesting hints, tips or responses to questions, or want help yourself, we encourage you to write to the Scoreboard, c/o THE RAINBOW.

FEEDBACK

In response to letters from:

- Marshall Miller: The cover must be examined and then opened by using the scepter in Sands of Egypt.
- Noel Nelson and Matthew Lohse: In Dallas Quest, the parrot knows how to get past the anaconda. Try EXAMINING him. To get through the wheat field, you first must calm the cows in the pasture by playing the bugle for them and then you must dig. Read the message written on the stone and it will tell you the directions to get through the wheat field.

In Raaka-Tu, where do you find the jeweled lever, the candle and the lamp that are used to get past the gargoyle?

Philip Manwarren Harrington, ME

- John Austin: On Zork I, you have to read the book after you light the candles and ring the bell.
- Chad Johnson: When you meet up with the ghosts in Wishbringer, there is nothing you can do to keep them from taking your items. When you hear the boots coming, go in a different direction. There is a token in the fountain that is guarded by piranhas. To get the token, you need a worm.

In the *Interbank Incident*, what do you do with the book, vase of roses, rope, dice, perfume, pass, quarter and the old newspaper?

John Haupt Salem, OH

- Ian Renauld: In *Vortex Factor*, to open the safe you must travel back to get the document from the desk; it has the combination on it.
- Emilie Bruchon: In *Black Sanctum*, have you tried going upstairs? Type GO DOOR and GO MIRROR.

In the *Interbank Incident*, how do I get on the train to get to Paris? In *Ghostown*, where is the bag of gold and how do you blow up the safe?

Dianne Piper Belait, WI • Normand Schafer: To get past the serpent in *Pyramid*, GET the statue box, then GO EAST to the room with the bird statue and get the statue. Go to the serpent and THROW the bird.

Andrew Irwin Port Haron, MI

Half a Chance

Scoreboard:

Some hints for Sands of Egypt: You need the oil from the snake to get the scepter. With the scepter you can unplug the drain and go underground. Be sure you save the game right when you are underground because you only have a 50 percent chance of making the right move.

Phil Derksen

Phil Derksen Hendersonville, NC

Two-Bit Lock

Scoreboard:

In *Dallas Quest*, what do you do after you give the chief of the cannibals your gift of courage?

In The Interbank Incident, I can unlock the locker at the Seattle Metro station by putting the quarter in it, but I can't open it.

Chris Hogg Canoga Park, CA

Coconuts Come First

Scoreboard:

I have a few helpful hints for *Dallas Quest*. Once in Africa, go south, stay on the path and talk to the parrot. To find the eggs, you must first get the coconuts and choose a nest egg.

Jeff Pagliuca Taunton, MA

Asks About Flasks

Scoreboard:

How do you incant the Vulcan ring in *Dungeons of Daggorath*? Are there scrolls or flasks on the first level? At what point do the other torches reveal themselves?

Amber Murray Gresham, OR

Ring Request

Scoreboard:

How do you use the ring to get by the cannibals in Dallas Quest?

Lori Morrish Toronto, Ontario

Tribal Diplomacy

Scoreboard:

To get past the angry tribesmen in *Dallas Quest*, try typing WAVE RING and see what happens.

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Snake in the Quest

Scoreboard:

How do you get past the snake in Dallas Quest?

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Blob-icide

Scoreboard:

In *Dungeons of Daggorath*, how do you kill the blobs and are there any scrolls or flasks on levels 1 and 2? How do you kill the warrior on Level 2?

Richard Little Columbiana, OH

Monkey Business

Scoreboard:

To get out of the jungle in *Dallas Quest*, go south. When the chief sends you to the crossroads, get the coconuts and go to the nest egg. To unmask the chief, give the monkey the mirror.

In *Dungeons of Daggorath*, kill most of the other creatures before you kill the blobs. It also helps to find the shield.

In Sands of Egypt, how do you get the treasure in the treasure room and how do you get out of the underground passage?

Jason Bell Goff, KS

Respiration Aggravation

Scoreboard:

In The White Fire of Eternity, I can't figure out what to do at the corner of the



underground tunnel where it says "Cough... Gasp... I can't breathe."

I can't figure out what to do at the pool in the Northern Castle in *Delirium*.

Craig Schreder Sarnia, Ontario

Opportunity for Advancement

Scoreboard:

In Madness and the Minotaur, I can't advance through the rooms or get out of the maze.

Someone said never carry more than three items, but where do you put the rest, and which three do you keep? What does it mean when you step into a room and hear garbled noise from the TV and when it says, "Nothing special happens"?

Tony Kwan

Rosemead, CA

Sweet Sixteen

Scoreboard:

In Madness and the Minotaur, once the ledge has been exposed, CLIMB LEDGE (with the rope). The packrat is a devious creature. There are 16 treasures worth points and the packrat always controls one of these treasures. At the beginning of the game, the packrat is given his treasure and one of the 16 treasures worth points becomes the "key" to get the packrat to give up his treasure. When you enter the packrat's room with the "key" treasure, he will give up his treasure. If the packrat's treasure and the "key" treasure are one and the same, the packrat gives up his treasure the instant you enter the room.

John Holladay Tacoma, WA

Out of Gas

Scoreboard:

In Zaxxon, how can I improve my score? I keep running out of gas.

Daniel Bradford Birmingham, AL

Level Best

Scoreboard:

I cannot find the exit on Level 13 in Gantelet.

On Level 2 there are three foods for extra health. On Level 7 the exit is in the lower left-hand corner. You can get extra armor, magical health, extra shots, a potion, five foods and a lot of points or damage.

On Level 8, how do you get the warrior and wizard through the first teleporter?

David Gordon Pierre, SD

Bell, Book and Candle

Scoreboard:

In Enchanter, try talking to the frog after using the Nitefall spell on him. You can use the scroll from inside the egg in the treasure room to bring the Adventurer in front of you.

In Zork, try ringing the bell, lighting the candles, and reading the black book, while standing in the entrance to hades. How do I get the powerful scroll in Enchanter without dying? In Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, how do I get past the brick?

Joseph Delaney Augusta, GA

Fill 'er Up

Scoreboard:

How do you fill the pool in *Hall Of The King*?

Erik Yoder Evanston, IL

Lake Mistake

Scoreboard:

In Magic of Zanth, I am stuck at the lake. How do you open the bottle? How do you find out what is under the water? If I swim the lake, I can't get out of it. How do you get past the lake?

Joan Michel Kennewick, WA

The First Rainbow Book of Adventures

Scoreboard:

On *Polynesian* Adventure, how do I get the Hot Knife? I tried to use the mat as a potholder but that didn't work. I tried to get water in the gasoline can to pour on it but that didn't work either.

In Search for the Ruby Chalice, how do I keep the wildcat from killing me?

How do I get out of the first room in Dr. Avaloe?

John Tiffany Washington, D.C.

Jump the Gate

Scoreboard:

How do I get out of the subway in Robot Odessey 1? I keep trying to get the token but I get caught by the sentry.

Thomas Payton Anderson, SC

Extra, Extra

Scoreboard:

In Paper Route, I found that by throwing the papers from the street you avoid being hit by the cars, kids, dogs and the lady with the boomerang. It is best to

wait to see if a paper makes the mailbox before going farther down the street. This allows for a second chance at the box. Don't be alarmed when the man count resets to zero after nine men, as only the last digit is displayed. The full 10 or more men are still there. Pick up the bundle halfway down the street for best results.

Neil Haupt Elyria, OH

Wall Fire

Scoreboard:

To make the monsters shoot through the wall in the game *Monster Maze*, face the wall you want to shoot through. Ease up to the wall by holding the firebutton and letting go and then holding it in again. Be sure to turn around before you stop firing or else you run into the wall.

Chris Buziak Buffalo, NY

Ladder Chatter

Scoreboard:

Here are a few tips for Planetfall:

Look in Floyd; get the key from the crevice in the Admin Coridor South with the bar; extend the ladder and put it over the rift; and send Floyd through the robot doorway in the repair shop.

Marshall Miller Oneonta, NY

Shedding Some Lamp Light

Scoreboard:

Once you get inside the pyramid in *Pyramid 2000*, type LIGHT LAMP and DROP PANEL. Go south and you will see bars of silver and a hole that leads east and west.

James Ruth Newark, NJ



To respond to other readers' inquiries and requests for assistance, reply to "Scoreboard Pointers," c/o THE RAINBOW, P.O. Box 385, Prospect, KY 40059. We will immediately forward your letter to the original respondent and, just as importantly, we'll share your reply with all "Scoreboard" readers in an upcoming issue.

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- Jody Doyle

The Values of the Hi-Res Joystick Interface

By Marty Goodman Rainbow Contributing Editor

How can I read the values of the Tandy Hi-Res Joystick interface? How does this device work?

Gill Winograd (DEMONN) Glen Ellyn, IL

The Interface cannot be read without special machine language subroutines. Steve Bjork presented such a subroutine in his Mouse articles in the July and August 1986 issues. A glance at that source code will assist programmers who want to write their own drivers for this device. OS-9 Level II has drivers for the Hi-Res Interface, too, so program development can be done to support it.

The Interface consists of a quad op amp and an RC ramp generator circuit. Using a trigger signal from the cassette output line, it starts the ramp generator, and then timing loops in assembly language software are used to measure the exact amount of time it takes for the

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voltage in the RC circuit to rise to the level of the wiper of the pots in the joystick. By measuring this time very precisely, the joystick position can be read to 10 times the precision measured with the ordinary (6-bit DAC) joystick port.

The price for such great resolution is that it takes more time to read the thing, and the readings may jitter just a little. But the port still can be read at 30 times per second in an application like *Color Max 3*, which is fast enough to produce the feel of smooth response. Only programs written specifically for the Hi-Res Joystick Interface can use it.

Try to Remember

I'd like to know how to keep a BASIC program in memory while I format a disk.

Vince Casingal (DESH) Miami, FL

The DSKINI (format) command in BASIC wipes out any program residing in the ordinary part of the computer's memory, for it uses that area to build the image of the track it writes to disk in the course of formatting that disk. There is no simple way around this. You'd have to write your own disk format code in assembly language and place it elsewhere in memory (and hope that your BASIC program is not so big as to conflict with that special format-

ter) in order to format a disk and still have a BASIC program left in memory. I actually did that with my MS-DOS formatter program published in the July 1986 issue. I suggest you just remember to format a bunch of disks before starting any programming session

Drive Power

How much power do I need to supply to a disk drive system that has four 51/4-inch drives?

James A. Nyman (NYMAN) Seattle, WA

These drives use 300 milliamps on the 5-volt line and a maximum of 600 milliamps on the 12-volt motor line. But that maximum current figure on the 12volt line is for both motors going; the spindle motor spinning and the head stepper motor madly stepping the head back and forth. On the CoCo, while all drive spindle motors are turned on when any drive is accessed, only one head at a time is stepped! The figures cited are rule of thumb figures, and the figures for any given specific model of drive may vary by as much as plus or minus 50 percent. Qume drives are noted by several owners to be power hogs, requiring more power than most

For your four-drive system, I'd say allow for 1.2 amps on the 5-volt line and

2.0 amps on the 12-volt line, if the power is being supplied by a single source for all drives. Many disk drive power supplies use a separate monolithic linear voltage regulator for each drive's voltage supply. Of course, it is critical that you properly mount (for heat dissipation) those regulators on a well ventilated heat sink.

I recommend using your multitester to measure the actual current consumption of your brand of drive. Measure it on the 12-volt line first with just the spindle motor spinning, then write a BASIC two-line program to step the head madly back and forth. Run that program, then measure the current consumption again. This should give you a good idea of how power hungry your particular drives are.

Hosting a Hard Drive

I own a CoCo 3, an upgraded Multi-Pak, an RS-232 pack, Speech/Sound pack, disk drive system and printer. I just acquired a 20-megabyte Seagate ST225 hard drive and want to hook this to my system under OS-9. I cannot

obtain the Tandy host adapter for the hard drive system. Can you suggest an approach for this?

> Mike Perron (MIKEPA) Sudbury, Ontario

Hard drive systems require a "host adapter" that plugs into the CoCo system bus. Some hard drive systems (those made by Disto/CRC and by J&M) have the hard drive host adapter port on the floppy disk controller card, but for those, you'd have to buy their particular brand of disk controller.

In general, hard drive systems on the CoCo consist of the host adapter, which is a simple dedicated kind of parallel port (SASI or SCSI standard) that connects (usually through a 50-pin ribbon cable) to a hard disk drive controller board. The hard drive controller board is a smart device, with CPUs and memory and all sorts of good stuff. In turn, this hard drive controller board hooks to the bare hard drive, such as the Seagate you have. Different host adapters are designed to work with differing brands of hard drive controller boards. For example, the Tandy host adapter requires the Western Digital

WD 1010 type controller board. Whereas the L&R Tech (sold by Owlware) and the Disto host adapters are designed to work with the XEBEC 1410A hard drive controller board.

Owlware offers what may be an attractive deal: For around \$110 they sell you their host adapter, OS-9 driver software, and instructions on how to hook in a hard drive controller and hard drives. You then can "do it yourself" in terms of obtaining the hard drive controller board and drive.

Clean Up Your Act

I want to know how to keep the drive motor on long enough to properly use my disk drive head cleaning kit.

Richard Jackson (GOFER) Brandon, FL

A quick and dirty solution would be the following. Place a normal formatted disk in the drive. Type CLEAR 10000: T=RND(33)+1:DSKI\$0,T,1,A\$,B\$ and press ENTER (this moves the head to a random track). Put your disk-cleaning disk in the drive, and





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type PDKE &HFF40,8. This starts the drives spinning. To stop the drives from spinning, type PDKE &HFF40,0 or just press reset.

To clean a drive other than Drive 0, substitute the drive number for that first zero in the DSKI\$ command above.

There are machine language programs that "exercise" the head, causing it to wipe over all parts of the cleaning disk. But my quick and dirty approach should do the job for you.

Jostle Prevention

I have recently blown out the 6809 in both my old CoCo 2 and my new CoCo 3. This has happened when the Multi-Pak got jostled and partly unplugged while the power was on. Can you suggest a way of preventing this?

Rick Bettis Oakland, CA

I suggest you obtain a piece of 1-inch thick plywood, the size of the area covered by both the CoCo and the Multi-Pak. Open up both the CoCo and the Multi-Pak, and attach both cases to the plywood using wood screws or counter-sunk bolts. This should make jostling less likely to result in the CoCo and Multi-Pak being separated. I might add that I recommend putting this unit at some distance from your main work area using a remote keyboard cable, to further lessen the likelihood of the system being jostled.

Missing Analog Input

I purchased a Magnavox 8CM562 a while ago for my CoCo 2. At that time I was told it had an analog RGB input. And so I reasoned it would work with the CoCo 3. When I got my CoCo 3, I was unable to find the analog input on the 8CM562. Can you help?

Jim Stewart (WHEELJIMMER) Fort Wayne, IN

The Magnavox 8CM562 lacks an analog RGB input and so cannot be used in RGB mode with the CoCo 3. The two Magnavox monitors that will work with the CoCo 3 and give a nice 80-column display are the 8CM515 and 8CM643. The 8CM505 does possess an analog input, but its resolution is too poor to support readable 80-column

display. I recommend you write to the dealer who sold you the thing under such false pretenses and to North American Phillips, the maker of the monitor. Perhaps one of those can give you some satisfaction on this unfortunate incident of apparent product misrepresentation.

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A Hot 512K

The chips on my PBJ 512K board run disturbingly hot. Will this be a problem? Bill Jackson (BILLJACKSON) Sacramento, CA

Because of a flaw in the GIME chip, the timing for the DRAM chips used on the 512K upgrade boards is a bit off, and this results in both the chips running hotter than one might like and in some particular brands and speeds of chips doing better than others. NEC DRAM chips are generally felt to be the best for upgrading current CoCo 3s. 120 ns are usually preferred, although one recent rumor has it that the 150 ns chips may do as well or better. As long as you can put your finger on the chip and hold it there without suffering pain or a real burn, things should be OK. Hopefully, in the future, a fix for this problem will be available.

ROM Switching

I own a Radio Shack controller and want to switch between two different DOS ROMs. How can I do this?

> Mike Tolbert (MIKEGT) Greenville, SC

SpectroSystems currently is marketing a clever device that allows you to use either a 28-pin 2764 (8K-by-8) or a 28-pin 27128 (16K by 8) with the Radio Shack disk controller. This 24-pin to 28-

pin adapter allows for several tricks. Apart from allowing the use of the inexpensive and common 2764-type EPROMs in the Radio Shack controller, it also allows you to prepare a 27128 with one DOS in the lower 8K and another in the upper 8K, and to switch between the two by switching the state of the A13 address line on the chip between ground and +5 volts. The device comes with instructions for use, although some sophistication and possession of or access to an EPROM programmer is required. When used as an adapter for a 2764, no soldering (but some pin bending) is required. When used as an adapter for a 27128, soldering of one or two connections will be required. The really clever thing about this adapter is that it permits the adapted EPROM to actually fit inside the tight space inside the controller. Look for the SpectroSystems ad in RAINBOW.

Avatex Difference

What is the difference between the Avatex 1200 and the Avatex 1200 HC modems?

Jay Browning (ZARATHUSTRA) Savannah, GA

The "HC" in "Avatex 1200HC" stands for "Hayes-Compatible." The old Avatex 1200 was apparently rushed to market with emulation of only a very minimal subset of the Hayes commands. The 1200HC is fully Hayescompatible. The Avatex 1200 is adequate for use with most CoCo terminal software, but may give problems if you want to use it with sophisticated automated software written for IBM PCs and clones. Also, full and proper Hayes compatibility is often required for use with CoCo Bulletin Board host systems. Overall, I recommend spending the few extra dollars to get full Hayes compatibility. Your modem will then be far more flexible and usable with other systems.

Disto Compatibility

How can I make my Disto Controller work properly with my CoCo 3?

Denis Giguere (GIGUEREDENIS) Shawinigan-Sud, Quebec

To the best of my knowledge, the Disto Controller is completely hardware-compatible with the CoCo 3. If there are problems, they probably stem from use of some DOS ROM other than an unmodified Radio Shack Disk Extended BASIC ROM. Most current alternate DOS ROMs (ADOS. CDOS, JDOS, SpectrumDOS, EDOS and others) will not work properly with the CoCo 3. Art Flexser will soon be releasing ADOS-3, a totally re-done version of his ADOS that will work with the CoCo 3. The Disto controller presents the problem of not supporting a legitimate Radio Shack ROM because all of its ROM slots are 28-pin. Most Disto owners who also own EPROM programmers will burn a 2764 with the data from a legitimate Disk BASIC ROM and use it to make their Disto Controller compatible with the CoCo 3.

DRAM Trouble on CoCo 2s

I've heard of some DRAM problems with the CoCo 2 that sells for \$99. What can you tell me about this? Is it true that

blown 68B09s are the most common cause of dead CoCo 3s?

Dennis McMillan Pittsburg, CA

It is true that some of the 'B' suffix CoCo 2s being sold appear to have an odd sort of DRAM problem. Specifically, these are the CoCo 2s that had provisions on the main board for upgrade to 64K in any one of three ways: via two 4464 chips, by a satellite board that had eight 64K-by-1 chips, or by soldering eight 64K-by-1 chips directly to the motherboard. It seems the units that have the problems are those made to have 64K by using eight 64K-by-1 chips, either soldered directly to the motherboard or on a satellite adapter. Such computers fail to work with some educational software ROM packs sold by Tandy. Most of these problem units had Hitachi brand 64K-by-1 DRAM chips. The fix for this consists of removing the eight 64K-by-1 DRAM chips and then doing the upgrade using two 4464 chips inserted into the two 18pin DRAM chip sockets.

A dead 68B09 is commonly found as the cause of a dead CoCo 3. In most cases, the 68B09 is zapped due to abuse by the owner of the CoCo 3. It is a great pity Tandy did not elect to socket that vulnerable chip. On my own unit, which I subject to hideous risks in occasional hacking experiments, I de-soldered and socketted that chip, knowing that sooner or later I will want to be able to quickly and cleanly replace it. I recommend also socketting the 74LS245 data line buffer chip (IC 3) and the 74LS04 inverter/buffer on the RGB sync lines (IC 15) because both of these chips also have pins that connect directly to the outside world.

Your technical questions are welcomed. Please address them to CoCo Consultations, THE RAINBOW, P.O. Box 385, Prospect, KY 40059.

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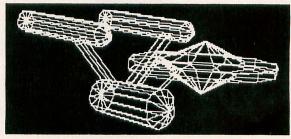
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The CoCo Writes a Program

By Dennis H. Weide

ave you ever wanted to use a machine language program in a BASIC program you've written? ML programs often offer functions only available on more expensive machines. You can write the BASIC program to load the ML program from tape or disk, but that can create more problems than it solves. The answer, of course, is to convert the ML program to BASIC DATA statements, write the FOR-NEXT loop and then append the resulting BASIC program to your program. BASIC Data Writer can accomplish this function for you in a matter of seconds.

BASIC Data Writer was written in PASCAL and compiled into a machine language program. It writes a complete BASIC program using REM, DATA, CLS, CLEAR, POKE, EXEC and FOR-NEXT statements and saves it to disk, cassette, screen or printer in ASCII format. The program can then be reloaded and run like any other BASIC program.

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ASCII stands for American Standard Code for Information Interchange and is an alphanumeric character (nonbinary) code that can be read by most computers. It is often used to transfer BASIC programs files from one computer to another. BASIC programs are usually stored in a tokenized format to reduce access time and the amount of cassette or disk space required to save them. But the CoCo can load and save BASIC programs in ASCII format. Since word processors read and write ASCII files, BASIC programs for the CoCo can be written on a word processor such as VIP Writer and saved to disk or cassette. After saving the program and exiting the word processor, the BASIC program can be reloaded and run in the normal manner. If you've used a word processor, you can see the advantage of using its global text editor when creating BASIC programs.

BASIC Data Writer takes advantage of that ability to create a BASIC program from a machine language program stored in memory. The listing shows the PASCAL source code for the program. If you have *Deft* or another version of PASCAL, you can key in the source code and compile it. Otherwise, you can get

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Using the Program

To use the program, first load the machine language program to be converted according to the instructions provided with it. You'll need to know the decimal addresses of the program. These are usually included in the instructions or articles that accompany the program. If not, here's how to find them. For a program loaded from cassette, use the following commands to determine these addresses:

Start: PRINT PEEK (487) *256

+PEEK(488)

End: PRINT PEEK (126) *256

+PEEK(127)-1

Exec: PRINT PEEK(157)*256

+PEEK(158)

For programs loaded from disk, only the start and execute addresses are saved in RAM when loading. It is easier to use one of the many disk utilities available to print these addresses. However, if you don't have a disk utility to do this, find the start and execute addresses by using these commands:

Start: PRINT PEEK (3288) *256

+PEEK(3289)

Exec: PRINT PEEK(157)*256

+PEEK(158)

You'll have to make an educated guess to determine the end address. Usually, but not always, data statements containing zeroes for the last several data elements indicate blank memory after the ML program. The resulting BASIC program will have the start, end and execute addresses listed as remarks in the BASIC program.

Once the ML program has been loaded and the addresses determined, load BASIC Data Writer. The addresses of BASIC Data Writer are:

Start: Decimal 25000 End: Decimal 30698 Exec: Decimal 25000

If any part of the ML program falls inside the range of addresses of BASIC Data Writer, use the start address offset option with the CLOADM or LOADM command (see the computer manual for a complete description of these commands). Use a positive offset to load

BASIC Data Writer at a higher address or a negative offset to load it at a lower address. Deft PASCAL generates position-independent code so the program will load anywhere in RAM including the upper 32K.

Once loaded, execute BASIC Data Writer and answer the prompts. Enter the filename followed by the device number you want to save the BASIC program to. Here's a list of the device numbers used by Deft PASCAL:

> :-3 Screen :-2 Printer :-1 Cassette Drive 0 :0 Drive 1 :1 :2 Drive 2

:3

Filename. BAS: 0 would save the BASIC program to Drive 0. Filename.BAS:-1 would save the BASIC program to cassette. Saving to screen or printer only prints the program; it doesn't save it for future use. Be sure the output device is ready to receive the program, then press ENTER. Enter the start, end and execute addresses in decimal when prompted. When the NOW

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appears on the screen, BASIC Data Writer is writing your BASIC program. When the YOUR BASIC PROGRAM IS FINISHED message appears on the screen, you can load it back into the computer and run it or append other programs to it. It is a good idea to resave it again in the standard tokenized format so that it will load faster the next time you want to use it.

Testing the Program

To test the program, first CLEAR 200,25000 to protect memory. Then load and execute it. Follow the prompts, as explained earlier. When

WRITING BASIC PROGRAM message prompted for the addresses, give it its own addresses. When the BASIC program has been written to the device specified, turn the computer off, wait a few seconds and turn it back on. Since this is a long ML program (5,698 bytes). first PCLEAR1 then load the BASIC program back in and run it. You should get BASIC Data Writer back.

> This program can be used to create BASIC programs from any binary file including music and graphics.

Notes on Using the Program

1) Always use CLEAR 200, 25000 before loading and running Data Writer.

- 2) Be careful with start addresses. If you transfer a graphics file, the resultant BASIC program will issue a CLEAR 200, 3584. This gives BASIC a high address of 3584 bytes. You will want to delete this from the BASIC listing.
- 3) Be patient when running the resultant BASIC listing. Poking all those values in takes time!

If you have any questions or comments, you can address them to me at 14201 Marquette N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87123. Please be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want a reply.

The listing: DATAWRIT

(* ANY MACHINE LANGUAGE PROGRAM *) PROGRAM DATAWRITER(INPUT, OUTPUT); (* INCLUDING GRAPHICS AND MUSIC *) (* TO A COMPLETE BASIC PROGRAM *) (* WRITTEN BY DENNIS H. WEIDE *) (* AND STORE IT IN ASCII FORMAT *) (> 14201 MARQUETTE N.E. *) (* ON THE SPECIFIED DEVICE. *) (% *) *) (* THIS PROGRAM WAS CREATED ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO (% 87123 *) (* USING DEFT PASCAL WORKBENCH. *) PHONE (5Ø5)293-5228 *) (* THIS PROGRAM WILL CONVERT CONST LINEIØ=' BASIC DATA STATEMENT WRITER';

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LINE20=' WRITTEN BY DENNIS H. WEIDE';
      LINE30='30 CLS:CLEAR 200,';
     LINE49='49 FOR X=';
     LINE50='50 READ AS'
      LINE6@='6@ A$="&H"+A$':
      LINE7Ø='7Ø POKE X, VAL(A$)';
      LINE89='89 NEXT X';
      LINE9Ø='9Ø EXEC ';
VAR OUTFILE: TEXT;
    FILENAME: STRING:
    DATA: STRING(95);
    CONTENTS: STRING(2);
    ENTERSTART,
    ENTEREND.
     ENTEREXEC: STRING(5):
    COUNT,
    LINENUMBER.
      STARTADDRESS.
       ENDADDRESS,
        EXECADDRESS.
         CURRENTADDRESS: INTEGER;
BEGIN
 PAGE:
     SET UP SCREEN
 (* ENTER ADDRESSES *)
 WRITELN(LINE1Ø);
 WRITELN(LINE2Ø);
 WRITELN:
 WRITELN:
 WRITE('ENTER FILENAME >');
 READLN(FILENAME):
 WRITE('ENTER START ADDRESS >');
 READLN(ENTERSTART);
 WRITE('ENTER END ADDRESS >');
 READLN(ENTEREND);
 WRITE('ENTER EXEC ADDRESS >'):
 READLN(ENTEREXEC);
 WRITELN:
 WRITELN(' NOW WRITING BASIC PROGRAM');
     OPEN DISK FILE
 (* WRITE LINES 10-90 *)
 REWRITE (OUTFILE, FILENAME);
 WRITELN(OUTFILE, 'Ø REM
                           ', FILENAME);
 WRITELN(OUTFILE, '1 REM START ADDRESS=', ENTERSTART);
 WRITELN(OUTFILE, '2 REM END ADDRESS=', ENTEREND);
 WRITELN(OUTFILE, '3 REM EXEC ADDRESS=', ENTEREXEC);
 WRITELN(OUTFILE, '19 REM', LINE19);
 WRITELN(OUTFILE, '20 REM', LINE20);
 WRITELN(OUTFILE, LINE3Ø, ENTERSTART);
 WRITELN(OUTFILE, LINE40, ENTERSTART, ' TO ', ENTEREND);
 WRITELN(OUTFILE, LINE5Ø);
 WRITELN(OUTFILE, LINE6Ø);
 WRITELN(OUTFILE, LINE7Ø);
 WRITELN(OUTFILE, LINE8Ø);
 WRITELN(OUTFILE, LINE9Ø, ENTEREXEC);
 (* CONVERT ML PROGRAM
 (* TO BASIC DATA STATEMENTS *)
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(* AND SAVE ON DESIRED
                               *)
(* DEVICE
                               *)
LINENUMBER:=1000;
STARTADDRESS: = ENCODE (ENTERSTART);
ENDADDRESS := ENCODE (ENTEREND) :
EXECADDRESS: = ENCODE (ENTEREXEC):
CURRENTADDRESS: =STARTADDRESS;
WHILE CURRENTADDRESS <= ENDADDRESS DO BEGIN
  DECODE(LINENUMBER, 4, DATA);
  DATA:=DATA+' DATA ';
  FOR COUNT:=1 TO 29 DO BEGIN
    HEX(CURRENTADDRESS, 1, CONTENTS);
    DATA: = DATA+CONTENTS;
    IF COUNT<29 THEN DATA:=DATA+',';
    CURRENTADDRESS:=SUCC(CURRENTADDRESS);
  END;
  WRITELN(OUTFILE, DATA);
    LINENUMBER: = SUCC(LINENUMBER);
  END:
  WRITELN(' YOUR BASIC PROGRAM IS FINISHED');
  CLOSE(OUTFILE);
END.
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Cache of the Day

By Tony DiStefano **Rainbow Contributing Editor**

recently asked some people who own computers, "What would you Llike to add to your computer?" Almost 80 percent of them said they wanted more memory. This is a universal problem. It is not limited to just the CoCo. The Apple, Commodore, Atari and IBM PC owners all said that thay wanted more memory, too. They want it in whatever form they can get it: Main memory, bank-switched memory, RAM disk memory, ROM disk memory, ported memory — whatever the format, they want more! Well, the CoCo 3 has up to 512K of memory bankswitched into 8K blocks, we all know that. RAM disk adapters are available from several sources, including Disto (me). ROM disks are not that popular because they require an EPROM programmer and a knowledge of machine language programming.

What is left is ported memory. Now some people may say there is no difference between a RAM disk memory and ported memory. And as far as the hardware goes, there isn't. The difference is all in the software. A RAM disk and related software emulate a disk drive. You read and write to the RAM disk via files. To save data, you have to open a file, output to it, then close the file. When you want to retrieve data you have to open the file again, read your data and close it up when you are finished. This process takes time. It also uses the DOS (Disk Operating System). Now, ported RAM is the same, but since it doesn't use the DOS, it is not restricted to using DOS and files.

You have to configure the use of the ported RAM yourself. The ported RAM you will see today is only 2K long. That means you will have 2,048 bytes to work with. Now, these bytes are only eight bits wide. The CPU in the CoCo can only handle eight bits at a time. So, when you want to save a numerical value, it can only be a number from 0 to 255. If you want to use numbers that are greater, you must use more than that one byte. For instance, if you want to use a number from 0 to 65,535, you will need two bytes. Or, if you want to use a signed number (i.e., a number from -32,767 to 32,767) you still need two bytes.

If you need still bigger numbers, you will have to go to a different type of format. A floating-point number takes up five bytes of memory for its mantissa and exponent. An explanation of these numbers goes beyond the scope of this article; see a math book for more details. You can also store alphanumeric characters. You need one byte for every character you have to store.

Now let's talk about memorymapping. What, more memorymapping? I am starting to sound like a broken record, but I still get a lot of letters about this subject. So, here we go

an MC6809E. This CPU can directly access only 64K of memory. In order to access that much memory, the CPU has 16 address lines. If you count in binary numbers, 16 lines gives you 65,535 different locations, better known as 64K memory. There are ways of fooling the CPU into accessing more memory. The technique is called page- or bankswitching. Bank-switching means you have more memory than the CPU can use at one time, but the memory is switched back and forth. An example is the CoCo 3. It comes standard with 128K memory and is upgradable to 512K memory. How is this done?

There is a chip in the CoCo 3 called the GIME. One of the functions of the GIME is called an MMU or Memory Management Unit. The MMU part of the GIME has the job of accessing 512K of memory and, at the request of the CPU, accesses all of it a bit at a time.

A good illustration of this is a radio. A radio can receive many stations, but only one at a time. The CoCo 3 has the equivalent of eight radios. Each radio can tune in one station at a time. Each radio (at the choice of the CPU) can access the same station. In the CoCo 3, each radio or page is 8K or 8192 bytes. There are 64 of these pages in a 512K CoCo 3 (8K x 64 = 512K). These eight pages of 8K bytes represent 64K to the CPU. There are eight control bytes in the MMU for pages. Each byte tells the MMU which page the CPU wants to see. Changing the data in these bytes changes which page the CPU can access. That is how the CPU can access more than 64K memory.

Now, what I am about to show you

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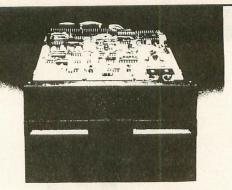


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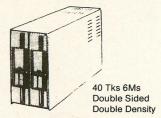
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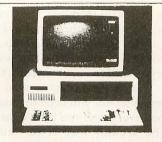
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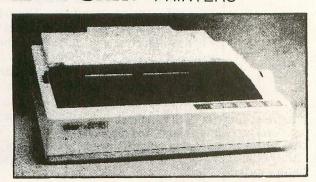
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is a mini-version of the MMU. Very mini. For users of the CoCo 3 with 512K of memory, this may not excite you, but for the memory-poor CoCo 1 or 2 user, a few extra bytes are always handy. The amount of extra memory is only 2K bytes. Not much by today's standards, but if you are working on that "does everything" program and you need "just a few more bytes" for something, this is where you are going to find them. I say mini because the "pages" are only 256 bytes long. With some special circuitry, that means this only uses up one byte of memory in the memory map. You also need one control or address byte. That is a total of two bytes in the memory map. Not too bad for 2K of memory. There is, however, a catch.

There are two ways of memory-

mapping this extra memory. The first is to have a couple of latches that hold the address of the memory. You set up the address of the memory byte you want, and then you read from, or write to, that address. That is the fastest way to get to any one byte, but you need to change the address every time you want another byte. The second way is to "autoincrement" every time you access data. For example, you read one byte, then when you read that same location again, you get Data Address 2; when you read it again, you get Address 3 and so on, until you get to the end of your memory. This is faster than setting up the address every time you need more data, but slower when the data you need is at the end of the file. If you are familiar with the structure of BASIC files, the first is

like a Random Access File and the second is like a Sequential File. Both have advantages and disadvantages.

What I have in mind is the best of both worlds. A little bit of autoincrementing and a bit of addresslatching. This way, you auto-increment by pages. I think a good auto-increment value is 256 bytes. That just happens to be the size of a disk sector. In a 2K RAM chip, there are eight 256-byte sectors, which means you can have up to eight pages of 256 bytes each. This is the basic description of the hardware project I have in mind for today. It is divided into three parts. The first is the hardware, the second is the memory-mapping of the hardware and the third is the software

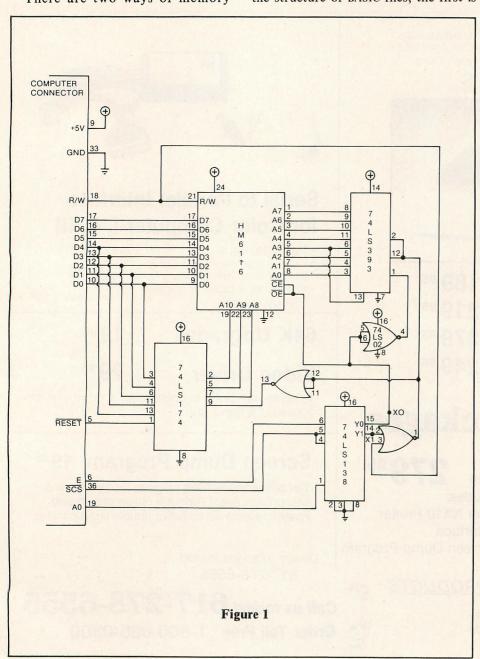
First, the hardware. In Figure 1, you will find the schematic diagram of the Memory Cache Project. The heart of the project is an HM6116 memory chip. This is a 2K-by-8-byte RAM (Random Access Memory) CMOS memory chip. It is made by virtually every memory manufacturing company. The 6116 number will always be the same, but the letters (which tell you which company the part comes from) may change.

Attached to the lower eight address lines is a binary counter. That is the auto-incrementing part. Attached to the upper address lines is a latch. That is the direct access part of the circuit. The fourth and fifth chips in the group are decoder chips, which map the thing properly.

The standard "project-building" tools are necessary, but there is one thing to remember. The memory chip I used is a CMOS part. It is easily destroyed by static electricity, so use a static-free work place. Also use sockets when trying out this circuit. It is better than soldering the chips directly — if you happen to burn one out, you won't have to desolder and resolder. All of these chips are available from your local electronics shop or from CRC Inc. The project board (to build your circuit on) can also be obtained from CRC Inc.

The second part of this project is memory-mapping. The circuit in Figure 1 is mapped at \$FF40 (65344). That, as you know by now, is where the disk drive and controller are mapped. If you have a multipack interface, it is not too bad; you can switch the multipack to the different slot and work with the extra memory from there.

If you only have a 'Y' cable, then the circuit in Figure 1 won't work. You need the second part. Figure 2 contains a circuit that decodes the address bus of



the CPU and maps it into a different place. It re-maps the address of \$FF40 (65344) to \$FF74 (65396), leaving \$FF40 free for the disk drive. This area of the memory map may be used by other products, so watch out for memory conflicts.

Finally, the software. It is not hard to access this memory cache. It is in two parts. The first part is to set up which of the eight pages you want to use. You do this by storing the page value at the base location. An example of this in BASIC is POKE X, A, where X is the base address. The base address is \$FF40 (65344) if you are using just the circuit in Figure 1 and \$FF74 (65396) if you are also using the circuit in Figure 2. The value A is the page number you want to access.

The second part is reading data or writing data into the 256-byte block. Remember, it is auto-incrementing and you have to access it 256 times to get to the last byte. An example of writing to the page in BASIC is:

1000 FOR I = 1 TO 256 1010 POKE Y , A(I) 1020 NEXT I

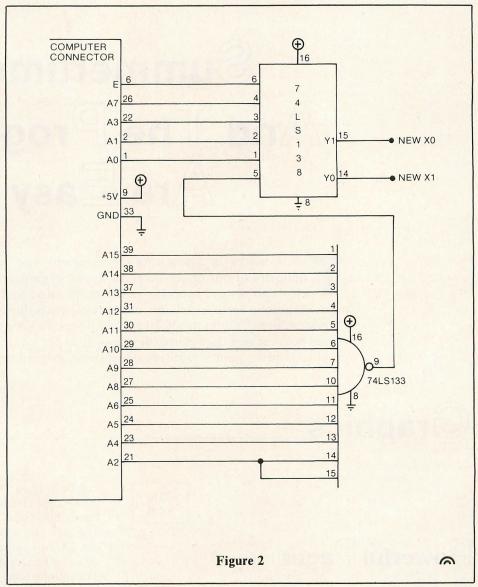
where I is your 256 auto-increment value. Y is your base address + 1 and A(I) is an array of data 256 bytes long, which must be previously defined. To read the block in BASIC, use this example:

2000 FOR I = 1 TO 256 2010 A(I) = PEEK (Y) 2020 NEXT I

where I is again your auto-increment value, Y is the base address + 1, and A(I) is your data array. Remember, though, this is just an example of how to read and write data to the RAM cache, just to show you how it is done.

You can use any method you choose. One point to keep in mind: Before you access a page, you must store the proper page number in the base address. This also clears your auto-increment counter to make sure you start at the right place. You wouldn't want to start in the middle

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Graphics

32K ECB

Powerful Pages By Matt Krom

Here's a short little program that demonstrates a very powerful capability of the CoCo called "page-flipping." Just run Listing 1, sit back, and watch! What you see is actually four separate screens being rapidly switched, much like flipping pages of a book. This creates the illusion of motion.

Line 60 erases the first four graphics pages to white. These four pages will be used by the program as the four separate pictures.

Lines 80 to 110 set the computer to PMODE 0 and draw large letters spelling "Hi!" You can change these lines to draw anything you like. This is the drawing that will be in front of the moving grid. Line 130 then copies this drawing from the first page to the other three pages.

Lines 140 to 240 are the lines that draw the grid on the four pages. These lines may be a little difficult to understand, but if you carefully study the formulas in lines 190 and 230, you will see that each grid is moved down and to the right of the grid on the previous page. The grid lines do not affect the drawing because they are of the same color. The infinite loop in lines 250 to 290 then displays the pages in sequence, and the animation appears!

But how do you draw on the different pages? The secret here is the PMODE \emptyset , x statement, where x denotes a number telling the computer what page to go to. For example, say you want to make a program in which a circle goes horizontally across the screen. The program should first set the computer to Page 1 by using PMODE \emptyset , 1. Then draw a circle at the desired location. Now use PMODE \emptyset , 2 and draw a circle a little to the right of the last one. Continue this procedure until you have drawn on as many pages as you want. When using PMODE \emptyset , the number of pages can range from 1 to 8.

Listing 2 is a program like the one just described. It is less involved than the first, so programmers who are new to this technique should study it more closely. The PCLEAR B statement was necessary to reserve enough memory for the eight graphics pages.

Listing 1: HI 10 'HI! - BY MATT KROM 2Ø '1Ø61Ø 18TH ROAD 3Ø 'ARGOS, IN 465Ø1 4Ø '(219) 892-5226 5Ø 6Ø PMODE4,1:PCLS1 7Ø CLS:PRINT@227, "WAIT TEN SECON DS PLEASE..." 8Ø '*****DRAW "HI!" ON PAGE 1 9Ø PMODEØ, 1 1ØØ DRAW"CØBM54,5ØS16D25R5U1ØR5D 1ØR5U25L5D1ØL5U1ØL5BR2ØR5D5L5U5B D25U15R5D15NL5BR5NR5U5R5ND5BU5U1 5L5D15R5" 11Ø PAINT(56,52),Ø,Ø:PAINT(138,5 2), Ø, Ø: PAINT(138, 132), Ø, Ø: PAINT(18Ø,52),Ø,Ø:PAINT(18Ø,132),Ø,Ø 12Ø '*****PUT "HI!" ON THE OTHER 3 PAGES 13Ø PCOPY1TO2:PCOPY1TO3:PCOPY1TO 14Ø '*****LOOP TO DRAW GRIDS 15Ø FORP=1TO4 'P=PAGE # 16Ø PMODEØ, P 17Ø '***DRAW VERTICAL LINES 18Ø FORH=ØTO248STEP8 19 \emptyset LINE (H+P*2-2, \emptyset) - (H+P*2-2,191), PRESET 200 NEXT 21Ø '***DRAW HORIZONTAL LINES 22Ø FORV=ØTO184STEP8 23Ø LINE(Ø,V+P*2-2)-(255,V+P*2-2

25Ø '*****"FLIP" ALL FOUR PAGES

TO CREATE ILLUSION OF MOVEMENT

200	FURK=ITU4		
27Ø	PMODEØ, K: SCREEN1,	1	
	FORL=1TO25:NEXT '		DELAY
29Ø	NEXT:GOTO26Ø		

Listing 2: CIRCLE

IN DOLEADS

10 PCLEAR8
2Ø PMODE Ø,1:PCLS1
3Ø CIRCLE(6Ø,96),4Ø,Ø:PAINT(6Ø,9
6),Ø,Ø
4Ø PMODE Ø,2:PCLS1
5Ø CIRCLE(8Ø,96),4Ø,Ø:PAINT(8Ø,9
6),Ø,Ø
6Ø PMODE Ø,3:PCLS1
7Ø CIRCLE(1ØØ,96),4Ø,Ø:PAINT(1ØØ
,96),Ø,Ø
8Ø PMODE Ø,4:PCLS1
9Ø CIRCLE(12Ø,96),4Ø,Ø:PAINT(12Ø
,96),Ø,Ø
100 PMODE 0,5:PCLS1
11Ø CIRCLE(14Ø,96),4Ø,Ø:PAINT(14
Ø,96),Ø,Ø
12Ø PMODE Ø,6:PCLS1
13Ø CIRCLE(16Ø,96),4Ø,Ø:PAINT(16
Ø,96),Ø,Ø
14ø PMODE Ø,7:PCLS1
15Ø CIRCLE(18Ø,96),4Ø,Ø:PAINT(18
Ø,96),Ø,Ø
16Ø PMODE Ø,8:PCLS1
17ø CIRCLE(2ØØ,96),4Ø,Ø:PAINT(2Ø
Ø,96),Ø,Ø
18Ø FOR X=1 TO 8
19Ø PMODE Ø,X:SCREEN 1,1
200 FOR T=1 TO 90:NEXT

Home Help

),PRESET:NEXT 240 NEXT P

4K

Hit The Road

By Fred Rau

Vacation Log prints a log sheet for recording expenses when traveling on a business trip or a family vacation. There is room for up to four gas stops per day and three days per each printout.



21Ø NEXT

22Ø GOTO18Ø

1Ø '**********
2Ø '* VACATION LOG *
3Ø '*
4ø '* BY FRED RAU *
5Ø '*
6Ø !*********
7Ø CLS3
8Ø INPUT "NO. OF PAGES"; C
9Ø FOR P=1 TO C
100 CLS3:PRINT@104," V A C A T I
O N ";
11Ø PRINT@141," L O G ";
12Ø PRINT@168," PRINTING
";
13Ø PRINT#-2,"":PRINT#-2,""
14Ø FOR X=1 TO 3
15Ø K=2:L=K+L
16Ø PRINT#-2,""
17Ø PRINT#-2,"DATE :"
18Ø PRINT#-2,""
19Ø PRINT#-2,"ENDING MILESENDING MILESENDING MIL
ESENDING MILES"
200 PRINT#-2,""
21Ø PRINT#-2,"MILES START
MILES STARTMILES STAR
T"
22Ø PRINT#-2,""
23Ø PRINT#-2,"TOTAL MILES
TOTAL MILESTOTAL MILE
S"
701111111111111111111111111111111111111

24Ø PRINT#-2,"" 25Ø PRINT#-2,"GALS.OF GASGALS.OF GASGALS.OF GA SGALS.OF GAS" 26Ø PRINT#-2,""
27Ø PRINT#-2,"M.P.GM.P.G M.P.G
3ØØ PRINT#-2,"" 31Ø PRINT#-2,"CAMPGROUND/MOTEL
32Ø PRINT#-2,"" 33Ø PRINT#-2,"MISCELLANEOUS
35Ø NEXT X 36Ø PRINT#-2,"":PRINT#-2,"":PRIN T#-2,"":PRINT#-2,"":PRINT#-2,"": PRINT#-2,"":PRINT#-2,"":PRINT#-2,"":
37Ø NEXT P 38Ø PRINT@324,"* * FINISHED PRIN TING * *"; 39Ø GOTO 39Ø

Hint . . .

A Coordinated Effort

Using the hardware joystick/mouse cartridge from CoCo MAX in your own programs is a snap! The address map for the cartridge is as follows.

\$FF90 Button value — 0 if button is pressed \$FF91 Vertical coordinate (0-255) \$FF92 Horizontal coordinate (0-255)

The port can be accessed directly in BASIC or BASIC09 using peeks to the given location. For example, in BASIC09 you would use the following code to find the horizontal coordinate:

DIM xpos:BYTE xpos = PEEK(\$ff92)

Some operational notes are in order here. First, the vertical coordinate can be anything from 0 to 255 but the screen only uses 0 to 191. You should use a conditional statement to check for this. Second, in OS-9 the vertical coordinates are reversed so you should subtract the actual value from 255 to get the proper location.

Tim Harris Des Moines, IA Two-Liner Contest Winner . . .

This one is for those of you who have taken it easy this summer and haven't been exercising. Just sit back, relax and let your CoCo do all the work.

The listing:

1Ø PMODE1,1:PCLS:SCREEN1,1:DIMV(
1ØØ,4Ø):CIRCLE(72,53),2Ø:CIRCLE(
184,53),2Ø:PAINT(72,53):PAINT(18
9,53):LINE(93,53)-(164,53),PSET
2Ø GET(52,33)-(2Ø4,72),V:PCLS:PU
T(52,11Ø)-(2Ø4,18Ø),V:FORX=1TO99
:NEXTX:GET(52,11Ø)-(2Ø4,18Ø),V:P
CLS:PUT(52,33)-(2Ø4,72),V:FORX=1
TO99:NEXTX:GOTO2Ø:'EASY EXERCISE

Dana Gongaware Greensboro, NC

(For this winning two-liner contest entry, the author has been sent copies of both *The Third Rainbow Book of Adventures* and its companion *The Third Rainbow Adventures Tape.*)

Utilities

An Inside View By Michael Berenz

16K ECB

Disk Seek is a simple program that allows you to view the contents of a disk. Upon running, the program prompts you to place a disk in the drive. The current track and sector appear at the bottom of the screen. The up and down arrow keys change the track, and the left and right arrow keys change the sector. Moving up from Sector 18 will bring you to Sector 1 on the next track, and vice versa. You need not repeatedly press a key because of the peeks in Line 150. Holding the key down will suffice.

The program does not allow for editing of sectors, but is simply a fun little utility that tells you just what your drives are writing as they chomp away at your disks.

The listing: DISKSEEK

- 7 ****************

1Ø CLS:	PRIN	TSTRI	NG\$ (33	3,175)	; 11	D
ISKSEEK						
ING\$ (33	,175)				

2Ø PRINT@449,"INSERT DISK AND HI T <ENTER>";:LINEINPUT Z\$

3Ø CLEAR 5ØØ:T=17:S=9:CLS

4Ø PRINT@48Ø, "TRACK="T, "SECTOR="S;

5Ø DSKI\$Ø,T,S,A\$,B\$

6Ø PRINT@Ø,A\$;B\$

7Ø FOR Q=341 TO 344:POKE Q,255:N

8Ø IF PEEK(341)=247 THEN T=T+1 E LSE IF PEEK(342)=247 THEN T=T-1 ELSE IF PEEK(343)=247 THEN S=S-1 ELSE IF PEEK(344)=247 THEN S=S+

9Ø IF S<1 THEN S=18:T=T-1

100 IF S>18 THEN S=1:T=T+1

11Ø IF T<Ø THEN T=Ø

12Ø IF T>34 THEN T=34

13Ø CLS:GOTO 4Ø

1 ELSE 8Ø

64K

Prompt Attention By Joseph Forgione

Are you tired of the color-changing cursor and OK prompt on your CoCo? *Conversion* will allow you to change it.

Upon running, the OK prompt will be replaced by "Ready." However, for *Conversion* to work properly, you must be in the "all-RAM" mode. This means your CoCo must have all the ROM copied into RAM and be running entirely from RAM memory. Some DOSs have special commands allowing this, and the CoCo 3 is always in the RAM mode. But if you are using a standard Radio Shack CoCo 1 or 2 system, you can enter the RAM mode by first running Listing 1, DRIVER.

Then, by running CONVERT, you can change the color of the cursor by entering POKE 1023, xxx where xxx is the appropriate value from the following table:

Black	128
Green (invisible)	143
Yellow	159
Blue	175
Red	191
White	207
Blue/Green	223
Purple	239
Orange	255

For example, if you want to change the cursor color to purple, type POKE 1023,239 after running CONVERT.

Some program notes are in order. First, if you have the HJL keyboard, Line 110 allows you to use the F4 key to pause a screen scroll (works like SHIFT-@). If you do not have the HJL or similar keyboard, remove Line 110.

Second, if you want to retain the OK prompt, remove Line 90; if you want to retain the old cursor, remove lines 50, 60 and 70.

Finally, the program changes the message you receive when you press the BREAK key (Line 150). Instead of printing "Break In," the computer will respond with "Break At."

Listing 1: DRIVER

1 DATA 26,8Ø,142,128,Ø,127,255,2 22,166,132,127,255,223,167,132,4 8,1,14Ø,255,Ø,38,239,28,159,57 2 FORA=&HEØØ TO &HE18:READX:POKE A,X:NEXTA:EXEC3584:POKE655Ø3,Ø:P RINT"OS IS NOW IN RAM!"

Listing 2: CONVERT

1Ø DATA 82,69,65,68,89,13,Ø,246,3,254,32,3,Ø,46,Ø,193,191,39,8,1 98,191,247,3,254,247,3,255,177,3,255,39,5,182,3,255,32,2,134,96,32,57,Ø 15 F=PEEK(41299):L=PEEK(413Ø1)

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2Ø FORA=41287 TO 41328 3Ø READX:POKEA,X:NEXTA 4Ø ' Jump to NEWBLINK routin 5Ø POKE&HA1A5,126 6Ø POKE&HA1A6,&HA1

7Ø POKE&HAlA7,&H4E

8ø 'Tell basic were 'READY' is.

9Ø POKE44151,161:POKE44152,7Ø 1ØØ 'Pauses basic program with

100 'Pauses basic program with F

11Ø POKE44533,4

12Ø 'Allows 255 chracters on lin e
13Ø POKE41954,255
14Ø 'Change BREAK IN to BREAK AT
15Ø POKE44ØØ9,65:POKE44Ø1Ø,84
155 POKE41299,F:POKE413Ø1,L'RESE
T VERSION AND RELEASE NUMBERS

16Ø CLS: EXEC49152

Backup And Go By Matt Lawson

CoCo 3 Disk

Anyone who has ever made a disk backup knows how tedious it is switching disks back and forth. However, now, with *Fast Copy* and any disk-based Color Computer 3, the problem can be eliminated.

Upon running the program, the computer asks if it should report errors to the printer or screen, then prompts you to insert the source disk (the disk to copy). The drive will churn for about 40 seconds and then ask for the destination disk (the disk to be copied to). This procedure must be repeated only one time before the disk copy is complete.

If the disk drive should encounter an error, the error type and where it occurred are reported. Note: The copying procedure does not stop for a disk error. This way, all of the intact data on the source disk can be copied, while the bad data could never be read again anyway. If you should encounter a Write Error, it will be necessary to reformat the destination disk and start over.

By the time the program finishes, most of the computer's memory is filled with disk data, so after making a backup, you should turn off the computer to achieve a cold start before doing anything else.

How It Works

The computer reads (or writes) half the disk at a time with the buffer in virtual memory locations (Hex) \$60000 to \$6FFFF and \$74000 to \$77FFF. The program uses a machine language ROM routine so that the user is not stopped with an ?IO Error message.

It appears as though the only memory locations used are \$4000 to \$7FFF. However, the CoCo 3 has a method of rearranging the memory map with a chip called the Dynamic Address Translator (DAT). The computer fills up \$4000 to \$5FFF, then swaps it for a different portion of memory, even though it uses the same addresses. One interesting, important note: The DAT switches are located at \$FFA0 to \$FFA7.

The ability to copy around disk errors should be a welcome feature to every disk owner.

The listing: FASTCOPY

1Ø 'COPYRIGHT 1987 MATT LAWSON
2Ø PCLEAR1:FILESØ,Ø:CLEAR 3ØØ,&H
3FFF:DSK=256*PEEK(&HCØØ4)+PEEK(&
HCØØ5):V1=&HEA
3Ø CLS:INPUT"REPORT ERRORS TO (S
)CREEN OR (P)RINTER";A\$:IF A\$
="P" OR A\$="p" THEN D=-2 ELSE D=

4Ø CLS:PRINT"INSERT SOURCE DISK (ENTER) ": GOSUB 22Ø AND PRESS 5Ø PG=48:POKE V1,2:POKE V1+1,Ø:P OKE V1+4, &H4Ø:POKE V1+5, Ø:POKE V $1+6,\emptyset:AD=&H4\emptyset$ $6\emptyset$ FOR TK= \emptyset +Z TO 16+Z+I:FOR SC=1 8 TO 1 STEP-1 7Ø POKE V1,2:GOSUB 14Ø:NEXT SC,T K 8Ø PRINT"INSERT DESTINATION DISK PRESS (ENTER) ": GOSUB22Ø 9Ø AD=&H4Ø:PG=48 100 FOR TK=0+Z TO 16+Z+I:FOR SC= 18 TO 1 STEP-1 110 POKE V1,3:GOSUB140:NEXTSC,TK 12Ø IF Z=Ø THEN Z=17:I=1:GOTO 4Ø 13Ø PRINT"DONE! ";ER;" TOTAL ER RORS": END 14Ø POKE &HFFA2, PG: POKE V1+2, TK: POKE V1+3, SC: POKE V1+4, AD: EXEC D SK: IF PEEK(V1+6)>Ø THEN 19Ø 15Ø AD=AD+1:IF AD<&H6Ø THEN RETU RN 16Ø AD=&H4Ø:IF PG=59 THEN PG=58: RETURN 17Ø IF PG=55 THEN PG=59:RETURN 18Ø PG=PG+1:RETURN 19Ø PRINT#D, "DISK ERROR #"; PEEK(V1+6):IF PEEK(V1)=2 THEN Z\$="REA D" ELSE Z\$="WRITE" 2ØØ ER=ER+1 21Ø PRINT#D," "+Z\$+" TRACK"; TK;" SECTOR"; SC: GOTO 15Ø 22Ø A\$=INKEY\$:IF A\$=CHR\$(13) THE

Contributions to "Novices Niche" are welcome from everyone. We like to run a variety of short programs that can be typed in at one sitting and are useful, educational and fun. Keep in mind, although the short programs are limited in scope, many novice programmers find it enjoyable and quite educational to improve the software written by others.

N RETURN ELSE 22Ø

Program submissions must be on tape or disk. We're sorry, but we cannot key in program listings. All programs should be supported by some editorial commentary, explaining how the program works. If your submission is accepted for publication, the payment rate will be established and agreed upon prior to publication.

— Jutta Kapfhammer

Submissions Editor

JULY 1987

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! THE RAINBOW turns 6 years old. Dominion Day (Canada)			Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Radio Shack Research & Development begins work on the TRS-80 Color Computer. 1979		YADDAY A palindromic holiday (7-8-87)	THE RAINBOW makes its debut. 1981		*
12 SpectroSystems gives us	13	Illustrated Memory Banks releases <i>Meteor Storm</i> . First software to use CoCo graphics capabilities. 1981	15	16	17 Korean production of	18
Fastape and Peeper. 1983	20	1981 21	22	23	CoCos begins. 1984	25
	Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walk on moon. 1969				•	First Rainbow Adventure Contest Announced. 1982
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Hug a hacker day.	,	Tandy introduces 128K Extended BASIC CoCo 3, \$219. 1986	,	

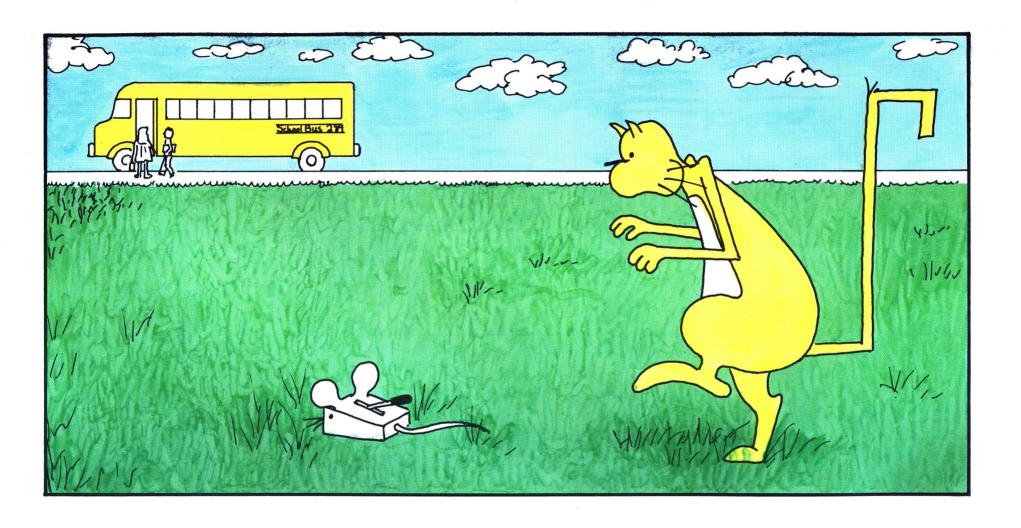


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	32K Color Computer introduced. 1981			Ark Royal introduces first CoCo War Simulation games. 1982		Mark Data releases Ca- lixto Island and Black Sanctum. 1981
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Margaret Mitchell publishes Gone With the Wind. 1936		The Boisterous Baud Boys rumble at annual SIG hop. 1956			First commercial oilwell drilled in Titusville, Pa. 1859	
Radio Shack introduces the Multi-Pak Interface.	Robert Fulton demonstrates the steam boat.	18	19	Radio Shack introduces the 4K TRS-80 CoCo for \$399. First computer to offer easy graphics and sound programming from	21	22
1983	1807 24	25	National Aviation Day 26	BASIC. 1980 27	28	29
30	31	Howard Medical makes RAINBOW debut. 1983	Muharram (Islamic New Year) 1408			

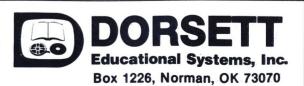


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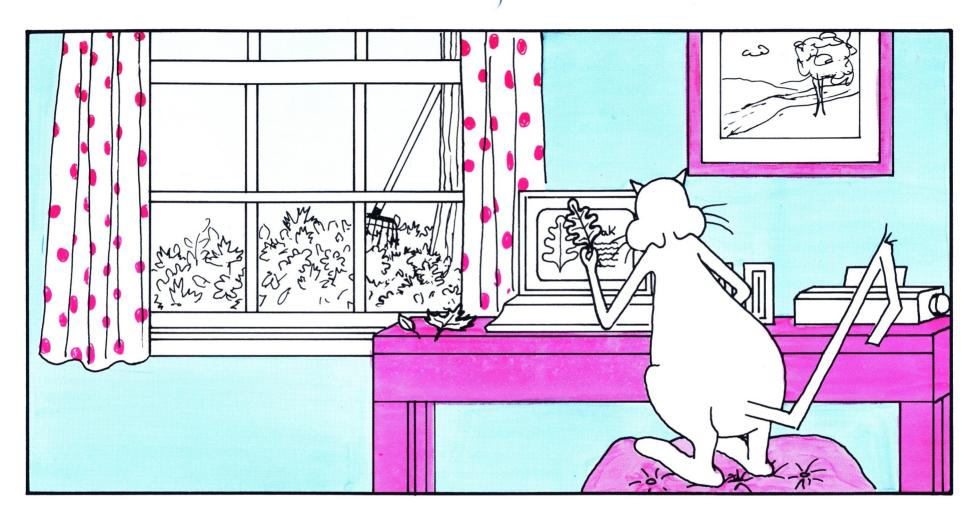
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SEPTEMBER 1987

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	64K Extended BASIC
6	7	8	9	10	11	CoCo becomes available for \$399. 1983
	Labor Day	Radio Shack announces the 16K CoCo 2 for \$240. 1983		Frank Hogg Laboratory advertises OS-9 for \$200. 1982		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Grandparents Day			Happy birthday! CoCo Cat turns 4.	Citizenship Day		THE RAINBOW and Delphi join forces. 1985
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	First CoCo word proces- sor, C.C. Writer, released by Transformation Tech- nologies. 1981		Rosh Hashana begins at sundown. 5748			
27	28	29	30			
		Leif Ericson Day				









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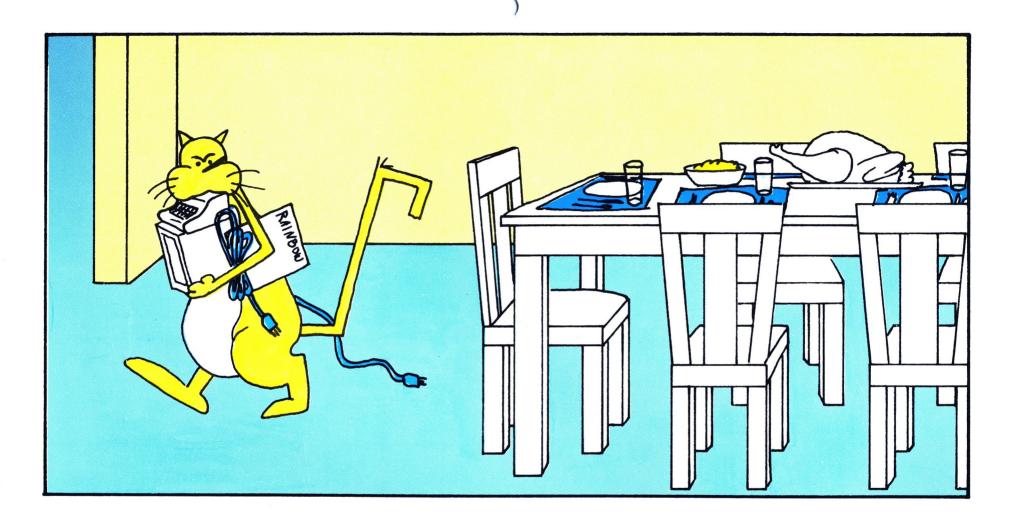






OCTOBER 1987

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	Yom Kippur begins at	3
4	5	6	7	The term "CoCo" first	9	10
	Child Health Day	Lonnie Falk's birthday	Sukkos begins at sun- down.	used by Dave Lagerquist in <i>Chromasette</i> maga- zine. 1981	The Great Chicago Fire.	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Columbus Day Thanksgiving Day (Canada)	RAINBOW ON DISK introduced. 1986		First day of NCAA basket- ball practice. World Poetry Day		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Moreton Bay introduces Tower Castle. 1982					United Nations Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			The Statue of Liberty turns 101.			Halloween



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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
All Saints Day		Election Day	Marty Goodman debuts Graphicom at Color Expo. 1983	Guy Fawkes Day (England)	Cinsoft, first all-CoCo store, debuts in pages of RAINBOW. 1984	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Veterans Day Rememberance Day (Canada)			Sadie Hawkins Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Radio Shack engineers begin designing CoCo 2. 1982		RAINBOW moves into new headquarters: The Falsoft Building. 1985		Cognitec releases <i>Tele-writer</i> 64. 1982		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Elias Howe invents sew- ing machine. 1846			Thanksgiving		Take a peripheral to lunch day.
29	30					
				,		"mining period" .



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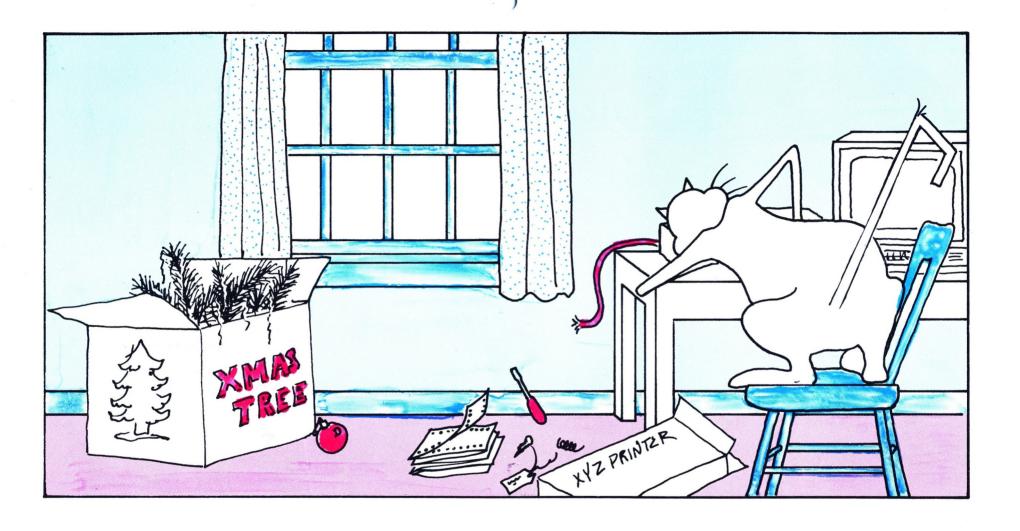
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		1	2	3	4	5
	7	0	64K Extended BASIC CoCo 2 becomes availa- ble for \$260. 1983	40		100
0	/	8	9	10	11	12
RAINBOW goes four color. 1982				Elite Software releases Elite Word. 1983		Radio Shack engineers begin work on 128K CoCo 3, 1984
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
e e		Chanukah begins at sundown.	Boston Tea Party. 1773	Orville and Wilbur Wright take to the air. 1903		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	The Pilgrims land at Ply- mouth Rock. 1620				Christmas Day	
27	28	29	30	31		
		The RAINBOW moves out of Lonnie Falk's basement into a storefront.				



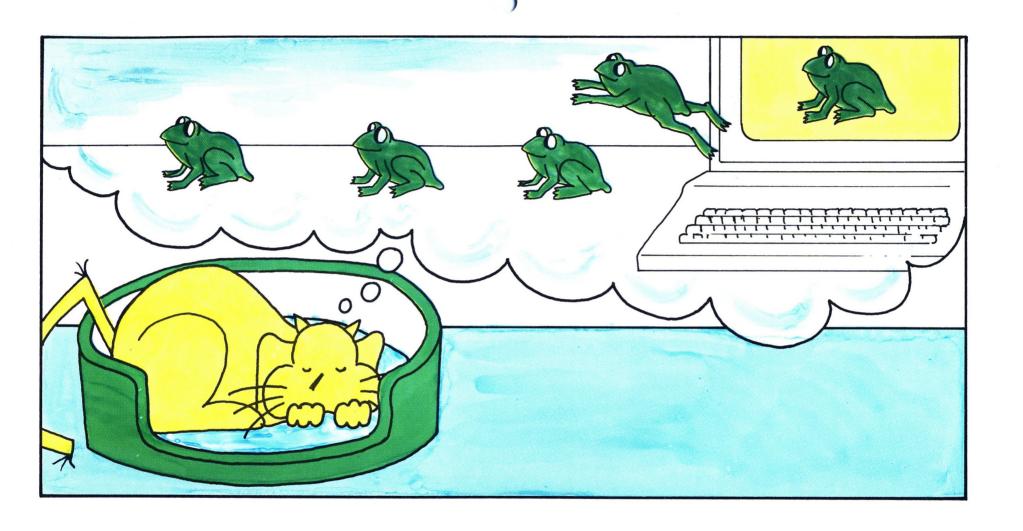


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		,			1	2
3	4	5	6	7	New Year's Day	9
	Microware incorporates with four employees. 1977			RAINBOW features the first of many Fred Crawford covers. 1983		•
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
V	Telewriter from Cognitech first advertised in RAINBOW. 1982.		The Complete Rainbow Guide to OS-9 is pub- lished. 1985			Colorware releases CoCo Max. 1985
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Dennis Lewandowski writes <i>Rainbow Check</i> program. 1983	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	*		The MicroWorks and Computerware are first to offer CoCo software. 1981		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Superbowl XXII	Sugar Software introdu- ces Silly Syntax. 1982		**		The Rainbow Introduc- tory Guide to Statistics is published. 1987	



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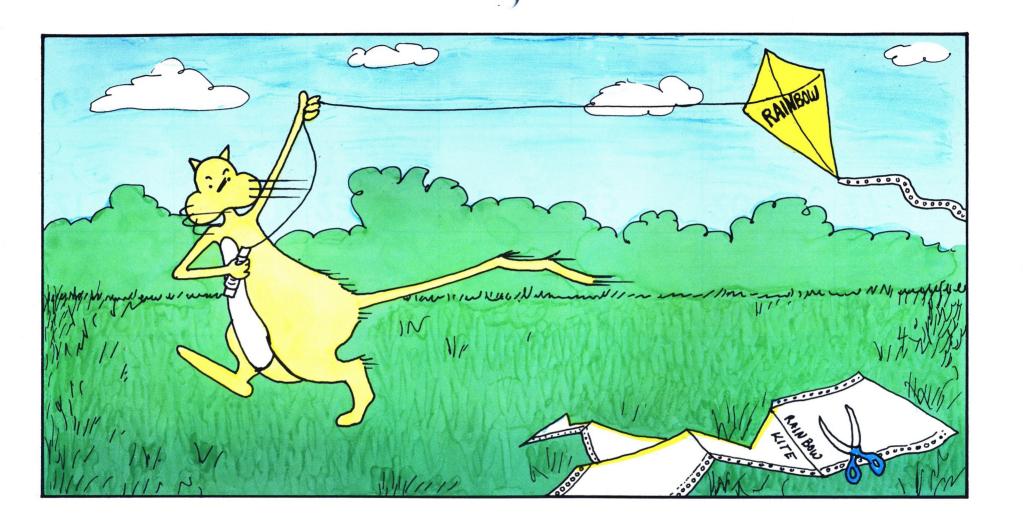
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,	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Ground Hog Day		Cer-Comp introduces its CoCo disk system. 1982		Computer Shack changes name to Michtron. 1984
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
DataSoft releases Zaxxon. 1983			Radio Shack's Direct Connect Modem I arrives. 1981	Thomas Edison's Birthday	Lincoln's Birthday	
14	15	16	17	18	19	The ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator and Calculator), containing 18,000 vacuum tubes, is demonstrated to the pub-
St. Valentine's Day	Presidents Day	Mardi Gras	Ash Wednesday			lic. 1946.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Washington's Birthday		MicroWorld debuts in the pages of RAINBOW. 1985		Steve Blyn markets his first educational software through Computer Is- land, 1982	
28	29					
Lunar Landscape from Tom Mix is available. 1982	2					



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MARCH 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Purim begins at sundown.	"The Star-Spangled Banner" adopted as National Anthem. 1931		
6	1	8	9	10	11	12
Remember the Alamo. 1836	Second Rainbow Adven- ture Contest announced. 1984					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Kelly Software begins distribution of RAINBOW ON TAPE in Canada. 1984	Robert Goddard demon- strates liquid fuel rocket. 1926	St. Patrick's Day		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
National Pig Week					Third Rainbow Adventure Contest announced. 1985	
27	28	29	30	31		
Palm Sunday			First East Coast RAIN- BOWfest held in New Brunswick, NJ. 1984			

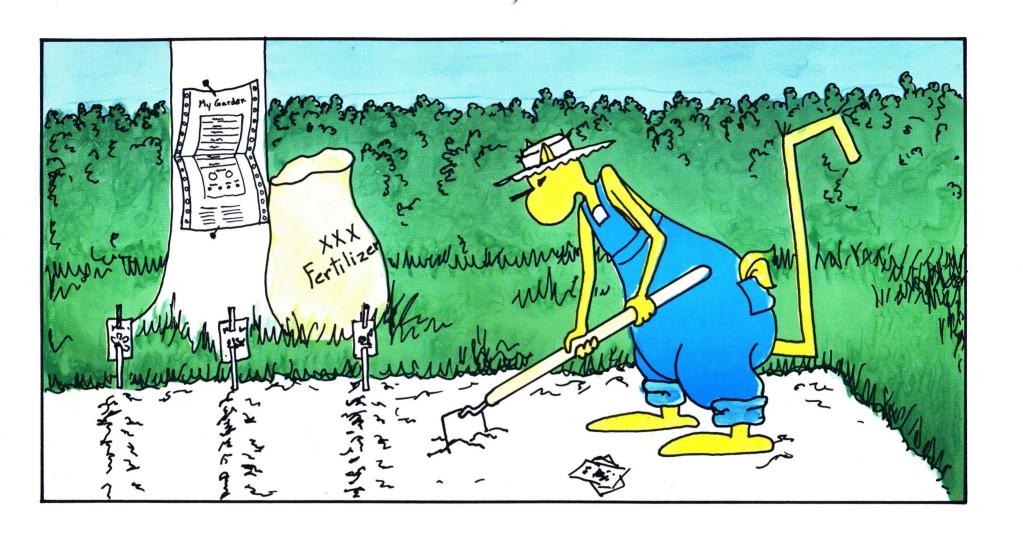


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APRIL 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Spectrum Projects is founded. 1982 Good Friday. Passover begins at sundown.	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Pony Express gets off to roaring start. 1860 Easter	Men's NCAA champion- ship basketball game.	First CoCo D&D games available from Prickly- Pear. 1982	Admiral Peary reaches North Pole. 1909	RAINBOW ON TAPE intro- duced. 1982	Erik Gavriluk and Greg Miller debut <i>Color Max 3</i> at Chicago RAINBOW- fest. 1987	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
CoCo Cat makes debut at RAINBOW- fest-Chicago. 1987		First Rainbow Simulation Contest announced, 1983				Computer Plus begins advertising in RAINBOW. 1982
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Ramadan	Paul Revere's Ride. 1775		Secretary's Day		First RAINBOWfest held in Chicago. 1983 Arbor Day	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	J&M debuts its JFD disk controller. 1983			Dorsett Educational Systems debuts in RAINBOW.		



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MAY 1988

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7
	**	Fourth Rainbow Adventure Contest announced.			The 114th Kentucky Derby
9	10	11	12	13	14
Derringer Software intro- duces <i>Pro-Color-File</i> . 1983		National Police Week		Jamestown, Va., estab- lished. 1607	Microware's first OS-9 seminar. 1982
16	17	18	19	20	21
	Tandy opens 100,000 square foot CoCo plant in Ft. Worth, Tx. 1982				
23	24	25	26	27	28
Victoria Day (Canada)	Samuel Morse sends first telegraph message. 1844			Cheryl "Computer Island" Blyn discovers cables in Bob "Spectrum Projects" Rosen's cutlery drawer. 1983	
30	31				
Mamorial Day					
	Poerringer Software introduces Pro-Color-File. 1983 16 23 Victoria Day (Canada)	9 10 Derringer Software introduces Pro-Color-File. 1983 16 17 Tandy opens 100,000 square foot CoCo plant in Ft. Worth, Tx. 1982 23 24 Victoria Day (Canada) Samuel Morse sends first telegraph message. 1844 30 31	2 3 4 Fourth Rainbow Adventure Contest announced. 1987 9 10 111 National Police Week 16 17 18 Tandy opens 100,000 square foot CoCo plant in Ft. Worth, Tx. 1982 23 24 25 Victoria Day (Canada) Samuel Morse sends first telegraph message. 1844 30 31	2 3 4 5 9 10 11 12 Derringer Software introduces Pro-Color-File. 1983 National Police Week 16 17 18 19 Tandy opens 100,000 square foot CoCo plant in Ft. Worth, Tx. 1982 25 26 Victoria Day (Canada) Samuel Morse sends first telegraph message. 1844 30 31	2



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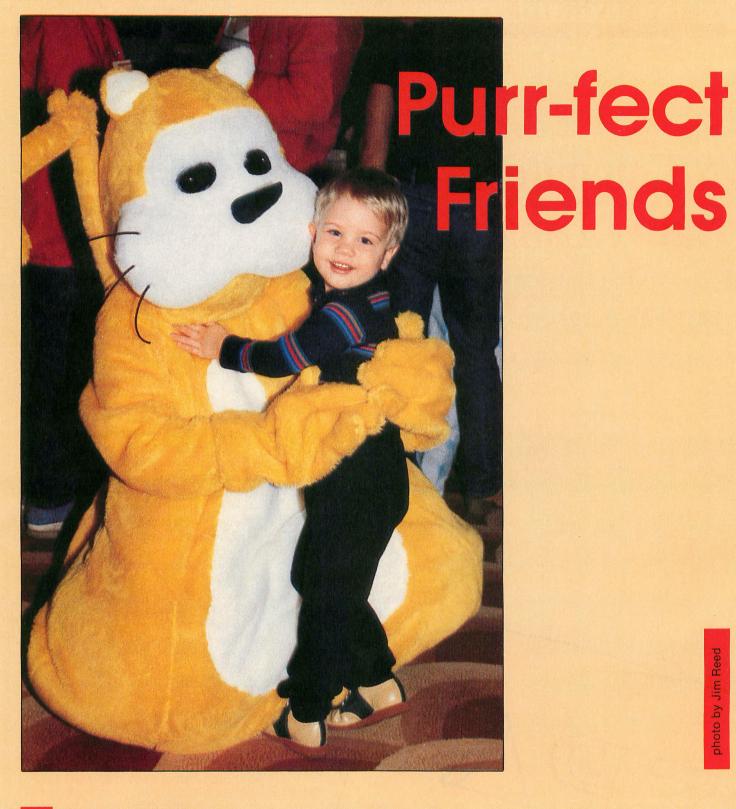
JUNE 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			National Safe Boating Week		RAINBOW features <i>Music+</i> by Bob Ludlum. 1984	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Dragon Boat Festival (China)	The Rainbow Seal of Cer- tification makes its debut. 1982			National Little League Baseball Week		Kamehameha Day. Birth- day of first Hawaiian king.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Flag Day	Ben Franklin makes elec- trifying discovery. 1752.			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father's Day	PXE Computing advertises Autoterm. 1983				HJL introduces its HJL- 57 keyboard. 1983	Custer's last stand at Lit- tle Big Horn. 1876
26	27	28	29	30		
		National Vampire Day (Transylvania)				



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he 1987 Chicago RAINBOWfest went very smoothly. While the terms "relaxed" and "excited" seem contradictory, they best describe the atmosphere at this show. Both exhibitors and attendees knew exactly why they were there and what they were doing, but they were clearly excited about all the new things to see. However, few were as excited as 3-year-old Austin Holt (above). Austin had known for two weeks that CoCo Cat would be making a first-time appearance and travelled all the way from Brandon, South Dakota, to see the fuzzy feline. The words Austin used to describe the meeting, "I love him!", are evident in his smile.



A Computer's Ancient Native Language

By Peter Dibble



orcery books are almost unanimous: The most potent spells are written in strange, usually ancient, languages. It works the same way for computers. The most profound magic for the Color Computer is written in assembly language, the ancient native language of OS-9.

I want to include some assembly language code here, but there is a problem. Tandy chose not to include an assembler with OS-9 Level II. Old-timers will have the assembler from Level I. It works under Level II, but the defs files are incorrect. (The Level I defs files usually fit Level II, provided you stay out of the system data structures.) In any case, I will assume you don't have an assembler.

The assembler converts assembly language programs into modules. I could save you the trouble of typing in the program, if I could print the module here. However, modules are full of unprintable characters and RAINBOW is unable to print them.

This month's programs are a solution to the assembly language problem. CDump converts any file into a printable format. It is the program that I will use to encode modules so RAINBOW can print them. If you want to use it, type CDump into BASIC09 and save it to a disk file. Run CDump and tell it the name of the file to print. Wait while it writes CDump.output. CDump.output contains a printable code that can be converted back into the original file. When I asked CDump to encode the CDump source, the first few lines of CDump.output were:

1: 5052 4F43 4544 5552 4520 80826.

2: 4344 756D 700D 4449 4D20 78478. 3: 496E 4669 6C65 2C4F 7574 87306.

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Each line has three parts: A line number, codes for 10 bytes of data and a check code for that line. You can use CSave to decode the output from CDump. To use it, type CSave into BASIC09 and save it to a disk file. Run CSave and tell it where to put the decoded file, then follow the directions CSave gives.

CSave prompts for input one line at a time. For each line, enter the five, four-character words of data and press ENTER. For instance, if line one from CDump is:

1: 5052 4F43 4544 5552 4520 80826.

you should respond:

5052 4F43 4544 5552 4520

when CSave prompts you for the first line. You may leave out the spaces if you like.

CSave computes a check code for the line and asks you if it is correct. If the code CSave calculates matches the one that CDump put at the end of the line, you probably typed the line correctly. Tell CSave you are content with the line by responding with a T to the question: "Right?" If you respond with an F, CSave prompts you to enter the same line again. After you have entered all the lines, and CSave prompts you for another line, press CTRL-BREAK to indicate end of file.

If you have a good text editor, you might want to modify CSave so it works with input from a file. You should require check codes in the input and quit when you find an incorrect check code.

CDump and CSave were written to solve the problem of the missing assembler, but they have other uses. CDump encodes any file in a printable format with error-detection codes. CSave decodes the file and checks the codes. Use them any time you need to send a file through a process that insists on printable characters and may be unreliable. For instance, if you want to send a module to an IBM mainframe over the phone line, you might want to send the CDumped code for the file.

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Listing 1: cdump
   PROCEDURE CDump
               DIM InFile, OutFile: BYTE
    øøøø
               DIM FileName: STRING[100]
    ØØØB
    ØØ17
               DIM Buffer(10):BYTE
               DIM i,j:INTEGER
    ØØ23
               DIM line: INTEGER
    ØØ2E
               DIM Sum: REAL
    ØØ35
    ØØ3C
                INPUT "What file do you want to print: ", FileName
    ØØ3D
               ON ERROR GOTO 100
    ØØ64
                OPEN #InFile, FileName: READ
    ØØ6A
                ON ERROR GOTO 110
    ØØ76
                CREATE #OutFile, "CDump.output": WRITE
    ØØ7C
    ØØ93
    ØØ94
                ON ERROR GOTO 50
                line:=Ø
    ØØ9A
                LOOP
    ØØA1
                  line:=line+l
     ØØA3
                  FOR i:=1 TO 1Ø
     ØØAE
                    GET #InFile,Buffer(i)
     ØØBE
                  NEXT i
     ØØCC
     ØØD7
                  GOSUB 3Ø
     ØØDB
                ENDLOOP
     ØØDF
                REM Write a checksummed buffer
     ØØEØ
          3Ø
     ØlØØ
                Sum := \emptyset
                PRINT #OutFile, line; ": ";
     ØlØ8
     Ø118
                FOR j:=1 TO i-1
                  PRINT #OutFile USING "H2", Buffer(j);
     Ø12C
                  IF MOD(j,2) = \emptyset THEN
     Ø13F
                    PRINT #OutFile," ";
     Ø14E
     Ø159
                  ENDIF
                  Sum:=Sum*2+Buffer(j)
     Ø15B
     Ø16F
                NEXT j
                PRINT #OutFile, TAB(31); Sum
     Ø17A
                RETURN
     Ø188
                REM End of file or read error
     Ø18A 5Ø
     Ø1A9
                ON ERROR
                GOSUB 3Ø
     ØlAC
     ØlBØ
                CLOSE #InFile, #OutFile
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END "Dump finished" Ø1BB REM Error Opening the file Ø1CC 1ØØ PRINT "Error "; ERR; " opening file: ", FileName Ø1E8 END "CDump ended with an error" Ø2ØA Ø227 11Ø REM Error Opening the output file PRINT "Error: "; ERR; " opening CDump.output" Ø24A END "CDump ended with an error" Ø26F Listing 2: csave PROCEDURE CSave DIM FileName: STRING[100] ØØØØ DIM Buffer: STRING[25] ØØØC ØØ18 DIM c:STRING[1] ØØ24 DIM OutputBuffer(10):BYTE ØØ3Ø DIM FileNo: BYTE DIM i, j: INTEGER ØØ37 DIM OutputSize: INTEGER ØØ42 ØØ49 DIM line: INTEGER ØØ5Ø DIM Sum: REAL DIM ok: BOOLEAN ØØ57 ØØ5E INPUT "What file name do you want: ", FileName ØØ5F ON ERROR GOTO 100 ØØ83 ØØ89 CREATE #FileNo, FileName: WRITE ØØ95 ØØ96 ON ERROR GOTO 200 ØØ9C line:=1 ØØA3

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ØØA4
ØØAE
             PRINT "Enter line "; line; ":";
ØØC6
             READ #Ø, Buffer
ØØCF
             GOSUB 20 \REM digest the input buffer
ØØED
             GOSUB 25 \REM Confirm checksum
ØlØ4
             IF ok THEN
               GOSUB 30 \REM write the buffer to the output file
ØlØD
               line:=line+1
Ø137
Ø142
             ENDIF
Ø144
          ENDWHILE
Ø148
          CLOSE #FileNo
          END "CSave done"
Ø14E
Ø15C
          REM Digest the input buffer
Ø15D 2Ø
Ø17A
          DIM acc: INTEGER
          DIM half: BOOLEAN
Ø181
Ø188
          OutputSize:=Ø
Ø18F
          half:=FALSE
Ø195
          acc:=\emptyset
Ø19C
          FOR i:=1 TO LEN(Buffer)
ØlAE
             c=MID$(Buffer,i,1)
             IF C<>" " THEN
Ø1BC
               IF half THEN
Ø1C9
Ø1D2
                 acc:=acc*16
ØlDD
                 GOSUB 22
ØlEl
                 OutputSize:=OutputSize+1
ØlEC
                 OutputBuffer(OutputSize):=acc
                 acc:=Ø
Ø1F8
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half:=FALSE
ØlfF
               ELSE
Ø2Ø5
Ø2Ø9
                 GOSUB 22
                 half:=TRUE
Ø2ØD
Ø213
               ENDIF
Ø215
             ENDIF
Ø217
          NEXT i
Ø222
          RETURN
Ø224 22
          REM Add a nyble in c to acc
           IF c>="Ø" AND c<="9" THEN
Ø241
             acc:=acc+VAL(c)
Ø256
Ø265
           ELSE IF c>="A" AND c<="F" THEN
               acc:=acc+(ASC(c)-ASC("A")+l\emptyset)
Ø27D
             ELSE IF c>="a" AND c<="f" THEN
Ø292
                 acc:=acc+(ASC(c)-ASC("a")+l\emptyset)
Ø2AA
Ø2BF
               ENDIF
Ø2C1
             ENDIF
          ENDIF
Ø2C3
Ø2C5
          RETURN
Ø2C7 25
          REM Confirm the checksum
Ø2E1
           Sum := \emptyset
Ø2E9
           FOR i:=1 TO OutputSize
Ø2FA
             Sum:=Sum*2+OutputBuffer(i)
Ø3ØE
          NEXT i
Ø319
           PRINT "Checksum is: "; Sum
           INPUT "Right? ", ok
Ø32E
Ø33D
          RETURN
Ø33F 3Ø
          REM Write the buffer to the output file
           FOR i:=1 TO OutputSize
Ø368
Ø379
             PUT #FileNo,OutputBuffer(i)
Ø387
          NEXT i
Ø392
          RETURN
Ø394 1ØØ
          REM Can't create a file
          PRINT "Error: "; ERR; "creating file: "; FileName
Ø3AD
          END "Couldn't create the output file"
Ø3DØ
Ø3F3 2ØØ
          REM Error in main loop
          PRINT "Error: "; ERR
Ø4ØB
Ø418
           CLOSE #FileNo
Ø41E
          END "CSave done"
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By T.C. Taulli

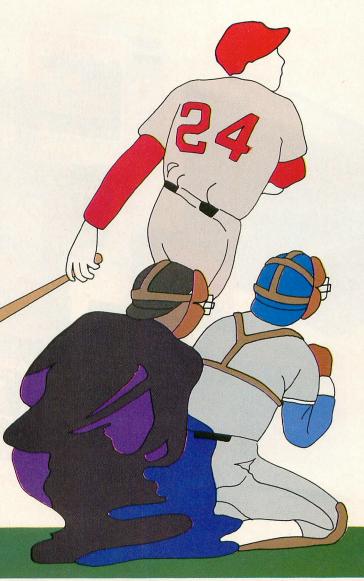
ver since Trivial Pursuit burst onto the board game scene, trivia has affected us in one way or another. Let's face it, it's fun to show your friend or opponent how intelligent you are. Beating someone in a game that requires your ability to think and recall information provides immense satisfaction, not to mention a boost to your ego. For those who are Machiavellian adherents, trivia is an excellent, nonviolent means of revenge.

When playing trivia games, you must be careful. You don't want to be known for having the IQ of a doorknob. Relax and let your mind fetch the information. Psychologists have proven that we remember everything. The only thing preventing you from taking advantage of your memory is your attitude. If you say you can't, you're telling your subconscious to accomplish the task.

In Latin, the word "trivia" means "belonging to the crossroads," hence "commonplace." This seems inaccurate. Trivia exercises your mind, builds up that hunk of gray mass while providing fun. It was Edmund Burke who said that "the

wisest in council, the ablest in debate, and the most agreeable in the commerce of life, is that man who has assimilated to his understanding the greatest number of facts."

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Since baseball is our national pastime, what would be more appropriate than having a program that tests your ability to answer questions about the game? But, beware! It's not as easy as you might think. The questions I've included cover many years, from Ty Cobb to Nolan Ryan—all the greats who fill the Hall of Fame.

My questions are fair. For example: Who was called the Bambino? And, of course, the answer is Babe Ruth. The questions are not like this: At what time in the day did Babe Ruth tie his shoes on October 2, 1930?

The program has several questions to fill your mind, to force you to concentrate and to learn. You don't have to worry about typing in the answer. The program is joystick controlled. I've also used Hi-Res graphics to make the program more attractive. We can't have anything but the best for baseball trivia.

Editor's Note: While the original program includes 120 questions, the following listing only includes 30. This is due to magazine space considerations. However, the 120-question version will be included on RAINBOW ON DISK and RAINBOW ON TAPE.

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	210178	1
V	400129	
	620221	
	820244	
	1040241	
	1170155	
	133063	1
	1480 251	
	1630 181	
	END123	

The listing: TRIVIA

1Ø CLEAR 5ØØ:CLS:DIMH\$(12Ø,2),Y\$ (12Ø,4),QI(12Ø),I\$(12Ø),MV(12Ø),O\$(12Ø)

 $2\emptyset$ H=RND(-TIMER)

3Ø H=Ø:P=1

4Ø TU=Ø:GH=Ø

5Ø FOR X=1 TO 41:READ I\$(X):NEXT:X=Ø

6Ø X=X+1:READH\$(X,1):IFH\$(X,1)="

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-1"THENZ5=X-1:X=Ø:GOTO5ØØ $7\emptyset$ READH\$(X,2) 8Ø READY\$(X,1),Y\$(X,2),Y\$(X,3),Y \$(X,4),QI(X):GOTO6Ø 9Ø DATA U8; R4; D4; L4; R4; D4; BR4 100 DATA U8; R4; D3; L4; R4; D5; L4; R4 ; BR4 11Ø DATA U8;R4;L4;D8;R4;BR4 12Ø DATA U8; R2; BR2; BD1; D6; BD1; BL 2;L1;R1;BR6 13Ø DATA U8;R4;L4;D4;R3;L3;D4;R4 ;BR4 14Ø DATA U8;R4;L4;D4;R3;L3;D4;BR 15Ø DATA U8;R4;L4;D8;R4;U3;BD3;B R4 16Ø DATA U8; D4; R4; U4; D8; BR4 17Ø DATA R2;U8;L2;R4;L2;D8;R2;BR 18Ø DATA U2; D2; R4; U8; D8; BR4 19Ø DATA U8; D4; R2; U2; R2; U2; D2; L2 ;D2;L2;R2;D2;R2;D2;BR4 200 DATA U8; D8; R4; BR4 21Ø DATA U8; F2; E2; D8; BR4 22Ø DATA U8;R4;D8;BR4 23Ø DATA U8;R4;D8;L4;R4;BR4 24Ø DATA U8;R4;D4;L4;D4;BR8 25Ø DATA U8;R4;D7;G1;L3;R3;E1;H2 ;F3;BR4 26Ø DATA U4;R2;L2;U4;R2;BR2;BD1; D2; BD2; D3; BR4 27Ø DATA U2;D2;R3;E1;U2;H1;L2;H1 ;U2;BU1;BR2;R2;D2;BD6;BR4 28Ø DATA BR2;U8;L2;R4;BD8;BR4 29Ø DATA U8; D8; R4; U8; D8; BR4 3ØØ DATA BR2;U4;L2;U4;D4;R2;D4;R 2;U4;R2;U4;D4;L2;D4;BR6 31Ø DATA U8; D8; E2; F2; U8; D8; BR4 32Ø DATA U3; BU2; U3; BR4; D3; BD2; D3 ;U3;BU1;BL2;L1;BD4;BR7 33Ø DATA BR2;U4;R2;U4;D4;L4;U4;D 4; BD4; BR8 34Ø DATAR4; L4; U2; R2; U3; R2; U3; L4; R4; BD8; BR4 35Ø DATA BR4 36Ø DATA U8; R4; L4; D8; R4; BR4 37Ø DATA R4;U8;L4;R4;D8;BR4 38Ø DATA BR1;R2;BR6 39Ø DATA U8;R4;D8;L4;R4;BR4 400 DATA R2; U8; L2; R2; D8; R2; BR4 41Ø DATA R4; L4; U4; R4; U4; L4; R4; BD 8;BR4 42Ø DATA R4;U4;L4;R4;U4;L4;R4;D8 43Ø DATA BR4;U8;D4;L4;U4;D4;R4;D 4; BR4 44Ø DATA R4;U4;L4;U4;R4;BD8;BR4

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45Ø DATA U8;R4;L4;D8;R4;U4;L4;R4
; D4; BR4
46Ø DATA BR4;U8;L4;R4;D8;BR4
47Ø DATA U8; R4; D4; L4; D4; R4; U4; D4
;BR4
48Ø DATA BR4; U8; L4; D4; R4; D4; BR4
49Ø DATA BU8; R4; D3; L4; D2; BD2; D1;
500 PMODE3,1:SCREEN1,1:PCLS 5
51Ø CIRCLE(35,5Ø),3Ø,4,1,.16,.84
52Ø CIRCLE(95,5Ø),3Ø,4
53Ø CIRCLE(165,5Ø),3Ø,4,1,.16,.8
54Ø CIRCLE(225,5Ø),3Ø,4
55Ø DRAW"BM68,1ØØ;C3":P$="BASEBA
LL TRIVIA": GOSUB6ØØ
56Ø DRAW"BM75,124;C3":P$="BY T.C
. TAULLI": GOSUB6ØØ
57Ø DRAW"BM1ØØ,15Ø":P$="(C) 1985
":GOSUB6ØØ
58Ø DRAW"BM45,19Ø":P$="PUSH THE
JOYSTICK BUTTON": GOSUB6ØØ
59Ø GOTO 72Ø
6ØØ FOR X=1 TO LEN(P$):U$=MID$(P
$,X,1):IFP$=""THENRETURN
610 U=ASC(U\$)
62Ø IF U=46 THEN U=3Ø:GOTO 69Ø
63Ø IF U=32 THEN U=27:GOTO 69Ø
64Ø IF U=4Ø THEN U=28:GOTO 69Ø
65Ø IF U=41 THEN U=29:GOTO 69Ø
66Ø IF U=63 THEN U=41:GOTO69Ø
67Ø IF U=<57 THEN U=U-17:GOTO 69
68Ø U=U-64
69Ø DRAW I$(U)
7ØØ NEXT
71Ø RETURN
72Ø B=PEEK(6528Ø):IFB=254ORB=126
THENPLAY"L802B":GOT087Ø
73Ø GOTO 72Ø
74\emptyset J1=INT(JOYSTK(\emptyset)/15.75):JY=I
NT(JOYSTK(1)/15.75)
75Ø P=R:K=U:B=PEEK(6528Ø):IFB=25
4ORB=126THENQS=R:PLAY"L802B":GOT
096Ø
76Ø IF J=JY THEN 74Ø
77Ø IFJY=ØTHENR=13Ø:J=JY:GOTO82Ø
78Ø IFJY=2THENR=15Ø:J=JY:GOTO82Ø
79Ø IFJY=3THENR=17Ø:J=JY:GOTO82Ø
8ØØ IFJY=4THENR=19Ø:J=JY:GOTO82Ø
81Ø GOT074Ø
82\emptyset LINE(K,P)-(K+5,P-5), PRESET, B
83Ø LINE (U,R) - (U+5,R-5), PSET, BF
84Ø B=PEEK(6528Ø):IFB=254ORB=126
THENQS=R:PLAY"L802B":GOT096Ø
85Ø GOTO74Ø
86Ø U=1:R=13Ø:K=1:P=13Ø:LINE(U,R
)-(U+5,R-5), PSET, BF: GOTO 74\emptyset
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87Ø PCLS:A=Ø:X=Ø:H=RND(Z5):T1=T1 +1:IFT1>15THEN1Ø8Ø 88Ø MV(T1)=H:IFO\$(H)="NO"THENH=R ND(Z5):GOTO88ØELSE89Ø 89Ø O\$(H)="NO" 9ØØ DRAW"BM2,1Ø":P\$=H\$(H,1):GOSU 91Ø DRAW"BM2,25":P\$=H\$(H,2):GOSU B6ØØ 92Ø J1=1:JY=1 93Ø FORM=1TO4:A=A+2Ø 94Ø P\$=Y\$(H,M):LINE(1,1 $\emptyset\emptyset$)-(15,1 1Ø+A), PRESET: GOSUB6ØØ 95Ø NEXT:GOTO86Ø 96Ø IFR=13ØTHENQS=1 97Ø IFR=15ØTHENQS=2 98Ø IFR=17ØTHENQS=3 99Ø IFR=19ØTHENQS=4 1000 IFQS=QI(H) THENP\$="RIGHT":R I=RI+1:ELSEP\$="WRONG":WR=WR+1 1010 PCLS: DRAW"BM10,50":GOSUB600 1020 IFP\$="WRONG"THENDRAW"BM10,8 Ø":P\$="THE CORRECT ANSWER IS ":G 1Ø3Ø IFLEFT\$(P\$,1)="T"THENDRAW"B $Ml\emptyset, l\emptyset\emptyset": Jl=QI(H): P$=Y$(H,J1):GO$ SUB6ØØ 1Ø4Ø IFP\$="RIGHT"THENPLAY"T401L8 CCCCBB" 1Ø5Ø DRAW"BM1Ø,12Ø":P\$="PRESS JO YSTICK BUTTON": GOSUB6ØØ 1Ø6Ø B=PEEK(6528Ø):IFB=254ORB=12 6THEN87Ø 1Ø7Ø GOTO1Ø6Ø 1080 P\$="SCORE":DRAW"BM90,10":GO SUB6ØØ 1Ø9Ø P\$=STR\$(RI):P\$=P\$+" RIGHT": DRAW"BM1Ø,5Ø":GOSUB6ØØ:RI=Ø 11ØØ P\$="":P\$=STR\$(WR):P\$=P\$+" W RONG": DRAW"BM1Ø, 7Ø": GOSUB6ØØ: P\$= 111Ø P\$="PRESS JOYSTICK BUTTON": DRAW"BM2 \emptyset , 9 \emptyset ":GOSUB6 $\emptyset\emptyset$:T1= \emptyset $112\emptyset$ FORX=1T015:KL=MV(X):O\$(KL)= "":NEXT 113Ø B=PEEK(6528Ø):IFB=254ORB=12 6THEN87Ø 114Ø GOTO113Ø 115Ø DATAWHO HAD AN OVER 8ØØ BAT TING, AVERAGE IN ONE SEASON? 116Ø DATATED WILLIAMS, BABE RUTH, LOU GEHRIG, HANK AARON, 2 117Ø DATAWHO STOLE 5Ø OR MORE BA SES FOR, 12 CONSECUTIVE SEASONS? 118Ø DATAPETE ROSE, MAURY WILLS, L OU BROCK, TY COBB, 3 119Ø DATAWHO SWIPED 27 CONSECUTI VE BASES, WITHOUT BEING THROWN OU

1200 DATATY COBB, JOE MORGAN, LOU BROCK, RON LEFLORE, 4 121Ø DATAWHO PITCHED TWO CONSECU TIVE NO, HITTERS? 122Ø DATANOLAN RYAN, CY YOUNG, JOH NNY VANDERMEER, SANDY KOUFAX, 3 123Ø DATAWHO HIT A FAIR BALL OUT OF, YANKEE STADIUM? 124Ø DATAMICKEY MANTLE, JOE DIMAG GIO, ROGER MARIS, NO ONE HAS HIT O NE OUT, 4 125Ø DATAHOW MANY CONSECUTIVE GA MES DID, LOU GEHRIG PLAY? 126Ø DATA2ØØØ,2Ø13,213Ø,3ØØØ,3 127Ø DATAWHO PITCHED THE MOST NO HITTERS?, 1280 DATANOLAN RYAN, SANDY KOUFAX , JOHNNY VANDERMEER, BOB GIBSON, 1 129Ø DATAWHO HIT THE MOST HOME R UNS IN, A CAREER? 1300 DATAROGER MARIS, BABE RUTH, H ENRY AARON, MICKEY MANTLE, 3 131Ø DATAWHO HIT THE MOST HOME R UNS IN A, SINGLE SEASON? 132Ø DATABABE RUTH, HENRY AARON, R OGER MARIS, MICKEY MANTLE, 3 133Ø DATAHOW MANY HOME RUNS DID ROGER, MARIS HIT IN 1961? 134Ø DATA4Ø,3Ø,45,61,4 135Ø DATAHIT THE MOST HOME RUNS FOR TIMES, AT BAT IN HIS CAREER. 136Ø DATAROGER MARIS, HENRY AARON ,BABE RUTH, MICKEY MANTLE, 3 1370 DATAWHO HAD THE GREATEST NU MBER OF, CONSECUTIVE ERRORLESS GA MES? 138Ø DATAMIKE HEGAN, RON CEY, GRAI G NETTLES, STEVE SAX, 1 139Ø DATAWHEN WAS THE FIRST BASE BALL, GAME TELEVISED? 14ØØ DATA1937,1938,1939,194Ø,3 1410 DATAWHEN WAS THE FIRST WORL D SERIES, TELEVISED? 142Ø DATA1939,1946,1947,1948,3 143Ø DATAWHAT STATION TELEVISED THE 1947, WORLD SERIES? 144Ø DATANBC, ABC, CBS, RKO, 1 145Ø DATAWHO PLAYED IN THE 1947 WORLD, SERIES? 1460 DATADODGERS VS YANKEES, DODG ERS VS REDS, REDS VS YANKEES, YANK EES VS CUBS, 1 147Ø DATAWHO PLAYED IN THE FIRST MAJOR, LEAGUE GAME ON TV? 148Ø DATACUBS VS DODGERS, REDS VS DODGERS, CUBS VS REDS, YANKEES VS DODGERS, 2

149Ø DATAWHO DID JOE DIMAGGIO MA RRY?, 15ØØ DATAMARILYN MONROW,JANE RUS SELL,LARAINE DAY,ELYSE KNOX,1 151Ø DATAWHAT IS A FULL COUNT?,

1520 DATA2 BALLS AND 2 STRIKES,1 BALL AND NO STRIKES,3 BALLS AND 2 STRIKES,3 BALLS AND 3 STRIKES,3

153Ø DATAWHO HAS HAD 9 SHUT OUTS IN A, SEASON?

154Ø DATABOB GIBSON, RON GUIDRY, N OLAN RYAN, CY YOUNG, 2

155Ø DATAIN 198Ø WHO DID WILLIE RANDOLPH, PLAY FOR?

156Ø DATADODGERS, YANKEES, REDS, CU BS, 2

157Ø DATAWHAT IS THE DISTANCE BE TWEEN THE, THREE BASES?

158Ø DATA8Ø FEET,5Ø FEET,6Ø FEET,9Ø FEET,4

159Ø DATAWHO DID DIZZY DEAN PLAY FOR?,

1600 DATAST LOUIS, REDS, CUBS, YANK EES.1

161Ø DATAWHO DID DAFFY DEAN PLAY FOR?,

162Ø DATAST LOUIS, REDS, CUBS, YANK

EES, 1

163Ø DATAHOW LONG DID HENRY ARRO N PLAY, FOR?

1640 DATA20 YEARS,21 YEARS,22 YE ARS,23 YEARS,4

1650 DATAWHO HIT 5 HOMERUNS IN O NE DAY?,

166Ø DATASTAN MUSIAL, BABE RUTH, R OGER MARIS, MICKEY MANTLE, 1

167Ø DATAWHO DID ROD CAREW PLAY FOR IN,1977?

1680 DATACUBS, RED SOXS, TIGERS, TW INS, 4

169Ø DATAWHO WAS THE MANAGER OF THE YEAR, IN 198Ø IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE?

1700 DATAYOGI BERRA, TOM LASORDA, BILLY MARTIN, WALTER ALSTON, 3

1710 DATAWHO THREW A SHUT OUT IN THEIR, FIRST GAME?

1720 DATAMIKE MORRIS, NOLAN RYAN, LEFY GROVE, SANDY KOUFAX, 1

173Ø DATAWHO WON THE 198Ø MOST V ALUABLE, PLAYER AMERICAN LEAGUE A WARD?

174Ø DATAGEORGE BRETT, ROD CAREW, RON CEY, CECIL COOPER, 1 175Ø DATA -1

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CORRECTIONS (Also, see Page 137)

"Charting the Ups and Downs of Life" (March 1987, Page 86): Michael Sims has written to alert us to a few minor errors in his program, *Graphit*. While the program appears to work normally, some of the output will be incorrect. To correct these errors, alter the following lines accordingly:

4110 S=240/RNUM

4175 IF A\$="L" THEN IF R5=RNUM+2 THEN 42 $\emptyset\emptyset$ ELSE IF R5=RNUM+1 THE N 42 $\emptyset\emptyset$

9050 PRINT#B, NAME\$:PRINT#B, STRIN G\$(LEN(NA\$),"-"):FORX=1TORNUM:PR INT#B, TEST(X):NEXTX

Also, Mr. Sims has offered a little hint for program execution. He suggests you not use lowercase letters in the titles or labels. Otherwise, the program will crash

For quicker reference, Corrections will be posted on Delphi as soon as they are available in the Info on Rainbow topic area of the database. Just type DATA at the CoCo SIG> prompt and INFO at the TOPIC?> prompt.



Keying Into CoCo's Power

By Fred B. Scerbo **Rainbow Contributing Editor**

Editor's Note: If you have an idea for the "Wishing Well," submit it to Fred c/o THE RAINBOW. Remember, keep your ideas specific, and don't forget that this is BASIC. All programs resulting from your wishes are for your use, but remain the property of the author.

hope that you all enjoyed our little graphics experiments in the last two issues of THE RAINBOW. Both programs were the direct result of suggestions sent in by readers who use the Color Computer to educationally motivate their children. In recent months, I have received even more letters along the same line. We will take a look at what a few of these readers have had to say and then launch into another wish that took a little time to develop but will satisfy those of you who want to introduce the very young to computer skills. The program is called CoCo Keys and can be used with or without the Radio Shack Sound/Speech Cartridge.

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tion and has published some of the first software available for the Color Computer through his software firm, Illustrated Memory Banks.

What Readers Say

Sometimes I spend a great deal of time developing an educational program only to have one of my students dismiss it with a wise-guy remark like, "Couldn't you come up with anything better than that?" I am often tempted to dare them to come up with something better, but that would be a rather cheap way of soothing my bruised ego. Instead, I can counteract their remarks by turning to the reader mail, which arrives every few days. Since it is impossible to respond to these letters individually, I will take a crack at a few of them here.

Several readers have commented that they have had difficulty getting some of these talking programs to work, especially on the CoCo 3. Since I haven't made the jump to CoCo 3 yet, I am not sure whether any changes are needed to make speech programs work when the CoCo 3 is in its CoCo 2 mode. Shirley Moncrief of Hayward, California, ran into this problem. The program works perfectly with no error messages, but it just won't speak. There are two possible fixes for this.

First, sometimes the Voice Pak can be reactivated by pressing the reset button several times. I have run into this problem on my CoCo 1 and 2 every so often. For some reason, sometimes the Pak just seems to not engage.

Second, recheck the listing directly after the title card at the section where you select talking or non-talking. It is possible that the non-talking variable may have been accidentally typed into both lines. Naturally, there is a different

value for each, so it is possible that if the wrong value were typed into the talking line, it might make the program ignore the talking subroutines when the program is running. Again, to be safe, subscribe to RAINBOW ON TAPE and you will get a bug-free version every time. (No, the magazine listings do not have bugs in them. Those seem to creep into your CoCo somewhere between the pages and your typing fingers. A program need not show an error message to have a typo in it!)

Mae R. Hipp of Sun Valley, Nevada, had a little problem with our understanding relationships between fractions, decimals and whole numbers program in the January 1987 column. The caret, or little upward pointing sign, in Line 210 after the varible A=10 is actually the up arrow on your keyboard. My lineprinter (an Okidata 82A) prints that figure as an arrow, but apparently the RAINBOW's professional lineprinter uses the up caret instead. If you see an up caret in any of these listings, be sure to use the up arrow when you type in the program. (Also, be sure to type it in correctly the first time, since if you try to edit it into the line using the EDIT command, you will not be able to. Using the up arrow exits the EDIT mode in Extended Color BASIC.)

This Month's Idea

Sonya Hurst of Richmond, California, wrote a letter that served as the inspiration for this month's program. On a very colorful letterhead she ob-

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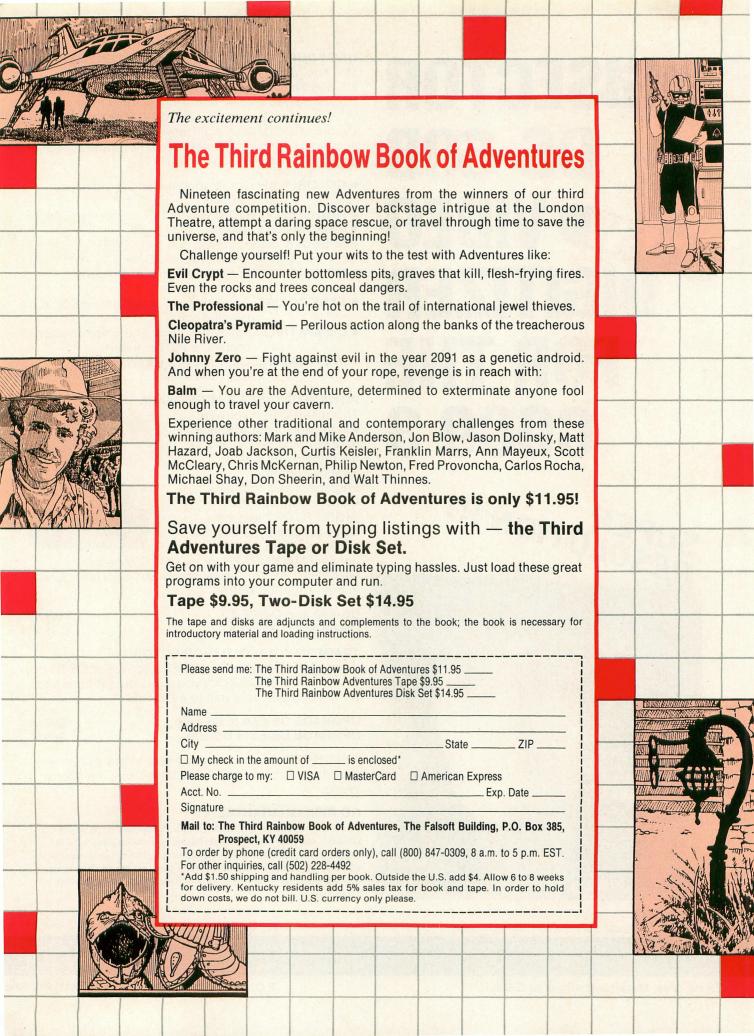
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viously created with her CoCo and Color Ink Printer, she wrote:

I have been trying to write a program that will draw a picture of the computer keyboard on the screen and put the letters and numbers on the keys. This was to be part of a spelling program for my 5-year-old daughter. I wanted to have the Speech/Sound Cartridge ask her to spell a word. If she spelled it incorrectly, I wanted the proper letters to be highlighted on the screen so she could see them, one at a time . . . I can get the picture of the keyboard, but not the letters.

She then included a short listing that would draw the keys on the screen. Rather than take this idea all by itself, I decided to write an entirely new routine that would draw a very precise keyboard with all the little details that I could cram into the resolution of PMDDE4.

If you recall, my last two programs included a new graphics text routine that helped do the explaining about the blood and your heart. I tried this with our Speech Pak and even managed to get the results displayed in PMODE2/1, rather than PMODE 4/3. However, using PMODE2/1 would not give me enough detail to display the text for our doubleduty keys on our CoCo keyboard (such as those that have shift characters). Therefore, it was necessary to make a few changes in this routine to get it to work in PMODE4. Even the DATA statements had to be changed.

The resulting program, CoCo Keys, is not the spelling program that Ms. Hurst was trying to write but, instead, is a very elementary (but classy looking) keyboarding program that introduces the user to the workings of the CoCo keyboard. It is not a typing tutor program. Rather, it is a program that will help the very young or very inexperienced to become more familiar with where to find specific keys on the keyboard.

Before we wrap up, I will also show you how to merge my graphics keyboard into your own BASIC keyboard program. With that in mind, let's launch into how to use *CoCo Keys*.

Using the Program

CoCo Keys uses the PCLEARB command, so some older CoCo 1 models may give a syntax error when the program is first run. Simply re-run the program to proceed, or type PCLEAR 8 before running or loading the program.

To start the program, enter RUN. If a



red screen appears, press ENTER to continue. If the screen is blue, press reset and run it until the screen appears red. Then you may proceed with a full-scale running of the listing.

On running the program, you get our very familiar "Wishing Well" title screen. You are asked to choose between (T)alking or (N)ot by pressing the appropriate key. CoCo Keys does not need speech to be run effectively. If you choose non-talking, you may read the text to a child who is using the program. It can be just as effective when used this way. In fact, it can be more effective if the child cannot understand the computer's artificial speech.

The screen will make a slight pause while it is jumbling the order of the keys. The screen will then display 58 different keys for the user to find and press when prompted. Pressing the correct key will cause that key to be highlighted on the screen. Another choice will then be displayed quickly.

Granted, it may not seem to be much, but creating the keyboard was quite time-consuming. It will be put to use in other programs in later issues. Besides, you may want to use it yourself.

In any case, CoCo Keys can be a good introduction to coordinating keystrokes with visual and speech prompts. When using the Speech Pak, the computer will say which key it wants pressed. If you press the correct key, the key flashes on the screen and the com-

puter speaks a correct response to you. If you press the wrong key, the screen flashes green and waits for you to try again.

A few warnings: Do not press the keys too quickly because your CoCo holds a number of keystrokes in its buffer. You may press several keys and end up with several incorrect responses. Also, be sure to shift for the shifted characters on the keyboard. If you press without the SHIFT, the response is wrong. If you want to check your progress, press SHIFT-CLEAR to go to the scorecard. You will see how well you have done and may choose to either start over, end or press C to continue where you left off.

Using the Graphic Keyboard

There is a very simple way to remove the graphic of the keyboard from this program if you have a disk. Run the program up to the point where the keyboard is drawn and then press BREAK before the text is printed at the bottom of the screen. With a disk in the drive, type:

SAVEM"KEYBRD", 3584, 9727,0

and press ENTER. The graphic of the keyboard will now be saved to disk. You may reload it into your own program by including a line with:

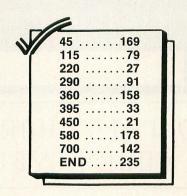
PMODE4,1:SCREEN1,1:LOADM"
KEYBRD"

This will reload the keyboard to your screen. The DATA statements include the locations of each key and character.

If you do not have a disk drive, you would have to use most of the program lines listed here. Anyone wanting to use the keyboard graphic in their own home

programs is free to do so. However, please do not ask me if you may use it in a commercial program. The answer is no

While this program may seem almost pre-school, believe me, older users will not get a perfect score the first time. It can be very valuable for learning where things are on your keyboard. In fact, very soon you may see this graphic included in an educational game I am working on. Until then, keep your letters and requests coming in. They are getting better all the time.



The listing: COCOKEYS

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Ø PCLEAR8
1 REM ***************
2 REM *
             CO CO KEYS
5 REM *
          BY FRED B.SCERBO
6 REM *
           6Ø HARDING AVE.
7 REM * NORTH ADAMS, MA Ø1247 *
8 REM *
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9 REM ***************
1Ø PMODE4,1:PCLS1:SCREEN1,1:PMOD
E3:PCLS2
15 X$=INKEY$:IFX$<>CHR$(13)THEN1
2Ø CLSØ:PRINTSTRING$(32,156);:FO
RI=1TO256: READA: PRINTCHR$ (A+128)
;:NEXT:PRINTSTRING$(32,156);
25 DATA46,44,44,44,42,46,44,44,4
5,116,126,,,112,126,12Ø,126,124,
124,124,122,122,,,112,122,117,12
4,124,124,124,125
3Ø DATA42,,,,,42,,,37,,122,,112,
118,,,122,,,,120,122,,,112,122,1
35 DATA42,,,,34,42,,,37,,122,112
,118,,,,122,,,,,122,,,112,122,11
4Ø DATA44,44,44,44,4Ø,44,44,44,4
4,,123,118,,,,,123,115,115,119,,
121,112,,113,12Ø,117,115,115,115
,115,115
45 DATA11Ø, 1Ø8, 1Ø8, 1Ø8, 1Ø6, 11Ø, 1
Ø8,1Ø8,1Ø9,112,122,116,114,,,,12
2,,,116,112,,121,115,12Ø,,,,,,1
5Ø DATA1Ø6,,,,,1Ø6,,,1Ø1,,122,,1
16,114,,112,122,,,,,,122,,,,,
,117
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55 DATA1Ø6,,,,98,1Ø6,96,96,1Ø1,,
122,,,116,114,,122,,,112,114,,11
2,122,,,113,112,,,,117
6Ø DATA1Ø8,1Ø8,1Ø8,1Ø8,1Ø4,1Ø8,1
Ø8,1Ø8,1Ø8,116,124,,,,116,12Ø,12
4,124,124,124,120,,116,124,,,116
,124,124,124,124,124
65 PRINT@357," KNOWING THE KEYBO
ARD ";:PRINT@389," (T)ALKING OR
(N) OT ? ";
7Ø PRINT@421,"
                  BY FRED B.SCERB
0
   11 ;
75 PRINT@453,"
                 COPYRIGHT (C) 19
87
8Ø X$=INKEY$:IFX$="T"THEN1ØØ
85 IFX$="N"THEN95
9Ø GOTO8Ø
95 NT=1
100 CLS0:PRINT@264," PLEASE STAN
D BY ";
1Ø5 XX=&HFFØØ:YY=&HFF7E
11Ø POKEXX+1,52:POKEXX+3,63
115 POKEXX+35,6Ø
12Ø DIMR(23), L$(26), Y(4Ø), A(58, 2
), K$(58), G$(58), K(58), L(58):C$(1
)="C1":C$(2)="C2":C$(3)="C3":C$(
4)="C4"
125 FORI=1T058
13\emptyset \text{ K(I)}=\text{RND}(58):\text{IFL}(\text{K(I)})=\text{1THEN}
13Ø
135 L(K(I))=1:NEXTI
14Ø FORI=1TO26:READL$(I):NEXT
145 GOTO275
15Ø AA$=JK$
155 A$=STR$(A):B$=STR$(B)
16Ø DRAW"BM"+A$+","+B$+C$(CL)
165 IF LEN(JK$) <= 24THEN185
17Ø FOR T=24TOØSTEP-1:IF MID$(JK
$,T,1)=" "THEN18Ø
175 NEXT T:GOTO185
18Ø L$=LEFT$(JK$,T):W$=L$:GOSUB1
9\emptyset:JK\$=" "+RIGHT$(JK$,(LEN(JK$))
-T):GOTO155
185 W$=JK$:B=B+14:GOSUB19Ø:RETUR
19Ø SL=LEN(W$):FORI=1TOSL:BB$=MI
D$(W$,I,1):C=ASC(BB$)-64:IF C=-3
2THEN DRAW"BR6":GOTO21Ø
195 IF C=-18THENDRAW"BR2RBR9":GO
T021Ø
2ØØ IFC=-2ØTHENDRAW"BR2R2D2G2E4B
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R7":GOTO21Ø 2Ø5 DRAWL\$(C) 21Ø NEXTI:B=B+14:RETURN 215 IFNT=1THENRETURN 22Ø FORII=1TOLEN(AA\$) 225 IF PEEK(YY) AND 128=Ø THEN225 23Ø POKEYY, ASC (MID\$ (AA\$, II, 1)) 235 NEXTII 24Ø IFPEEK(YY)AND128=ØTHEN24Ø 245 POKEYY, 13 25Ø FORHH=1T06ØØ:NEXTHH:RETURN 255 RETURN 26Ø DATA U6E2R2F2D2NL4D4BR6,U8R4 F2G2NL4F2G2NL4BR8, U8R6ND2BD8NU2N L6BR6, U8R4F2D4G2NL4BR8, U8NR4D4NR 4D4R4BR6, U8NR4D4NR4D4BR1Ø, U8R6BD 4NL2D4NL4BR6,U4NU4R6U4D8BR6 265 DATA R2U8L2R4L2D8R2BR6, NU4R4 U8L4R6BD8BR6, U8D4R2NE4F4BR6, NU8R 4BR6, U8F4E4D8BR6, U8F6NU6D2BR6, U8 R6D8NL6BR6, U8R6D4L6D4BR12, U8R6D8 NL6NH4NF2BR6 27Ø DATA U8R6D4L4F4BR6, R6U4L6U4R 6BD8BR6, BR4U8L4R8BD8BR6, NU8R6NU8 BR6, BU8D4F4E4U4BD8BR6, NU8R4NU6R4 NU8BR6, E8G4H4F8BR6, BU8D2F4ND2E4U 2BD8BR6, NR8E8NL8BD8BR6 275 GOTO28Ø 28Ø PMODE4,1:PCLS1:SCREEN1,1:PMO DE3 285 LINE (\emptyset, \emptyset) - (256, 92), PRESET, BF 29Ø DRAW"BM1Ø,16":FORI=1T013:GOS UB465: PAINT (4+(I*18), 12), 3,3:NEX 295 DRAW"BM2,34":FORI=1T014:GOSU B465: PAINT ((I*18)-6,28),3,3: NEXT 3ØØ DRAW"BM4,52":FORI=1TO11:GOSU B465: PAINT ((I*18)-2,42),3,3: NEXT :DRAW"C4U14R32D14NL32BR4":PAINT((I*18)-2,42),4,4:GOSUB465:PAINT(242,42),3,3:PAINT(242,42),4,1 3Ø5 DRAW"BM4,7ØU14R28D14NL28BR4" :FORI=1TO1Ø:GOSUB465:PAINT((I*18)+6,6Ø),3,3:NEXT:DRAW"U14R28D14L $28": PAINT((I*18)+6,6\emptyset), 3,3: PAINT$ $(236,6\emptyset),3,3:PAINT(236,6\emptyset),4,1$ 31Ø PAINT(24,6Ø),4,1:PAINT(1Ø,32),4,1:PAINT(1Ø,48),4,1:PAINT(248 ,32),4,1:PAINT(218,32),4,1 315 CL=1:A=6:FORF=1TO1Ø:READJK\$: A=A+18:B=32:GOSUB155:NEXT 32Ø DATA Q,W,E,R,T,Y,U,I,O,P 325 A=8:FORF=1TO9:READJK\$:A=A+18 :B=5Ø:GOSUB155:NEXT 33Ø DATA A,S,D,F,G,H,J,K,L 335 A=22:FORF=1T07:READJK\$:A=A+1 8:B=68:GOSUB155:NEXT

34Ø DATA Z,X,C,V,B,N,M

345 COLOR1, 4:LINE $(6\emptyset, 74)$ -(196, 88)

), PRESET, BF 35Ø PAINT(236,6),2,1 355 PMODE4: DRAW"CØBM12, 48NE3NH3U 8BU1ØBL2U8NF3G3" 36Ø PMODE4:DRAW"BM6,64CØ":FORI=1 TO2:DRAW"R4U2L4U2R4BR2D4U2R4U2D4 BR4U4BR4ND4NR2D2NR2U2BR4R2ND4R2B D4BR186":NEXT 365 DRAW"BM2Ø4,46CØNR4U2NR4U2R4B R2ND4F4U4BR2R2ND4R2BR2NR4D2NR4D2 R4BR2U4R4D2L4R2F2BR1ØNR2U4R2BR4D 4NR2BU2ØNH2NG2L8BL1ØL8NE2NF2" 37Ø PMODE3:DRAW"C1BD7BL14L2H2U6E 2R4F2D4G2L2H2U4R2BG14BL2BDD2NR2N L2D2BD2DBD2DG2" 375 DRAW"BL19BD5G3F3BLBD2D2G2BR1 8BUU2BU3E3H3BR16R4D2L2D2BD2DBD5E 38Ø PMODE3:DRAW"BM18,15C1U5NGBU2 UBU2U2BR14ND2BR4D2BD4NL4D3L4D3R4 BR14R4U3NL2U3L4BU2U2NL2NR6U2NL2N U2R6L2U2D6BR14R4U3L4U3R4L2NU2D8B L3D4R8U4D6" 385 DRAW"BR12R4U3L4U3R4BU3NEBL4E 4BL4LBR18R3DG2DR4H4BD7NR4D6R4U4N L4BU2BR14R6M-4,+6BU1ØU2BR2ØBUG2D F2BD2BL2R4D3L4U3D6R4NU3BR14R4U3L 4U3R4ND3BU2BL2E2UH2BR14BD7D6NE4B RR4U6NL4BR14BD2NRBD2NRBU8NE2NH2N The Handicapper All the data you need is readily available in the thor-

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56Ø DATA128,2Ø,THE LETTER U,U
F2NG2NU2ND2BR16BDR4BU2L4BD8R4C4B
                                      565 DATA146,2Ø, THE LETTER I,I
R14U6NL2R4D3NL4D3NL6BR4U6
                                      57Ø DATA164,2Ø, THE LETTER O,O
39Ø REM
                                      575 DATA182,2Ø, THE LETTER P,P
395 FORI=1T058:READA(I,1),A(I,2)
KS(I), GS(I): NEXT: GS(49) = CHRS(34)
                                      58Ø DATA2ØØ,2Ø,THE AT SIGN,@
                                      585 DATA22,38, THE LETTER A,A
400 PCOPY1TO5:PCOPY2TO6:PCOPY1TO
                                      59Ø DATA4Ø,38,THE LETTER S,S
7:PCOPY2TO8
                                      595 DATA58,38,THE LETTER D,D
405 \text{ LINE}(0,96) - (256,134), PRESET,
                                      600 DATA76,38, THE LETTER F,F
B:JKS="
           FIND THIS CHARACTER
                                      6Ø5 DATA94,38,THE LETTER G,G
    ON YOUR KEYBOARD. ": A=Ø: B=112
                                      61Ø DATA112,38, THE LETTER H, H
                                      615 DATA13Ø,38,THE LETTER J,J
:CL=2:GOSUB15Ø
                                      62Ø DATA148,38,THE LETTER K,K
41Ø AA$="FIND THIS KARRECTER ON
YOUR KEY BOARD": GOSUB215
                                      625 DATA166,38, THE LETTER L,L
415 FORZZ=1TO58:COLOR1,4:PMODE4,
                                      63Ø DATA184,38,A SEMICOLON,;
1:LINE(Ø,14Ø)-(256,192), PSET, BF:
                                      635 DATA184,38,A PLUS SIGN,+
                                      64Ø DATA36,56,THE LETTER Z,Z
PMODE3: Z=K(ZZ): QW=LEN(K$(Z)): QR=
INT((26-QW)/2)+2:JK$=STRING$(QR,
                                      645 DATA54,56, THE LETTER X,X
32) + K$(Z) : CL = 3 : B = 16\emptyset : GOSUB15\emptyset : GO
                                      65Ø DATA72,56,THE LETTER C,C
                                      655 DATA9Ø, 56, THE LETTER V, V
SUB215
42Ø X$=INKEY$:IFX$=CHR$(3)THEN42
                                      66Ø DATA1Ø8,56,THE LETTER B,B
                                      665 DATA126,56, THE LETTER N, N
425 IFX$=CHR$(92)THEN76Ø
                                      67Ø DATA144,56,THE LETTER M,M
43Ø IFX$=G$(Z)THEN44ØELSEIFX$=""
                                      675 DATA162,56,A COMMA,","
                                      68Ø DATA18Ø,56,A PERIOD,"."
THEN42Ø
435 AA$="SORRY. YOU ARE WRONG":G
                                      685 DATA198,56,A SLASH,/
OSUB215: FORJL=1TO6: PMODE4, 1: SCRE
                                      69Ø DATA162,56, LESS THAN SIGN, <
                                      695 DATA18Ø,56, GREATER THAN SIGN
EN1, Ø: FORJM=1T09Ø: NEXTJM: SCREEN1
,1:FORJM=1TO9Ø:NEXTJM,JL:NW=NW+1
                                      ,>
:GOTO42Ø
                                      700 DATA198,56,QUESTION MARK,?
44Ø AA$="THAT IS CORRECT"::GOSUB
                                      7Ø5 DATA1Ø, 2, EXCLAMATION POINT,!
                                      71Ø DATA28,2,QUOTATION MARKS,
215:PCOPY7TO5:PCOPY8TO6:PMODE3,5
:LINE(A(Z,1),A(Z,2))-(A(Z,1)+14,
                                      715 DATA46,2, THE NUMBER SIGN, #
A(Z,2)+14), PSET, BF
                                      72Ø DATA64,2,A DOLLAR SIGN,$
445 FORW=1TO1Ø
                                      725 DATA82,2,A PERCENT SIGN,%
450 PCOPY5TO1: PCOPY6TO2
                                      73Ø DATA1ØØ, 2, THE AND SIGN, &
455 PCOPY7TO1:PCOPY8TO2:NEXTW:NR
                                      735 DATA118, 2, AN APOSTROPHE, '
=NR+1::NEXTZZ
                                      74Ø DATA136,2,OPEN PARENTHESIS,(
46Ø FORWW=1T05ØØ:NEXT:GOT076Ø
                                      745 DATA154,2,CLOSE PARENTHESIS,
465 DRAW"C3U14R14D14NL14BR4":RET
                                      75Ø DATA19Ø, 2, AN ASTERISK, *
URN
47Ø DATA1Ø, 2, THE NUMBER ONE, 1
                                      755 DATA2Ø8,2,AN EQUAL SIGN,=
475 DATA28,2, THE NUMBER TWO,2
                                      76Ø CLS
48Ø DATA46,2, THE NUMBER THREE, 3
                                      765 CLS: PRINT@1Ø1, "YOU TRIED"NR+
                                      NW"PROBLEMS &":PRINT@165,"ANSWER
485 DATA64, 2, THE NUMBER FOUR, 4
49Ø DATA82,2,THE NUMBER FIVE,5
                                      ED"NR"CORRECTLY"
495 DATA1ØØ, 2, THE NUMBER SIX, 6
                                      77Ø PRINT@229, "WHILE DOING"NW"WR
500 DATA118,2, THE NUMBER SEVEN, 7
                                      ONG."
5Ø5 DATA136,2,THE NUMBER EIGHT,8
                                      775 NQ=NR+NW:IFNQ=ØTHEN NQ=1
51Ø DATA154,2, THE NUMBER NINE,9
                                      78\emptyset MS=INT(NR/NQ*1\emptyset\emptyset)
                                      785 PRINT@293, "YOUR SCORE IS"MS"
515 DATA172,2,ZERO,Ø
52Ø DATA19Ø,2,A COLON,":"
                                      8.11
525 DATA208,2,A DASH OR MINUS,-
                                      79Ø PRINT@357, "ANOTHER TRY (Y/N/
53Ø DATA2Ø,2Ø,THE LETTER Q,Q
                                      C) ?";
535 DATA38, 20, THE LETTER W, W
                                      795 X$=INKEY$:IFX$="Y"THENRUN
54Ø DATA56,2Ø, THE LETTER E,E
                                      8ØØ IFX$="N"THENCLS:END
545 DATA74,20, THE LETTER R,R
                                      8Ø5 IFX$="C"THENPMODE4,1:SCREEN1
55Ø DATA92,2Ø,THE LETTER T,T
                                      ,1:PMODE3:GOTO42Ø
555 DATAllø, 20, THE LETTER Y, Y
                                      81Ø GOTO795
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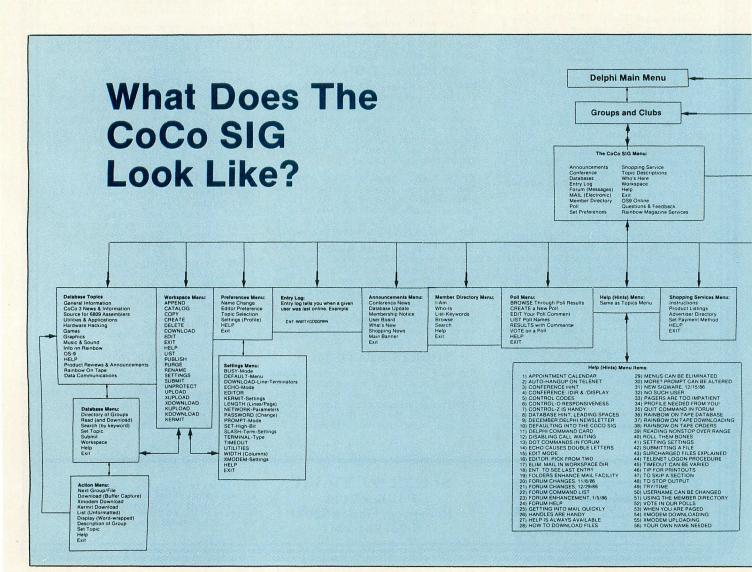




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All Roads Lead to The CoCo SIG

By Cray Augsburg Rainbow Technical Editor



ome of you may have been wondering about recent changes in the opening banners for the CoCo and OS9 Online SIGs. Because of my ever-increasing duties here at RAINBOW, and also because of the type of work Marty Goodman (MARTYGOODMAN) has been doing in the CoCo SIG, Marty has officially been named SIGop of the CoCo SIG. For some time now Don Hutchison (DONHUTCHISON) has been doing quite a bit of work in the database areas and, therefore, when Marty was named SIGop, Don is placed in charge of the CoCo SIG databases. I will continue to write "Delphi Bureau" each month and serve as RAINBOW's "technical liaison" to the CoCo SIG. However, to reflect the change in database managers, Don is also taking over Marty's duties in writing the Database Manager's report.

In the OS9 Online SIG, Greg Law (GREGLAW) has been spending greater amounts of online time handling "staff" matters. At the same time, Dale Lear (DALELEAR) has found that he has been unable to be online as much as he would

like due to work and family. To reflect this, Greg has been officially named the SIGop of the OS-9 Online SIG. Dale has agreed to stay with the SIG and, along with **Rick Adams** (RICKADAMS), serve in the capacity of OS-9 Consultant.

Jim Reed (JIMREED) remains the Group manager for both SIGs as well as for the Aviation SIG recently formed for NEW PILOT by Falsoft.

These changes more accurately reflect the work actually being done by the various staff members. We believe they

are in the best interest of all concerned and believe you will agree. Please take a moment online to welcome these people to their new positions and show them your support.

This month's "Delphi Bureau" will run rather short so that we can bring you the map of the CoCo SIG. Actually, we created this map for the "Intro to the Delphi SIGs" seminar at the recent Chicago RAINBOWfest. It seemed to be a great help to people there, so we decided to publish it here.

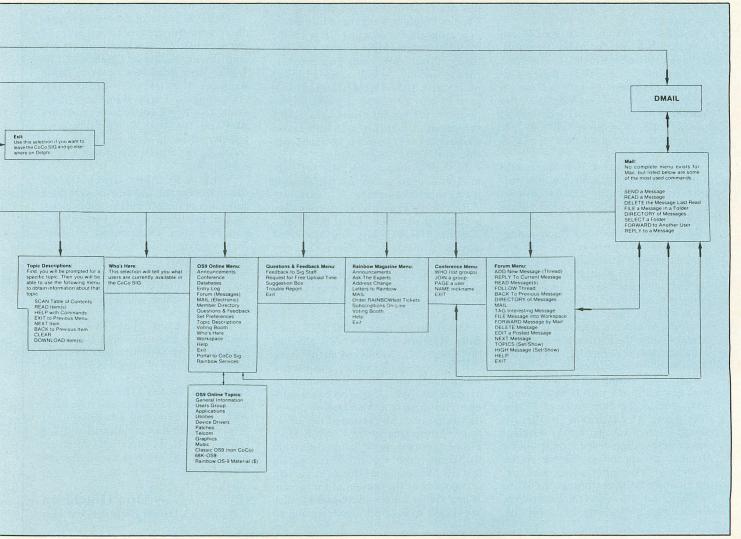
DATABASE REPORT

The latest Chicago RAINBOWfest was a huge success!

Our Delphi booth was manned by Rusty Williams (RUSTY) of Delphi's marketing division and Marty Goodman (MARTYGOODMAN) from the SIGs. Visitors to RAINBOWfest noted that Marty added his usual color and pageantry to the booth, while Rusty provided a professional touch to the operation. Roger Bouchard (HARBIE), Steve Bjork (6809ER), Erik Gavriluk (ERIKGAV) and

Greg Miller (GREGMILLER) also spent considerable time at the Delphi booth and helped to make it a success.

Several CoCo SIG and OS-9 Online staff members contributed time, providing online demonstrations to prospective Delphi members during the show. At various times, Rick Adams (RICKADAMS), Greg Law (GREGL), Richard Esposito (DOCTORASCII) and I, Don Hutchison (DONHUTCHISON), were found online from different areas of the country



demonstrating the instantaneous communications that Delphi offers. The conference area of the CoCo SIG featured a nearly continuous online conversation entitled "Live from RAINBOWfest." Rick Adams amused the online crowd continuously by demonstrating the humorous macros he uses with *Rick*eyterm, the CoCo 3 terminal program he authored.

Other Delphi regulars present were Kevin Darling (KDARLING), Roy Cosby (UNCLE) and Art Flexser (ARTFLEXSER). Of course, most of the RAINBOW staff was present, including Lonnie Falk (LFALK), Jim Reed (JIMREED), Dan Downard (DANDOWNARD) and Cray Augsburg (CRAY).

OS-9 Online

We are getting a good number of uploads, as more and more of our members acquire OS-9 Level II and begin to spend their time learning about it.

In the General Information section of the OS-9 Online service, **Bill Brady** (WBRADY) gave us a file called WIZ.PRD, which describes his new terminal program *The Wiz*, to be marketed by Frank Hogg.

In the Utilities section, **Dennis Weldy** (OS9ER) gave us his BASIC09 alarm program. This utility will cause a beep after one minute.

In the Patches topic area, Karl Quinn (QKQ) sent us a file for fixing DynaCalc to eliminate two bugs in off-the-shelf OS-9 DynaCalc from Tandy. Bruce Ondersma (BEO) sent us instructions on using Profile under Level II of OS-9. Jim Manning (JIMBM) sent us a file describing how to patch your drives /D0 and /D1 to use 40 tracks instead of 35 on OS-9 Level II.

In the Graphics area, **Bob Montowski** (GRAPHICSPUB) sent us his *SHOW09* program set for viewing DS-69 16-level digitized pictures under OS-9 Level II on the CoCo 3.

In the Telcom topic area, Randy Longshore (RANDYE) provided us with the COMO9 package. These files constitute a terminal package written in BASICO9. It has many useful features, including a keystroke-multiplier file for automatic logins and automatic logging to disk for recording a conference session or saving messages from the Forum. It was written by Jason Shouler of the United Kingdom and is public domain software.

The Users Group area enjoyed the most new additions, with 11 new submissions, due to the hard work of SysOp Greg Law; ACIA Mapin, a filter to change control strings from a terminal into corresponding ANSI strings; ACIA Mapout, an appendage for the ACIA driver to get control of init, read and write and pass them through ACIA to the physical device; Arc, an archive utility useful for backing up a hard disk

to multiple floppies; XCOM9, a terminal program for OS-9 that supports Xmodem file transfers and has an extremely high throughput; Append and AP, file append utilities; Antenna, which designs amateur radio VHF long yagi antennas; Amort, which prints a complete amortization schedule to screen or printer; Alias, which creates a program in the current execution directory with the name newname; Advent, which is an Adventure game for OS-9; and ADJ, which limits maximum line length in a text file without splitting words.

CoCo SIG

In the General Information topic area, Marty Goodman posted a report on the 1987 Chicago RAINBOWfest. **David Kay** (PEASHOOTER) furnished us with an amusing article concerning IBM compatibility.

Medical articles increased this month, starting with COCOGCPR.BAS by Dave Schaefer (DAVESCHAEFER). Joe Carney (JOECARNEY) posted his response to Marty Goodman's article concerning the "war on drugs." Soon thereafter, Marty Goodman posted his reply to Joe Carney.

In the Utilities section, Roger Krupski (HARDWAREHACK) provided us with ERRDRV.BIN, a utility for printing more descriptive error messages from BASIC. Charles Pippin (CWP) gave us his Checkpro program for keeping up with the monthly budget. Mike Fischer (MIKE88) gave us a nifty BBS cataloguer program for the CoCo 3, as well as a long list of his favorite BBSs. David Brown (NASAI) gave us SCROLL.BAS, an experimental program for scrolling messages across the screen of your CoCo 3, and David Ferreira (SKEEVE) posted his latest version of the OMGUTL programs.

In the Hardware area, Marty Goodman posted an article on his favorite places to purchase chips.

The Graphics section received a large number of new files. First, the "CoCo Galleries" for February and May 1987 arrived. Of notable mention is the entry from the May issue entitled *Seascape*, drawn using CoCo BASIC by James Upperman. It features an animated night scene of a man beside a fire at the beach. This picture is for the CoCo 3.

David Brown gave us PALETTE.BAS. Billy Hambric (SNOOPYDOG) gave us MAXHDROM.PIX, a digitized picture from the Max Headroom show. This picture was used, in turn, by Erik Gavriluk to produce his Color Max Headroom demonstration program. Alan DeKok (ALANDEKOK) gave us his version of the Rockfest 1+2 programs for the CoCo 3. Mike Fischer pleased us with his Spectrum BBS demo for the CoCo 3. This program features, among other things, a moving text display at the bottom of the screen. Along the same lines, Jim Sparks (ESCOMAN) gave us his BBS logo featuring an

animated, old-fashioned buckboard wagon.

For those interested in exercise, Rick Adams donated an interesting sight 'n' sound *Jumping Jacks* program, which features a young woman performing her exercises in time with the background music. **Bob Wharton** (BOBWHARTON) sent us a great collection of Garfield pictures drawn for the CoCo 3.

Greg Miller donated two utilities for use with Color Max 3 pictures: BSCTOOL and Gallery. Gallery is a stand-alone program that lets you load and view Color Max 3 pictures, while BSCTOOL is a BASIC "tool" that allows you to load and view the pictures from within a BASIC program; it is intended to be used as a subroutine. Greg also generously gave us F4E.MGE, one of the first pictures ever drawn with Color Max 3. Drawn by Jeff Shane, it is a picture of a camouflaged jet fighter plane.

In the Games topic area, Steven Macri (DRACMAN) posted a revision to his popular Kelly checkers program. Daryl Kent (DJKENT) gave us his Color Kismet game, and Michael Brant (MBRANT) favored us with a set of "chronology" files. While intended for use in a trivia game, these files also serve as an educational aid for school children.

In the Music topic area, we were extremely fortunate to receive 71 Orchestra-90/CC files from such notable contributors as Bryan Eggers (SOFTAFFAIR), Jerry Bradshaw (JOB45), David Browder (DBROWDER), Bill Teeters (CLAMBAKE), Larry Wimble (THEASSEMBLER), Ron Cook (COOKY) and Gary McCarty (BANDMAN). The files were transferred to us from the Tandy SIG following the acquisition of that SIG by Falsoft, Inc.

Additionally, Marc Genois (MARC-GENOIS) favored us with a well-done collection of songs from the group Genesis, and Bill Starr (WSTARR) provided us with five more Orchestra-90/CC files: Ragtime Night, Spring Song, Cradle, Bossa Nova and Top Gun.

The coming month on the CoCo SIG may see the publication of Version 2.0 of *Rickeyterm*, which will support the bitbanger serial port on the CoCo 3 at 300 and 1200 baud. For sure, more *Orchestra-90* music files are on the way.

In the OS-9 SIG, members will continue to see more of what will eventually become five megabytes of OS-9 Users Group files. The OS-9 Online staff is now hard at work creating this new topic area. Also, we are expecting a huge influx of files concerned with using and modifying OS-9 Level II, as more SIG members purchase it and begin to use it. See you online!

— Don Hutchison Rainbow's Delphi Database Manager

What you can and can't do with someone else's program

ou've purchased a computer program on tape or disk, typed it in from THE RAINBOW, downloaded it from a bulletin board, or borrowed it from a friend. Now you'd like to make copies of the program, alter it, send copies to your friends, or adapt certain subroutines or programming techniques for use in your own programs. Under the copyright law, which of these things are you allowed to do?

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Edward Samuels, a professor of law at New York Law School, has taught copyright and other legal subjects for more than 10 years. An avid reader of RAINBOW, Professor Samuels enjoys sharing his CoCo with his children, 8year-old Richard and 4-year-old Claire.

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If, however, you obtained an unauthorized copy of a program — from a friend or from a bulletin board, or by purchase from someone who made an unauthorized copy — then there is no implied license from the copyright owner to use it. When you load the program into your CoCo to run it, you are making a further unauthorized copy and infringe the copyright owner's rights.

Selling, Giving Away, or Lending Your Copy of the Program

If you obtained an authorized copy of a program, you may clearly sell that particular copy or give it away to a friend. For example, if you buy a game contained in a ROM pack, or on a disk, and you want to give away that particular ROM pack or disk, you may do so, and neither you nor your friend will infringe the copyright owner's copyright. The legal principle that allows this is called the "first sale doctrine." The presumption is that the copyright owner was paid a royalty when the copy of the work was originally sold and is not entitled to a second payment for the resale of that particular copy. However, this theory would not allow you to make copies of the program to distribute to friends, whether for a fee, for free, or as part of a trade. Similarly, if you make a copy for yourself and give the original to a friend, the copy that you made is probably an infringing copy and subjects you to suit under the copyright act.

Under the first sale doctrine, you are allowed to lend the authorized copy you obtained or to rent it out, as well as to sell it. This is what videotape stores are doing when they buy a popular videotape and then rent it to others without paying any further royalty fees to the

copyright owners.

Making Backup Copies and Adapta-

Under a 1980 amendment to the copyright law, if you obtained an authorized copy of a copyrighted computer program, you are allowed to make another copy of that program "for archival purposes only." This means that you may make a backup of the program to use in case anything disastrous should befall your original, but you may not distribute your backup copy to others.

In addition, the 1980 amendment provides that you may make an adaptation of the program "as an essential step in the utilization of the computer program in conjunction with a machine" if the adaptation "is used in no other manner." At the very least, this means that you may make minor modifications to a program to make it run on your particular machine, with your particular configuration. For example, you may certainly delete the speed-up poke to make a program run on a CoCo that can't handle it or make minor alterations to make a CoCo 2 program run on your CoCo 3. Although arguments have been made that this right of adaptation can be fairly broad, I think that the intent of the amendment is fairly narrow, and the amendment should not be used as an excuse for making extensive alterations in a program to suit the whim of the user.

If you make a backup of the program, you may sell the backup or give it away to others in conjunction with the sale or lease of the original from which you made the copy. However, if you adapted a program to make it work on your machine, you are theoretically not allowed to sell or give away that adaptation when you dispose of the original program, except by permission of the copyright owner.

Using the "Idea" of a Copyrighted Program

If you write computer programs, you may well get some of your best ideas by studying programs written by others. In copyright law, under a principle known as the "idea-expression dichotomy," you are free to create programs that accomplish the same results as programs you have studied, so long as you don't take so much of those programs as to constitute the "expression" of them. In practice, trying to distinguish between unprotected idea and protected expression is one of the most difficult problems in all of copyright law.

In a 1986 case decided by a federal court of appeals, the court found copyright infringement even though there was no verbatim copying, but only copying of "the structure, sequence and organization" of the files, screen outputs and five particularly significant subroutines. The court emphasized that it takes a great deal of time to develop a sophisticated design of a computer program and that "the coding process is a comparatively small part of programming." This and other recent cases make it clear that the scope of copyright protection is broad and that even nonliteral copying can infringe. To play it safe, you should try not to copy the structure, display or subroutines of copyrighted programs, particularly if you intend to sell your programs commercially.

This discussion of the ideaexpression dichotomy assumes you are copying a program you are able to view. If you play an arcade game without seeing the program listing, or merely read a description of a program, then you probably don't infringe the copyright by making another program that accomplishes a similar result. Even if it should turn out that your program is similar, if you had no "access" to the original program — if you independently created it without directly copying either particular coding or structure then your work doesn't infringe.

However, you should be aware that the audiovisual display, particularly of arcade games, may be separately protected. For example, the PAC-MAN character is both copyrighted in its visual presentation and protected by a trademark in the particular name. You should not commercially use the PAC-MAN character, or misleadingly use the PAC-MAN name, to describe your product. You may say your game plays *like* PAC-MAN, if that is a true statement, but you should not sell the program claiming that it is the PAC-MAN game.

Using Public Domain Materials

The discussion up to now has assumed that the computer program you intend to copy is copyrighted. However, this is not always the case; the program might be in the "public domain." If it is, you need have no fear of infringing the copyright in the work, because there is no copyright in a public domain work. You can make copies, adapt the program, or even incorporate it into your own programs, to your heart's content. You need not even give credit

to the author of the program, although it is obviously more courteous to do so.

Since so much depends upon whether the work is copyrighted or is in the public domain, it is obviously important to be able to tell the difference between a copyrighted program and a public domain program. Sometimes this is easy. If the program contains a copyright notice, in the form "Copyright @ 1987 by Edward Samuels," then someone claims copyright to it, and you are not free to make copies of the work except as already discussed. (For a magazine or newsletter, a general copyright notice at the beginning of the issue, as is contained in all issues of THE RAINBOW, will protect all of the contents of the issue, including individual programs.)

What if you don't find such a notice? I can think of several reasons why the lack of notice doesn't necessarily mean that the work is in the public domain. For example, if the copy you obtained was not authorized by the copyright owner, then the lack of notice has no effect in placing the work into the public domain.

Another example is if the work is not "published." If a friend who wrote a program gives you a copy and asks for your comments, then the work is still protected by copyright, even though no notice appears on it. On the other hand, if the work was published by the author in a newsletter, or on a general bulletin board to which the public had access, or if the work was sold by the author to anyone who wanted a copy, then it would probably be considered to have been published, and lack of notice *may* place the work into the public domain.

There are, however, some "savings" provisions in the copyright law that may still save the work from going into the public domain. For example, if the notice was omitted from "no more than a relatively small number of copies," then the copyright in the work will not have been lost. Also, if the author published the work and omitted notice inadvertently, then the author has five years to register the work with the copyright office and affix notice to all subsequently published copies, thereby saving the work from going into the public domain.

As you may gather from this brief description, there are some cases in which it is practically impossible to ascertain whether a program that omits the copyright notice is in the public domain or is still subject to copyright,

particularly within the first five years after publication of the work. If you plan to distribute copies of such a program commercially, you put yourself at risk if you do not or cannot contact the author to obtain permission. However, if you rely upon the absence of notice on an authorized copy of the program, the recovery that a copyright owner will be able to obtain against you will be reduced, in some cases, to nothing at all. The result represents a compromise, on the one hand protecting copyright owners who may inadvertently omit notice from some copies, and on the other hand giving some protection to copyright users who may innocently infringe a work, not knowing that it is still subject to copyright.

But Who's Gonna Know?

Despite what I may say about what you are "allowed" to do and what you are "not allowed" to do, people do in fact copy computer programs. People share their copies with friends by exchange, by gift, through computer clubs and through computer bulletin boards. What happens to them when they do so? Generally nothing.

It is a criminal offense to infringe a copyright willfully and for purposes of commercial gain, so don't knowingly copy computer programs to sell them. The potential gain is not worth the risk, however small, of getting convicted, fined and jailed. But even if you do copy to exchange or give away software, there is the possibility that you can, and may, be sued by the copyright owner.

As a lawyer, I have to point out that if you infringe, you may be liable for "statutory damages," that is, between \$250 and \$10,000, even if the copyright owner cannot prove specific injury, and even if you have made no profit from your infringement. If you have infringed "willfully," the judge may grant damages up to \$50,000.

Some companies adopt copyprotection schemes that are supposed to prevent, or at least reduce, unauthorized copying. Do you infringe the copyright if you "break" the protection scheme to make a copy? Presumably so, since you clearly make an unauthorized copy, and you may even create a "derivative work" that omits the copyprotection scheme from your copy of the work. Some people argue that this activity is authorized by the 1980 amendment to the copyright act if you use the copy "for archival purposes only," but you certainly infringe if you distribute the copy or use it in any other way than as a backup.

Some software companies print "software license agreements" in their documentation, describing what the user may or may not do with the program. There is some debate as to whether these so-called agreements have any validity. Under traditional principles of contract law, an "agreement" requires the knowing consent of both parties. Conditions that are not disclosed until after the purchaser buys the product are not knowingly consented to. Some states have passed laws that specifically approve such software license agreements. However, I remain skeptical about the validity of such laws and such agreements, particularly to the extent that they may exceed the rights already allowed under the copyright law. Of course, the copyright law is still applicable.

I'm afraid I don't have the ultimate answer to the computer copyright dilemma. Computer programs sometimes cost a lot of money to develop, but a user can usually, with little or no difficulty, make an unauthorized copy. If too many users make their own copies, the programmer's profits are undercut. and the programmer is less likely to make the effort to develop programs in the future. I can only add my voice to those who have urged that we must respect the rights of copyright owners. Otherwise, we will put more good programmers out of business and ultimately have fewer quality programs. OK, make your backup copies. But please, don't copy programs for others even if you think it unlikely you'll get caught — because doing so will destroy something that is valuable to all of us!

(Questions about this article and the companion article, "Computer Program Copyrights: A How-to Guide," published in the April 1987 issue of THE RAINBOW, may be addressed to Prof. Samuels at New York Law School, 57 Worth Street, New York, NY 10013. Although he is interested in discussing copyright matters of general interest to computer programmers and users, he is not currently engaged in the practice of law and will not give specific legal advice. If you have a serious copyright problem, you should consult an attorney who specializes in the field.)



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What's the Address?

By Richard E. Esposito
Rainbow Contributing Editor
with Richard W. Libra

How can I find the starting, ending and execution addresses of a tape machine language program?

Larry Vorhee Laurel, MD

To find the start address, use PEEK(487)*256+PEEK(488). To find the end address, use PEEK (126)*256+PEEK(127)-1. To find the EXEC address, use PEEK(157)*256+PEEK(158).

MC-10 Defended

Regarding my letter to you in your April 1987 column: I agree with you that the MC-10 owners' best choice is to upgrade to a CoCo 3, but there are many out there who cannot (or will not)



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Richard Libra is a simulator test operator for Singer Link Simulation Systems Division.



do so, and I appreciate your allowing me the chance to share what information we have with them.

Larry Allen Owensville, IN

R I see what you mean (see next letter).

The Controversy Continues

Here we go again. Your comment to Larry Allen (April, 1987) was completely unnecessary. It's an insult to listen to you "pros" condemn and judge the MC-10. Unless you used one, you wouldn't know that it has 192-by-128, four-color graphics, the enhanced ROM, RAM disk capabilities, and an outstanding 80-column word processor.

At a recent CoCo show in Spokane, it was the MC-10 that got the publicity, not the CoCo. You might not be aware of this, but when you advise someone to dump their MC-10 for a CoCo 3, you are giving them very bad advice. Drives, multipacks, OS-9 Speech Paks, modem packs, cables and an RGBA Composite monitor cost more than many people can afford. I try to help tape users through your magazine because I was a frustrated CoCo user for two years. The CoCo 3 is extremely touchy and is filled with "bugs." You should report the HPRINT, EDIT, LIST, LPOKE, LPEEK and Hi-Res screen bugs. Maybe you don't do enough programming to experience lost programs and crashed disks. Now the cure is to patch the CoCo 3's ROM and LOADM DOS on power up. The CoCo isn't an Atari or Apple, and LDADMing DOS is inexcusable! At this time I have given up all work on the CoCo 3 and am concentrating wholeheartedly on my Atari XL (which, by the way, is a super computer) and my CoCo 2 and MC-10. If it came down to brass tracks, I'd sell all my CoCo hardware/software and buy a 1040ST with which the CoCo can never compete. Try accessing a BBS with an ST running it! Don't condemn my XL because the CoCo will never have its software; Koronis Rift and Rescue on Fractulus are old games I've had for two years! Have you checked the specs on the Atari PC? Have you heard of the BLITTER chip in the ST's 32000-by-32000 resolution? Atari execs never lost one minute of sleep over the CoCo 3.

Jay Thomas Great Falls, MT

Apparently, Larry Allen disagrees with you (see his letter above). I still stand by my recommendation: Don't waste money upgrading an "orphan" computer of which the MC-10 is one. Everything you mentioned drives, multipacks, OS-9 Speech Paks, cables, and RGBA monitors — are optional. The CoCo 3 works fine with tape. A stock, out-of-the-box CoCo 3 will blow away an MC-10, an Atari XL, an Apple II/e or any other eight-bit micro on the market. In fact, in some ways the CoCo 3 is even superior to IBM PCs, Atari STs and Amigas. It has a far superior operating system. IBM liked it so much that they are cloning it for their new Personal System 2. If you don't believe me, compare the specs: multitasking, multiuser, windows. UNIXlike — sound familiar? This isn't the first time IBM cloned CoCo software. IBM's BASICA has its roots in Extended Color BASIC. The ST is a nice piece of hardware, but it's saddled with TOS. The AMIGA is stuck with Amiga DOS. Sure, there are some OS-9 ports to these machines, but the CoCo 3 is the only one of the bunch with an OS-9 that is officially supported by its manufacturer.

Why is it OK to have to load a DOS into other machines but not the CoCo? Not that you need to; Disk BASIC 1.1 has been around for quite a while, and it is the same DOS used with the CoCo 3. Sloppy programming can get you into trouble quicker on the CoCo 3 than with the CoCos 1 and 2 because with it, BASIC is in RAM and you can modify this code, either intentionally or by mistake.

CoCo 3 Pascal

I have a CoCo 3 and want to know if it is possible to get the DEFT Pascal Compiler and DEFT Linker to work with it. Programs that I created using my CoCo 2, which worked just fine, now result in a screen full of errors on my 3. Everything works until I try to link a program. Can you tell me if a new version will be available for the new CoCo and how much it will cost?

Joe S. Alderman (JSA) Newington, CT

R DEFT Systems, at this writing, has not yet announced a CoCo 3

version, and copy protection increases the problem of patching the old version; however, the PASCAL of choice on the CoCo 3 will be the OS-9 version, for the CoCo 3 was designed specifically with that OS in mind (128K to 512K, 80-column display).

Ink Jet Graphics

I have an Olivetti PR2300 Ink Jet Printer that presents a problem. When I wrote a small screen dump program and used it with my printer, the pictures came out with 32 vertical bars over them. I believe they are a type of binary code to identify the character as a number or as a letter for the device. I have had this problem for a year now and would appreciate any help you can give.

Rick Hamilton Jacksonville, FL

R The only explanation I can offer for this phenomenon, since I do not have access to such a printer and you supplied neither copies of the code nor the documentation, is that somehow not enough graphics information is being sent by your program to be processed by the printer. I base this on the fact that there are 32 bytes per line of graphics information, and there are 32 bars being printed by your printer. I assume your program has three loops where loop one controls the number of times loop two is executed to process an entire screen in steps of L. Loop two loops from lines L through L+N-1 where L is the starting line of a particular sweep and N is the number of pins or jets on your print head that are used for bit image graphics. Loop three extracts the appropriate bit from each of the N lines and fills a byte(s) to be passed to the printer. In this third loop is where I suspect that you are not supplying the value for the final bit of each byte.

Beginning With Assembly Language

I have been using a spreadsheet program for home management purposes. It is not a commercial version and is written in BASIC. When I first began using it, I realized it had many shortcomings, all of which I have overcome except one; it is horrendously slow. Interpretation and manipulation of the cells require a lot of string operations. With the additions I have made, mostly in the size of the spreadsheet,

execution time is greatly increased. The obvious solution was to rewrite the program in assembly language. Everything progressed well until I got to the arithmetic. My programming so far has only dealt with integers; now I am confronted with fractions. If I understand my texts, fractions must be dealt with in floating point notation. William Barden recommends his book Microcomputer Math in Color Computer Assembly Language Programming, but I have not been able to find it anywhere. Surprisingly, Lance Leventhal's 6809 Assembly Language Programming does not even mention floating point notation or fractions. The only information I have gotten so far explains what floating point notation is, nothing more. I understand what it is, I just don't understand how to use it. My question is this: Where do I start?

> Curt Roberts Prospect, KY

R The MC6809, like most microprocessors, including the 8088 and the 80286 used in IBM's PC-XT and PC-AT, does not have any direct floating point capabilities. Floating point arithmetic must be done via subroutines. You can get help on this by disassembling some of the CoCo's ROM routines. The CoCo uses two floating point accumulators for BASIC: FPAC1, exponent at \$4F, mantissa at \$50 - \$53, sign at \$54. The corresponding addresses for FPAC2 are \$5C, \$5D - \$60, and \$61. The following ROM routines should be of interest: subtract at \$B9B9, add at \$B9C2, multiply at \$BACA and divide at \$BB8F.

Getting the Sign-On Screen

When I load DOS 1.1 over the top of my DOS 1.0 on my CoCo 3, I get all the commands but I don't get the sign-on screen for the CoCo 3. How can I get the sign-on screen?

Carl Lutz (CARLLUTZ) Jacksonville, NC

R Assuming that you correctly patched all of the hooks when you loaded it in, just type EXEC &HC000.

Romfix Problems

Inow have a CoCo 3 and have found that your program from HOT CoCo magazine called Romfix doesn't work on the CoCo 3. What patch or patches do I need to make it work? Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Jim Shoop (BAZAR) Salt Lake City, UT

Randy did not follow their own rules with some of their ROM packs. Some ROM packs that have been fixed with *Romfix* do indeed run on the CoCo 3.

Boot's Hidden Code

I read with great interest David Johnson's letter regarding the boot program. I have (and use) the same program myself and have yet to chase it all down. A machine language program does in fact exist, but as far as I can tell, it is inherent in the Disk BASIC operating system. If you run the program exactly as it is written (lines 10-90) on a newly powered up machine, you will get 16 lines of directory listing, which you may scroll up and can select and run any program with the push of a button! My guess is that this is something that Microsoft left in the coding. If you can find out anything else on this, please let me know because I'm baffled myself!

Mark G. Miller (MGMILLER) San Leandro, CA There is hidden code, but it's right in front of your eyes, a very clever machine language program embedded in the tokenized BASIC commands by the author Marty Goodman. This code that is buried inside the BOOT.BAS program is what provides the up/down scroll for the directory display. Consequently, if the code is not typed exactly as it was originally written, it will not work. Jerry Dill of Fabyan, Conn., reports that David Johnson's version contained a typo. Line 20 should read:

20 A=PEEK(&H1B)*256+PEEK (&H1C)-6

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A Problem Drive

I own an FD500 disk drive that is constantly needing realignment. Would you have any ideas why? Also, is there any product available that will allow me to perform my own alignments?

Timothy Volk (TRV) Aiken, SC

R You must have one of the old "problem" TEK drives. The program *Memory Minder* and the necessary precision alignment disk are both marketed by J&M system, (505) 292-4182.

For a quicker response, your questions may also be submitted through RAINBOW'S CoCo SIG on Delphi. From the CoCo SIG> prompt, pick Rainbow Magazine Services, then, at the RAINBOW> prompt, type ASK for "Ask the Experts" to arrive at the EXPERTS> prompt, where you can select the "Doctor ASCII" online form which has complete instructions.

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Master Disk, a 32K cataloging program for your collection of disks. Catalog up to 250 program names in each directory and up to 18 different directories. For the CoCo 1, 2 and 3. Bob's Software, P.O. Box 391, Cleveland, OH 44107; (216) 871-8858, \$15 plus \$2.50 S/H.

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Restorit and Scan, two utility programs for the Color Computer. Restorit restores a BASIC program lost to an I/O Error. Scan lets you scan any program for ASCII characters that may be helpful while playing an Adventure game. For the CoCo 1, 2 and 3. Semmesoft, Inc., 10 Strawhat Road, #2A, Owings Mills, MD 21117; \$21.95.

Rickeyterm 2.0, a commercial edition of the popular shareware terminal program. For the CoCo 3. Spectrum Projects, Inc., P.O. Box 264, Howard Beach, NY 11414; (718) 835-1344, \$39.95 plus \$3 S/H.

S.B. Inventory III, a 128K program designed for small-business inventory control. For the CoCo 3. SECA, P.O. Box 3134, Gulfport, MS 39505; (601) 832-8236.

Sixdrive, a machine language DOS utility that modifies Disk Extended BASIC 1.0, 1.1 or *FKEYS III* to allow the use of three double-sided drives. For the CoCo 1, 2 and 3. Gimmesoft, 4 Hallfield Court, Baltimore, MD 21236; (301) 256-7558, \$16.95; with *FKEYS III*, \$12.95.

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- Judi Hutchinson

Mapper — A Dynamite Debugging Tool

Here is a fine utility for CoCo programmers. *Mapper* is a machine language cross-reference tool for BASIC programs. It will generate listings to screen or printer of all line number references like GOTO, GOSUB, THEN and ELSE commands. It also generates listings for variable occurrences. The output to screen or printer is formatted and fills the screen or printer one page at a time. All you need is a minimum of 16K and any level of BASIC. The program is simple to use. Just LOADM "MAPPER" and type EXEC. You are greeted with a title page with credits and asked for a title to use for printer output. If you don't have a printer or don't want a hard-copy printout, just press ENTER. A second screen appears with the menu of options.

The first thing you will want to do is make a backup copy of the program for your protection. Instructions are

provided for both tape and disk systems.

Once the BASIC program has been loaded, call *Mapper* by typing EXEC and pressing ENTER. Then it's a simple matter of choosing any of the menu options to locate the commands, variables or cross-referenced line numbers that you are looking for. It's a dynamite debugging tool!

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Another nice feature is a built-in screen dump option. By pressing the SHIFT and @ keys, the information displayed on the screen goes to the printer. This is useful when you don't want or need the entire listing.

The menu includes five options. The first, Occurrence Count, scans the program in memory for all the variables and then lists them in the order of their frequency. The listing is shown in two parts — simple and array-type variables. This feature is really valuable for programmers since it not only shows all of the variables used, but you can speed up program operation if you initialize variables in the order in which they are used most.

Option 2, Line-X-Reference, scans the program for all line number references appearing after a GOTO, GOSUB, THEN or ELSE. The output shows the line numbers in the left column, and the numbers in the right columns are those that reference that line. This can be invaluable and very time saving in debugging and modifying programs.

The next option, Variable-X-Reference, scans the program for all the variables used and then lists them in alphabetical order with the line numbers they appear in. Four categories are shown: Numeric, String, Numeric Arrays and String Arrays. Imagine how easily you can locate and modify variables scattered throughout a large BASIC program!

Option 4 is the Command Reference. Here you can type in the command or string you want to find. All of the line numbers that it occurs in will be listed. This is a very powerful option and one that debuggers will love.

The last option, Exit to Basic, lets you select when you are ready to load your BASIC program for debugging or to use BASIC to test your program. Re-enter *Mapper* at any time by typing EXEC.

I found *Mapper* to be an excellent utility and one that any CoCo user will get a lot of benefit from. It's easy to use and user-friendly, typical of other programs from Bob van der Poel. In my opinion *Mapper* represents another hit. The price is right and you will be delighted to see what it can do!

(CMD Micro Computer Services, LTD., 10447 124th St., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6M 1E1; 403-488-7109, \$14.95 plus \$2 S/H)

- Jerry Semones

One-Liner Contest Winner . . .

A few minutes' study on this one is all it takes to see that trigonometry can actually be interesting (sometimes) and useful when programming graphics.

The listing:

1Ø PMODE3,1:SCREEN1,Ø:PCLS:B=RND (1Ø):C=RND(1Ø):D=RND(6Ø):FORA=Ø TO 36Ø STEP 2:TH=A/D:X=125+9Ø*SI N(TH*B):Y=1ØØ+9Ø*COS(TH*C):FCOL=RND(3)+1:COLOR FCOL,1:LINE-(X,Y),PSET:NEXT:RUN

Bernard Florence Croyden, NSW, Australia

(For this winning one-liner contest entry, the author has been sent copies of both *The Third Rainbow Book of Adventures* and its companion *The Third Rainbow Adventures Tape.*)

Checkbook III Helps Battle the Big Bank Blues

Checkbook III is a program aimed at tracking money quickly and efficiently. It is designed to help you manage your checkbook, from daily transactions right through the monthly balancing act when your statement arrives. To run this program, you need a CoCo 3, at least one disk drive, and, to utilize the program's complete potential, a printer.

What the program does is deceptively simple: You enter checks, deposits and withdrawals; it tells you your balance. It stores that information on a disk and lets you look it over later. But the program does far more than that. It also lets you define up to nine expense areas, and keeps track of all expenses incurred in each area. It displays information in a variety of ways, allowing you to view only the data you need to see — or all of it, if you want.

When running Checkbook III for the very first time, you are prompted for some basic information on your account: name, beginning balance, date opened, and account number. Here, I discovered one of only two minor flaws in the program. The account number is stored in a numeric variable, as opposed to a string variable. Thus, if your account number is longer than eight digits, it appears as an exponential equation; my account number is 10 digits long (1505504351), but it appears in the file as 15055043E10.

After the account number prompt, you are asked to define up to nine different expense categories. You may use as many (or few) as you like. This feature is designed to help track expenses like rent, groceries, etc. I could have used more than nine categories (I tend to get very detailed in this sort of thing), but nine is more than adequate for the average person. All the data you enter is written on your disk, and you are now ready to enter checking account transactions.

The main menu gives a variety of options for entering, correcting and viewing account transactions. Your options key off five different types of transactions: checks, ATM withdrawls, deposits, interest earned and service charges. You can select any of the above for entering, correcting and viewing. In addition, you can also view all transactions on the account within a selected time frame, as well.

Anything you can view on screen is supported in the print menu, too. But here is the second minor problem. The program uses the faster clock speed of the CoCo 3 for everything except disk I/O. This makes all functions run very fast—including print. If you use the standard 600 baud printer rate, the data will be coming out the serial port at 1200 baud (thanks to the speed-up poke). I spoke with Darryl Hawkins, president of SECA, and he tells me there is a version of the program in development that allow users to select their own baud rate within the program. Here is the fix to get the old version to run with your printer:

Insert POKE150, xx at beginning of Line 230 (xx is the baud rate you use).

Insert POKE65496, 0 just before the RETURN statement in lines 3400 and 3410.

Another nice thing about this program is that it makes extensive use of the CoCo 3's new features — without trying to squeeze an example of each into the program. The new DN BRK GOTO function is utilized as the way out of any selected function. The screen is a very pleasant white with blue lettering, and features the inverse and blinking text when telling you how to proceed. The two function keys are used in various places to select options (most notably, in the printer routines).

Normally, I don't like to suggest editing commercial products. I will make an exception in this case. I feel that the program has enough merit to justify the little bit of fine tuning you need to do. I am also encouraged that Mr. Hawkins has the program's author, B.J. Anderson, working on improving an already excellent piece of work.

In short, if you are looking for a financial guru to make you fabulously wealthy, keep looking. If you need a good program to help you understand what the bank hath wrought on your checkbook, and to help you keep track of where that hard-earned paycheck goes, I don't think you could do much better than this. The price and features make this program a very good buy.

(SECA, P.O.Box 3134, Gulfport MS, 39505; 601-832-8236; \$19.98 plus \$3 S/H)

- D.A. Ferreira



Spectrum DOS — A Bag Full of Treats for the CoCo

(This program was originally reviewed in the August 1984 issue of THE RAINBOW, but we're taking this "second look" for the benefit of new readers.)

There have been a number of attempts to add features to the CoCo in the form of a modified or replaced operating system. I tried a few of the earliest ones, but I always ended up back with my own collection of programs and patches to correct various deficiencies. With the possible exception of a system or two where I have 10-Meg disks operating, Spectrum DOS could supply all the things I feel were lacking in the CoCo. These include a built-in Hi-Res screen, error trapping, reset trapping, access to double-sided disks and more tracks per disk. This is just the beginning of the list of goodies offered.

Spectrum DOS has gone a long way beyond putting together some of my early most desperate needs into one package. How many times have you typed NEW and immediately regretted it? Well, now there is Old, and you have that destroyed program right back. How about those several long lines of pokes that have the wrong line number on them? No problem, Spectrum DOS will let you move them to the correct line (LMove feature) or simply copy them to another spot where they are needed (LCopy, which is non-destructive).

There are many such programmer aids. For example, PPeek and PPoke deal with the full, 16-bit value you generally want to deal with in peeking and poking. FKey lets you easily define keys as function keys. Auto generates line numbers (giving you the choice of start number and increment). Load will look on all disks for the program you

Hint . . .

Put 'Call Waiting' on Hold

If you have a modem and have call waiting on your telephone line, there is a good chance you have been bumped offline by an incoming phone call. (Actually, the problem is not the tone you hear to announce the call, but during the tone the connection is broken momentarily.)

In many areas, you can temporarily disable call waiting by dialing 1170 (or *70 if you have tone dialing), waiting for the dial tone to return, then dialing the number just as you normally would. When you hang up, call waiting is restored, so you will need to dial 1170 (*70) before every modem call.

If you get a recording instead of a dial tone, this usually means the switching office serving your area hasn't been upgraded to add the disable feature. Check with the phone company to make sure your call waiting is actually working. If it is, find out when "equal access" long distance service starts because the change will usually be made at that time.

want. All keys repeat if held (a slight problem for my heavy-handed keyboard approach). If you happen to interrupt a program you are debugging and it is functioning in upper/lowercase at the time, you can still enter commands in lowercase, and the system will understand them. There's nothing earthshaking about this feature, but it exemplifies the fine thought put into this piece of software. Bob Colin is certainly to be congratulated for a truly professional product. It contains some features that I still find missing in the high priced micros.

"True upper- and lowercase letters" is among the claims that I did not find to be true. Perhaps there is a definition problem here, but I used the Hi-Res option extensively, which has options of 32, 51 and 64 for screen widths. They work simply and are very readable (even the 64 width that I used most of the time), but the letters such as 'p' and 'q' do not go below the line, which is my definition of "true lowercase." The quality and spacing is good, so I could certainly compromise on this deficiency to gain all the other goodies in the package. There is even a Memo feature, which permits you to write a one page memo and then dump it to the printer. It uses the four arrow keys for editing your text (though there apparently is no delete function). I was disappointed that I could not get this Memo feature to work in conjunction with Hi-Res 64, since this would permit a much longer memo, but nevertheless, I found it an interesting and useful system feature.

The documentation is a simple six-page manual that is well-written and well-organized. The system features work so simply, and the system installs so easily that long explanations are not necessary. The system can be used by many as it is delivered, but the install program lets you modify parameters to fit your system (number of disks, disk types, prompt character, printer speed, cursor type, etc.). Defaults are taken simply by pressing the return key, and the whole install should not take much over a minute.

Spectrum DOS can also be burned into a regular EPROM after customizing it to your setup, but do get a 128K EPROM, or you will lose Hi-Res Help and Flex—two features you would *not* want to lose.

Best of all, it works! I have by no means exhausted the list of all the features, but I think I did try most everything, and I found no bugs, nor even spots, where I wasn't quite sure what to do next. Spectrum DOS is well-protected from accidental blowout. I did manage to load a program of mine that had its own On Error system poked into memory, and that sure did some strange things to the Inverse screen and Normal functions, but one can hardly fault the Spectrum DOS operating system when you start poking code randomly into memory. I used the system with a rather large word processing program of my own design, and it worked fine, so little or no memory is consumed and operational speed is not sacrificed to any degree that I could notice.

I love computer power with simplicity. That's what brought me to CoCo in the first place, even though I have been a professional in the computer field for more than 25 years and worked on many multi-million dollar machines. Spectrum DOS carries on the CoCo tradition in fine style, with value, power and simplicity.

(Spectrum Projects, Inc., P.O. Box 264, Howard Beach, NY 11414; 718-835-1344, \$24.95)

- Tom Carl

Professional Mailing Labels With Multi-label III

If you are responsible for your church, club or business mailing list, you will find *Multi-label III* a valuable tool. It stores your mailing lists and prints them in one of 13 styles you select. You can mail notices, bills, and correspondence with business-like labels using your CoCo and printer.

We've all been looking for programs for our shiny new CoCo 3 computers, and *Multi-label III* is a good example of what to expect. It uses the super colors, speed and error-trapping commands to provide a very well put together program. Written in BASIC, it requires a CoCo 3, single disk drive (or multiple), and a printer. It is user-friendly and foolproof, as far as I could tell.

The specific CoCo 3 features built into this program include either a 40-by-24, or 80-by-24 high resolution screen. It uses the F1 key as an upper/lowercase toggle and the F2 key to toggle between the screens. *Multi-label III* uses the DN ERRDR GOTD command to trap errors such as DISK I/D and FILE NOT FOUND preventing program crashing. It also uses the DN BREAK GOTD command to return to its main menu should the BREAK key be pressed. The program uses the CoCo 3 high speed poke and escape poke to provide high speed operation.

Multi-label III is supplied with the PALETTE command for an RGB monitor. However, the manual provides three simple editing changes to convert it for a composite monitor or TV. Using a TV, I was very impressed with the colors but, as with other CoCo 3 programs, some were faded, and some screen instructions difficult to read.

This did not seriously detract from the program; however, I think programmers should select colors with an eye on TV and composite monitor users, as well as those with RGB equipment. A little experimentation with my color control helped, too.

The program worked perfectly for me on my first attempt. I was able to input, store and print labels easily. *Multi-label III* requires the use of the standard $3\frac{1}{2}$ - by $\frac{15}{16}$ -inch, single-column, gummed labels, readily available at computer stores. The print menu provides 13 combinations of printing, including Elite, Pica, Italic, Expanded, Condensed, Double Strike and Emphasized. The manual lists the printer codes used, and it would be easy to change the codes in the program to fit any printer or to select other combinations.

The menu provides 11 choices that involve entering information, editing, saving to disk, loading, printing and reading the files saved. It also has a Help command that explains each menu command. The User's Manual is well-written, complete and easily understood.

In summary, *Multi-label III* is a very useful program for producing professional mailing labels. It takes advantage of the best features of the CoCo 3 to provide speed, error-trapping, and beautiful high resolution screens.

(Gimmesoft, 4 Hallfield Court, Baltimore, MD 21236; 301-256-7558, \$16.95 plus \$2.50 S/H)

- Mel Siegel



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Software Review

A Guide to CoCo 3 Basics and Graphics

Now that the CoCo 3 is here, we all find ourselves wondering how to best use its expanded graphics features. A Guide to CoCo 3 Basics and Graphics is a 54-page booklet and disk for the graphics enthusiast. As powerful as the CoCo 3 is, many of you have no doubt been dismayed at the lack of information contained in Tandy's manual, Color Computer 3 Extended BASIC, that comes with each machine. This recent offering by Linda Nielson goes into the depth and detail that Tandy didn't cover. If you are serious about graphics on the CoCo 3, you will find useful information in this package. The book is written in a friendly and understandable manner and is sprinkled with programming aids and tips. Lots of sample programs are included in the book and on the disk that are used to demonstrate the various subjects discussed. An early chapter deals with a novel approach to understanding how the CoCo 3 uses 512K of RAM with its Memory Management Unit. Other detailed discussions are provided on the following:

- Faster clock speeds
- Built-in error trapping and error codes
- FUNCTION, ALTERNATE and CONTROL keys
- Button function
- Added colors and commands including artifacting
- Monochrome displays
- Palette command
- High and low resolution text screens
- High and low resolution graphics
- Graphics editing
- Patterns and shading

One noteworthy program on the disk is called *Drawback* and is quite powerful. With it you can draw lines, circles, rectangles, enter text, paint and stamp areas with images picked from the screen. A demo picture showing a man holding a hawk is one of the best CoCo 3 images I've seen and can be used with *Drawback* to develop your graphics editing skills. Other programs on the disk are used to illustrate color codes, palette slots and artifacting.

I believe that this book and disk are worthy of your consideration if you are into graphics programming. If graphics is not your bag, I suggest you look elsewhere for CoCo 3 programs. All of the information in this package is supportive in nature and is meant to be a tutorial on capitalizing on the CoCo 3's graphics potential.

(Moreton Bay Software, 316 Castillo St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101; 805-962-3127, \$21.95)

- Jerry Semones

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Checkerboard Filesort — A Refreshing Change

When I received *Checkerboard Filesort* to review, I thought it was just another filesort program! But when I sat down and started going through the instruction manual, I got very interested in the program.

As the developer states in his introduction, this program can only be used with a cassette-based system. I have to say that this was a refreshing change because so much of today's software is for disk systems and, in increasing numbers, for the CoCo 3. Sometimes it seems as if those of us with cassette-based systems are rapidly becoming orphans.

Checkerboard Filesort was written for a 32K or 64K cassette-based CoCo. I was really impressed by all of the different options that are included in the program. Machine language routines handle record entry, editing, reviewing, search and sorting. You can number records from one to 9,999; in this way, you can append (join together) different records.

You can have a minimum of 40 records, each containing 240 characters, or a maximum of 200 records containing 42 characters in the 32K version. In the 64K version, you can have a minimum of 86 records, containing 240 characters, or a maximum of 400 records that contain 46 characters. You can use this program to keep an address file, mailing lists, inventories, recipes, etc. The only constraint to what you can do is that you have a limit of 240 characters per record.

You also have the option of using a printer to get a hard copy of your records. Although this program was written for use with an 80-column printer, I have been using my DMP-105, which is a 32-column printer, with no problems at all. I called Dave Siebold, the program developer, to see if I would have to change any of the printer codes. He was very helpful, and sent me all the information that I needed. Dave also told me that if anyone wanted to purchase the program, and they are not using the Radio Shack printer, he will make the needed modifications to the program at no additional charge.

After loading *Checkerboard Filesort*, you are prompted to enter the printer codes. If you are not using a printer, you can enter any number for each prompt. After the printer codes are entered, the main menu appears. You can choose one of the following options:

- 1) Create file
- 2) Edit record data
- 3) Add/Delete record
- 4) Search/Review records
- 5) Hard copy options
- 6) File tape load/append
- 7) Save to tape
- 8) Display/Rename fields
- 9) End program

The first option allows you to create your files. The second allows you to edit any of the records you have

created. You do this by entering the number of the record you want to edit or, if you don't know the number, you have the option of using the search routine to find a particular record. You can also use the review section to find the record and then edit it. The third option allows you to add or delete records.

The fourth section allows you to review all records, a single record, or a group of records. The second part of this option allows you to search for a particular record using partial data or a set of records that contain similar data.

The fifth section allows you to choose many different ways to get a hard copy of your records. You can have them displayed in one of the following ways:

- 1) Single column
- 2) Two columns
- 3) Three columns (can only be used with the condensed => 16.7 cpi)
- 4) Mailing labels
- 5) Envelope labeler

The sixth section allows you to load or append a file from cassette. The seventh option allows you to save a file to tape. After the file is saved, you are prompted to verify the save. The eighth option allows you to display or rename the fields. The fields are used for your information and are not displayed while you are creating a record. The ninth option allows you to end the program. If you choose to end the program, you will be returned to the normal power-up configuration. The instruction manual included with the program is very well-written and provides an in-depth discussion of each of the above options.

There is a BASIC program called *Convert* that follows the machine language portion of this program. The program is used to convert *Filesort* programs to a format that is acceptable to most word processors. So you can convert a file and then load it into your word processor. I have Color Scripset on a ROM pack, and I tried the convert program. I had no trouble loading the converted file into the program.

After using this program on numerous occasions, I am impressed by the program and its ease of operations. It is completely menu-driven and user-friendly. The options that are included make it very nice to have around. I especially like all of the hard-copy options.

I have been very happy in my dealing with Dave, and I would not hesitate to buy *Checkerboard Filesort* from him.

(Seibyte Software, P.O. Box 6464, Bakersfield, CA 93386; 805-366-4540, \$16.95)

- John H. Appel

CORRECTIONS (Also, see Page 111)

In the May 1987 issue of the THE RAINBOW®, a work and computer program entitled *The Rhythm of Life* was published as being the work and computer program of Steve Tenney. Subsequently, it has been learned that the work and computer program were published previously by Tom Rugg and Phil Feldman and appear in *TRS-80 Color Computer Programs®*, a book published by delithium Press. Our apologies to delithium Press and Messrs. Rugg and Feldman.

Discover the Benefits of ADOS-3

By Dale Shell

Well, it is finally here. ADOS-3 — for all of you who have a new CoCo 3 and really miss all the enhancements of ADOS that you grew so used to and thought you could never do without. The best news is that ADOS-3 really is more than just a modified version of the original ADOS. It offers a lot more enhancements.

Of course, the bad news is that since ADOS-3 is almost a new program, and it is bigger and better, it is not offered as an upgrade to current ADOS owners. It must be purchased separately. However, I do think that when you get it, you will not be disappointed that you put out the money. It adds so much to the CoCo 3 that I cannot imagine the CoCo 3 without ADOS-3; it would not be a complete machine.

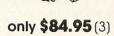
There are so many good things about it, I am not sure where to start. Since versions of ADOS have been reviewed in two previous issues of RAINBOW (December 1984 and

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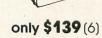
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Polygon Computers Tel (213) 483-4406 P.O. Box 65905 Visa/Mastercard Los Angeles, CA 90065 M.O. June 1987), I will not cover in detail every enhancement the new ADOS-3 adds to the Radio Shack DOS. I will, however, list some of the features of the original ADOS that are still supported, just in case someone out there is not familiar with ADOS.

These features include repeat and edit of the last directmode command; CONTROL key abbreviated entry of BASIC commands; automatic line-number prompts; upper- or lowercase command entry; DOS command for OS-9; oneor two-column directory with free granules (to screen or printer); COPY filename TO drive number alternate form of COPY command; AE Error ("file already exists") override option; RUNM command to load and execute machine language programs; SCAN command, which will list ASCII files to the screen or printer and give the start, end and execute addresses for binary files; PRT DN/DFF to enable/ disable routing text output to printer as well as screen; MON, a mini-monitor command that provides hexadecimal memory examine-and-change capability; the ability to use 35- or 40-track, single- or double-sided drives; and the option to change the start-up logo. Instead of seeing the familiar Radio Shack logo come up every time you turn on your CoCo, you can have whatever message you want (limited to 63 characters). This is a good place to put your name for a type of theft protection.

All these features are great just as they are, but ADOS-3 adds even more and improves on a few of these. First of all, two new commands, FAST and SLOW, have been added. These two commands control the processor speed. FAST sets the processor speed to the double-speed (1.8 MHz) mode. Of course SLOW sets the speed back to the .9 MHz mode. You must be aware that while these two commands automatically adjust the printer baud rate constant to take into account the processor speed, this may cause a problem if you have a program that changes the baud rate constant. This was the case while I was using VIP Writer. I always set the baud rate to 7, which is 9600 baud. My printer went bonkers. I had to set baud to 6 (4800 baud) so at the FAST speed, it would print at 9600 baud. This can definitely be a concern with communications software.

The safest thing to do if you start to have problems is to go to the SLOW mode, see if things work normally and proceed from there. This is no big concern if you are aware of the possible symptoms and remember to enter the SLOW command, adjust the program accordingly or just enter a line in the BASIC loader that contains the SLOW command. I had no problems with disk I/O using the FAST mode.

ADOS-3 adds some very powerful editing features. When a BASIC program is in memory, the up and down arrow keys can list the program forward and backward, a line at a time. If held down, these keys will repeat. This is a very convenient way of controlling the scrolling of the program, especially when you are editing a program. Once you have listed the line you want to edit, you simply press the right arrow key. This puts you in the edit mode and you may edit the line as usual. This also becomes a very powerful debugging feature if you get dumped out of a BASIC program by an error; pressing the right arrow puts you in the edit mode for the line that caused the error.

The slash command (/), which repeats the last direct-mode command, has also been modified. It will allow you to list a line of BASIC code and edit even the line numbers. This is good for copying lines of code to other parts of the BASIC program.

If you use a monochrome monitor, you will be very interested in ADOS-3's option to kill the colorburst signal. Pressing CTRL-F2 while in the direct mode kills the colorburst signal, resulting in a monochrome display if you are using a composite or TV output. This greatly enhances

the signal if you are using a monochrome monitor.

When you start to customize ADOS-3 to be burned into an EPROM, there are many options you can include. While ADOS-3 will run as a disk utility, to get the full benefit from ADOS-3, you need to eventually get it into an EPROM. One of the options that can be selected when customizing ADOS-3 is the default screen display. ADOS-3 allows the equivalent of a WIDTH command, a PALETTE RGB command, four PALETTE color assignment commands and an ATTR command to be selected for automatic execution when the computer is turned on or on any cold start.

The default borders for the 32-, 40- or 80-column screens can also be configured, so you can have the default screen be just about any color or width you desire. Even the 32-column screen uses real lowercase letters rather than the old inverse characters. Once these are in the EPROM, the screen setup, with the exception of WIDTH, will also be reestablished on a warm reset. The documentation gives some good tips on setting up the screen display the way you like it.

When you are finished with the screen, you can decide at what speed you want the processor to run when the computer is turned on. This will allow you to have the equivalent of a FAST command executed on a cold start. Also configured in the customizing is the repeat rate of the up and down arrow keys. The up and down arrow keys are also used to control the display when using the MON command.

While the original ADOS allowed you to have 35- or 40-track drives, ADOS-3 adds the option of having 80-track drives. All 158 granules of an 80-track drive are usable under the 80-track option. ADOS demands that all drives be configured to the same number of tracks. You may have a 40-track drive connected to a system configured for 80 tracks, but be careful not to try to access any nonexistent tracks.

ADOS-3 has also redefined which key will be used to clear the screen. F2 is used instead of the CLEAR key because many users accustomed to the CoCo 1 or 2 keyboard might find themselves clearing the screen when they intended to hit the backspace key. F2 is also used instead of the very awkward SHIFT-up arrow for exiting the insert mode when line editing. Both of these redefinitions are optional and can be configured back to the original use if desired.

If you are like some people I know, you only read the last paragraph of a review. So, the bottom line is: If you have a CoCo 3, go out immediately and buy ADOS-3 for your CoCo; your CoCo will not be complete without it. If you have a CoCo 1 or 2 and will be getting a CoCo 3 in the near future, ADOS-3 will work in your controller now. You just won't have access to all its benefits until your CoCo 3 arrives. On a scale of 1 to 10, I rate ADOS-3 a solid 15. Buy it; you and your CoCo 3 need it.

(SpectroSystems, 11111 N. Kendall Dr., Suite A108, Miami, FL 33176; 305-274-3899, \$34.95 plus \$2 S/H)

Software Review

Ultra Editor — A Timesaver for Programmers

Ultra Editor is the first Color Computer 3 program written by Bob van der Poel and is certain to be a hit with his followers. Bob consistently turns out excellent software for the CoCo, and his latest effort is no exception.

Ultra Editor is a full-featured, 40- or 80-column screen line editor. It's designed to edit lines of text such as BASIC, assembly language and PASCAL programs. It incorporates a host of commands that allow virtually any manipulation and modification to any program or word processor file. Its main purpose is not for use as a word processor, but the editing features are similar and the program is handy for editing such files if needed.

The software is supplied on disk, but the I/O can be modified to use with cassette. The disk contains a short BASIC loader, but the main program is written in 6809 machine language. Documentation is ample. Sixteen pages are packed with explanations of the many commands.

This is the kind of software that will please programmers since it provides many valuable, timesaving methods to edit

programs.

Full cursor movement is available using the arrow keys. Rapid movement from beginning to end of file is provided with the ALT key and a combination of either the '-' or ';' keys. Using the ALT key in combination with other keys provides some very powerful editing commands such as Find, Jump, Change, Global Change, Kill Line, Unkill Line, Hack Line, Yank Character, Backspace and Insert. You can also insert or delete blocks, move blocks, copy blocks and transfer blocks. An excellent feature is that Ultra Editor maintains two separate buffers. The main buffer is approximately 50K bytes long, while the second one is about 16K bytes long. Using the Transfer command allows data to be transferred between the buffers. Macro commands are also supported. These are great timesaving commands that can be set up to duplicate any sequence of keystrokes that you desire. The only limitation is that the macros cannot exceed 49 characters, and no more than nine macros are available. They can be saved as part of the program that you are editing so you can have different macros for different situations.

Onscreen help is also available at the tap of a key. Hitting F1 displays multiple pages of the various commands available so you won't have to thumb through the documentation if you forgot how to do something.

This program is very well done, and I am convinced that it offers the software hacker some real opportunities. Many hints, tips and examples are used thoughout the documentation to help the user understand the concepts presented. It's not difficult to use and, while a bit sophisticated in terms of what it does, it is not a program that novice programmers would want or need. But as programming skills are sharpened and programs become more complex, *Ultra Editor* will become a well-used utility.

(CMD Micro Computer Services Ltd., 10447 124th St., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6M 1E1; 403-488-7109, \$19.95 plus \$2 S/H)

- David Gerald

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Disk Manager Helps Control and Modify Files

Looking for a program that will help you manage your CoCo 3 disks? Look no more — Disk Manager will come to your rescue! The functions this BASIC program provides are plentiful and just what I needed to help control my CoCo 3 disk directories. I use it primarily for my TCBBS Bulletin Board disks, but you can use it for any application of your own.

The program requires a 128K CoCo 3 (it is written specifically for this machine and will not work on a CoCo 1 or 2). A choice of using either the 40- or 80-column character screens is provided. A 32-column screen is not supported, so a monitor may be necessary in order to see the full screen (most TVs will cut off the first couple of characters on the left side of the screen). Colors are used and can be changed from within the program, although it is rather confusing to figure out how to modify the code if you're not familiar with the new Enhanced Extended BASIC commands.

Several different commands are available. Files can be copied, killed, moved or renamed. These functions can be done with individual files or by groups of them. One can also print directories or sort them. Options to turn the verify on and off are also provided. Complete documentation is provided with the package and explains all the different commands in detail.

One disadvantage with this program is that you must have the documentation in front of you, since there aren't any menus. The time it takes to look through the documentation is frustrating. But in the long run, you'll eventually memorize most of the functions, since the small abbreviations coincide with the function you want to perform (e.g., 'C' stands for Copy).

This is a nice utility, and I recommend it to anyone wanting to quickly modify their files without having to type in the full BASIC commands that would otherwise be required.

(Bangert Software Systems, P.O. Box 21056, Indianapolis, IN 46221; 317-262-8865, \$14.95 plus \$2 S/H)

- Darren Nye

Dress Up Programs and Design Title Screens With Title

Title is a program written in BASIC that helps program authors design title screens without spending large amounts of time figuring out how to make them. Once the title screen is drawn, Title creates a subroutine that can be merged with a BASIC program in order to recreate the title screen just drawn. A simple GOSUB will recreate the title screen, and multiple title screens may be included in a BASIC program subject only to memory restrictions.

Title is supplied in unprotected form on disk, and the user is cautioned to operate from a backup of the disk at all times. Title is available for 32K disk-based Color Computers, including a version for the CoCo 3.

The *Title* characters are four lines high by three spaces wide. Any printable character entered from the keyboard may be used in the title screen, except for the lowercase alphabet. A full screen of characters requires about six minutes to process into a subroutine.

Foreground and background colors are available, but are limited to the capabilities of the low resolution text screen. Letters may be green, yellow, blue, red, buff, cyan, magenta, or orange on a black background, as well as black letters on each of these background colors in turn.

The documentation for *Title* deserves some comment. The documentation is in the form of a 4-by-5 booklet and is printed in elite type. The author also wrote the program (called *Book*) that produced the documentation. I found this format to be an interesting and novel approach to documenting.

I found *Title* to be a well-behaved utility program and one that can be of use to program authors or those who simply want to "dress up" their programs a bit. The price may be considered a bit high by some for a BASIC utility program, but *Title* works well and has no quirks in operation.

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Backup and Backup III Lots of Promise

I received my first original CoCo utility, and it has a lot of promise. I unwrapped the package from BrainChild Software and actually found two products, *Backup* and *Backup III. Backup* is for CoCo 1s and 2s, and *Backup III* takes advantage of the 128K of the CoCo 3.

As you can tell from the name, these are backup utilities. But unlike Disk BASIC, which only copies five tracks at a time, *Backup* copies 10 and *Backup III* copies 19 tracks at a time. This cuts disk swaps from seven (eight if 40 tracks) down to four and two. Another advantage is that if an I/O Error is encountered, the procedure is not aborted as in Disk BASIC but, instead, the tracks, sector numbers and errors encountered are reported onscreen. This allows you to salvage data from disks that have bad sectors. The error messages are displayed on the bottom half of the screen in the following format:

0214 DRIVE NOT READY

The first two digits designate the track number, and the last two represent the sector. You can note these and work on restoring the data in these sectors later with another utility.

Both *Backup* programs support 35-, 36-, 40- and 80-track drives. The documentation goes even further and states that if you have really non-standard drives, you can select any number between one and 99 for the number of tracks. The *Backup* programs also perform a much faster verify than Disk BASIC's. All this sounds really good, but I would like to see a modification. I only have one big complaint. While the *Backup*s reduce the number of disk swaps, I normally use a two-drive backup. Therefore, I do not do any "disk swaps." I would like to see an option added that would allow a two-drive backup. It seems it would be easy to add to the programs.

Along with the main backup utility on each disk, a utility named ZAP.BAS is also included on the disk. This program, Zap, can be used to copy single sectors from one disk to another. You are prompted to enter the track and sector. Enter it in the same format as the errors are reported in either Backup or Backup III, e.g., 0214. This program can help salvage data from a disk with bad sectors. While it will not help on some really bad sectors, successive attempts on some sectors may result in restored data.

Overall, I believe *Backup* and *Backup III* are useful utilities. For the price, they are very reasonable. While I would really like to see an option for multiple drive backups, these utilities will be extremely useful for those who only have one disk drive.

(BrainChild Software, Rt #5, Calhoun, GA 30701; Backup, \$8.95; Backup III, \$10.95 plus \$2 S/H)

- Dale Shell

RGB Patch Brings PMODE4 to Life on CoCo 3

From what I gather, a lot of CoCo 3 users are having somewhat mixed emotions about the switch to analog RGB output; it's very nice and a worthwhile improvement, but the many programs that use PMDDE4 artifact colors just display gray lines instead of red and blue. There are several ways around this; one is to use a color TV set, tuned to channel 3 or 4, to receive the CoCo RF output, while another is to buy a monitor that has both RGB and composite inputs. Both of these are hardware approaches and work reasonably well, but some are no doubt looking for a software patch.

RGB Patch is a short machine language routine that loads from disk into the CoCo 3, tucks itself away and stands by, almost invisibly, to do its work when called upon. When a machine language program switches the system to PMDDE4 with a black/buff screen (the mode used for artifact colors), RGB Patch re-switches the CoCo 3 to its 320-by-200 Hi-Res screen instead. As the program writes to the PMODE4 screen, RGB Patch updates the 320-by-200 screen by checking where the dots are, analyzing the dot patterns to determine what color they are — in effect approximating the NTSC color decoding process — and then putting the corresponding dots on the 320-by-200 screen in the proper colors. The color quality is quite good. The results I saw were sharper and clearer than composite displays. I was initially afraid that RGB Patch would mis-identify some white areas as color, as do some boards that are used to display Apple II graphics on RGB monitors. I didn't see any trace of this effect. RGB Patch apparently is able to determine white with some degree of intelligence, performing a task somewhat akin to that of the comb filters used to separate color and luminance in the better color TV sets.

RGB Patch is said to be compatible with 90 percent of the ML programs that need it, but is not compatible with BASIC programs, OS-9 or with ROM packs. I don't have any way to tell if that percentage is accurate without testing a lot of programs, but the first two programs I tried did not work; one gave no color and the second never got past the color test screen, possibly because of an incompatibility with the CoCo 3. Once I got a program that did run in color, all was well.

As for those color test screens, it should be noted that RGB Patch does not have a normal method of switching the red and blue artifacts to conform with different programs. If, however, you find that the colors are wrong, you can poke in new palette values for "red" and "blue" to fix it; you can also change them, and "black" and "white" as well, to whatever CoCo 3 colors you desire.

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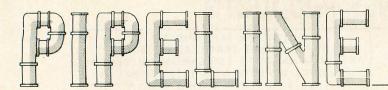
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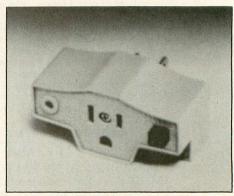
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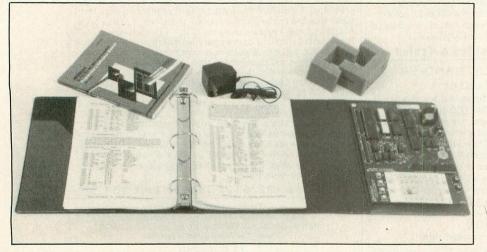
The recently enacted Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986 remedies many of the short-comings of a previous bill passed in 1984. But, some of the earlier bill's deficiencies remain uncorrected, and the new statute adds difficulties in criminal prosecution, according to an article in the current issue of *Criminal Justice*, published by the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section.

Some important terms, particularly "access," "use," "affects" and "without authorization," remain undefined by the new law, according to the authors of the article, Joseph B. Tompkins, Jr. and Federick S. Ansell.

Under the new law, even if someone accesses a financial institution's computer without authorization, no crime is committed unless he obtains information or causes damage totaling \$1,000.

Additionally, the statute concerns only crimes against data, but does not protect software.

Tompkins and Ansell call for increased prosecution of computer crimes. Although many computer owners are reluctant to report crime — banks, for instance, may not want their depositors to know that their institution is vulnerable — everyone would be better off if computer crime were prosecuted, both to obtain restitution for victims and to deter future criminal activity.



The P68000 uLAB — computer in a notebook.

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Hint . . .

I Screen, You Screen

The PALETTE command is used to easily change the colors of the screen you are working on. The following table indicates the slots used for various screen parameters.

Mode	Foreground Slot	Background Slot
32-column	Slot 12	Slot 13
40/80-column	Slot 0	Slot 8

As an example, in the 32-column mode, PALETTE12,63:PALETTE13,0 will give white letters on a black background. In the 40- or 80-column mode, PALETTE0,0:PALETTEB,63:CLS1 will accomplish the same thing. Note that the CLS1 is used to make the border color the same as the background.

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Hint . . .

Neat Little Modification

The following is intended mostly for those who have some experience in hardware alterations. You can easily mount a DB-25 connector on the side of your CoCo and hook it to the existing keyboard connections on the bottom of the board. Then take an old CoCo keyboard (or buy a new one) and an old CoCo case (or build your own) and make a stand-alone keyboard. Just wire the keyboard to a DB-25 connector that will mate with the one mounted on the CoCo. Nine of the conductors on a 25-conductor cable are not needed. However, they open up the possibility for remote reset, power-on indicator, etc. Once you have worked out the particulars and constructed your remote keyboard, move the CoCo and Multi-Pak Interface and other accessories off your desk. You will be surprised at the neat appearance this little modification offers.

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Graphics Experience You Can Draw From

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he purpose of this and next month's tutorial is to teach the newcomer how to correct or modify a lengthy DRAW statement that may contain up to the maximum allowed number of characters.

Why bother? One of the chief obstacles that frustrates CoConauts is that a well-stuffed DRAW statement is complex and confusing. After creating a picture/display and finding an error or wanting to alter the drawing, the newcomer is at a loss. He has difficulty identifying the offending portion of the program line. He is leery of making corrections that may destroy or distort his masterpiece. This can be a baffling problem. In order to make corrections and changes, we shall first draw a stylized head. (See Figure 1.)

A picture was drawn on graph paper. Each corner of a square is equal to one unit from an adjacent corner or neighboring intersection. The picture is drawn in pencil. Then the straight-line segments are guided to the nearest intersection. Dots are placed at these intersections and straight lines are drawn connecting the dots. (Think of a child's "connect the dots" puzzle.) After all the lines in the drawing are connected, go over them in some color, say red. The end points of every straight line

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segment are tick-marked in a contrasting color (black).

Figure 1 is ready to be reproduced on CoCo's screen. This drawing looks fairly neat, but when it is translated into DRAW statements and viewed on the screen, it may look distorted.

One reason is that the 256-by-192 Hi-Res screen squares are not true squares. The horizontal lines are shorter than the vertical ones. To verify this, type:

10 PMODE4,1:PCLS:SCREEN1,0 20 DRAW"516U10R10D10L10" 100 GDTD 100

Now run. With a ruler, measure each side of the square.

Another reason the picture may not translate well from graph paper to the screen is that the drawing may be sloppily created and not follow the intended lines closely. CoCo pinpoints and locates every instruction exactly, without distracting deviations.

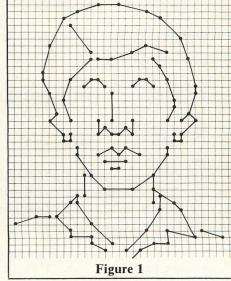
BM128,96U10 makes a straight line from 128,96 to 128,86. You get what you ordered in the DRAW statement. Nothing freehand here!

Study Figure 1. Where to begin? At any convenient point that suits your fancy. You might choose to start at the left shoulder, then follow the hairline above the right eye, working around the head to the other side and then skipping up to finish the hairlines. You could begin at an eye and do all the facial features; start at the neck and do one side or the other of the shirt. You could do one side of the jaw line and work around to the other side.

Truly, you can begin anywhere and go in any direction, skipping and back-

tracking at will. This being the case, you can easily understand why, since each programmer has his druthers, it is difficult to follow his train of thought as he programs his DRAW lines. You can easily get lost and throw up your hands in disgust. To keep you off balance, I am not going to tell you where I am beginning the drawing and in what direction I am traveling.

Look at the right shoulder. You will see a line that moves three boxes to the right and one box up. If you started at the second point, the line would go three



boxes to the left and one box down. It is all how you look at it and where your starting point is.

In the DRAW statement, this particular line segment can be drawn using M, plus or minus a numeral, and a comma (,), plus or minus a second numeral.

Rule: From the starting point, a move

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to the right or down is plus. A move up or to the left is minus. The first value must be the one that indicates motion to either the left or right separated by a comma; the second value will reflect whether or not it moves up or down.

Type NEW and key in SQUARE if you need to get an overview of the M option. Otherwise, continue with this tutorial.

Beginning at the right shoulder (Figure 1), we move three spaces to the right (+3) and one space up (-1). The movement would be interpreted by CoCo as M+3,-1. If you started at the second point and moved the line to the first point, the line would go three spaces to the left (-3) and one space down (+1) or M-3,+1. You may omit the + from the second value. To see your handiwork, type NEW.

Rekey lines 10 and 100. Type 20 DRAW"S16M+3,-1" and run. From the last end point, you now move three spaces further to the right and one space down. This translates to M+3,1. Insert it in front of the closing quote and run. You have the raw material for a zigzag line.

Add Line 15 and rekey Line 20:

15 A\$="M+3,-1M+3,1" 20 DRAW"58"+A\$+A\$

Now run it. We placed our zigzag into a string and assigned it the variable, A\$. Now it looks like a wave. To make a long wave and avoid the bother of tacking on all those +A\$s, type:

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16 B$=A$+A$+A$
20 DRAW"S8BM2,96"+B$+B$
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and run.

Out of String Space Error! Correct by reserving adequate space: 5 CLEAR 500, then run.

You can concatenate up to seven +B\$s before CoCo gets upset and protests with an LS Error. If we get an LS Error, simply knock off enough +B\$s so the line functions and put them into a fresh DRAW statement.

21 DRAWB\$+B\$

Check Line 20 to make sure you have seven +B\$s, then run.

To make an attractive chain add:

17 Cs="M+3,1M+3,-1" 18 Ds=Cs+Cs+Cs

and rekey Line 21:

21 DRAW"S8BM2,96"+D\$+D\$+D\$+ D\$+D\$+D\$

and run.

If you offset the horizontal locator value in Line 21 from 2 to 5, you get a variant chain that looks like a pair of twisted ropes. Run this, then restore 2.

Let us make a vertical rope so it crosses in the center. To make it go down three boxes and right one box, we get M+1,3, and to go in the opposite direction, we get M-1,3. Note: Horizontal value is the first element!

30 E\$="M+1,3M-1,3" 31 F\$=E\$+E\$+E\$ 35 DRAW"S8BM129,6"+F\$+F\$+ F\$+F\$+F\$.

Now run.

To make the strand another way, type:

36 DRAW"S8BM128,6"+F\$+F\$+ F\$+F\$+F\$

Two things stand out. First, the links are slightly larger, and second, we have a mismatched pair of strands. This can be repaired. The strand in Line 36 must have M-1,3 inserted in front of the closing quote. Line 35 must have +M+1,3 added after the final +F\$. Run this.

Note the horizontal values in lines 35 and 36. This was done to maintain a shape as close as possible to the horizontal rope.

Problem to solve! Notice the vertical strand is off-center. It crosses the horizontal rope neatly, but overflows off the screen at the bottom. Can you center it better? Try to work it out.

First, drop one +F\$ from both lines 35 and 36, and run. We could use about 2½ links on each vertical strand. One link equals +E\$. Let us insert +E\$ in both lines 35 and 36. Caution: Not at the beginning or the end! Now run.

Let us add another link, +E\$, right next to the +E\$ we injected into the two

Listing 1:

Ø '<LISTING1> 5 CLEAR6ØØ 1Ø PMODE4,1:PCLS:SCREEN1,Ø 15 A = "M+3, -1M+3, 1"16 B\$=A\$+A\$+A\$ 17 C\$="M+3,1M+3,-1"18 D\$=C\$+C\$+C\$ 2Ø DRAW"S24BM35,99"+B\$+B\$ 21 DRAW"BM26,95"+D\$+D\$ 22 DRAW"BM24,1Ø1"+B\$+B\$ $3\emptyset E\$="M+1,3M-1,3"$ 31 F\$=E\$+E\$+E\$ 35 'DRAW"S8BM129,6"+F\$+F\$+E\$+E\$+ F\$+F\$+E\$ 36 'DRAW"S8BM128,6M-1,3"+F\$+F\$+E \$+E\$+F\$+F\$+"M+1,3" 4Ø LINE(2Ø,94)-(34,1Ø2), PRESET, B 41 LINE(218,93)-(256,102), PRESET , BF

Listing 2:

Ø '<SQUARE> 1 GOTO2ØØ 1Ø PMODE4,1:PCLS:SCREEN1,Ø 16 FOR X=35 TO 18Ø STEP2Ø 19 A\$="UlØRlØNDlØRlØNDlØRlØNDlØR 2Ø DRAW"S8BM28,=X;"+A\$+A\$+"UlØR1 ØND1ØR1ØD1Ø" 25 NEXTX 3Ø LINE(28,175)-(228,175), PSET 31 LINE $(\emptyset, 95)$ - (255, 97), PSET, BF 32 LINE(127,Ø)-(129,191),PSET,BF 33 CIRCLE(128,96),5,1 34 LINE $(\emptyset, 96)$ - (255, 96), PRESET 35 LINE(128,Ø)-(128,191), PRESET 4Ø B\$="U6F3E3D6BR3NU6BR3U5NUF4NU 5DBR3NU6R4U6BR3NR4D3R4D3NL4" 41 C\$="U6R4D3NL4BE3D6R4BR3NU6R4U 6BR3NR4D3R4D3NL4" 42 D\$="NE3NF3R2Ø":E\$="R2ØNH3G3" 43 F\$="U6F3E3D6BG3D6BG3BRDND5F4N

100 GOTO100

lines. Run this. In Line 35, delete the final +"M+1,3" and tack on +E\$ and run it. That leaves one piece missing at the end of Line 36. Add +"M+1,3" and run. It isn't perfect, but it will do.

By the way, what was this tutorial supposed to cover? It seems I wandered off down some primrose path. Even though it was difficult to create the vertical rope, wasn't it a fun challenge? Now, you know two ways to make a rope.

Suppose we wanted to make a three-strand rope? First, mask lines 35 and 36 with REM markers to get them out of the road. Re-size lines 20 and 21. Change Line 20 to \$16 and delete \$8 from Line 21. Since both lines will be the same size, a second \$16 would be redundant. Run this.

Lop off four each +B\$s and +D\$s from lines 20 and 21, and run. Re-center by inserting 0 in lines 20 and 21 to make the horizontal value 20. Now run.

The size must be enlarged to 524. Make the change and run. To make the third strand, type:

22 DRAW"BM12,101"+B\$+B\$

Rekey lines 20 and 21, then type:

20 DRAW"S24BM23,99"+B\$+B\$
21 DRAW"BM15,95"+D\$+D\$

and run.

The starting locations (H,V) were an exercise in trial and error. They were

adjusted, this way and that, until the strands looked moderately twisted.

We now have staggered strands. Recenter by adding +12 to each horizontal value in lines 20 through 22. Now run. All we have to do is tie up the loose ends. I will have to ask CoCo to cheat and resort to LINE statements to do the trick:

40 LINE(20,94)-(34,102), PRESET,BF 41 LINE(218,93)-(256,102), PRESET,BF

Now run it.

Incidentally, there are better, more complex ways to tie the ends of the braided, three-strand rope. That would send us further down another primrose path. Suffice to say, using LINE was good practice. How did I come up with the values in the two LINE statements? I used PSET, BF. This allowed me to see what was being zapped because little windows overlaid the dangling ends. Merely adjusting the values to encompass the desired portions indicated vividly what was being blanked out. The mission was finalized by changing the PSET to PRESET.

Save it as Listing 1 and type NEW. Here is a problem! Using lines 10 and 100, create a DRAW LINE 20 and using M-2,4, manipulate the pluses and minuses to create a diamond shape in size S16.

Using the A option, make a diamondshaped cross. Going further, an optical illusion was created, using the same game plan. Type NEW. Quickly, key in DPTICAL and run. If you stare at the display, it seems as if the diamond tends to rotate on its vertical axis, sometimes clockwise and sometimes counterclockwise.

Your homework assignment is to make a small program using 10 PMODE4,1:PCLS:SCREEN1,0 and create the eyeless wonder in Figure 1 using the DRAW statement. Think of it as if all of the tick marks at the end of each straight segment are dots. You must connect all the dots to make the lines flesh out the face. Begin anywhere you like. When you must jump to a new area to connect up with another group of lines, use B in front of one of the eight normal directions, UDLREFGH, or before M, when you must move at some angle that is less than 90 degrees.

For example, from the end of the figure's right jaw, up to the outer edge of the right eye, BR2BU9 will bridge the gap by making a 90-degree angle; to the right two units and then up nine units. If you are really into the M option, BM+2,-9 will do the same thing more directly and draws an invisible line linking the two areas.

Save your "face" program. Next month, we shall continue. I will make the official drawing for the tutorial. When you compare my rendition with your version, you may be shocked to realize that even though we created the exact same figure, our program lines are as different as the two sides of the moon.

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U5DBD3BL4D6R4NU6BD3BL4NR4D3R4D4L
44 G$="R4D3L4NU3D3BD3D6NR4BD3D6R
4NU6BD3BL4NR4D3R4D4L4"
45 H$="E3NF3D2Ø"
46 I$="D2ØNH3E3"
5Ø DRAW"S4BM9Ø,1Ø"+B$:DRAW"BM135
,1Ø"+C$
51 DRAW"BM9Ø,185"+B$:DRAW"BM135,
185"+C$
52 DRAW"BM65,7"+D$:DRAW"BM165,7"
+E$
53 DRAW"BM64,182"+D$:DRAW"BM165,
182"+E$
54 DRAW"BM1Ø,52"+F$:DRAW"BM24Ø,5
2"+F$
55 DRAW"BM11,1Ø2"+G$:DRAW"BM241,
1Ø2"+G$
56 DRAW"BM1Ø, 25"+H$: DRAW"BM24Ø, 2
57 DRAW"BM13,14Ø"+I$:DRAW"BM243,
14Ø"+I$
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6Ø CIRCLE(48,55),3,1:CIRCLE(28,1
35),3,1:CIRCLE(148,35),3,1:CIRCL
E(188,115),3,1
7Ø 'LINE(48,55)-(128,96), PSET'
    M-4, -2
71 'LINE(28,135)-(128,96), PSET'
    M-5,+2 OR M-5,2
72 'LINE(148,35)-(128,96), PSET'
   'LINE(188,115)-(128,96), PSET'
    M+3,+1 OR M+3,1
100 GOTO100
191 PRINT: PRINT
200 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"
                       FROM A STA
RTING POINT, (CEN-
                     TER), THE FI
RST M VALUE IS A
                     NUMBER DERIV
                     THE LEFT OR
ED FROM EITHER TO
                     VERTICAL LIN
THE RIGHT OF THE
    IF IT IS TO THE
                     LEFT, IT IS
A MINUS VALUE, ELSE
                     IT IS A PLUS
 VALUE."
201 PRINT: PRINT"
                   THE SECOND IS
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EITHER ABOVE OR BELOW THE HORIZO IT IS ABOVE THE NTAL LINE. IF LINE, IT IS A MINUS VALUE, IF IT IS BELOW THE LINE IT IS A PLU S VALUE. 2Ø2 LINEINPUT" TO CONTINUE, PRE SS <ENTER>";OA\$ 210 CLS:PRINT" THE DISPLAY WILL SHOW A START-ING POINT AND AN E NDING POINT INEACH OF THE FOUR O FROM THE LEGEND AR UADRANTS. OUND THE DIS- PLAY, FIGURE OUT W HAT THE TWO M VALUES ARE. THEN TAKE THE 211 PRINT: PRINT" REM MARKER FROM LINES 70-73 AND YOU WILL SEE THELENGTH OF THE LI AT THE END OF THE PROGRAM L INE, THE CORRECTM VALUES ARE LIS TED. 212 PRINT:LINEINPUT" TO CONTINU E, PRESS <ENTER>";OA\$ 213 CLS: PRINT: PRINT" THE PROBLE M IN THE UPPER LEFT QUADRANT, IS IN LINE 7Ø. THE PROBLE M IN THE LOWER LEFT QUDRANT IS F OUND IN LINE 71. THE PROBLE M IN THE UPPER RIGHTQUADRANT IS FOUND IN LINE 72. THE PROBLE M IN THE LOWER" 214 PRINT"RIGHT QUADRANT IS FOUN D IN LINE 73. 215 PRINT:LINEINPUT" TO SEE THE PROBLEMS AND STUDY THE FORMAT O F THE M VALUES PRESS <ENTER >"; OA\$

216 GOTO1Ø 217 GOTO217

Listing 3:

Ø '<OPTICAL>
1Ø PMODE4,1:PCLS:SCREEN1,1
15 FOR X=4 TO 4Ø STEP3
2Ø DRAW"S=X;BM128,46M+2,4M-2,4M-2,-4M+2,-4"
35 NEXT
1ØØ GOTO1ØØ

Listing 4:

Ø '<REFER>ENCE FOR CROSSED CHAIN 5 CLEAR6ØØ 1Ø PMODE4,1:PCLS:SCREEN1,Ø 15 A\$="M+3,-1M+3,1" 16 B\$=A\$+A\$+A\$ 17 C\$="M+3,1M+3,-1" 18 D\$=C\$+C\$+C\$ 2Ø DRAW"S8BM2,96"+B\$+B\$+B\$+B\$ +BS+BS 21 DRAW"S8BM2,96"+D\$+D\$+D\$+D\$+D\$ +D\$+D\$ $3\emptyset E = "M+1, 3M-1, 3"$ 31 F\$=E\$+E\$+E\$ 35 'DRAW"S8BM129,6"+F\$+F\$+E\$+E\$+ F\$+F\$+E\$ 36 DRAW"S8BM128,6M-1,3"+F\$+F\$+E\$ +E\$+F\$+F\$+"M+1,3" 100 GOTO100 0

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You Need to Know When to Stop

By Dan Downard Rainbow Technical Consultant

I am having problems with my new printer. It's a Brother M-1109. The problem is when printing out a fair amount of data, it loses part of the data and resumes somewhere down the line. Here is how I have it connected:

DIN	Printer	DB-25	
I	Uncon	Unconnected	
2	to	4	
3	to	1	
4	to	3	

I am running at 9600 baud and used the line delay pokes to slow it down. I am now using 151=128, 152=64. It still loses data in the middle of the printed page or close to the end. I have slowed the printer all the way down to 600 baud with no luck.

Mike Tolbert (MIKEGT) Greenville, SC

Mike, we haven't touched the subject of printers for a while, so let's get down to the basics. Your CoCo uses three of four pins on the DIN plug, better known as the serial I/O connector, to communicate with the printer. The pinouts are as follows:

Pin 1	Not used	N/A
Pin 2	Handshake/busy	Input
Pin 3	Signal ground	Common
Pin 4	Data	Output

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began about eight years ago, and he has built several 68XX systems.

The industry standard for serial communications is called RS-232. RS-232 uses a 25-pin connector called a DB-25. RS-232 calls for the following connections to a DB-25 connector at the printer:

Pin 1-	Chassis ground	Common
Pin 2-	TxD transmit data	Output
Pin 3-	RxD receive data	Input
Pin 4-	RTS request to send	Output
Pin 5-	CTS clear to send	Input
Pin 6-	DSR data set ready	Input
Pin 7-	SG signal ground	Common
Pin 8-	DCD data carrier detect	Input
Pin 20-	DTR data ter- minal ready	Output

At least we know what the pinouts are on the CoCo. The problem is at the DB-25 end of the cable. First of all, let's assume we are dealing with serial I/O. Your printer manual should give the pinouts for the RS-232/DB-25 connection. Even though it's an industry standard, some printer manufacturers use different pins for the handshake signal. Use the RS-232 pinouts above to identify your printer signals. If you don't have a DB-25 connector, match the signal descriptions with those given.

The following connections should work:

DIN	DB-25/Printer
Pin 1	No Connection
Pin 2	Pin 20
Pin 3	Pin 7
Pin 4	Pin 3

In most cases you must connect a jumper between Pins 4,5,6 and 8 on the DB-25 connector.

If the handshake signal is properly connected, you shouldn't have to worry about line delays, etc. This is accomplished by a hardware signal between the printer and the computer. Just as an explanation of your problem, your printer has a buffer. The buffer is accepting characters at a faster rate than it can print. When the buffer is full, your CoCo is still sending, because no signal has told it to stop. As a rule of thumb, baud rate = characters per second x 10. In other words, if you have a 120-cps printer you should be able to print 1200 baud without any handshake signals. This tidbit assumes that you have no buffer, but it's close enough. Obviously your printer is not capable of 960 cps.

Leave Out the Spaces

Regarding the question in your May 1987 column from Bill Hodges, about underlining every word: The computer does exactly what you tell it to do. Most underlining routines are set up to underline only characters, not spaces. The solution? Don't use any spaces. So, use an underline character where spaces should be.

Marc I. Leavey Baltimore, MD

Thanks for the nifty hint, Marc. I have been reading your ham radio

column ("RTTY Loop" in 73 Amateur Radio) for a long time and am sure glad to hear from you. 73's de K4KWT.

The Unpublished Feature

In replying to a writer concerning a Teac 55B floppy disk drive, you stated that the user's drive was operating normally because "The disk motor is turned on for a few seconds to allow the drive to get up to speed before any operation takes place." This is true. However, your reader's query was "when I either insert or extract the disk, the motor runs for about ten seconds on its own before the lever is engaged. Is this normal?"

It is an unpublished feature of the Teac drives (I have one myself) that they turn on the spindle motor when a disk is inserted or removed from the drive. The spindle motor will remain running for about ten seconds, as your reader noted. I'm told that this feature allows for better "clamping and declamping" of the disk hub upon insertion and removal. This is an isolated hardware case, which is peculiar to Teac drives, and is not related to the normal 1½-second, motor-on delay that is part of Radio Shack's normal Disk BASIC.

Don Hutchison (DONHUTCHISON) Atlanta, GA

Thanks for the info, Don. I am also informed through Delphi and Marty Goodman that Shugart, Panasonic and Matshushita 455 drives all have the same hardware delay built in.

What's a Control-Z?

I operate amateur radio and got my CoCo 2 to use on a packet radio station. It works just fine on packet, but in order to use the major BBS, you need to sign your message with a CONTROL-Z. Is it possible to get a CONTROL-Z out of the CoCo 2?

Billy R. Thomas Streamwood, IL

You must be using some kind of communications, or terminal, software, Billy. Most of the CoCo 2 terminal programs I have seen use the down arrow as a control key. By pressing the down arrow and the Z key at the same time, a CONTROL-Z will be sent. Read the manual for the software in question to confirm this!

How Much Memory?

I just bought my new CoCo 3 and typed PRINT MEM, and it said 22824 with my disk drive plugged in. Is something wrong with it? I thought you got more memory with a new 3. Also, what do you do to disable the reset button?

Sean Bishop Hazard, KY

Sean, as long as you are using Disk BASIC, the memory in your CoCo 3 is limited. Keep in mind, though, that CoCo 3 does have the ability to store graphics pages in the extended memory area. So even though the memory available is still about the same, it can be used for programs and variables, and your OM Errors will be fewer.

To take advantage of the extended memory of your CoCo 3, I would recommend programs written in OS-9 Level II. Even though an OS-9 process is limited to 64K, there are ways to take advantage of the full 512K of memory allowed. Dale Puckett and Peter Dibble are writing a new book about OS-9 Level II that will be available later this year.

Updating the CoCo 2

I have a 64K CoCo 2, two double-sided disk drives, Epson LX-80, DCM-3 and a Multi-Pak. I have some questions about getting a monitor (non-RGB). Would I need some kind of driver/adapter to hook it up to my CoCo 2? I would also like to have 80 columns. Do I need an 80-column card or something? I would also like to get a 64K buffer for my printer. How do they work? Does it have a CPU in it?

Craig J. Vincek Benton, KY

I would recommend buying a CoCo 3 instead of investing in more hardware for your CoCo 2, Craig. First of all, a video driver is not sufficient to produce readable 80-column text with a CoCo 2. Therefore, we will assume that you will need an 80-column interface, such as those made by Disto and PBJ.

As far as the buffer is concerned, there are three types that come to mind. First, most printer manufacturers offer a buffer as part of the printer. Second, there are hardware printer buffers available. Try the Spectrum Projects ad in this issue. Last, but certainly not least, is software spooling. Using this method, the printer operates as a background task while other programs are running. This is a built-in feature of OS-9. Programs are also available for RS-DOS to do this, but I am not aware of one for the CoCo 3. I'm sure it will be available shortly.

RS-232 ROM

In your March 1987 column, you suggested to Vince Falcone to remove

the ROM from his RS-232 pack. Would you please show a schematic of the pack so that I will know which chip to remove?

Kevin Krug Derwood, MD

Kevin, we cannot publish a schematic here but will give you enough info to pick it out of the Pak. In the RS-232 pack, you will find two large chips. One has 28 pins and is indicated with the symbol U1 on the circuitboard. The other chip has 24 pins and is called U3. This 24-pin chip is the ROM. If the chip is socketed, simply remove it. If it isn't socketed, you will need to desolder Pin 20 and bend it up out of the way.

Scroll Stopper

I tried your rewritten version of Disk Directory Lister. There are a few questions I would like to ask. When I try to run it on a disk, I get an NE Error. Is there a way to halt the program when it reaches the bottom of the page so that it doesn't overflow to the next page?

Willie E. Turner Baldwin Park, CA

It sounds as if you are trying to read an OS-9 disk, Willie. OS-9 uses a different directory structure. *Direct* was written for RS-DOS directories. Another thing to look for is copyprotected disks. As far as making the listing stop, try inserting the following lines:

45 LN=1
305 GDSUB600
600 LN=LN+1
610 IF LN<59 THEN RETURN
620 FOR LX=1 TO B
630 PRINT#2
640 NEXT LX
650 INPUT"HIT ANT KEY TO CONTINUE"; IN\$
660 LN=1
670 RETURN

I'm glad you liked the program. Have fun with it.

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BITS AND BYTES OF BASIC

BASIC09 and Level II: Focusing on Modules

By Richard A. White Rainbow Contributing Editor

recolumn's deadline were near at hand. Preceding them was the Chicago RAINBOWfest. I decided to get the taxes out of the way and they were getting on well when Level II arrived on a Tuesday. I hurried home to format disks and make backups. Well, I could not even format a disk and had to fall back to Level I to get the backups. The CoCo 3 sometimes "went west" even before the Level II boot was complete. Things like this are totally frustrating. Wednesday evening brought the news that two friends had experienced identical problems, and the search for a solution was on. I felt a tad better knowing it was not just my machine.

A Thursday evening session on the Delphi OS-9 Forum brought an answer: Some old 12-volt disk controllers could not take the 1.8-MHz clock speed. So the disk controller swap began and solved the problem. Our controllers dated from February 1983 when we made a group buy of drives. Some earlier and later 12-volt controllers work as all 5-volt only units do.

Still there was a bit of time to work with Level II and BASIC09, which comes with it. Early on it was apparent that 128K would not cut it. I solved this at RAINBOWfest by purchasing a 512K upgrade, as did many others. BASIC09 is nearly identical with the Level I version except for support for CoCo 3 graphics. This is going to take some careful digestion, all the more reason to focus, for now, on applications common to CoCos 1, 2 and 3.

My first order of business was to get a Level II boot set up to take advantage of windows and the added memory, then work up the program for this article. That done, it was time to sit back and be impressed. Wow, we have been scraping for memory for years. Now I load nearly everything I routinely use in memory at boot and still have half the

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available memory left. I start BASIC09 with a nice big buffer and still can go to OS-9 and have plenty of memory to do anything I want.

Level II provides two ways to leave BASIC09 to use OS-9 utilities. One is to type \$ at the B: prompt. This puts you in OS-9. You get back to BASIC09 by pressing CLEAR-BREAK (CTRL-BREAK on the CoCo 3). However, with a number of windows active on the CoCo 3, pressing the CLEAR key advances one to another window. This can be done from a running BASIC09 program. I discovered some of the protections built into OS-9. For example, it is impossible to change or delete a file in use by a running program.

Documentation for Level II BASIC09 is much improved over the Level I version. Program examples are given for virtually all commands. Unfortunately, some of the early examples use line numbers. Perhaps someone thought people could not go off line numbers cold turkey. Most later examples dispense with line numbers. What is not so apparent in these examples is the importance of modularity in BASIC09.

A good BASIC09 program consists of a number, perhaps a large number, of separate modules. Some will be drawn from a library of modules that have been used in other programs. Others will be written for the application. This simplifies writing the modules and testing them to begin with. It also makes it easier to upgrade programs later. For example, I can quickly write an editing module that may be a simple substitution editor and come back later to write a new more powerful version.

Modules have memory implications. They can be loaded as needed and killed out of memory when they are no longer needed. Parameters allow large blocks of variables to be passed to other modules to be changed and returned to the calling module.

I am focusing on modules since I plan to discuss the beginning modules of a much larger program that will roll out over the next few months. The program now goes under the name *PersonFile*. It's basically an enlarged mailing list and membership program. All such files have common needs, the name and address, telephone numbers, dates and some general note fields. The intent is to provide a generic record structure whose fields can be renamed to meet a variety of

purposes. As a computer user group membership file, the basic address information is required along with expiration date, perhaps date joined, home and office telephone numbers and miscellaneous interest information. On the other hand, the Christmas list file needs addresses, telephone numbers, birthdays perhaps, names of others in the family, etc. These are the same fields, just different uses for the fields.

I like to start with a "main" module. Basically, it dimensions the record variables, opens and closes files and calls other modules that do most of the work. One has some discretion as to what goes in the main module. Some short routines may be better in the main module because of the memory overhead in passing parameters and defining them in separate modules. Still, almost everything must be considered for its own module.

Rather than start with main, I will first deal with two "library" procedures that I have re-used from previous programs. isupper simply converts any lowercase letters to uppercase. This way a user may answer with either a y or a Y, and the program needs only test for a Y.

```
PROCEDURE isupper

0000 DIM count,line length:INTEGER
0000 PARAM answer:STRING[40]
0017 DIM ascii:INTEGER
0018 DIM char:STRING[1]
0020 DIM work_string:STRING[40]
0036
```

The first section of the program defines the variables. A variable defined with dim is local to this procedure. param answer:string[40] defines a string variable, up to 40 characters long, that will be provided by the calling procedure. Note that BASIC09 strings are dimensioned with a specified length for which fixed storage is provided. A shorter string of characters may be put into the variable, but any characters in excess of the specified length are lost. BASIC09 supports long variable names, which are a major help in program readability. While these use memory in the source code, they are stripped out when the procedure is packed.

```
ØØ37     count:=1
ØØ3E     line_length:=IEN(answer)
ØØ47     work_string:=""
```

BASIC09 does not automatically initialize variables. As initially dimensioned, work_string contained whatever garbage was in the memory BASIC09 allocated to it. The expression work_string:="" sets its length to zero so BASIC09 will disregard everything in its memory space.

```
ØØ4F
          WHILE count<line length+1 DO
            ascii:=ASC(MID$(answer,count,1))
ØØ5F
ØØ6E
            IF ascii<96 THEN
              char=CHR$(ascii)
ØØ7A
ØØ83
              work_string=work_string+char
ØØ8F
              count:=count+1
            EISE
ØØ9A
              char:=CHR$(ascii-32)
ØØ9E
              work string-work string+char
ØØAA
ØØB6
              count:=count+1
            ENDIF
ØØC1
ØØC3
          ENDWHILE
ØØC7
```

Now, isupper gets the ASCII value of each character in the string answer and tests each value. If ASCII<96, the character must be uppercase, a number or punctuation mark so ASCII is converted back to a character and added to work_string. Characters with ASCII values greater than 96 must be lowercase. Subtracting 32 will make the conversion

to an uppercase number. The new ASCII is converted back to a character and added to work_string.

The while-do-endwhile keeps the program looping until each character in answer has been tested. It and the if-then-else-endif are control structures. Each BASIC09 control structure has its own end statement. Above we see endif and endwhile. Others we will see are endexit and endloop. Most are familiar with NEXT which ends a for-to-next structure.

```
ØØC8 answer:=work_string
ØØDØ END
```

In passing the string answer to isupper, BASIC09 really passed the memory location of answer. Whatever isupper puts into answer will be known to the calling procedure when it regains control. So, we can assign the uppercase string in work_string to answer to get it back to the calling procedure. end terminates isupper and passes control back. By the way, the numbers to the left are offsets from the beginning of the program in Hex bytes to the beginning of the line.

```
PROCEDURE printat

$000 PARAM col,row:INTEGER

$000 PRINT CHR$(2); CHR$(col+32); CHR$(row+32);

$021 END
```

Maybe I should rename printat to locate to be consistent with CoCo 3 BASIC. It simply receives a column and a row number and uses the print statement to move the cursor to that screen location. We will use it frequently.

OK, here starts the procedure main. Since we have 15 field names, we will need an array to store them in. Field_name(15) provides this array. Next, things get muddy fast. type defines a new variable type that is used in the same way as integer, string[] and the other atomic variable types. The new type add_rec consists of five, 15-character strings named first, last, add1, add2 and city, plus a four-character string named zip4 and the five-character zip5. The names of these strings are descriptive of their uses. The second new type, data_rec, provides storage for the remaining data to be in the record. Finally, storage for the records is provided by dim addrec:add_rec; datarec:data_rec.

Understanding how BASIC09 stores its variables will help in understanding the type statement. Type add_rec consists of five, 15-character strings, one of four characters and another of five characters for a total of 84 characters. When the program comes to dim addrec:add_rec it allocates 84 contiguous bytes of memory and maps it according to the type add_rec= statement. The variable first gets the first 15 bytes, last gets the next 15 and so on. When BASIC09 sees addrec.first:="john", it knows to look in the map provided by add_rec to find the place to put "john". "john" will go in the first four bytes of the 84 bytes allocated to addrec.

```
00Cl DIM file_name:STRING[12]
00CD DIM file,path:INTEGER
00D8 DIM count,count1,count2:INTEGER
00E7 DIM answer:STRING[1]
00E7
```

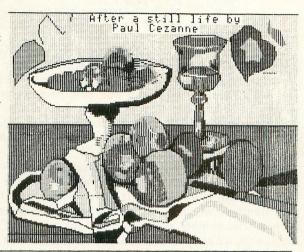
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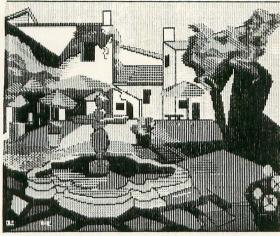
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print chr\$(12) is the equivalent of CLS in CoCo BASIC and clears the screen. We have discussed the printat procedure. Now we see how to call it: run printat(0,8). The 0 and 8 are the column and row parameters we are sending. run is quite flexible. It can call a source code procedure in the BASIC09 workspace, a packed code procedure inside or outside the workspace or a machine language procedure line like inkey below.

Next we get the filename of our database. The system will use a number of files, but the program will handle naming using this root word. The variable file will be used for a file path number, which is assigned when a file is created or opened. The number will always be four or higher. As long as file=0, we know that no files have been opened.

```
ØllF
           TOOP
Ø121
Ø122
             REM Print menu
Ø12F
0130
             PRINT CHR$ (12)
             PRINT TAB(8); "PERSONFILE MENU"
Ø135
Ø14C
             PRINT
014E
             IF file=Ø THEN
               PRINT " Ø. CREATE NEW FILE"
Ø15A
Ø172
             FNDTF
             PRINT "
                       1. RENAME FIELDS"
Ø174
             PRINT "
                       2. ENTER/EDIT DATA"
Ø18A
             PRINT "
Ø1A2
                       3. SORT FILE"
             PRINT "
Ø1B4
                       4. PRINT MAILING LABELS"
             PRINT "
                       5. PRINT ENTIRE RECORDS"
6. PRINT CUSTOM REPORT"
Ø1D1
             PRINT "
Ø1 FF
             PRINT "
Ø2ØA
                       7. EXIT TO OS-9'
Ø21F
             PRINT
             PRINT "KEY NUMBER OF OPERATION ";
0221
Ø23F
             answer:=""
0240
             WHILE answer="" DO
0247
0253
               RUN inkey (answer)
Ø25D
             ENDWHILE
```

loop is a goto killer. Whenever a program comes to an endloop, it goes back to loop and starts the enclosed code over. This segment of the loop prints the menu and gets the response. Note that we offer the Create New File option only when the procedure is first entered, which is the only time file=0.

inkey looks for an input character and then lets the program continue. If there is no character, there is a problem that the while answer="" do-endwhile solves by forcing the program to loop until there is a character to read. Compare this to the now rather inelegant BASIC.

```
1Ø A$=INKEY$: IF A$="" THEN 1Ø ELSE RETURN
```

Note that the parameter being sent inkey is a variable. It is not passing data to inkey, though it could. It is there to return any character that inkey finds.

```
Ø262
            REM Process choice
Ø273
Ø274
            IF answer="g" AND file=@ THEN
Ø288
              RUN init(field_name,addrec,datarec,file_name)
Ø2A1
            ENDIF
Ø2A3
            IF file=Ø THEN
              OPEN #file, file name+"flds":UPDATE
Ø2AF
Ø2C2
              OPEN #path, file name+"recs": UPDATE
Ø2D5
            ENDIF
Ø2D7
```

I said that I did not want to go to the create routine if files were already open. Here is a dual test where the user had to have entered a 0 and file must be 0. When these conditions are met, init is run and sent field_name, addrec, datarec and file_name as parameters. These parameters allow init to access over 300 bytes of storage, and init will change each variable in these records. Now you can see why we did not want to be able to call init while some other file was active.

Once having passed the init call, there will be a file somewhere to work on. If init was used, it will have placed two files on disk. Otherwise, the filename entered should be a path to pre-existing files. In either case, file_name has suffixes appended and two files are opened for update. This means BASIC09 may either write to the files or read from them. #file and #path provide variables path and file that will hold the path numbers OS-9 assigns when it opens the files.

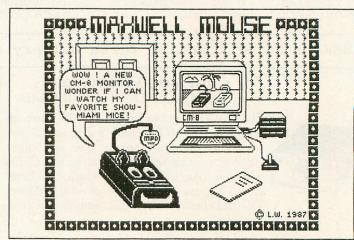
```
IF answer="1" THEN
Ø2E5
              RUN renamef(field name, file)
Ø2F4
Ø2F6
          EXITIF answer="7" THEN
Ø2F7
Ø3Ø4
            CLOSE #file
ØЗØА
            CLOSE #path
Ø31Ø
          ENDEXIT
Ø314
Ø315
          ENDLOOP
Ø319
Ø31A
          END
```

With the files open, we go forward to other work. We can rename fields at any time since that does not change the data. The procedure renamef does this. All it needs is the field name array and the file path number for the file where it will store the modified array.

In order to test the init and renamef procedures, main needed to provide some minimum housekeeping. Accordingly, the exit routine was written. Meet exitif-thenendexit. This construction provides a way to include all sorts of final housekeeping tasks after the then prior to finally leaving the loop. In our case, we close the files. exitif is the only way to exit a loop without using a goto. It can be put anywhere in the loop, and there can be multiple exitif-then-endexit constructs in a given loop. It can be used with any of BASIC09's looping control structures.

After an exitif-then-endexit, control goes to the next statement after endloop. In our case it's end, which terminates the procedure.

At this point, I think I have dispensed sufficient BASIC09 for one sitting. Next month we will take up the init and renamef procedures and get started on enter/edit.



KISSable OS-9

An OS-9 Convert Speaks Out

By Dale L. Puckett **Rainbow Contributing Editor**

teve Bjork first worked with computers while studying electronics during the early 1970s when he enrolled in his programming course at a Los Angeles area college. Before long, Bjork had "put together" his own elaborate calculator — a computer completely built with discrete components. "I used the 7400 series technology to come up with a whopping 64 bytes of memory, four bits or one nibble wide," he said. "It cost me more than \$200 to build this overgrown calculator. Today I can buy a 128K CoCo 3 for the same money."

Bjork continued his education in computer programming and electronics at several colleges in Southern California. "While I was at San Diego, they were developing UCSD PASCAL," he said. "As a student I got to work on a few of the trivial parts of the program and served as a guinea pig to test the rest."

In 1970 Bjork went to work for the

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first of several small software companies. By the end of the decade, he wound up at DataSoft and was immediately assigned to develop software for the Color Computer. It was at this time that he grew to know and love the 6809 for all its power and simplicity. While there, he racked up credits for Sands of Egypt, Clowns and Balloons, Zaxxon and many more hit Color Computer games.

In 1983 Bjork left DataSoft and formed his own company, SRB Software. A few months later, Radio Shack named OS-9 as the official operating system for the Color Computer. While it took them nearly a year, with Bjork kicking and screaming all the way, Tandy finally convinced SRB Software that OS-9 was the way to go. How?

"Since Radio Shack was no longer accepting programs that were not developed on OS-9, the choice was simple," Bjork said. "If you wanted to write software for the Color Computer, you had to use OS-9."

While the kicking and screaming made it a bittersweet experience, Bjork's introduction to OS-9 was like a blast from the past.

"After I had a chance — or should I say after I was forced — to sit and look into OS-9, I began to rediscover what computers are all about," Bjork said. "When I was in college, most of the computers I used were mainframes that had elaborate operating systems built in. This cut down the amount of work the programmer had to do. I reexperienced this same phenomenon with OS-9."

How did Bjork learn OS-9? "I must admit I had some help from Tandy and a good friend in Fort Worth who was able to answer my questions," he said. "And even though the OS-9 manuals were technically oriented, I was already familiar with operating systems and what they were supposed to do. Therefore, OS-9 was not foreign to me. But, like most folks, I find that additional reference material is always handy and I bought one of the first copies of the Complete Rainbow Guide to OS-9."

When we asked for his advice to firsttime OS-9 users, Bjork suggested they talk to other users. He cited Special Interest Groups such as RAINBOW'S OS-9 online on Delphi and the OS-9 SIG on CompuServe as excellent sources of both contacts and information for beginners. He also encouraged them to seek help at a local club.

"Talk to these people," Bjork said. "They have run into the same problems and they can help you. Also, don't be afraid to buy extra books on the subject and read them! Most importantly, if you haven't been to school for a while, you may need to relearn how to learn because you forget."

When Bjork formed SRB, his first projects were Level II products, but he did cut his teeth with Level I. His first Level II product hasn't hit the market yet. What is that program? He can't comment. Why?

"Because specifications change and contracts may be cancelled," Bjork said. "If that happens, a product can become vaporware. And one vaporware program can ruin the reputation generated by 10 excellent products."

We asked Steve to look into his crystal ball and tell us what he sees for the future of OS-9. "Generally, most general software developers feel that we now have, in the CoCo 3, a computer system with the capability of an IBM PC," Bjork said. "In other words, many companies that felt the CoCo didn't have the power of other machines are now in the process of porting their existing programs or developing new ones for OS-9 Level II. Koronis Rift — a joint venture by Lucas films and Epyx — is a good example."

Lucas has been developing software for microcomputers, and Epyx has been marketing them for the past few years. What do these companies think about the CoCo 3 and OS-9 Level II?

"They say the OS-9 Level II port of Koronis Rift is the best version on any micro," Bjork said. "And this type of response is typical of many developers today."

Bjork feels that we will finally start to see the high quality software that has been missing from the Color Computer. "And it will all be running on OS-9 Level II — no exceptions!" he said.

Could Bjork give us any hints about what we can expect to see? "In addition to games, you should see many home applications and quite a few small business applications as well as productivity software packages like *More* and *Side Kick*."

What time frame? Bjork thinks it will be April 1988 before we see what is planned now. "It takes many months to develop hardware and software in a new environment," he said. "For example, it took 13 months to put my high resolution joystick online."

Bjork thinks that most of the products being developed today will be sold through Tandy. "Let's face it, they have a very effective distribution system. Also, most of the software in the future will use the windowing capability of OS-9 Level II.

Multi-Vue Will Make Life Easier

"We're going to see a new class of software with more power and more sophistication, but the underlying factor will be the greater ease of use of the software," he said. "User-friendly will become real!"

How? "First of all, Multi-Vue — a user program that can tie all application programs running under the OS-9 environment together — will make it happen," Bjork said. "Multi-Vue will have the same effect on programmers as the Macintosh toolbox. Both environments force a programmer to make his programs user-friendly."

Bjork thinks that most programs developed in the future will be able to run on their own from the shell but will also be able to be run from Multi-Vue. "This means Multi-Vue will control their operation," he said. "Multi-Vue will vary their window sizes, call them into being, put them to sleep or remove them completely."

Is there anything special a software developer must do to make sure his programs are compatible with *Multi-Vue*? "They must be able to receive a signal from *Multi-Vue* that tells them the window size has changed and then be able to use that new window size," Bjork said. "Existing programs — those on the market right now — will simply stay in one window."

What must a programmer do when he receives the signal from Multi-Vue? "After you receive the signal, you simply clear the screen and then do a call to find the new window size. After making this call, your program should run within the bounds of the new window," Bjork said. "Programs today check to see if Multi-Vue is alive by doing a getstat call to see if windows are available."

How can software developers com-

pete in a marketplace driven by users demanding friendly and intuitive software? "Without *Multi-Vue*, you must think about what your customer is going to do with your program and how he is going to use it," Bjork said. "The more intuitive you can make a program, the better!

"The second step — if you have Multi-Vue — use the extended system calls. These calls will let you put up a menu automatically just by doing a system call. When Multi-Vue returns control to your program, it will tell you if any of the options on a menu were selected," Bjork said.

Multi-Vue's automation accomplishes two things. First, it saves code. Second, it makes for uniform menus. The people who buy your database program will load or save their data in exactly the same way they load or save their text files when they work with a word processor from another vendor. They will only need to learn how to use their computer once. They can then concentrate on the job they are trying to do

Tandy hopes the standardization brought about by *Multi-Vue* will force all programmers to provide a friendly user interface. Further standardization can be expected from the *Multi-Vue* clipboard. The clipboard should prove to be a very handy tool because it's always in the system and ready to use. It gives developers a standard way to pass data from one application program to another.

Steve also had comments about the Level II manuals. "They make excellent reading," he said. "But, you must take the initiative to read them. If you are a beginner, it's obvious that you must understand everything in the beginning chapters. Don't skip a page!"

And, if you're an expert? "Don't skip over the beginning chapters," Bjork said. "You'll discover many subtle nuances are covered early in the manual."

With Steve not talking too much, we guessed he must be under contract to develop several products. *Color Computer Artist* is in the catalog. Could it be his?

"The title is a little misleading," Bjork offered. "People really don't realize how powerful the OS-9 Level II windows are! It's not that intuitive. But, you can draw pictures of one size and one color in one window and then re-display them in a different window that is a different size and a different mode. Even though



you are using the same data, the picture will display properly. When you try this with the different graphics modes while running under Disk Extended BASIC, you lose half the picture or fill only half the screen. And often, you can find no rhyme or reason."

What else will the windows do? "If you shrink the window, your image shrinks accurately," Bjork said. "The scaling algorithm is really accurate."

How will we get a hard copy of these fantastic images? "OS-9 allows many different types of dump programs," Bjork said. "Many will be available. You simply grab a line, put it in a buffer, read it and then send it out. You should be able to dump the active window or the entire screen with some of these programs."

Will we see big companies with big names porting their software to OS-9

Level II? "I can't name names, but most of these companies are very impressed," Bjork said. "In fact, many of them are giving me a run for my money. They've put me under a lot of pressure. I'm a one-man operation. A big company can hire a dozen programmers to do a project."

How can a company afford to invest that much in a single program? "Most companies make most of their money in the first six months following the release of a program," Bjork said. "If they get out there first, they're OK. If they don't get there first, they may be lost because everybody that has to have a copy gets it right away. In a sense, a company can't afford not to hire a dozen programmers and be first."

Come on, Steve, any hints? "You're going to see CAD and integrated packages like Microsoft Works," Bjork said.

"All these things are hot prospects for entrepreneurs looking at OS-9 Level II on the CoCo 3. It's not a function of Level II, or windows, or the CoCo 3 alone! It's what happens when you combine them."

Bjork feels this synergism will be expanded even more by *Multi-Vue*. But, he doesn't think CDI will have any effect on the CoCo market. "Here's an analogy. You could use your CoCo to control your VCR. But, your VCR already does it better," he said.

Any afterthoughts or advice? "When OS-9 Level II first came out, everybody wanted to patch this, change this, and rearrange that. But, there are already commands available that let you change most of the things you want to change. So many times I've seen people try to patch the window device descriptor when all they had to do was use the

```
Listing 1: prime_tbl.c
char modid[] = "@(#)prime tbl.c
                                       1.0";
     ----- OS-9 utility ----- prime tbl -----
14
 %
                by Dennis J. Duke
 3'c
 *
                   Bessemer, Al.
                   3Ø October 86
        A simple program to print a table of prime numbers.
 10/
                <stdio.h>
# include
main()
        int
                        i:
                        begin, limit, number;
        long int
                     /* Enable printing of long integers */
        pflinit();
        /* Get the lower limit of the table */
        fprintf ( stderr, "\nEnter the beginning number wanted in table\n" );
        scanf ( "%ld", &begin );
        /* Get the upper limit of the table */
        fprintf ( stderr, "\nEnter the highest number wanted in table\n" );
        scanf ( "%ld", &limit );
        putchar ( '\n' );
        /* Catch the number 2 */
        if ( begin == 2 ) (
                                       2");
                printf ( "
                 i = 2;
                begin = 3;
        /* Catch the numbers Ø and 1 */
        else if (begin <= 1) (
```

wcreate command to define the window they wanted. They can do that in their start-up file!"

Dan Johnson Spotlights Diskmaster at Chicago

SDisk author Dan Johnson picked up the small black box with the Diskmaster label and shook it. "It's as solid as a brick," he said. "Not a bit flimsy." Johnson had teamed up with Hemphill

Electronics again. This time the dynamic duo was at RAINBOWfest Chicago selling an integrated hardware and software product designed "to turn the CoCo 3 into the highest performance personal computer available today."

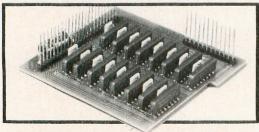
"We wanted to eliminate the need for a Multi-Pak," Johnson said. "Diskmaster gives you two high-density, halfheight floppy drives or a high-density drive and a 20-megabyte hard disk

drive. Three serial RS-232 ports, a bidirectional parallel port configured to work like the Centronics printer port on an IBM PC, and a battery-backed up, real-time clock come with the standard package. OS-9 drivers for all of these ports set up to run on the CoCo 3 with OS-9 Level II are also standard."

Johnson's Diskmaster system will boot directly from the hard disk after an initial setup. In fact, it will start up

```
printf ( "
                                                   2");
              i = 3;
              begin = 3;
      }
      else
               i = 1;
      /* Don't start with an even number */
      if (begin % 2 == \emptyset)
               begin += 1;
      for ( number = begin ; number <= limit ; number += 2 ) {
               /* Call function to test 'primeness' of number */
               if (! primetest ( number ) ) {
                if ( i <= 5 )
                         printf ( "
                else {
                         i = 1:
                                           ");
                         printf ( "\n
                         printf ( "%81d", number );
                )
        putchar ( '\n' );
/* Sub-function to test 'primeness' of number. If number is not prime, * will return the factor
 to main.
*/
primetest( num )
long int
                num:
```

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"One thing needs explaining," Johnson said. "That's the high-performance nature of the floppy disks built into the system. They are high-density drives that hold as much data as an 8-inch floppy. They run at 360 revolutions per minute instead of 300. But, we've made them dual speed so you can read all of the standard OS-9 formats."

Johnson's drives let you store 4,480 sectors on each disk — or just slightly more than 1.1 megabytes. "The throughput is close to that of a hard disk with these floppy drives," Johnson said. They transfer data at twice the rate of a standard drive, plus they step between tracks in 3 milliseconds."

By designing a caching floppy disk controller system that operates independently of the processor, Johnson was able to set up Diskmaster to run without pulling up the halt line on the CoCo 3's 6809. Diskmaster is also partially intelligent, keeping the most recently used sectors in RAM memory. In fact, Johnson's algorithm also considers the frequency of use so your CoCo 3 doesn't need to go out and read the disk very often.

Johnson demonstrated by typing dir x. Everything worked normally, albeit very quickly. Then he repeated the command. This time it ran even faster, and the drive light didn't come on. Magic!

The Diskmaster drives are set up to issue a disk change signal so, when you change disks, the buffer is flushed and you start with a fresh read. The software also always does a write through to the disk so you won't get caught with a non-updated disk.

If you are in a real hurry, you can purchase an optional internal RAM disk that holds up to a megabyte and a

```
long int
                                     fact;
            /* Test all odd numbers */
            for (fact = 3; fact * fact <= num; fact += 2)
                         if ( num % fact == Ø )
                                     return ( fact );
            /* We got this far so the number must be prime! */
            return ( Ø );
Listing 2: maclist
PROCEDURE MACLIST
 ØØØØ
 øøøı
                 By William L. Brady
 ØØ17
              (* Allows direct transfer of text files from CoCo
             (* to Macintosh with minimum of hassle. Handles indented
(* paragraphs by deleting spaces after CR. Strips CR's if
(* they are followed by text.
(* Replaces them with a space
 ØØ48
 ØØ81
 ØØBB
 ØØD8
              (* Back to Back CR's create new paragraphs on the Mac.
 ØØF5
              (* Tables end up as a paragraph, but it is easier to space (* through and add CR's than to try to take them out with a
 Ø12B
 Ø165
 ØIAØ
              (* Mac editor.
 ØlAE
 ØLAF
             DIM inpath, outpath: BYTE
 ØlBA
             DIM inname, oname: STRING
 Ø1C5
             DIM tt,c,cc,cr,sp:STRING[1]
             DIM o: BOOLEAN
tt="$"
 ØlEl
Ø1E8
Ø1FØ
             count=Ø
 Ø1F8
             outcount=0
             cr=CHR$(13)
sp=" "
 Ø2ØØ
 Ø2Ø8
Ø21Ø
Ø216 1Ø
             ON ERROR GOTO 200
 Ø21A
             INPUT "OS-9 File name (<CR> for Directory >>>",inname
IF inname="" THEN
SHELL "dir"
 Ø21C
 Ø24C
Ø258
 Ø25F
                GOTO 10
 Ø263
              ENDIF
 Ø265
             OPEN #inpath,inname:READ PRINT "Create output file (y/<n>)? ";
 Ø271
Ø292
             REPEAT
                RUN inkey(a$)
 Ø294
             UNTIL a$>""
IF a$="y" OR a$="Y" THEN
 Ø29E
 Ø2A9
 Ø2BE
                O=TRUE
 Ø2C4
Ø2C8
             ELSE
                o=FALSE
 Ø2CE
             ENDIF
 Ø2DØ
             IF o THEN
                oname=inname+".MAC"
 Ø2D9
 Ø2E8 2Ø
 Ø2EC
                PRINT CHR$ ($ØC);
                                                      ";
 Ø2F3
                PRINT
 øзøғ
                PRINT oname
 Ø314
                PRINT
                CREATE #outpath.oname: UPDATE
 Ø316
 Ø322
              ELSE
                SHELL "tmode -echo"
```

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half of RAM disk. Johnson hopes you'll plug in his Diskmaster and forget you ever needed a Multi-Pak interface.

After Johnson demonstrated Diskmaster, we asked him what his update policy was for *SDisk*. "We're rewriting it for the CoCo 3, and OS-9 Level II will have a separate version," he said. "The update price will be about \$15, and we'll make the setup easy."

When we asked Johnson why anyone would want to buy *SDisk* for Level II, since *CC3Disk* has double-sided and quad-density capability built in, he said that *SDisk* will give users a way to format 48-track-per-inch disks on 96-tpi drives. "The standard *CC3Disk* doesn't allow you to do this," he said. "The Level II format command does not give you the option. *SDisk* will! The Level II *SDisk* will do everything the older Level I versions did. Additionally, if you want to use the PC transfer software on the CoCo 3, you will need the new Level II *SDisk*.

On the hardware side of the house, Johnson noted that he would also be updating the *CCRam* disk for OS-9 Level II running on the CoCo 3. You'll receive a replacement PAL chip that lets the unit run at 2 megahertz.

July Listings

Dennis Duke is back this month with a C program that will generate a table of prime numbers. Prime_tbl prompts for the lowest and highest number you want in the table. To get a hard copy, you redirect your standard output path to your printer: OS9: prime_tbl >/p.

If you are interested in how to write a BASIC09 program that changes the format of a text file, check out MAC-List from WIZ author Bill Brady. He wrote the program to make OS-9 text files generated by DynaStar compatible with text files used by word processors running on his Macintosh Plus.

DynaStar puts a carriage return at the end of every line. The Macintosh word processors think that two carriage returns mark the end of a paragraph. They take care of the word wrap automatically. Brady also handled the problem caused by text that has been indented using spaces. He removes all spaces directly following a carriage return. Hopefully, MACList will prove to be a useful model you can follow when you need to write a BASIC09 program to manipulate your text files.

That's it for July. Until next month
. . . keep on hacking! □

```
Ø335
              PRINT " (Set Capture Text Mode) type any character when ready ..."
Ø337
Ø375
              REPEAT
              RUN inkey(a$)
UNTIL a$>""
9377
0381
              SHELL "tmode echo"
Ø38C
Ø39A
            ENDIF
Ø39C
            SEEK #inpath, Ø
SHELL "tmode -pause"
Ø3A5
Ø3B5 22
Ø3B9
            WHILE NOT(EOF(#inpath)) DO
              GET #inpath,c
Ø3CE
              count=count+1
Ø3DA
              IF C=Cr THEN
                 REPEAT
Ø3E7
Ø3E9
                   GET #inpath,cc
                   count=count+1
Ø3F3
Ø3FF
                 UNTIL cc<>sr
Ø4ØB
                 IF cc=cr THEN
                   IF o THEN
0418
                     PUT #output,c
PUT #outpath,cc
Ø421
Ø436
                     outcount=outcount+2
0442
                   ENDIF
0444
Ø445
                    (* OS-9 deletes second CR, so
Ø463
                   (* put in space
Ø472
                   PUT #1,c
PUT #1,sp
PUT #1,cc
0473
947C
Ø485
                   WHILE cc=cr DO
                     GET #inpath,cc
Ø49B
Ø4A5
Ø4A6
                     count=count+1
                     IF o THEN
PUT #outpath,cc
Ø4B2
Ø4BB
                      ENDIF
                     IF cc=cr THEN
PRINT " ";
Ø4C7
Ø4 D4
Ø4DA
                      ENDIF
Ø4DC
                     PRINT cc:
                      outcount=outcount+1
Ø4EE
                   ENDWHILE
Ø4F2
                 ELSE
                   IF O THEN
Ø4F6
                     PUT #outpath, sp
PUT #outpath, cc
Ø4FF
0509
Ø513
                   ENDIF
                   PRINT " ";
Ø515
Ø51B
                   PRINT cc:
Ø521
                   outcount=outcount+2
Ø52D
                 ENDIF
Ø533
                 IF o THEN
Ø53C
                   PUT #outpath, c
9546
                 ENDIF
Ø548
                 PRINT C;
Ø54E
                 outcount=outcount+1
Ø55A
              ENDIF
Ø55C
            ENDWHILE
0560 100
Ø564
            SHELL "tmode pause"
            CLOSE #inpath
Ø573
Ø579
            IF O THEN
              CLOSE #outpath
PRINT "Filesize = "; outcount; " bytes"
Ø582
Ø588
Ø5A4
            ENDIF
Ø5A6
Ø5A8
Ø5AC
            en=ERR
            IF en=218 THEN
Ø5B3
              PRINT "File >"; oname; " Already Exists, Replace? ";
Ø5CØ
              REPEAT
Ø5EC
Ø5EE
                 RUN inkey(a$)
              UNTIL a$>""

IF a$="y" OR a$="Y" THEN

SHELL "del "+oname
Ø5F8
0603
Ø618
                 GOTO 2Ø
Ø628
              ENDIF
            GOTO 1Ø
ENDIF
062A
Ø62E
            IF en=215 OR en=216 THEN
0630
Ø645
              PRINT
              PRINT " Bad Pathname"
Ø647
Ø658
              PRINT
Ø65A
              GOTO 18
            ENDIF
Ø65E
Ø66Ø
            IF en=2 OR en=3 THEN GOTO 100
Ø675
Ø679
            ENDIF
Ø67B
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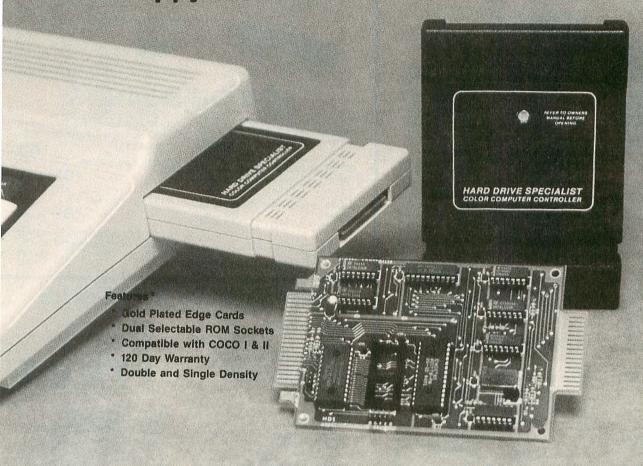


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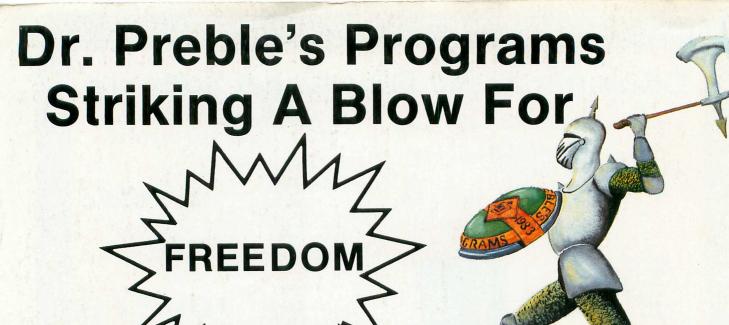
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