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Microcomputing has turned out to be most successful. As far as I know, this is the first time any publisher has come out with a major magazine devoted to one single product.

It has been an interesting year for us. We're now renovating new editorial offices to accommodate the large staff that handles the publication. It takes a lot of work to put out over 200 pages of magazine a month.

Has any other technical magazine grown in less than one year to 125 pages of paid advertising? Certainly not in this field.

The aim of 80 has been to support the TRS-80 computer. The editors are under threat of serious personal damage to make sure that as much of the material in the magazine as possible is edited from computerese into English so that newcomers to the field will be able to come up to speed easily. Authors are warned that English is preferred to computer buzzwords. We'll leave the egotistical computer scientist baloney to others.

If you have developed any programs for the TRS-80, think of submitting them for publication. If you've come up with any accessories or ways to interface various peripherals to the TRS-80, the rest of us would like to know about it. Write it up. Articles are simple to submit; type them double spaced with generous margins and use upper and lowercase letters. The better the illustrations, the better the article. All articles are paid for upon acceptance, unlike some of the other publications.

## My Short Editorials

Looking back over my editorials in 80,1 see that most of them have been relatively short. Mercifully short, perhaps. Older readers may remember John Campbell, who edited Analog for many years. Well, I was brought up on that magazine and I got used to the long, thought-provoking editorials John wrote, and so when I started my first monthly magazine, back in 1951, it never occurred to me to do anything but write long editorials.

John got to be a very good friend in the late 50s. There are few such brilliant men, so I was sorry to see him leave this world. But his influence lingers on in many ways such as my editorials.

My writing reflects my many interests . . . heck, if they interest me, why not you? I write about trips, visits to manufacturers, to stores around the worid, to shows, about skin diving, skiing, ham radio, Mensa, sports cars, CB radio, radar detectors, music, and anything else that happens to seem of interest at the moment.

I do quite a bit of writing in our Microcomputing Industry full of avuncular advice to the industry. Having called the turn of the coin several times with some accuracy, I occasionally get some respect, but not often. Move over Dangerfield.

I enjoy getting out and explaining to groups how they can make a success of their lives. It's so damned easy to be successful today, particularly in a field such as microcomputing where the whole industry is growing at an incredible rate. They and the country... and perhaps the world. . . would all benefit. Remember you don't bring benefits to a lot of others without benefitting yourself. . . and vice versa. This was the essential message of Adam Smith in the 1770s and it still holds true.

I also get annoyed when I run across people who are so damned docile that they will put up with bum laws just because they are laws. Have they forgotten that the Supreme Court has been batting down laws wholesale for years? Maybe one person can't fight city hall, but a group of us can. Sometimes I get into trouble over this, and sometimes I win. I took on the FCC a few years ago and helped to bring about massive changes in the ham regulations. The ARRL (American Radio Relay League) said it couldn't be done. . . don't try. I said to hell with them and pulled it off.
Well, I just wanted you to know a little about me, now that we've been together for 12 months. Perhaps you see why I light into Radio Shack every now and then. Sometimes I win a little. Sometimes not. They are almost as big as the government, and, in some ways, move about as fast.

## Bad News for Software Houses

As Instant Software's distribution has grown, more and more small software producers have been asking about using our system to distribute their programs. Indeed, we've tried this with a couple of the more aggressive firms.

In the record industry, distribution has been consolidated by a few large firms. Smaller firms rely on them to distribute their records. The same thing has happened to magazine newsstand distribution; four or five large firms run the whole show. Perhaps we can learn from all that.

Instant Software has representatives covering the U.S. and $\mathbf{2 2}$ countries. Further, the size and number of programs instant Software has in inventory enables us to talk directly to the major manufacturers of hardware and make a far better deal than could a small firm with a handful of programs. You can bet that we are out there selling the idea.

We've given some thought to helping other smaller firms with their distribution, but I wonder if this is really the best option for a small software house. Let me go into some details on that.

Firstly, if we were to do just the distribution, this would leave the duplication, documentation, packaging and advertising up to the software house. Yet in every step of that progression, a larger firm is able to keep its costs lower.

Buying blank cassettes or disks, for instance: Obviously sizable savings result from buying 100,000 or one million quantities. You can save even more if you do your own tape loading. But such machines cost $\$ 20,000$ or so, putting it out of the reach of any but the largest houses.

Then comes the packaging. The design of a good package is expensive and has to be amortized over hundreds of thousands of packages. There is also the automatic machinery needed for putting the tape and documentation in the package and sealing it.

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couple of days ago, I received a phone call from a Model I owner. He was in the process of developing a rather unusual application to be used on a large number of TRS-80s. The Model I didn't have the disk storage he needed, yet he couldn't justify the cost of a Model II. Model III appeared to be a perfect solution.
Question: Would his already-written BASIC software work? Since...uh... $\mathrm{mmm} .$. his programmer had disassembled TRSDOS and was using some "undocumented" DOS routine....
My answer? Be prepared for a re-write! Radio Shack did it to another one... right? Wrong! The programmer did it to himself. Had he used only documented addresses, his program would have converted and run well on Model III. Addresses we don't publish, however, will change from one release of TRSDOS to the next (or in this case between Model I and III versions.) This is why we don't publish them!
The point of the story is-the programmer that has the savvy to pull such tricks (and there are lots of you), must have the foresight to anticipate the results. If the program is for your own use, no problem.
If you intend to sell the program tosomeone else . . it could be a problem. Be sure it's understood what can happen if an attempt is made to use the program with a different release of either TRSDOS or our ROM.

## Model III vs. Model I

Since I've indicated Model III TRSDOS is akin to Model I TRSDOS, let me explain. The ability to use Model I software on Model III does not mean that Model III is just a repackaged Model I! It is a new design with some intentional similarities. We tried to respond to many of your suggestions...those cards \& letters do work!
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By the way, there are 24 pages of ROM addresses in the manual.

## Model III TRSDOS

The Model III TRSDOS is more like the Model II than Model I. The directory and free space map are pure Model II, as are many of the features and commands. There are ERROR and HELP commands for quick reference, a fast string sort, and a variable cross reference utility. You can even write and protect a diskette via software command. M III's DO file capability allows a string of automatic keyboard entries which allows you to powerup in your application program after entering the date. A CONVERT utility allows Model I disk programs to be moved to a Model III diskette, without disturbing the Model I diskette.
A variety of commands provides for a number of functions. For example, CREATE allows pre-allocation of disk file space, DUAL duplicates output to video and printer, MASTER tells TRSDOS to always begin a disk search on a specified drive other than Drive 0.
There are also a series of CMD ( x ) commands, with different arguments serving a number of purposes. CMD(C), for exam-

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ple, compresses program lines by removing remarks, spaces, or both (your option). CMO(L) loads a specified machine language routine to be called from BASIC, and CMD(O) sorts or alphabetizes the contents of an array to name just a few.

Of course, the physical differences refiect many of your suggestions, too. The one piece cabinet is capable of housing a Level I or II ROM, up to 48K RAM, RS-232, two of the four possible disk drives, and it's all fed by one power cable. To hold the non-disk price down, the add-on drive kit for drive 0 includes the controller and power supply for both internal drives. Again, the parallel printer port is built in, so we've eliminated the need for our ever-popular expansion interface with Model III.

You'll be happy to know that every effort has been made in Model III to eliminate Radio Frequency Interference. I hope it's obvious that Model III, both in hardware and software is anything but a "warmed-over Model I."

## We've Been Getting Questions

Q: Can my Model I be retrofit to Model III specifications?

A: Unfortunately, no. The hardware is too different.

Q: Does the introduction of Model III mean that Model I will no longer be available?

A: As inevitable as death and taxes, the day will come when every product we make, even Model III and the pocket and color computers, will go. As of now, I honestly can't tell you when Model I will cease.

The real question behind this question is usually "AmI (Model I owner) now going to own a useless piece of outdated hardware? My answer is an emphatic NO! Discontinuance, when it comes, won't change the benefits of your computer or its value.

Q: Is it true that Radio Shack has been delivering 77 -track double-density drives and just not telling anybody? If so, can Model I work with them?
A: All of our drives, from day one, have had double-density heads. Earlier this year, we began to use drive mechanisms which were capable of 40 tracks, not 77 . Those are the drives we sell today. They are faster, band positioner drives, and work well with either Model I or III. Our engineers tell us that Model I would not work reliably in a double-density mode. By the way, the earlier 26-1160's and 61's won't work with Model III.

Q: Is there a modification to eliminate RFI for Model I, especially for ham radio use?

A: No. We don't know of a reliable way
to eliminate RFI in existing Model l's. I've heard stories from people who have killed 90 percent of the interference, but they also tell me that others have tried their methods (some quite involved), without any real improvement.
Q: If I buy a Model III, can I be assured satisfactory operation with my ham equipment, without Radio Frequency Interference?

A: All computers generate some level of RFI and Model III like all of our computers, complies with FCC regulations. But it's our belief that the FCC tends to protect your neighbors-not you-from the computer. You may simply have to choose between computer operation and TV, ham radio, etc. I know RFI isn't a pleasant situation. l've spent a few nights on 20 -meter CW with my unmodified Model I and M-80.

## Visicalc Comes To TRS-80

We began shipping Model I Visicalc software back in late September. AI-

though it was for Model I only, the plan was to have a Model III version available in November. On the chance that some of you are not familiar with Visicalc, it's worth explanation. You'll find it one of the most versatile programs.

Picture a large spread sheet with up to 63 vertical columns labeled A, B, C, etc., and up to 256 horizontal rows labeled one, two, three . . . and so on. (There are a few restrictions depending on memory limits.) Visicalc turns your computer's memory into such a sheet. Now, any location on the sheet (AI, AK211, Q7, etc.) can contain a label or heading, or a number, or a formula telling the computer how to calculate the figure there. For example, A32 could be Net Profit, and could be A6 (Gross Profit) minus A30 (Total Expenses).

Now, the fun. If you want to do income projections for a year, enter your first month, then tell Visicalc to assume a 5 percent monthly increase in sales. You can handle fixed expense items by repeating those exact numbers for all 12 months. And when you're finished, when you enter or change a figure, Visicalc performs a blt of magic. The new numbers are
calculated and put into place immediately. Adding other variables is quick and easy. For example, what if you add a new employee, buy a new delivery truck, move into a less expensive office, start an expensive ad campaign, increase sales faster, have a sales slowdown?
Your bills can be adjusted for seasonal variations by entering a fixed amount or a relationship to a base month.

Your video screen acts as a window on your spread sheet, and you can move the window anywhere. You can lock headings in place while scrolling, or even split the screen horizontally or vertically, scrolling only a portion of the display. Of course Visicalc can print specified portions of your spread sheet, or store it all on disk for later use. The possible uses are endless.

Whether you're calculating the family budget, or doing corporate financial plan-ning-if you own a TRS-80, Visicalc would be an excellent addition. (Yes, Tandy's financial wizards have been using it for some time, too.) And yes again, it will be available for the Model II in December if Murphy doesn't butt in.

## The Management Computer

With the introduction of Visicalc, Scripsit, TRS-80 Videotex, and Profile, and especially with one-piece hardware like the Models II and III, businesses are finding that the TRS-80 is a valuable management tool. It saves time and labor, manages data, does financial planning, and even composes memos or letters. It also can provide a low-cost electronic mail service by means of Videotex software and the CompuServe Information Service. And best of all, it's not just another future concept. It's all happening today.
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Also remember that cassettes, diskettes, and dust covers make outstanding low-cost gifts. But for you we at Radio Shack want to wish you, a happy holiday season and an outstanding 1981. We hope your stocking on Christmas morning comes stuffed with outstanding and unique computer gifts.

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## Micro Millenium

When reviewing The Micro Millenium for your August issue, Nancy Robertson was clearly unaware that the author died suddenly before the book was published. This may well explain the deterioration she detects in the later chapters.

In addition to his qualifications as a psychologist, Christopher Evans was an applied computer scientist in the British 'boffin' tradition. His pioneering work on dialogs between microcomputers and naive users led to the development of the MICKEY system, in which an unattended microcomputer is used to gather medical information from patients. (On some sensitive topics, it seems that patients will give more accurate information to a sympathetic microcomputer than to a human doctor, and prefer to do so.)
He was also a first-class communicator of scientific developments to the nonscientist, combining a flair for exposition with sturdy common sense. I for one will not forget his discussion of the appetite for the miraculous in modern man, culminating in a demonstration of spoon-bending as performed by Uri Geller, given in swimming trunks during the lunch break in a symposium on 'Man-machine Interaction' in Greece.

His was a rare combination of talents, and his death has left a gap that will not easily be filled.

Dr. Hugh David
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## A Ham Writes

I have never written to you before although as a Ham I have read 73 Magazine for a number of years and now subscribe to $\mathbf{8 0}$ Microcomputing. In passing, I must say that I admire your style. You are one of my favorite curmudgeons. I use the term affectionately since I aspire to the same estate.

The reason for the letter is to tell you that the second issue of 80 Microcomput-
ing I received more than paid for several years' subscription. I was just about to disconnect my interface to drive to Nashville ( 35 miles) because of a problem that had developed between my TRS-80 and my H-14 printer. Both seemed to be operating well but the information the computer was sending was printing out as garbage on the printer. The October issue came just as I was about to start pulling things apart, so naturally reading the magazine took precedence over fixing the computer. The issue fell open to James Kunzman's article about the NEC Spinwriter and his problems with a warped RS-232-C board. To make a long story shorter: with a screw driver, a pair of tweezers, and a pencil eraser, I was able to fix my problem without a $\$ 24$ trip (plus mileage) to the Radio Shack repair center.

I hope you and your magazine live forever.

> Donald R. Goss, Chairman Division of Humanities Gallatin, TN

## Bat Guano

1 just received my fourth issue of 80 mi crocomputing. The house rule here is that three back issues of any magazine remain; all others are tossed out. But 80 Microcomputing seems to contain so much information that I can't use it all at once but must keep the magazines on file for a time when I can get around to it all.
After four issues, the quality of the information I'm keeping is coming strongly into doubt.
From the June issue, I patiently keyed in the "Life" listing. I realized in the process that something was wrong with the program, worked around it, and saw the corrections in the July issue.

In the August issue, I patiently keyed in the "Swords and Sorcery" program, again realizing that that program was screwed up, too. You can jimmy a missing symbol in an assembly program, but it's hard to supply missing data in a BASIC program. These missing items apparently had nothing to do with the programs themselves, but were just results of shoddy editing.

This month-September-I tried " Di -
vine Proportions," and found that the programming itself was downright shoddythe parallelepiped, for example, was drawn wrong, and the option to print out the proportions clobbered the screen display. Again, if 80 Microcomputing's staff had checked out the program, this shouldn't have happened. Another case of editorial irresponsibility.
80 Microcomputing also carries hardware modifications. I haven't tried any yet, but I have the fear that if I did, I might wind up with a smoking wreck instead of a microcomputer if the hardware modifications are as shoddily checked as the software that's published. Ol' Madman Wayno can rip us off only so far.
1001001? 101101-bat guano on your antenna.

Richard Amyx
San Jose, CA

Richard, see previous letter.-Eds.

## Article Argument

Your August 1980 issue quoted and snidely commented on an article in the June 16, 1980 issue of Business Week wherein two Tandy VPs stated flatly that no new computers were coming out this year.

When I queried Radio Shack about the item, they reported an inability to find the quoted article in that Business Week. Nor could I. When I brought this to your attention, I was directed to the June 9, 1980 issue of Business Week. But I came up dry there as well. No interview, no article.

It looks from here that an apology is due the Tandy people. At the least, it is no way of healing the breach between your magazine and their advertising department.

John R. McGinley, Jr. New York, NY

I suggest you read a little more closely before sending off your next letter to an editor. The first three paragraphs of the 80 plece you referred to are reprinted here.
"An article printed in Business Week,

June 16 stated that, "Over the next six weeks Tandy plans a barrage of new products to follow up its initial foray into the small business market with its TRS-80 Model II."
"It goes on to say that a desktop computer for scientists and engineers, a word processor based on the Modelll and small computers that will automate inventory controls are to be expected.
"At Tandy Corp., both H. L. Seigel, National Publicity and Promotion Manager, and Senior Vice President of Operations, Charles Phillips, deny the thrust of the Business Week article. They both say no new computers that they know of will be marketed by the company before the end of the year."

It is not the Business Week article that quotes the two Tandy executives who denied knowledge of the new computers, it is 80 that quotes them. Business Week had the scoop. We tried to follow it up, without immediate success. The September cover story gave the details that would have been nice to have had in August.

The Business Week article is indeed in the June 16 issue on page 106J, entitled "Tandy's personal-computer salvo."

## Nancy Robertson 80 News Editor

## Dislikes Content

I'm sorry, but the time has come when I feel compelled to write regarding your current editorial content regarding "software pirates". Believe me, I do not condone this practice, but I feel you are using your publication, supported by my subscription fees, to promote a very self-serving, vested interest on your part as head of Instant Software.

I subscribed to 80 Microcomputing because it was advertised as being the top of the line in publications dealing with the TRS-80, not because it was to degenerate into a soapbox for the slanted views of its publisher or to become saturated with advertising material.

As examples of the current state of your publication I cite the following:

In the last issue of 80 Microcomputing there were fourteen pages devoted to the software pirating on the copyright situation and one hundred twenty-five pages of advertising material.

These examples amount to the following percentages:

[^1]As a businessman I realize advertising revenue and editorial content are important parts of any publication, but after discounting some questionable material and still arriving at a total subscriber oriented magazine content of $38.5 \%$ of the 226 pages of your last issue, I honestly think you are putting the cart before the horse at the expense of your readers.

I for one would like to see you and your publisher friends get off your collective soapboxes and get back to the business at hand-publishing some top quality magazines dedicated to the top selling computer in the world- the TRS-80.

Vern H. Hall

Though we can't agree with your breakdown of editorial matter and are confused at your reasoning concerning articles covering software copyright or piracyWayne's editorials aside-we would like a chance to respond to criticism that our magazine is becoming more crowded with advertising.

Nowhere has the pressure to introduce more editorial matter in the magazine been more sharply felt than in our own offices. This pressure has not only come from upper management, but from our own sales department.

The editors are in complete agreement with these sentiments.

Perhaps, to a reader, our magazine's growth rate and the problems encountered are not self-evident. A publication which appeared in January 1980 at 147 pages and appears just one year later at over 250 has undergone radical changes. The editors have been chasing advertising space sales since February.

The more hectically we operate, the more difficult it is to guarantee both lucid and accurate articles; articles which we hope depart from what passes as "technical'' literature to become both educational and even enjoyable.

Only now are we properly staffed to do the necessary job. In the future we hope to offer yet a larger and more carefully edited magazine.-Eds.

## Connector Advice

Radio Shack now sells a 40 -pin card edge connector (Part 276-1558, on page 126 of their 1981 catalog) which they describe as "compatible with many microcomputers." While this connector fits the TRS-80 expansion port, from the back, the TRS-80 has the low numbers at the left, and the odd numbers on top of the printed circuit card. With the card edge connector
held so that the low numbers are at the left, the even numbers are at the top. This causes no problem if two card edge connectors are used on a single cable, but anyone who uses the connector to attach the TRS-80 to a circuit board should be aware that the wires will be ordered $2,1,4$, $3, \ldots \ldots 38,37,40,39$ and not in the usual sequence.

Sherman Levine White Plains, NY

## Scripsit: Round ?

Further to the letter in your September issue from William O'Brien: I have now been using Scripsit for about three months, and am generally happy with it, but I am still bugged by the lack of line feed with the Enter key. I've become used to it and work around it, but it would be nice if it could be made to work.

I use my TRS-80 with an IBM Selectric typewriter and Escon (USA) interface unit. With this, the Enter key doesn't give a carriage return unless there are several characters in the line. This means that such things as block formats and paragraph formats don't work.

You could say that I should have used a Tandy printer, but I won't buy that! For a start, in an office environment you must be able to produce typewriter quality printouts, and Tandy had not released their daisy-wheel printer here at the time of writing. They have no other printer with the needed quality.

Also, for business correspondence you must have a number of other features, such as half line spacing, both for setting out and so you can write things like $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ or $\mathrm{MC}^{2}$. You must be able to underline and you should be able to use all of the characters on the type ball, including $1 / 4$ and $1 / 2$. It is also nice to be able to correct small mistakes in the middle of the printed page, which you didn't see until you printed it out, using the typewriter's corrector ribbon. No printer can give you that with Scripsit-except the Selectric.

To get all of this you need either a dedicated word processor (at $\$ 15,000+$ ) or a printer which doubles as a typewriter. This is what I have, and if I could just get it to execute a carriage return with the Enter key, l'd be happy.

Hope someone out there has had the same problem and solved it!

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Australia

## Needs Equipment

As you probably know, the Coast Guard Auxiliary is a nonprofit, volunteer organization whose primary purpose is to assist the Coast Guard. Here in the Caribbean, our group operates mainly in the area of Search and Rescue.
We have a considerable amount of information to assist us during SAR operations that is presently stored in files, books, boxes and on scraps of paper. When time is of the essence, we must rummage through all of this material to find the needed information. The suggestion has been made that all of this data could be stored in a small computer.

Our problem, however, is that we do not have any government funding and all of our equipment is purchased by individual members. The purchase of a microcomputer would be out of the range of our people since most of us are retired and live on fixed income.

Is there any possibility of one of your readers donating a used or out-dated computer to our group? As a nonprofit organization, we are permitted to accept donations of this type and the donor would receive a favorable tax writeoff.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could assist us in this matter.

Milton Greene - Vice Commander Coast Guard Auxiliary St. Croix Box 2759 - Christiansted
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## Bi-Sync v. A-Sync

I have what appears to be an unsolvable problem which might be of interest to both you and my fellow readers and just possibly of enough potential to engender the development of a solution!

On the surface the situation seems simple: I operate a 32 K TRS-80 with disk drives. With the R 232 board and a 300 baud R/S, modem communications with the outside world are a delight.

My corporate headquarters, on the
other hand, operates a monster IBM System 34, communicating with the world in 3741 protocol via 201C 2400 baud dial-up equipment.

Trouble is that the system 34 communicates in Bi -Sync. I need to communicate in A-Sync.

Short of spending upward of $\$ 5,000$, there appears to be no solution to my problem. Software packages are not available. Conversations with data communications companies who might act as an interface have proven either fruitless or way too expensive.

Any ideas??

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> ICC Industries, Inc.
> Dover Chemical Corp.
> Davis at 15 th St.
> P.O. Box 40
> Dover, OH 44622

## Scripsit Reboot Aid

Reference 80 Microcomputing for the month of July; there was a gentleman concerned with rebooting to DOS when using SCRIPSIT. Have no fear, if your system does reboot all you have to do is go to DEBUG and execute G6008. SCRIPSIT will come back with no loss of data. Do not try going to BASIC after reboot and enter by SYSTEM: Your data will be lost for sure.

There is also another answer to reading the directory when in SCRIP. SIT, and that is to buy NEWDOS 80 by APPARAT Inc. of Denver, Colorado. This is an excellent DOS system and allows you to read the directory without losing SCRIPSIT.

Chuck Gould
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## Keyboard Bounce

I have a problem; but first a word of explanation.

I am a graduate mechanical engineer. I own a TRS-80, Model II with 16 K . This was originally a Model I, 4 K which I have had modified (by Radio Shack)

## to Level II, 16K.

Each morning that I intend to use the computer I first have to CLOAD a cassette titled Keyboard Debounce, Systems - KBFIX.

Without first loading this cassette I have to go through the throes of keyboard bounce (multiple printing).

I can't understand why loading this KBFIX cassette will solve the keyboard bounce, but the repair shop tells me that the affliction (to the computer) cannot be repaired on a permanent basis internally.

Granted, loading this cassette consumes only a few minutes time and the computer performs beautifully after loading it. But I'm 63 years old and I like to put my time in more beneficially.

John V. Lane
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## DATEL Aid

I recently purchased a DATEL 30 Selectric based I/O terminal. I have been unable to find documentation and DATEL is now defunct. The terminal is EBCDIC encoded and I would like to convert it to ASCII. Any help in this conversion or documentation on the electromagnet driver board, power supply board, logic board, or the 50 pin connector between the logic and the typewriter would be greatly appreciated.

Brad M. Dickey
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## Needs Interface

My surplus Datel Selectric came with a software driver that works fine on programs, but it will not work with a word processor. I have tried both Pencil and Scripsit, and it will not print. Can anyone suggest an interface?

Paul Kalkstein
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## Book Review

TRS-80 Disk \& Other Mysteries by H. C. Pennington is an exciting title isn't it? Here, I thought, is a book that will tell all about how the disk knows where to start and when to stop, how the system knows where all the pieces of a fragmented program are located, how a multiple disk system knows which drive to use. Perhaps it will give me hints on changing code on the disk so I can change the start-up process. This book promises to answer all my TRS-80 disk related questions.
The book starts out nicely enough; there is a short paragraph that says the TRS-80 is a pretty neat machine and Pennington loves It. Then there is a page about the crumbs in Fort Worth who are responsible for the existence of the TRS-80. We learn that the stupes who put TRSDOS together obviously didn't know what they were doing, but there are a pair of heros in Colorado who have saved the day for all us TRS-80 disk owners.

Most of the rest of this book tells us about the mistakes in Radio Shack's TRSDOS and the inadequacies of some of the other disk systems and how great NEWDOS is. We learn that NEWDOS works and fixes all the mistakes. The book then describes how to use NEWDOS commands and features. The conclusion I draw is that the documentation with NEWDOS is inadequate and $I$ have spent $\mathbf{\$ 2 2 . 5 0}$ for an instruction book that I don't need. The title should have been Newdos \& Other Mysteries.

John Grass
Portola Valley, CA

## Sinclair Slips

After reading Mr. Sinclair's excellent article, "Into The 80's", I have found the following bugs:

1) The power switch does not perform a memory clear function during power-up. This is performed by the combination of a inverted input NOR gate, (Z53 \& Z52), \& the RC network, (R47 \& C42). See R/S technical reference manual for details. Three poles of the four pole switch are used to switch the three power supply connections, ( $+5 \&-5 \mathrm{vdc} \& \mathrm{vac}$ ).
2) When a reboot occurs, "Memory Size?" appears during program execution and you do not always lose the program in RAM. When it happens press the reset button first, then pull a list to see where your program went wrong. (By the way, the explanation given by R/S of the function of the reset button is incorrect (L II manual
pg. 1/2). Pressing reset returns the computer to "READY", not to "Memory Size?". Also you do not lose the program in RAM.)
3) The maximum characters per line allowed is 255 , not 250.
4) On Print @ syntax, the comma should be used after the position argument, (PRINT @64,". . .). This mistake was in the article, example 4 is correct.
5) This is not a bug but a method I have used to rid my keyboard of bbounce. Clean the contacts as R/S has recommended. Then paint the contacts with "Blue Stuff" or a similar product. Spray a small amount of the chemical into a paper cup, then dip a flat toothpick into the foam and gently paint the contacts. The chemical is a mild polishing formula which wipes the contacts each time they close. This chemical is used on TV tuners to keep the gold contacts clean.

John F. Costello
Philadelphia, PA

## POKE Convert

It seems that both Bertram Thiel ("Double Size Graphics", June 80) and Jeff Eisen (Input column, September 80) have neglected to mention that there are more ways to escape the 32 character mode than CHR\$(28) and CLS. I have found that POKEing 0 into memory location 16445
will effectively convert the video contents back to 64 characters per line and will leave the cursor where it is while CHR\$(28) brings it to position ( 0,0 ). If for some reason you don't want to use CHR\$(23) to enter the wide letter mode, POKE 16445,8 will do the same.

Benjamin Junge
Los Angeles, CA

## Dancing Numbers Program

## >LIST

5 CLS
$10 \mathrm{~B}=1$
20 FOR X $=0$ TO 895 STEP B
30 PRINT © $X$ X, $B$
40 NEXT $X$
$50 \mathrm{~B}=\mathrm{B}+1$
60 FOR L $=0$ TO 75 : NEXT L
70 IF B > 891 STOP
80 GOTO 20
READY
$>-$
Try it just for fun!
I also would appreciate hearing from readers with programs helpful to the blind.

John Rago

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## Math Flash Bugs

Corrected Lines for "Math Flash", Page 158, Sept 1980, 80 Microcomputing:

95 ON $Y$ GOSUB 1000,1100,1200,1300,1400,1500,1600, 1700,1800
100 IF $Y=0$ THEN GOSUB 1900
105 ON D GOSUB 2000,2100:W $\mathbf{W}: \mathbf{Y}=0$
220 IF G C THEN PRINT © 0,6 ;" IS WRONG. etc (Rest of line remains unchanged).

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## Machine Language Bug

Got a friendly call from Nashville

Tenn, this PM from a Ham who was trying to make sense out of an article of mine in the August 80 Microcomputing, "Towards Machine Language". There was a foul-up in the printing on page 144. Under the heading Machine Code Listing, using T-BUG, punch in this series of commands starting at memory location 5000:

## CD F6 043 E 313220 3E 76

The only nice part about composing room errors is that 1 find great numbers of folks out there who appreciate the effort that goes with authorship.

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## "While this may seem <br> to be a lot of Mickey Mouse work, it is really sound data processing practice."

Recently I demonstrated the Radio Shack Payroll System for a client. After entering the data for several new employees, the program halted with a cryptic message OV ERROR IN LINE 1132. Covering my confusion with a humorous remark about Murphy's Laws, I listed the line.

The line contained a multipurpose routine used for both alphanumeric and numeric input, that determines the value of the input string. Unfortunately the input data contained an address 229 E 69th St. which the program had interpreted as 229 raised to the 69th power.

Of course I was able to make a quick fix ( E became East) but the experience was quite distressing. If an inexperienced clerk had been operating the computer, he might have quit in disgust. Since the error occurred with the payroll master file open, the file could have been destroyed.

This type of bug is quite difficult to foresee. I am sure that future programs will correct this oversight and have procedures to facilitate an abort in case of an incorrigible error. However, this experience provides an important lesson.

## A New Product

The Payroll System is a new product. New data processing products, both hardware and software, are prone to strange and unanticipated errors. My experience has been that most new systems of any complexity require at least six months of field operation to purge bugs. For this reason an older software product supported by a reliable software house often offers the safest path to reliable automation of your business recordkeeping system.

One of the first microcomputer accounting packages was the Osborne System. This system was developed by Adam Osborne and Associates for the Wang 2200 in the mid '70s. Originally written in Wang extended BASIC, it has been converted by many vendors for both the Model I and Model II.

The system has been thoroughly field tested and documented in a series of published manuals. In the latest manuals, the Wang BASIC listing has been replaced by CBASIC listings. Many reputable software houses offer versions that
are quite low in cost.
The version that I tested was obtained from the Small Business Systems Group, Main St. and Lowell Rd., Dunstable, MA 01827. They have chosen to offer the system as a series of stand alone modules (accounts payable, general ledger, accounts receivable and payroll) or as an integrated Accounting Recordkeeping System.
Either method of application offers some advantages. In an integrated system each subsidiary recordkeeping module contains a program which prepares data for entry into the General Ledger program. At the end of each month, a special program generates general ledger information, eliminating hand journal entries.

Technically, an integrated system can eliminate close out journal entries that are required each month. This would increase accounting accuracy many times. By posting the recurring journal entries (for example depreciation, cost of sales and amortization) and financial reports can be prepared automatically.

## Some Sacrifice

Alas, nothing is obtained without sacrifice. The catch is that an integrated system must sacrifice disk capacity to contain all the programs and data files on one set of disks. The integrated system for the Model II only accommodates 400 receivable customers and 400 payable vendors. The General Ledger was limited to 200 accounts.

There is also a limit on the number of open transactions which can remain in the system. All limits can be doubled by using an additional disk. Fortunately receivable capacity-or the capacity of any other module- can be expanded at the expense of other modules. The Small Business Systems Group (SBSG) thoughtfully included the variable designations for file limits used in each subsystem.
With 34 programs and 13 files the integrated accounting system represents an outstanding value. All major functions are menu driven and it will be easily learned. In addition, an invoicing module is included to automate billing operations.

The package is supplied on two dual
density eight-inch diskettes with a 24-page description of the system and directions. Buyers are clearly directed to purchase the Osborne manuals. The system description is not intended to provide the detailed information that is available in the manuals.

All menus and functions are as specified in the Osborne manuals with the exception of the invoice module and the separation of the accounts payable and receivable main menus. All edit checking and data limit testing specified in the manuals are included. However, the job cost provisions of the original system have been eliminated.

The one new feature, invoicing, greatly extends the usefulness of the package. Designed as are the other modules, invoice data is entered into a transaction file, where it can be altered by a file maintenance procedure. When all data is correct, an invoice printing routine is selected. An additional routine prints shipping labels.

## Limited Capacity

The capacity of the transactions file is limited to 50 items. To purge it, the Accounts Receivable Update program must be run. It transfers the invoice totals to the Accounts Receivable transaction file, which does not update the receivable records directly. To accomplish this task the Accounts Receivable Update program itself must be run.

While this may seem to be a lot of Mickey Mouse work, it is really sound data processing practice. No file is updated directly in the Osborne System. All files are batch updated with hard copy control totals generated for each batch. This provides an independent audit trail which should be used to control the accuracy of the data retained in the system.

Unfortunately the use of a batch update procedure creates a potentially dangerous situation. In a batch system entered data is usually subject to adjustment. Entries should be pretotaled and totals balanced to the computer batch proof totals after entry. If the totals are out of balance, an adjustment can be made.

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adjust unentered transaction batches. It is quite possible, therefore, to transfer an invoice to the Accounts Receivable module and delete it or modify it before posting.

To guard against this situation, the invoicing module provides a series of hard copy reports which are generated when data is transferred.

Invoice data entry has six different screen formats. The first screen format prepares the top portion of an invoice. The Accounts Receivable file provides a billing address, while shipping data must be entered manually.

A special file pre-defines up to 10 different types of payment terms which are selected by code when the heading is prepared. This should be adequate for most firms. In addition the same file includes information about the contents and size of the company's packing labels. This portion of the file is used to generate carton labels.

There is no provision to record sales by salespersons or their commissions. No doubt this could be added if required; there is no shortage of memory.
After completing the heading, a transaction entry screen is displayed. This screen allows up to 10 line items. However since the invoice cannot determine the accuracy of the item description and price. With larger disk space such an extension would be possible.

## Separate Screens

Setting up a separate screen for each element of the invoice should facilitate the development of custom data entry modules for each business environment. In the test sample each detail data line provided for the following:

A 10 digit compound SKU/part number
A 20 character part description
Unit prices up to 999998.00
Quantities up to 9999.99
An automatic price times quantity extension

You can also include comments such as Partial Order or any other special notation in the body of the invoice.

After all detail lines are entered, an edit screen is presented. The operator may edit the details lines and enter sales tax codes and shipping charges. If the shipping charges are not available at this time, they can be bypassed and entered later. This option permits you to prepare a preliminary invoice.

The final invoicing screen allows the
operator to record or cancel the invoice. Options are also available to selectively alter the heading, detail line items and to-tal-without requiring display of the other portions of the invoice.

The invoicing procedures added by the SBSG to the Osborne system are well thought out. However, because invoicing and merchandise selection are labor intensive activities for most firms, I recom-
mend you customize this application. While this adds to the cost, the resulting labor savings can be significant.
I would like to thank those readers who have been sending "war" stories and letters of encouragement. It is good to hear from you. To those who have been critical about my Model II bias, I hope to review several Model I packages in the near future.

Awell known quotation states: "There is nothing new under the sun." In spite of that, there are different ways to combine the known in order to accomplish new results. So, let's see what old things we can combine to overcome a couple of frequent problems in instructional programming.

A very common problem is limited memory. My correspondence with instructors around the country indicates that the typical TRS-80 setup has 16 K of memory. More limited are the large number of 4 K machines in schools and homes. Even a 16 K memory can put severe restrictions on an instructional program.

## Two Small Programs

The severity of the memory problem is dependent, of course, on the subject matter being taught and the level at which it is being presented. You might want to break up the program into two or more smaller ones which will fit the memory. This approach leaves something to be desired even when automatic CLOADing of the sequential programs is provided.

The second problem concerns learning styles. We all know that some students learn better by reading, others by listening, others by writing, and so on. It follows that a program designed for general use will be more effective if it provides for more than one learning style. The greater the number of learning styles for which a program makes provision, the more effective it will be.

One significant input to the student, overlooked in computer programming, is his auditory sense. Both in school and out, people have been learning for years by means of audio tape recordings. Schools are well stocked with cassette recorders and instructional tapes. Yet when they get an 80 , it seems not to have $o c$ -
curred to them to use the included cassette machine for audio instruction as well as computer programming.

This combination is particularly applicable to programs containing relatively large explanations. If that material requires no interaction by the student, there is no point in using valuable RAM memory to contain it. Here's how it all fits together.
The computer program is written in the normal manner, except that long explanations are omitted. After the program is recorded on cassette, an appropriate series of voice recordings is put on the same cassette in the proper sequence. To use the program, the learner CLOADs the computer portion of the type. Then, he removes the computer plug from the earphone jack of the cassette machine. The student types RUN and the computer program begins as usual.

When commentary is needed, the computer turns on the cassette and the audio plays out of the speaker. As the program continues, the audio is turned on and off.

Each word of the audio material saves several bytes of RAM which can be used for a treatment of a longer topic in the normal display interaction mode.

## The Mechanics

The computer program and the audio may be put on the same cassette or on two different ones. The following instructions are presented as though a single cassette is used.

- In the introduction of the program, the students should be instructed to remove the computer plug from the earphone jack and to leave the cassette machine in the play position.
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- Put this subroutine in any appropriate place in the program:

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6010 PRINT @965, "AUDIO ON. ..."
6020 IF INKEYS < > "G" THEN 6020
6030 PRINT © 965 , STRINGS $(15,32)$ :
6040 OUT 255,0
6050 RETURN

Each time program execution transfers to the subroutine, line 6000 starts the cassette motor. Line 6010 puts a message at the bottom of the screen and line 6020 stops execution of the program while the audio is playing. When the letter $\mathbf{G}$ is typed, execution falls through to line 6030 which removes the audio message from the screen. Line 6040 stops the cassette motor and line 6050 transfers execution back to the main program.

- When you have finished writing and debugging your program, CSAVE it. Then, with the cassette machine completely disconnected from the 80, record the audio segments in the appropriate sequence.
- The first audio segment should be concluded with words similar to these: "It is almost time to return to the other part of the program. When you hear the beep tone, press the letter G on the keyboard. When the beep tone sounds, you should press the letter G for GO..... (BEEP)."
- Each subsequent audio portion should be ended similarly.
- The cassette will continue to run until the letter G is pressed. The space between your audio segments should be sufficient to allow time for the student to find and press the $\mathbf{G}$.


## Summary

This new combination of interactive programming and recorded audio seg. ments can be advantageous in many different applications. It works well in almost any type of formal or informal instructional program. The method can be used to list rules and conditions in game programs. Business programs, too, often contain a considerable amount of explanatory material.

The computer/audio technique is great for pointing out the major facts about a chart on the screen, adding sound effects, putting sound and printed words together in the study of phonics, sound and notes in music and so on.

Give the computer/audio program technique a try on your next project. You'll discover just how easy it is to multiply your memory.


by William Barden, Jr.

n the early 60's, I attended an assembly language class which used a Scientific Data Systems computer. One of my fellow students was asked to key in his version of a homework assignment from the control panel of the computer. The instructor then asked him if he was confident that the program would work. The student replied that it would work because the ERROR light on the control panel didn't come on as he entered the machine language program.
These days we are all more sophisticated about program debugging than that. Debugging however, remains just about as tedious and frustrating as it was then. In this column we'll take a look at the general technique of debugging assembly language programs, the debugging tools available and final testing of programs.

## Using T-BUG

T-BUG is Radio Shack's cassette-based debug package. It provides rudimentary debugging functions, but can be used effectively to debug programs of any length. T-BUG normally occupies RAM from location 4380 H to 497 FH . Many people have relocated T-BUG to different memory areas by disassembling T-BUG, observing which instructions were non-relocatable and changing addresses accordingly. This was mostly done early in the TRS-80 game when there was only T-BUG and Small Systems Software RSM-1 available for debugging.
T-BUG can be put onto disk by relocating it to upper memory (above 6FFFH) and using the DUMP command of TRSDOS to write it out as a CIM (core image module). You'll probably want to use the disk DEBUG package instead, and I'll continue to assume so in the following discussion.

Let's assume that you have T-BUG on cassette or disk and want to debug an assembly language program. First, get the object of your program and T-BUG into memory at the same time, by using the following procedure:

1 ORG your program at an area that does not conflict with T-BUG. Assemble it, check for errors, edit and reassemble if necessary and create an object tape on cassette.

2 Load the object tape you created by using the Level II monitor mode. Type

SYSTEM after the > prompt of Level II and then type NAME after the *? prompt of the monitor mode to load the object file. NAME is the name you used in assembling your program. If you did not use a name, NONAME is used as a dummy name.

3 Load T-BUG by typing TBUG after the -? prompt that follows a successful load of your object tape.

4 Type / ENTER after a successful load of T-BUG. You should now be in T-BUG as evidenced by a clearing of the left section of the screen and the \# prompt.

An alternative to this is to load T-BUG and use it to key in the machine language code for a program to an area of memory. This is useful if you find a listing in 80 Mi crocomputing or elsewhere and don't want the agony of entering and assembling the source code. Make certain that the location of the program doesn't conflict with the T-BUG area, and, that all the code is there. T-BUG shines at rapid entry of machine language bytes; you can enter them as fast as you can type!

## First Steps in Debugging

You've got your program and T-BUG in memory and are in T-BUG. Much of your debugging should have been done already! You should have gone through your listing several times in detail and "desk-checked". Assembly language programming is not interactive; if you find errors, you'll have to edit, reassemble, and reload, and you'd like to keep that to a minimum.

Table 1 lists the T-BUG commands available. Basically, all you can do is examine memory locations and register contents, set breakpoints, and read and write cassette tape files.

Is it possible to debug effectively with such a limited number of commands? From my experience with T-BUG, DEBUG (disk), RSM (Small Systems Software), Z-BUG (MicroSoft's EDTASM-PLUS Debug), and a number of minicomputer and large computer debug packages (half of which seem to be named so that their initials spell out "DDT"), I would have to say yes.

I would say that the time spent debug. ging a 1000 -line program with T-BUG vs. the time spent with the most powerful de-

| \#B aaaa | Set breakpoint at hex location aaaa |
| :--- | :--- |
| \#F | "Fix" previous breakpoint. Use after breakpoint. |
| \#G | Continue from breakpoint. |
| MS aaaa | Jump to hex location aaaa. |
| ML | Load a T-BUG or SYSTEM tape. |
| \#M aaaa | Display location aaaa. Enter new vahe if contents to be changed or simply |
|  | ENTER if OK. |
| \#P aaaa bbbb cocc NAME | Write casselte from aaaa through bbbb with starting address cocc and file |
|  | name NAME. |
| \#R | Display registers. |
| X (after M, J, B, P) | Exit operation. |

Table 1. T-BUG Commands
bugger would be no more than twice as long. One does not continually enter a stream of commands to the debug pack-age-there's a lot of head scratching going on in between. The exception to this might be MicroSoft's Z-BUG, where editing and reassembling can be done without reloading on an interactive basis, enabling efficient program development.
The procedure commonly used with any debug package is this: First, every programmer tries one run to see if by some miracle it works just as expected the first time. (It doesn't.)

Next, a search for gross errors is done. This is not a systematic procedure, since there will probably be bugs popping out at you on execution. Use the B command to set a (B)reakpoint and then execute a J(ump) to the start of your program. The breakpoint is exactly that-the program will be executed until the breakpointed instruction is reached and then T-BUG will be re-entered. This gives the user control so the program doesn't bomb. If a program hang-up occurs, the program and T-BUG will have to be reloaded, or it may be possible to RESET the CPU and restart T-BUG at location 43AOH (by SYSTEM and 17312).

T-BUG implements the breakpoint by putting a CALL 4380 H into the breakpoint location. This can have disastrous results (Fig. 1), where the 43 H wipes out a variable used earlier!

When the breakpoint is reached, variables, buffers, or other memory locations can be examined for proper contents by using the M(emory) command to display memory locations. The R(egister) command displays register contents. The M command can modify any location by typing in a new value in hex.

One of the failings of T-BUG is that registers must be modified by altering memory locations associated with them.

The F(ix) command restores the original values to the breakpointed location. After the breakpoint is fixed, a G(0) can be used to continue from the breakpoint after a new breakpoint is established.

## Binary Search for the Next Error

Debugging using T-BUG proceeds in this fashion: establishing one breakpoint at a time, reaching it, examining variables and buffers for proper results, and establishing a new breakpoint. The process evolves into a binary search for the next error-breakpoint halfway through, see if the breakpoint is reached. If not, establish one earlier, and so forth. This is not sophisticated debugging, but it works.

The P (unch) and L(oad) commands can be used to write and read in T-BUG cassette files. T-BUG files have a format identical to SYSTEM tapes produced by EDTASM. If you're working with a large assembly language program, it's convenient to patch and save the program on cas-

sette every so often. This way the patched program can be reloaded. Since T-BUG can be saved in the same tape file, a $P$ (unch) command can produce one enormous file including the patched program and T-BUG; this can then be reloaded with a single SYSTEM command.

## Patching

Patching is the process of deleting, modifying, or inserting machine code directly to the object or machine code in memory without reassembling. Here's an example: Suppose we want to add two instructions after PATCH in the program of Fig. 2. Obviously there's no room between the instructions (or little, anyway). The instructions are added to a patch area somewhere in memory and the code is modified as shown.

Here's a philosophical question-when should you patch and when should you reassemble? You should certainly patch if you are sharing a TRS-80 with 32 other programmers and you can't get on the machine to reassemble for six days. You should certainly not patch if you are using EDTASM-PLUS with in-memory assembly capability.

For all other conditions, you should patch whenever you find errors that can be corrected by modifying one instruction (such as changing the register in LD R1,R2), by deleting one or more instructions, or by inserting instructions. Reassemble whenever you have patches of more than a dozen or so.

To patch you must do some hand assembly of instructions. Another way to find the proper instruction configurations without manual assembly is to look through your listing to find identical or similar instructions for the patch. The patch area may be adjacent to the program, or it may be anywhere in RAM. If it is close to the program area, it is easier to include it in a P (unch) command.

## Using DEBUG

If you have a disk system the debug task is more convenient. DEBUG can be called off disk. It loads into the system utility area. If you are using the Apparat EDTASM, MISOSYS EDTASM, or the Radio Shack Disk Assembler, source files can be saved on disk and object files written to disk. The latter feature makes it easy to reload the machine code for debugging purposes. The sequence for loading the object and transferring control to DEBUG goes like this:

1 After TRSDOS DOS READY, prepare DEBUG by typing DEBUG. TRSDOS will come back with DOS READY again.

## THE ASSEMBIY LINE



| A | Display in ASCII. |
| :--- | :--- |
| C | Single step instructions, but execute CALL.s in full. |
| Daaaa (SPACE) | Display from hex location aaaa. |
| Gaaaa (Dbbb(,CCCC)) | Execute at location aaaa with optional breakpoints bbbb, cccc. |
| H | Display in hexadecimal. |
| I | Single step instructions. |
| Maaaa (SPACE) | Set modification address to aaaa and display data. |
| Rrp dddd (SPACE) | Load register pair with dddd. |
| S | Full screen display. |
| U | Set dynamic display update mode. |
| X | Cancel command, set display to register mode. |
| Increment memory display to next block. |  |
| - | Decrement memory display to last block. |

Table 2. DEBUG Commands

2 Load the object module output by Apparat, MISOSYS, or the RS disk assembler by LOAD NAME.

3 Hit BREAK to enter DEBUG.
The DEBUG commands are shown in Table 2. DEBUG permits the same operations as T-BUG, but displays a screen full of memory contents or a combination of memory and register contents. More than one breakpoint may be specified, which is a decided advantage as there is invariably more than one path through the program to be checked.

After each patch has been made, the patched core image can be written out to disk by performing a G402D, which reboots TRSDOS, and then doing a DUMP NAME (START = X'aaaa',END = X'bbbb', TRA $=X^{\prime}(c c c c$ '). Be sure to include the patch area in the area to be DUMPed. The DUMP will create a new NAME file or replace the old NAME file which can then be LOADed as before.

As with T-BUG, too many patches get confusing, and at some point it's best to do a new edit and reassembly.

DEBUG includes a command to singlestep instructions one at a time. Singlestep through Level II or TRSDOS routines to supplement information gleaned from disassemblies. Single-step can be also used to trace a path through your program to find out where a variable gets clobbered, or when an unexpected path is taken.

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The RSM-2 and RSM-2D packages contain commands to display and modify memory, to transfer control, and to breakpoint as in T-BUG and DEBUG. The packages also contain many other useful commands, such as FIND (search block for one byte), HUNT (search block for address value), MOVE (move one block to another), TEST MEMORY (random memory test), EXCHANGE (exchange two blocks of memory), ZERO (fill memory block with specified byte) and others.

The packages allow display of memory in ASCII or hex, printing of data to a parallel line printer (or to a serial printer through a serial interface), reading and writing SYSTEM tapes, reading and writing disk sectors (RSM-2D), and, for a grand finale, include a Z-80 disassembler for displaying code in mnemonics. When disassembling, none of the original comments from any code are printed!

## A Zbignew Z-BUG Package

I don't want to keep harping about certain products-but after all, even I have a price (roughly equivalent to a box of diskettes)...The Microsoft EDTASM-PLUS, however, really is a superlative package. (Alas, it is cassette and not disk based). It includes a beefed-up Editor, Macro Assembler, and most importantly, the ability to assemble directly in memory. The last feature allows the debug portion of EDTASM-PLUS to be used on an interactive basis with the Editor and Assembler. The object code of a program can be debugged, and an immediate edit and reassembly can be done without reloading.

Z-BUG includes most of the features mentioned above, including disassembly and single stepping. Its single, most powerful feature operates in conjunction with in-memory assembly-symbolic debugging.

When an assembly is performed, the machine code is automatically assembled in the next available (or user specified) section of memory. At the same time, the assembler symbol table is preserved. This symbol table can be referenced by Z-BUG to examine memory locations symbolically. For example, you can type "TABLEF", and Z-BUG will search the symbol table for the location of TABLE, and then display its contents. Data can also be input in symbolic form-a location could be modified to the value LOOP +5 , for example.

## Program Final Testing

The last step of the debugging process should be a comprehensive test of the final version of the program. A basic programming maxim is that programs never work the first time. Here's another: There is no final program!

Programs are released with bugs for two reasons. The first is in the nature of programs themselves. Programs are designed to provide generic solutions to many permutations of inputs and outputs. Not all permutations can be tested-there are simply too many possibilities. As a result, programmers pick representative inputs and outputs for testing. In the worst cases, a few runs are made through the program and the program is then pronounced "tested". In the best cases, a test plan is drawn up and the program is tested by a test driver. It's entirely possible that the final testing phase could take 25 percent of the total time spent developing the program! I'd like to recommend the programs of a company that does this comprehensive final testing, but they've unfortunately gone out of business...

Which leads us to the second reason there are bugs in final versions of TRSDOS, NEWDOS, VTOS, Level H BASIC, and just about every other program. As every programmer working in a commercial environment knows, there is always a great deal of pressure to finish a program so that it can be sold. This holds true in TRS-80 software companies as well.

We'll just have to live with the bugs, ferret them out, and hope that the companies correct them. Meanwhile, make it a goal to do some final testing of your assembly language programs. End of sermon.

## Still Another Model I Assembler

Roy Soltoff of MISOSYS sent me a copy of his MISOSYS Disk Mod. (I suspect he wanted me to use it, like it, and write about it in this column.)

The Disk Mod is a set of patches for RS EDTASM that converts it to a disk assembler with source and object file storage on disk. Other features I found handy were the ability to interface a serial printer, and page formatting. In short, this version of EDTASM contains all of the Apparat changes to EDTASM plus others. I've used this and I like it. (OK, Roy, you can send that box of diskettes).
Next month we'll have the results of the Third Assembly Line Programming Contest. (I'm getting the Amana ready for shipment to the winner now...

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## Printer Pagination

One of the less than desirable features of Radio Shack's Printer I with the roll paper is that there is no way to get page spacing when LLISTing a long program or printing a long calculation report. At least, there is nothing in the documentation to cover this.
Dr. Lien's "Learning BASIC II" tells us that the standard printer page length is 66 lines and that this quantity is stored at memory location 16424. Also, stored at location 16425 is the variable that tells the computer how many lines the printing head has moved away from the last top of form positioning. The command "LPRINT CHR\$(12)" moves the printing head to the next top of form and restores memory location 16425 to 0 to start recording the new page.

Try this little routine. Disk save a long program (more than 100 lines) in ASCIIsave "BUDGER/BAS", A. Now it can be read and inputted as a sequential file. Now run this little program:

10 CLEAR 500
20 OPEN" 1 ", 1 , "BUDGER/BAS"
30 FOR $N=1$ TO $N: ' N=Y O U R$ NUMBER OF LINES
40 IF PEEK $(16425)=50$ THEN LPRINTCHR $\$(12)$ ELSE 50 50 LINEINPUT\# 1, RS
60 LPRINT RS
70 NEXT N
80 CLOSE
90 LPRINT CHR\$(12)
There it is, your long printout is paginated and you can fold it or rip it into equal pages, side punch, and store in a binder. Many other things can be done with PEEK (16425)!

Richard Halloran San Francisco, CA

## Qwikdisk

In your article in the September issue called QWIKDISK, the 09H and 19 H numbers gives 12 ms step times not 10 ms . The 08 H and 18 H numbers also give only 12 ms not 5 ms step times.

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## by Fred Blechman

Probably the most annoying question aimed at computerists by non-computerists is, "OK, so what can you do with it?" Mark Sawusch addressed this question and came up with over 1000 answers!
Sawusch's 335 page book is an amazing collection of practical ideas and programs divided into 12 broad categories, and includes a glossary, appendix and index. Each category contains at least several, and as many as dozens of potential applications. A run through the chapter titles indicates the enormous scope of this book: Applications for Everyone, Business and Financial Applications, Technical and Scientific Applications, Educational Applications, Hobby Applications, Games and Recreational Applications, Control and Peripheral Applications, Artificial Intelligence and The Future Personal Computer, Utility Programs, Miscellaneous Applications and A Compendium of Additional Applications.
The four page glossary explains the meaning of common computer and programming terminology. The appendix covers financial formulas, gives addresses of 78 microcomputer manufacturers, contains a table of metric conversions and presents 11 flowcharting symbols.

All in all, this book is really overwhelming! Although it contains 75 actual programs (several running over four pages!), this book is not intended as a how-to book as much as a what-to-do book. More than

1000 ideas are offered, and covered in sufficient detail to provide a basis for a virtually unlimited number of spin-off ideas.

I was particularly impressed with the supporting information provided in many of the chapters. Simple formulas are used throughout, so you can easily develop your own programs by building on or altering the example programs provided. Diagrams, flowcharts and illustrations are sprinkled throughout. The type is large and easy to read and the program listings are in bold typeset-not hard to read reduced photocopies of matrix printing!

Although I couldn't find mention of the programming language anywhere in the text, it appears that all programs are Radio Shack TRS-80 Level II BASIC, with some programs designed for disk use. This means they can be adapted to the majority of microcomputers that use Microsoft BASIC. There are no machine language or assembly language programs included.

My criticisms of this book are in the programs and listings. Some programs are very long, yet no indication of memory re-
quirements are given. It appears that some would exceed 16 K , and sometimes a program that looks short uses extensive string or array space. I would like to see each program with a REM line indicating memory needed, and whether the program can be used without disk.

Also, because each of the programs has been typeset rather than photocopied from an actual listing, there are numerous typesetting errors. This, together with the fact that the author has made no attempt to explain the line by line operation of the programs, and has not listed the variables and their usage, makes this a book too advanced for beginners. While a beginner could certainly key in and RUN the programs, the main thrust of the book is to stimulate ideas for those already familiar with BASIC programming.

My hat is off to Mark Sawusch for the ef fort and imagination he used writing this extremely stimulating book. If you are into BASIC programming, you'll probably find enough ideas and examples here to keep you and your computer busy for 01100100 binary years!

## An Introduction to Computer Music Wayne Bateman <br> John Wiley \& Sons, Inc. <br> New York, NY <br> Hardcover, 314 pp. <br> \$24.95

## by Dennis Bathory Kitsz


omewhere, a mechanical voice sings "Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer true." Some time ago, an enthusiastic high school science teacher played us an experimental recording of that song, and, with half chuckle, half sigh, acclaimed it a portent of things to come.

A group of composers, with their ears tuned to the future, had developed musical techniques on early "monster" computers, and an unfamiliar, disquieting kind of "computer music" was born.

But those were the days when robots were imminent; George Orwell's 1984 was
hardly a decade old. The experiments in computer music conducted by Lejaren Hiller and others were viewed with a hostility interbred with fear.

## Renewed Interest

The appearance of An Introduction to Computer Music by Wayne Bateman heralds a renewed interest in the genre.

The real 1984 is now in sight. An Orwellian cataclysm seems nearly as quaint as the predictive fictions of Jules Verne and H. G. Wells.

Maxwell House coffee jingles have brought this musical electronic sound to the public. Robert Moog's "music synthesizer" has made his name as familiar as Kleenex. No amateur band was complete without one; computer music composers were forced to retreat to the safety of the universities.

The production of music generation peripherals for the TRS-80 and other person-
al computers demonstrates that many composers other than academics are now enthused about sound and music created with the aid of digital circuits.

Computer music is not merely electronic music, though, but rather a very versatile technique of composing and orchestrating sound and structure beyond that normally available to humans.
In general, electronic music is any sort of deliberate sound created or mutated by electronic means, issuing from a loudspeaker. In classical terms, electronic music can be divided into three overlapping areas:

- Concrete music: The original music is acoustic, meaning it is produced without electronic help. Then, that sound is transformed by electronic circuitry.
- Synthesized music: Many musicians object to this term, claiming that all music is real, not synthetic (in fact, I call my own synthesizer an "electronic music developer" to get away from that artificial music term). But the phrase can be generally defined as any music originated by electronic means and processed through traditional audio circuitry (oscillators, filters, reverberators).
- Computer music: This music is generated, manipulated and controlled by a computer. Normally, only the final presentation to the listener involves any analog (audio) circuitry.

Bateman's book deals exclusively with computer music. The book is neither academically thorough nor popular, occupying a dangerous middle ground in which Bateman is not entirely comfortable. Bateman is a lucid writer, but the topic is too big. Introduction leaves us confounded by detail.

The question of the computer's validity as a musical device is briefly discussed in the first chapter. Bateman believes in that validity, and presents the physical and mathematical fundamentals of its tones and their harmonics. Frequency spectra, additive and subtractive synthesis of complex tones, sampling intervals and phase relationships are presented. These topics are complex, but vital to computer composition, so Bateman includes a formidable but inevitable helping of mathematics.

Two unsatisfying chapters on computer operation and languages follow. (Bateman's machine has the unnerving habit of giving its accumulator a compliment, rather than complementing it.) These chapters present flow charts and theoretical programs in FORTRAN, Pascal and "English." BASIC program samples are in the appendix. The author does not tell what
machinery to use to test his theoretical programs, on the assumption that the hardware (but not the software!) might become outmoded. This leaves the reader unclear on how to "plug in" to the computer.

## Waveform Analysis

Successive topics include modulation (not musical, but sonic), dynamics and waveform analysis. The chapters contain a great number of graphs representing sonic events. The waveform analysis chapter is Bateman at his best, but even the experienced composer/programmer winces at the convoluted waveforms of oboe and clarinet, for which separate charts are presented for each of the first twenty-one partials!

Bateman describes the computer's synthesis of complex tones-sounds which cannot be created by sounding objects, but are the results of waveforms, manipulated and reformed, within the composer's mind.

He asserts that this changes the way a composer will create new works of art. "Here, the composer is in direct control of the timbral quality of all the sounds in the composition. Consequently, he or she must understand the fundamental constitution of these sounds and the principles governing the methods of their production. This is why extensive study of acoustics and waveform analysis must now take a prominent place in music theory as the electronic medium is brought into the art."

The text discusses recorded and natural sounds, proposing a difference in approach between the more common analog processing and the difficult but potentially more accurate and reproducible method of sound generation with a computer.

Finally comes the art: Scales and tonality are presented with a lucidity and depth of understanding surprising and gratifying. Obviously, Bateman is at home with contemporary Western music and its long history, and his tone and selected musical examples are both to the point and refreshing.

Bateman has included a probing discussion of the dilemmas of the computer in modern society, "Machines and Human Creativity." Bateman speaks of the personification of machines this way: "Anyone who programs a computer quickly becomes accustomed to its cold, mechanistic responses to every instruction, and to its banal incapability of humanistic interaction." Bravo for Bateman.

Introduction to Computer Music remains an unsatisfying work. It is because personal computer users are given no hint on how to begin the task of composition. Because it seems mathematically detailed, the book can be overwhelming. Also it assumes some knowledge of music theory, and is not directed to the growth of the extemporizing composerl performer. But, the book does present a topic returned from public banishment, and deserves the attention of composers and other musicians, as well as computer hobbyists.

## KEEPIT Version 2.0

## Dennis Bathory Kitsz

The Alternate Source (TAS)

## Lansing, MI

$\$ 9.95$

## by Jack Decker

any folks have purchased the TRS- 80 Model I in expectation of using it for serious applications only to discover the limitations of the cassette-based system. For those unable to justify the added expense of moving up to disk operation, there is now available a very underrated program that could make serious applications on the Model I a whole lot easier.
Written by Dennis Kitsz (a name that should be familiar to 80 Microcomputing readers), KEEPIT is a utility program that packs a lot of power into less than 1 K of machine code.

## Several Features

KEEPIT has several features. First is the inclusion of the KBEEPFIX routine which initially appeared in 80 Microcomputing (February, 1980, pages 14 and 15, also see the update which appeared in the column on pages eight and nine in April, 1980). This routine provides keyboard debounce, automatic character repeat (after a short delay) when a key is held depressed, and an audible beep at the cassette output port each time a keystroke is entered.
Useful as that may be, the next feature


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is the real workhorse of the program because it allows BASIC programs to be saved in the middle of a RUN with all its variables intact.

Here's how it works: At whatever point you want to save your program, you press BREAK. Set up a cassette to record the program, then type the command:

## -SAVERUN" ${ }^{-P R O G R M}$

(The asterisk is the cue for the KEEPIT program to take over from BASIC and interpret the following commands.) "PROGRM" may be replaced by any file name of up to six characters.

When you want to retrieve your program, hit ENTER for the MEMORY SIZE?, and ready the cassette recorder. Enter SYSTEM, then enter the file name. The
tape will load, and the program will reap pear exactly the way you saved it.

What happens is: The BASIC program is re-loaded, along with all variables, systems pointers, the KEEPIT program itself; even the video display is restored just as it was. Only "free space" (memory not used during execution of the program) will not be affected. You simply CONTinue your BASIC program right where you left off!

Such a feature can be used to debug new programs by saving a program at various points throughout a run, thus allowing you to go back and reconstruct what was happening in the logic flow of the program just before the crash. "Epic" game players will find it handy to be able to save a game in progress and return to it at their convenience. (KEEPIT does louse up the

## Disk*Mod

MISOSYS
Alexandria, VA
$\$ 20$

## by Buzz Gorsky

When I recently acquired my disk system, I began looking for a utility that would make my Radio Shack Editorl Assembler more useful. I had lots of assembly language programs on tape, many of which required editing to make the machine code compatible with the disk system. The thought of having to enter them again into a disk-based system such as Radio Shack's \$99 disk EDTASM package was not appealing. When I saw an ad for the MISOSYS Disk*Mod program, I decided to give it a try.

## Easy Data I/O

The tape came promptly, with readable instructions and answers to some questions I had submitted with my order. These questions would have been answered in the instructions, but the MISOSYS folks wrote out the answers anyway.

I had some trouble loading the tape; I tried to load it with SYSTEM in Disk BASIC and it wouldn't load. I assumed that DISKMOD was the program's identifier, but a little reading showed that it loads as DSKMOD. Once I got it loaded, it always produced disk errors during execution. I put the program on disk with TAPEDISK, as suggested in the MISOSYS directions. When the program ran from disk, it worked fine, picking up my copy of the EDTASM and putting it on disk.

Since l've had the program on disk, l've enjoyed using it very much. It permits easy input and output of data (assembly text or object code) to either tape or disk.

Disk*Mod provides prompts where filespecs are required. Anyone familiar with EDTASM will find this easy to use.

There are some nice additions to these features. While in the program, you can get a disk directory which shows the memory usage of each disk file, and you can kill files on the disk. You can see how much memory the current program is using, as well as how much text buffer is left. When you exit the program, you can go to DOS automatically, or you can specify any destination address.

## Debugging

When reentering the program, you can enter a hex address to protect an area in high memory where there might be a printer driver or other program.

By entering a 0 you can get back into the program, without destroying what was in the buffer when the program was exited, as long as other operations did not overwrite the buffer area while out of the program. This feature makes debugging nearly painless, since you can save source and object codes on disk: Exit, use DEBUG and come back. If when working with the program DEBUG did not overwrite the buffer, you're back in business. If the buffer was ruined, it can be emptied and the saved program entered from disk. Tape users will find this quite different from the sequence required for debugging with a tape-based system.

I found only one problem with the adapted program. It doesn't handle some assembly text errors well. When I had a statement that wasn't in correct format, that line and the next several lines printed erratically and illegibly, but the error wasn't pointed out. If the print during assembly starts to look strange, look for errors and you can fix the program and the print at the same time.
current screen display a bit, however this may not be applicable to all games.)

I think its most practical application will be to maintain data in array variables within the BASIC program, and output it to tape along with the program.

As an example of the latter, consider a short program to save ten names and phone numbers to be displayed later on the video. A simple save program might look like this:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 10 \text { FOR } X=1 \text { TO } 10 \\
& 20 \text { INPUT NS,PS } \\
& 30 \text { PRINT }-1, \text { NS,PS } \\
& 40 \text { NEXT }
\end{aligned}
$$

Later on, when you want to read the data, you can use this program:

```
1 0 \text { CLS: FOR X = 1 TO 10}
20 INPUT #-1,NS.PS
30 PRINT NS.P$
4 0 ~ N E X T ~
```

Or, using KEEPIT you can do this:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 10 \text { FOR } \mathrm{X}=1 \text { TO } 10 \\
& 20 \text { INPUT NS( } \mathrm{X}), \mathrm{PS}(\mathrm{X}) \\
& 30 \text { NEXT } \\
& 40 \mathrm{CLS} \text { STOP } \\
& 50 \text { CLS: FOR } \mathrm{X}=1 \text { TO } 10 \\
& 60 \text { PRINT NS }(\mathrm{X}) \text {,PS }(\mathrm{X}) \\
& 70 \text { NEXT }
\end{aligned}
$$

When the program stops at line 40 (after all entries have been made), you could type:

## "SAVERUN"PHONE"

Later you can load "PHONE" as a SYS. TEM tape and CONTinue. Notice that this saves you the trouble of loading the program and the data in separate segments, and it saves you the time required to execute several PRINT \#-1 and INPUT \#-1 statements. When large amounts of data are involved, this can be a real time-saver.


## Execute from Within

You may be wondering if you can execute the "SAVE/RUN command from within the program. It is possible, but it will be the last statement executed in the program, and you must use caution. If you replace the STOP in line 40 of the above program with "SAVE/RUN"PHONE", as long as the recorder has been properly preset to record, the program will record on tape just as if the statement had been typed from the keyboard. However, you will be unable to CONTinue the program. GOTO 50 will work OK (don't RUN 50 as that would clear the variables!). Another point to note is that in certain circumstances a colon may be required before the asterisk, for example, the statement:

IF $\mathrm{X}=10$ THEN 'SAVE/RUN"PROGRM"
will generate a syntax error, but:

IF $\mathrm{X}=10$ THEN : $\cdot$ SAVE/RUN"PROGRM"
will work just fine.
Another feature of KEEPIT is the machine code monitor. Typing:

## "OPEN"NNNN"

where NNNN is replaced by an address in hexadecimal, displays 16 bytes of memory beginning with the specified address. The bytes are displayed in hex with their associated ASCII characters displayed on the next line.

Typing a two-digit hex code will change the leftmost byte of the series; the entire series is then incremented by one. The series of 16 bytes can be incremented or decremented one byte at a time, without changing any bytes, by holding down the left or right arrow keys. You can move 16 bytes at a time by using the up or down arrow keys. Lest you get confused, the address of the leftmost byte of the series will always be displayed in the upper left-hand corner of the video display.

Once you have typed a machine language program using the monitor, you may BREAK and save it to tape by using the command:
"SAVE/OPEN "PROGRM,NNNN,NNNN,NNNN"
where PROGRM is replaced by the program file name and the NNNN's are replaced by the start, end and entry points of the block of machine code to be saved. The resulting tape can be loaded under the SYSTEM command.

The final command, *NEW, restores a

BASIC program that has been wiped out accidentally by typing NEW.

KEEPIT is supplied on cassette with both the SYSTEM (object) program and the editor-assembler format source code. This is not the usual case with programs of this type but should be encouraged, since it makes user modification of the program much easier, and also makes it possible to relocate the program anywhere in memory. (KEEPIT is normally supplied with $4 \mathrm{~K}, 16 \mathrm{~K}, 32 \mathrm{~K}$, and 48 K versions on the tape-these will load at the top of available memory.)

I was unhappy with the delay loop for
the KBEEPFIX routine auto-repeat feature. I tend to leave my fingers resting on the keys, which resulted in unwanted repeats of the last key depressed. With the source code provided, I was able to lengthen the delay to an amount of time more to my liking.

KEEPIT is compatible with other spe-cial-command routines (such as the Exatron Stringy-Floppy routines). If you don't have a disk system, KEEPIT may prove to be one of the most useful utilities you own, especially if you use it to eliminate some of those time-consuming PRINT \# - 1 and INPUT \# - 1 statements.

## ISAR (Information Storage and Retrieval) The Alternate Source (TAS) Lansing MI <br> S17 on disk

by R. Louis Zeppa

5or my out-of-print book business I needed an inexpensive method that would help me create book lists. Compiling catalogs by hand and typewriter is slow and prone to error. By this method books are listed on $3 \times 5$ cards, sorted, and then the list is typed-a minimum of three steps for each book. Catalogs of 200 to 300 books have taken up to a month to prepare.
With ISAR, I completed two separate $500+$ entry catalogs in three days each. First I entered the book citations directly and then let the computer sort and type the catalogs.

ISAR is made up of modules, of which there are ten. Module 1 is the driver or menu module. The basic ISAR includes six more modules: create a file (2), add records (3), change or delete records (4), sort (5), screen scan or search (6), and format hardcopy reports (7). All processing focuses through module 1 , that is, you cannot add records and then jump directly to change records. The file name must be entered each time you pass through module 1 , thus it is possible to enter the file name more times than is reasonably necessary.

ISAR does have some problems. It cannot add, delete, or modify entries during the same pass through a file. ISAR's sort is frustrating because its printout formats entries but not pages.

Taken singly, none of these is a major deficiency. However, these little quirks can be irritating. For example, you must make two passes through a file to delete and change records. This is because it is
the same module and after, for example, deleting, instead of bouncing back to ask if you want to change some records in the same file, ISAR asks if there is another file you wish to delete items from.

Another limitation is that ISAR won't do a multiple field sort. Yet with proper coding and planning it can be simulated. For example, sorting a mail list first by name and then by zip code will produce a list sorted alphabetically by name within each zip code.

There is yet another shortcoming with ISAR-it has an in-memory sort. A file with many records will overwhelm memory if the field being sorted is longer than 18 characters. Although the sort is fast, a slower disk sort would be more flexible.

When reports are formatted for hardcopy, you must sort out deleted items or they show up as skipped lines in the printout. There are more hardcopy problems, but space must cut this critical list short.

You must bend, beat, and squeeze your work into ISAR's limitations. If the manual was accurate and referred to specific lines in the modules, ISAR could be relatively easily modified to suit your own needs. It would still be limited, however.

TAS is committed to improving ISAR with new modules. Extensions to ISAR which are set up in the same way as the add-change-delete functions will continue to hinder its easy usefulness.

For the occasional user who won't do a lot of file manipulation, ISAR will be very useful, at a good price and, to be fair, ISAR is not advertised as a solution to business or bibliographic problems. It was "originally designed to provide personal users with a low cost data management system." As critical as I am, it has proven valuable, but for large and potentially complicated files, ISAR is too difficult. In this case, my advice would be: Spend more money for a more flexible program.


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## The Circuit

The principle of the hardware is simple: it merely provides a kind of "window" to a single location in RAM. The location we will be spying on is 4FFF hex ( 20479 decimal). Z3, Z4, and Z5 create a signal which is activated only when we write to location 4FFF (20479 decimal). See Fig. 1.

Z3 decodes the FF byte of the address.


Photo 1. The complete Earie circuit as constructed on a 2 by $21 / 2$-inch piece of perfboard.

Z5a-c and Z4 decode the 4F byte and combine it with the computer's "write" signal. Z5d NORs the resulting signals together to produce a single pulse defining "write to 4FFF." (See Table 1.)
Z1 acts as an electronic dam and reservoir: Data from the computer continuously wells up against $Z 1$ 's input. But the data is permitted to flow into the output, where it is preserved, only when a pulse opens its electronics sluiceway. Unlike circuits where the output status is determined by the stable level of a trigger signal, the 74LS374 lets input flow to output only when the trigger (CLK) signal is changing from zero to one. That is, it is edge trig. gered rather than level triggered.

The CLK signal for $\mathbf{Z 1}$ is the output of

To decode "write to address 4 FFF", convert the address to binary, and identify the address lines associated
with each bit:
$\begin{array}{llllllllllllll}\text { Hex Value: }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllllllll}\text { Bit: }\end{array}$

Address Line: high (1), the output of the NAND gate will be zero.
Step 2. Feed address lines 12 and 13 into a NOR gate. When these swing low, the NOR gate goes high. Step 3. Feed address line 15 into both inputs of a NOR gate. When this line goes low, the NOR gate goes high.

Step 4. Feed the WRITE signal, which is active low, to both inputs of a NOR gate. When the signal is active the NOR gate goes high.

Step 5. Feed the outputs of the above three NOR gates, which will be high when they form the values needed, into three inputs of an eight-input NAND gate.

Step 6. Feed the remaining address lines ( $8,9,10,11$, and 14) to the other five inputs of the eight-input NAND gate. When these lines go high together with the lines from Step 5 , the output of the gate will be low Step 7. Connect the outputs of both eight-input NAND gates to a NOR gate. When both NAND outputs are active (they will be low), the NOR gate goes high. Only when the address 4FFF appears simultaneous with a WRITE signal will this combined signal go high.

Table 1

Z5d, "write to 4FFF." So when we write to memory location 4FFF, whatever data is being placed in that memory address will also be brought to the output of $\mathbf{Z 1}$.

Finally, Z2 contains four separate threestate buffers. A buffer is merely a device which allows a signal to pass through it, unchanged, in one direction. The threestate quality is an important one for computers, because dozens of separate circuit outputs are connected to the same set of wires. Confused signals and damaging short-circuits must be prevented. Thus, not only can some devices output a high signal (1) or low signal (0), but they can also turn invisible when they are not needed. This is the important third state.

This three-state buffer Z2, though, is not part of any complicated data or address bus-its outputs only go to some resistors. Why the third state? It allows us to turn the sound off during a rest; the reasons will become clearer when we take a look at the software.

A few resistors complete the circuit, blending the four outputs into two, as well as offering the outputs of $\mathrm{Z2}$ a bit of protection against casual cable connecting. The discrete channels can be used for those with quadriphonic systems.

The Earie is very simple to build, and can be completed in an evening. Remember to use a regulated five-volt power supply. A good experimenter's supply is sold by Jameco Electronics ( 1021 Howard Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070, (415) 592-8097) for $\$ 14.95$, although a simpler source, such as that shown in Fig. 2, is adequate for the sound circuit.

Any type of wiring can be used, be-


Figure 2. Power source for the sound circuit; any regulated five-volt source is adequate.
cause in this circuit, neatness is a matter of aesthetics rather than necessity. For those new to digital hardware, I particularly recommend the wire-wrapping method as a contribution to sanity; errors in wiring can merely be unwrapped.

Photo 1 shows the completed circuit, which fits on a small 2 by $21 / 2$-inch perfboard. The "header" connector on the card's edge is a useful, money-saving substitute for expensive 40 -wire cables (which are clumsy to strip and solder to circuit boards). Instead, this connector mates
with a cable whose far end plugs into the TRS-80 expansion connector. The cable and a pair of headers can be obtained from Digi-Key Corp., P.O. Box 677, Highway 32 South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, (800) 346-5144. The cable, which can be used for many projects, costs $\$ 11.95$; a pair of headers is $\$ 3.49$.

## Making Sound with Software

The production of interesting sound and music with microcomputers is a considerable challenge. December Kilobaud

Microcomputing features more than a half-dozen ways to create music. Some of the newer integrated circuits described can produce three-voice music, but the programming can be complicated.

The way the Earie creates sound is by listening to the activities taking place in memory location 4FFF. In fact the sound is no more than the pattern of changing electrical impulses of various bits being stored in that memory address!

By carefully considering computer timing, we can turn individual bits of that memory address off and on often enough to produce a square wave. There is only one serious problem: time. BASIC is much too unwieldly to use for producing multivoice sound waves because even its simplest instructions take a large fraction of a second to execute. A simple loop like

10 FOR $X=0$ TO 255 : POKE 20480,X : NEXT
takes two full seconds to complete. There's not much monophonic music in


Figure 1. Complete diagram of the simple circuit. The total cost of parts, including cable, is under $\$ 20$.

the frequency range under 200 Hz (cycles per second); trying to use four voices by this method would result in little more than head-pounding sonic thuds.

The answer is, in part, machine language. Look at Program Listing 1; the program begins at 4F60 (decimal 20320). Pitches and rhythms will be stored in a music array beginning at $5000 \mathrm{H}(20480)$, so index register IX is set to that value. Since the circuit is mapped to location 4FFF, the BC register is set to that value.

Microprocessor registers are specialized memory locations inside the chip itself. For reasons of speed this program makes use of many of the registers available in the $\mathbf{Z - 8 0}$. To understand why, it's necessary to know how microprocessors work. Certainly they are calculators, but by comparison with the arithmetic powers of chips inside a hand-held scientific calculator, microprocessors are pipsqueaks.

Instead, microprocessors are fast, flexible, general-purpose, switching tools. In response to a combination of binary digits, the thousands of internal gates of the chip will quickly make one of several hundred responses. Simple internal actions can be done quickly; lengthier ones involving reading from, or writing to, memory take more time.
The time it takes a microprocessor to perform any function, then, is dependent on three things: the nature of the instruction, the length of the instruction, and the speed of the computer's master clock. The faster the clock is, the faster the instruction will be completed-at least up to the point at which the circuit components fail to switch on or off fast enough to be reliable.
If we limit the instructions to those that operate on-board the microprocessor chip, we gain speed. But the $\mathbf{Z}-80$ processor is an odd sort of device. It was once described as "an 8080 with wings", because the 8080 had just a few registers and limited vocabulary. If the $\mathbf{Z}-80$ was a true upgrade of the 8080 , it would be able to execute all the instructions the 8080 could, and more.

This brings us back to the byte. The byte? What? Sure-because the largest number represented by a byte is 11111111 , or decimal 255. That limits the number of one-byte processor instructions, obviously, to 255 . In order to be a really nifty upgrade, the $\mathbf{Z - 8 0}$ had to do a lot more than the 8080 . So its designers took a few unused instruction bytes (called operation codes, or "op codes"), and used them as pointers to a second instruction byte. Specifically, bytes CB, DD, ED, and FE tell the processor that another byte follows; the combination of the two define a brand


new instruction. This gives the $\mathbf{Z - 8 0}$ upwards of 500 new commands.
The sacrifice, of course, is time. In order to determine the second byte of the instruction, the processor must dutifully "fetch" it from memory.

Fast, on-board Z-80 instructions use the $A, B, C, D, E, H$ and $L$ registers, singly or in pairs. The alternate set of registers ( $A^{\prime}, B^{\prime}$, $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}, \mathrm{D}^{\prime}, \mathrm{E}^{\prime}, \mathrm{H}^{\prime}$, and $\mathrm{L}^{\prime}$ ) operate at the same speed. The longer instructions involve, unfortunately, the very flexible IX and IY registers.
The IX and IY registers are "index registers." This means that, when we set IX equal to 5000 (as in line 160 of Program

Listing 1), we can operate not only at memory address 5000 , but within a half byte's distance in either direction. HL+1, $D E+6$, or $\mathrm{BC}-28$ have no meaning to the microprocessor, but $\mathrm{IX}+1$ does, and as such it permits more versatile dealings with any block of data.

Let's go back to the listing, at the beginning of the "outer loop." Since we always want BC to identify the circuit port (4FFF), we will exchange registers, saving this information and moving to the alternate set to define $\mathrm{B}^{\prime} \mathrm{C}^{\prime}$. They take the values stored at IX +1 (5001), which will become the total duration of a given note. The registers are then swapped back.

The H registers is the pitch value for voice \#1, the L register defines voice \#2, D is voice \#3, and $E$ is voice \#4. Each register obtains its value from an array identified by IX +2 (5002) through IX $+5(5005)$.
When discussing the hardware, the purpose of $\mathbf{Z 2}$ was in question. Lines 370 and 550 provide the answer. The accumulator retrieves whatever value is stored in BC (i.e., at location 4FFF). In the circuit (Fig. 1), four bits are reserved to turn on or off each of the buffers in Z2. By "masking" the value in A with OF hex (00001111), the four bits farthest to the right are forced low, and the other pitch bits remain unmolested.

Zero is the value used for a rest. Thus, the combination INC H and DEC H leaves the value in the $H$ register intact, yet setting the Z 80's zero flag.

If the value in H (and later in $\mathrm{L}, \mathrm{D}$, and E ) is zero, then the appropriate bit in $A$ is set high; if the value in H is not zero, the bit is left alone (remember all the $\mathrm{Z2}$ control bits were set low in line 380). A low bit turns on $\mathrm{Z2}$; a high bit turns it off.

Once the voices have been marked on or off as dictated by the values stored in memory, the byte is written to 4FFF in line 550. Recall that "write to 4FFF" is the hardware signal to action, and the circuit responds by mirroring the value written to memory. The circuit now knows which voices to sound and which to silence. The assigned voice will not change until the next trip through this outer loop.

## Facing the Music

Finally the real work begins as the program enters the inner loop. The contents of the BC register (which still points to 4FFF) are retrieved. Four identical routines follow.

There are some important numbers in the comment column (following the semicolons) on each line. These count the number of clock periods (called " $T$-States") required to execute each instruction. An accurate count of these is critical in music.

Each of the pitch registers is decremented until it reaches zero. In the accumulator, the bit representing that voice is then toggled from its present state to its complement (lines 720, 850, 980 and 1110). If the bit was a one, it is changed to zero, and vice versa. The pitch code is then restored by rereading the note value pointed to by the register IX (lines 730, 860, 990 and 1120).

There is some interesting code that is required before a pitch value reaches zero. Examine lines 750, 760 and 770 . These in structions do nothing but waste an amount of time equivalent to the time it

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Figure 3. An excerpt from the score translated into data statements in Listing 2, (a) as written in standard music notation, and (b) as transcribed for use with the 4FFF sound circuit.


Figure 4. Useful pitches that can be derived by the program in Listing 1. The pitches shown, which are only approximate, are for a TRS-80 with a 50 percent speed up modification installed. Pitches sound a tritone below on an unmodified unit.

## VOICE I

REGISTER
$\mathrm{H}=1$
VOICE 2
REGISTER
L. 5
voice 3
REGISTER 0. 6

VOICE 4
REGISTER
E=3
hex
value in
RIGHTMOST
BITS OF


Figure 5. Idealized waveforms present at the output of the circuit, representing the changes to the four high bits in memory location 4FFF.
would take to toggle a bit in the accumulator, restore the original pitch value, and move on. The reason for this is subtle: If we take more time when changing the waveform than when leaving it alone, then a higher frequency (because it toggles more often) will take more aggregate time than a lower frequency. Hence, it will lengthen the loop as a whole, and lower the simultaneous pitches in the chord!

When all the testing has been completed for four voices, the result (in line 1220) is written to 4FFF. Thus, whatever waveform differences might have occurred are now transferred to both memory location 4FFF and to the circuit. (See Fig. 5.)

In lines 1230 to 1280, the note duration value is retrieved from the alternate BC register pair, and the loop is repeated until the note is complete. When the note is finished, the index register is moved six places forward to the next block of notes and durations (lines 1370 and 1380).

A duration of zero gives the cue to end the music (lines 1440-1460); if the BREAK key is depressed (lines 1470-1500), the piece also concludes.

The program in Program Listing 2 converts a familiar tune to values which can be read by the assembly language program. Connect the Earie, powerup the TRS-80, set MEMORY SIZE to 20320, and CLOAD the BASIC program. There is just enough room to squeeze it in, but you must CLEARO before running it. Its only job is to read the pitch values for the individual voices and durations and POKE them in place starting at 20480 ( 5000 hex). The starting address is also put in place. Load the SYSTEM music subroutines,

| Integer | Result | Integer | Result |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 160 | 44.970 | 40 | 179.878 |
| 152 | 47.336 | 38 | 189.345 |
| 144 | 49.966 | 36 | 199.864 |
| 136 | 52.905 | 34 | 211.621 |
| 128 | 56.212 | 32 | 224.848 |
| 114 | 63.115 | 28 | 256.969 |
| 108 | 66.622 | 27 | 266.486 |
| 104 | 69.184 | 26 | 276.735 |
| 96 | 74.949 | 24 | 299.797 |
| 90 | 79.946 | 22 | 327.051 |
| 84 | 85.656 | 21 | 342.625 |
| 80 | 89.939 | 20 | 359.756 |
| 76 | 94.673 | 19 | 378.691 |
| 72 | 99.932 | 18 | 399.729 |
| 68 | 105.811 | 17 | 423.242 |
| 64 | 112.424 | 16 | 449.695 |
| 60 | 119.919 | 15 | 479.675 |
| 57 | 126.230 | 14 | 513.937 |
| 54 | 133243 | 13 | 553.471 |
| 52 | 138.368 | 12 | 599.593 |
| 48 | 149.898 | 11 | 654.102 |
| 44 | 163.525 | 10 | 719.512 |
| 42 | 171.312 | 9 | 799.458 |
| Table 2 |  |  |  |

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100}Q=2048
113 FOR X = O+2 TO 22803 STEP6
120 READ A : IF A=255 THEN 380
130 POKE X,A : NEXT
140 DATA 0,B,O
150 DATMA,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
160 DATA0,0,0,0,0,0,24,0
17@ DATA24,Q,16,8,16,0,18,0
180 DATA29,0,21,8,24,8,27,0
190 DATA24,0,21,9,20,0,18,0
20日 DATA16,16,16,16,16,24,0
210 DATA24,24,16,8,16,16,18,8
220 DATA20,0,21,0,24,0,27
220 DATA20,0,21,0,24,0,27
230 DATA24,24,21,21,20,20,1
246 DATA16,16,16,16,
258 DATA15,18,16,15
260 DATA13,12,16,16,
270 DATA20,24,21,20
280 DATA18,18,20,18
29g DATA16,16,16,16,15,15,16,16
log DATA16,16,18,18,20,20,21,21
320 DATA18,18,18,29,18
33% DATA16,16,15,15,13,13,12,12
340 DATA16,18,29,21
350 DATA24,24,24,24,24,24
360 DATA 24,24,24,24,24
37g DATA24,24,24,0,255
380 REM * VOICE B
390 POR X = Q+3 TO 220@0 STEP6
40日 READ B : IF B=255 THEN 660
410 POKE X,B : NEXT
410 POKE X,B :
430 DATA , 0,0,0,32,0,0,0,0
430 DATA9,0,0,0,32,0,0,0,0
440 DATAA , B,0,0,32,0,0,0
4 6 0 \text { DATA 32, B, 0, B, 24,B,8,8}
4 7 9 \text { DATA 32,0,0,g,24,0,0,0}
480 DATA 28,21,20,24,21,24,0
498 DATA 32,32,0,0,24,24,0,0
500 DATA32,0,0,0,24,0,0
510 DATA 32,30,27,24,21,24,21,21
528 DATA28,21,29,24,21,21
530 DATA24,0,27,0
540 DATA32,0,40,20,21
550 DATA24,30,27,27
560 DATA 28,28,27,39
570 DATA 32,32,32,32,24,0,24,0
580 DATA20,29,21,21,24,24,26,26
590 DATA 32,32,32,32,32,0,32,32
590 DATA32,32,32,32,
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618 DATA32,32,32,36,27,27,27,28
628 DATA 26,24,28,26
630 DATA24,27,30,32,30,36
649 DATA 32,32,32,32,32
650 DATA 32,32,32,255
660 REM * VOICE
670 FOR X = Q+4 TO 22090 STEP6
680 READ C : IF C=255 THEN 940
698 POKE X,C : NEXT
798 DATAg,0,0
710 DATA0,0,0,0,40,0,0,0,0
720 DATAB,0,0,0,40,0,0,8
720 DATA, ,0,0,0,40,0,0,0
740 DATA40,36,32,0,40,8,0,0
75@ DATA40,36,32,8,40,B,B,8
760 DATA27,27,27,27,27,8,8
770 DATA40,36,32,8,49,0,8,0
780 DATA40,36,32,0,40,0,0
790 DATA4E,36,32,36,32,36,40,30
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890 DATA27,27,27,27,27,0
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890 DATA27,27,27,27,27,0
890 DATA27,27,27,27,27 (
890 DATA27,27,27,27,27 (
810 DATA 36, 36,54,54
810 DATA 36, 36,54,54
828 DATA42,42,64,64,6
828 DATA42,42,64,64,6
830 DATA48,48,42,38
830 DATA48,48,42,38
840 DATA 36,36,32,42
840 DATA 36,36,32,42
850 DATA 40,49,40,40,40,40,0,0
850 DATA 40,49,40,40,40,40,0,0
868 DATA40,36,32,0,40,0,0,0
868 DATA40,36,32,0,40,0,0,0
878 DATA40,36,32,0,40,36,40,42
878 DATA40,36,32,0,40,36,40,42
888 DATA48,48,48,8,8
888 DATA48,48,48,8,8
890 DATA40,36,32,0,40,36,48,0
890 DATA40,36,32,0,40,36,48,0
990 DATA42,42,42,42
990 DATA42,42,42,42
910 DATA 40,40,40,40,40,40
910 DATA 40,40,40,40,40,40
920 DATA40,40,40,40,40
920 DATA40,40,40,40,40
930 DATA4@,40,40,255
930 DATA4@,40,40,255
940 REM * VOICE D
940 REM * VOICE D
950 FOR X = Q+5 TO 22000 STEP6
950 FOR X = Q+5 TO 22000 STEP6
950 FOR X = Q+5 TO 22009 STEP6
950 FOR X = Q+5 TO 22009 STEP6
960 READ D : IF D=255 THEN 1220
960 READ D : IF D=255 THEN 1220
970 POKE X,D : NEXT
970 POKE X,D : NEXT
980 DATA64,60,54
980 DATA64,60,54
980 DATA64,60,54}990\mathrm{ DATA48, 0,64,0,64,0,64,60,54
980 DATA64,60,54}990\mathrm{ DATA48, 0,64,0,64,0,64,60,54
10日g DATA48,8,64,0,64,0,64,0
10日g DATA48,8,64,0,64,0,64,0
1010 DATA96,0,64,8,64,8,60,8
1010 DATA96,0,64,8,64,8,60,8
1020 DATA96,0,64,0,64,0,84,0
1020 DATA96,0,64,0,64,0,84,0
193B DATA96,0,64,0,64,0,84,8
193B DATA96,0,64,0,64,0,84,8
1949 DATA64,64,64,64,64,64,0
1949 DATA64,64,64,64,64,64,0
le58 DATA96,8,64,0,64,0,68,6
le58 DATA96,8,64,0,64,0,68,6
1060 DATA96,B,64,0,64,0,84
1060 DATA96,B,64,0,64,0,84
107! DATA48,48,54,54,60,60,72,72
107! DATA48,48,54,54,60,60,72,72
1080 DATA64,64,64,64,64,64
1080 DATA64,64,64,64,64,64
1890 DATA72,72,80,80
1890 DATA72,72,80,80
1100 DATA84,84,96,96,96
1100 DATA84,84,96,96,96
1100 DATA84,84,96,96,96
1100 DATA84,84,96,96,96
1110 DATA96,96,108,96
1110 DATA96,96,108,96
1128 DATA144,72,54,54
1128 DATA144,72,54,54
1130 DATA88,0,54,0,54,0,80,0
1130 DATA88,0,54,0,54,0,80,0
1140 DATA96,0,60,0,64,0,128,0
1140 DATA96,0,60,0,64,0,128,0
1140 DATA96,0,60,0,64,8,128,8
1140 DATA96,0,60,0,64,8,128,8
1150 DATA96,96,96,0,80,80,80,8
1150 DATA96,96,96,0,80,80,80,8
116% DATA68,64,72,80,84
116% DATA68,64,72,80,84
1170 DATAG96,96,69,64,68,64,72,72
1170 DATAG96,96,69,64,68,64,72,72
1180 DATA64,64,128,128
1180 DATA64,64,128,128
1190 DATA96,96,96,96,96,96,96
1190 DATA96,96,96,96,96,96,96
1200 DATAQ,64,60,54
1200 DATAQ,64,60,54
1210 DATA48,64,96,255
1210 DATA48,64,96,255
1210 DATA48,64,96,2
1210 DATA48,64,96,2
1230 POR }x=Q TO 22000 STEP6
1230 POR }x=Q TO 22000 STEP6
1240 READ E : IF E=255 THEN 1490
1240 READ E : IF E=255 THEN 1490
1250 POKE X,R,POKE X+1,109 : NEX'
1250 POKE X,R,POKE X+1,109 : NEX'
1260 DATA3,3,3
1260 DATA3,3,3
1 2 7 0 DATA 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4,3,3,3
1 2 7 0 DATA 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4,3,3,3
1270 DATA 4, 4,4,4,4,4,3,3,
1270 DATA 4, 4,4,4,4,4,3,3,
1280 DATTA 4, 4, 4,4,4,4,4,4
1280 DATTA 4, 4, 4,4,4,4,4,4
1290 DATA4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4
1290 DATA4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4
1308 DATA4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4
1308 DATA4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4
1308 DATA4, 4,4,4,4,4,4,4
1308 DATA4, 4,4,4,4,4,4,4
131g DATA4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4
131g DATA4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4
1320 DATA 4, 4, 4, 4,8,4,4
1320 DATA 4, 4, 4, 4,8,4,4
1338 DATA 4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4
1338 DATA 4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4
1348 DATA4,4,4,4,4,4,8
1348 DATA4,4,4,4,4,4,8
1348 DATA4, 4,4,4,4,4,8
1348 DATA4, 4,4,4,4,4,8
1358 DATA4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4,4
1358 DATA4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4,4
1368 DATA4,4,4,4,8,8
1368 DATA4,4,4,4,8,8
1378 DATA8,8,8,8
1378 DATA8,8,8,8
1380 DATAB,8,4,4,8
1380 DATAB,8,4,4,8
1398 DATAB,8,8,8,
1398 DATAB,8,8,8,
1398 DATA8,8,8,8
1398 DATA8,8,8,8
1410 DATA4, 4,4,4,4,4,4,4
1410 DATA4, 4,4,4,4,4,4,4
420 DATA 4, 4, 4, 4,4,4,4,4
420 DATA 4, 4, 4, 4,4,4,4,4
430 DATA4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4
430 DATA4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4
1430 DATA4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4
1430 DATA4,4,4,4,4,4,4,4
1440 DATA4, 4,8,8,8
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1468 DATA8,8,8,8
1468 DATA8,8,8,8
1480 DATA11,14,42,8,0,255,7,7
1480 DATA11,14,42,8,0,255,7,7
1490 POKE16526,96: POKE16527,79

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1490 POKE16526,96: POKE16527,79
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Program Listing 2．BASIC listing of a familiar holiday tune to be used in conjunc－ tion with the machine－language driver in Listing 1.
and either BREAK or enter a slash（＂ 1 ＂）． The piece is ready to play．Connect the cir－ cuit＇s cables to a high－fidelity audio ampli－ fier，and type：

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Well，it seems lively enough，but why are the pitches so low？Look at Table 2. The maximum frequency that an unmodi－ fied TRS－80 can produce using this pro－ gram is 7195.12 Hz ，which means the pro－ gram loops through its actions more than

7000 times per second．By itself，this is a very high frequency，nearly double the highest playable note on an acoustic in－ strument．

The difficulty arises when we are forced to use one of 255 possible values through which to send our pitch loop．This means that the only possible pitch values are 7195.12 divided by one through 7195.12 divided by 255 ．The smaller number of divi－ sions aren＇t close to a traditional scale，al－ though the notes are high．The larger num－ bers yield pitches that are fairly in－tune，
but also quite low．
You might be forced to think of the mel－ ody as being sung by a group of very raspy baritones．Another option is a hardware speed－up to the TRS－80（see 80 Microcom－ puting，Feb．，1980）．This will raise the pitch a half octave．Another option is to use a re－ triggerable flip－flop at the far end of Z2． This requires one more integrated circuit to reshape the waveforms and make them audible．

There are also a few software methods， but they reduce the attractiveness of the program．The extraction of a voice will raise the pitch；the extraction of two voices will raise it further．At last，a single voice can be produced which will open up a great portion of the traditional scale． Just think－if another three TRS－80＇s turn up for the holidays．

It is possible to create a look－up table by compiling the score as it is input，be－ fore it is performed．In that way，a com－ posite monaural sound can be produced that is relatively in tune and higher in pitch．However，this method is sophisti－ cated and certainly outside the scope of ＂Applications．＂

Of course，the realm of quadriphonic， three－dimensional audio sound effects is still available，and perhaps this is the best use of the Earie．

If you plan to use the circuit with an au－ dio mixer，POKE 20479 （4FFF）with zero before starting；this will get all the voices in phase（i．e．，starting at the same time）． Likewise，you can experiment with phas－ ing by altering the value in 4FFF before be－ ginning a piece，of at the start of each note．

Those with an expansion interface can save the trouble of building the hardware at the cost of lowering the pitches still fur－ ther．The pitch value can be stored at 4FFF，but also loaded into 37E8，which is already mapped to the printer port ad－ dress．Just hook up some resistors to the edge card，and it＇s ready to go．Of course， you can＇t use rests in this configuration．

## Creating Your Own Tunes

Putting together your own music is time－consuming but straightforward．Fig． 3 is an excerpt from my arrangement of the tune in Program Listing 2．These mea－ sures are written two ways：One is stan－ dard musical notation，and the other is notated to use with the hardware．

Since the machine language program uses a single loop to produce all four voices，it follows that the loop is conclud－ ed at the termination of the shortest note in a harmonic group．That＇s why a note must be redrawn on the score－as a re－ minder to include in in the next loop．Also，
each rest is counted as a separate "note of silence," requiring that each rest be no longer than the shortest note played simultaneously with it.

Once you are certain that you've got the score broken into four lines of equal parts. you can create the BASIC POKE program. The pattern is six bytes long, two for duration, and four voices. The note's duration takes two bytes. The first byte must be at least 1 , and the second can be any value. I maintain the second byte at 100 ( 64 hex) in this example, but it can be used to shade the rhythm with rubato.

Finally, the voices follow in order, one byte for each pitch or rest in the harmonic structure. A zero in any voice position defines a rest, and a zero in the first duration position defines the double bar.

Good luck, and here's hoping you like those raspy baritones!

## Personal Thoughts

This month's Applications completes my first year with 80 Microcomputing. During that time I have been rewarded with
hundreds of letters and telephone calls from readers with suggestions and questions. Since early spring, every column has been based on suggestions from readers, and there are many more yet to address. So during 1981, expect to discover how to add ROM and RAM to your TRS-80; a step-by-step on converting a machine language program to BASIC

POKEs and strings; what to do when your system stops working; high-resolution graphics (What did he say????); singlekeystroke subroutines; and replacing your BASIC ROM with a monitor of your own making. I look forward to hearing from you, and wish all you remarkable, diverse TRS-80 users the very best during this season and the coming year.

10 FOR $X=20320$ TO 20478 : READ A : POKE X,A : NEXT 20 DATA $221,33,0,89,1,255,79,217,221,78,8,221$
3 DATA $78,1,217,221,182,2,221,119,3,221,86,4$
50 DATA $221,94,5,16,238,15,36,37,194,133,79,293$
68 DATA $231,44,45,194,140,79,293,239,28,21,194,147$
70 DATA $79,293,247,28,29,194,154,79,283,255,2,10$ 80 DATA $37,194,168,79,238,1,221,102,2,195,174,79$ 99 DATA $253,229,253,225,236,255,45,194,186,79,238,2$ 189 DATA $221,118,3,195,192,79,253,229,253,225,239,255$ 110 DATA $21,194,264,79,238,4,221,86,4,195,216,79$ 120 DATA $253,229,253,225,238,255,29,194,222,79,238,8$ 130 DATA $221,94,5,195,228,79,253,229,253,225,230,255$ 140 DATA $2,217,11,120,177,217,194,155,79,17,6,8$ 140 DATA $2,217,11,120,177,217,194,155,79,17,6,8$
150 DATA $221,25,221,126,0,183,280,58,64,56,183,202$ 15a DATA $221,25,221$,
160 DATA $103,79,201$

Program Listing 3. BASIC listing that will POKE in place the assembly language driver for the 4FFF sound circuit. Once this program has been run, it may be deleted to make room for Listing 2.

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## Model I Caught By FCC Fallout

Have you heard that the Model I is being discontinued? That's the latest piece of gossip traveling the industry grapevines.

There is reason to speculate on an early death for the first born of Tandy's computer line: Model I micros are in short supply, and the Model I must be remodeled to meet Federal Communication Commission (FCC) regulations that will go into effect Jan. 1, 1981.

Will the Model I be discontinued? According to Tandy/Radio Shack's John Shirley, who heads the computer division, "That's not the sort of thing we'd like to comment on one way or the other." Ed Juge, another Tandy exec, did mention "the difficulty of guaranteeing shipment after the first of the year."

Shirley claims that Model I computers are presently "in short supply because we are later than we anticipated with the Model III, and it has put a strain on production." But FCC compliance is still up in the air.

The FCC first considered regulating low power communicating devices for radio trequency interference (RFI) in 1976. After three years of study, rules limiting radio frequency (RF) emissions were adopted as amendments to Part 15 of the Chapter 47 laws (laws under the jurisdiction of the FCC). The amendments, rather than covering the broad range of electronic communicating devices, regulate computer RF emissions only. They are particularly strict for personal computers.

The problem originates with conflicting uses of the electromagnetic spectrum, which carries television and radio signals. The extremely quick electronic signals and pulses that are the basis of computer operations create high frequency radio waves. CIrcuits and traces sometimes act

as antennae for these waves. Uniess filtered, computer generated RF interferes with radio and TV transmission.

In delineating the need for regulation, the FCC has divided computers into two broad categories: Class A and Class B. A Class $A$ "computing device is marketed for use in commercial, industrial or business environment(s)"; and a Class B "computer device is marketed for use in a residential environment notwithstanding use in commercial, business and industrial environment(s)."
The term "computer device" is meant to stretch to the realm of peripherals, which are also required to comply by Jan. 1 if they are marketed for consumers.
A study of the Part 15 amendments, conducted by Wewer \& Mahn for the Micro Industry Trade Assoc., points out that the "dual classification scheme is rooted in the theory that Class B (consumer) devices are in closer proximity to radio, TV, and in many cases, land mobile services than Class A (commercial) devices and thus have a higher potential for causing interference."

## Restrictions on Personal Computers

For this reason and others, the FCC is imposing heavier restrictions on home computers. Gene Smarte, the technical editor of 73, a magazine for ham radio enthusiasts, estimates that Class B radiation limits are over 3 times more demanding than Class A limits. His calculations are based on the figures given in Table 1, which are taken from sections .810 and .830 of Part 15. Wewer \& Mahn
have interpreted Class B limitations to rule out RFI from 450 Kh to 1000 Mh -practically the whole broadcasting range.

Actual compliance to the new rules is also less stringent for Class A products in the view of the Wewer \& Mahn law firm. Manufacturers are required to "verify" Class A compliance-a lax measure in comparison to "certification" which is required for class $B$ devices. Certification is granted on the basis of testing, application forms and fees. Verification is granted on the basis of the manufacturer's word about test results.

## The Effect on Prices

Depending on the amount of research and development required to meet the regulations, it is likely that FCC compliance will result in price hikes for several products.

John Shirley, the corporate head of the computer division of Radio Shack, says that, "There's no question a substantial amount of money has been spent on $R$ and D because of this." Shirley believes the price of some products will remain unchanged, but that other prices are bound to reflect the added work.

Price increases will not affect the new color computer, which has been registered with the FCC as a TV interface device under separate FCC guidelines. Although cost has been added to the manufacture of the Model III, Shirley does not believe it will warrant a price hike for customers. "The Model II is a Class A device in our opinion," Shirley says, and should

## Micros Spotted in Crime Lineup

That crime has kept pace with technology is an inescapable fact of life, but the problem has assumed a whole new dimension with the advent of computer science. The nub of the problem is that business and government have all too frequently plunged into the computerization of their operations with little or no regard for security.

It is not a small problem nor is it a simple one. Estimates of losses due to computer crime run anywhere from $\$ 100$ million to $\$ 40$ billion annually, but the rather disturbing truth of the matter is that no one really knows how much is being siphoned off.

## Microcomputer Crime

Heretofore, computer crime has been primarily limited to the realm of mainframes and minicomputers, but microcomputers are fast becoming a favored tool in the compucrook's burglar bag. For

example, a micro might be programmed to mimic a terminal and thereby secure access to a sensitve data bank. It may also be used to clandestinely duplicate a signon routine just long enough to obtain the large computer's password. The thief may then interrogate perhaps thousands of systems at his convenience.

Microcomputer-related crime may also take the form of an automated "cottage industry." Such was the case recently in Pennsylvania where John "Cap'n Crunch" Draper was arrested for "phone freaking," spoofing Ma Bell's dial codes to make free use of the phone lines.

Although the offense is not new, Draper's updated version of it was more sophisticated than previous methods in that he used a microcomputer. Utilizing a highly involved program, Draper interfaced his Apple II with his home phone via a modem. He was then able to scan the phone system for operating WATS lines. Eventually he was detected by the phone company's monitoring equipment.

A simpler form of micro crime was uncovered earlier this year in Tulsa, OK where a bookie had neatly and efficiently encoded all of his illicit transactions on his desk-top computer. His operation was raided, but, much to the consternation of the vice squad, none of the usual trappings of a bookie joint were apparent. All the records were maintained on a few

The police lugged the equipment back to the station house where they tried, unsuccessfully, to crack the computer's protocol code. Failing in this they summoned a manufacturer's rep. In a 1980 version of an old "bright lights and rubber hoses" session the rep successfully interrogated the "accomplice," paving the way to conviction of the bookie.

All of this is Greek to the public at large and, predictably, the person on the street tends to be skeptical of that which he does not understand. Recently, a survey entitled "Dimensions of Privacy" was performed by Weston Assoc. for Century Insurance, Inc. Among the results are these three items which serve to illustrate the somewhat uncomfortable feelings many people have about computers in general.

54 percent of the respondents now believe that computers are a threat to privacy;

63 percent feel that the use of computers should be sharply curtailed to preserve privacy; and 51 percent state that in 10 years people will have lost much of their ability to keep their lives private.

## Laws on Computer Abuse

State and federal lawmakers have introduced several proposals designed to curb computer abuse. Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn) has sponsored S-240, The Federal Computer Systems Protection Act, now being studied by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Originally introduced in 1976, the bill has since undergone substantial rewording to more precisely deal with the technicalities of the areas it covers.
The bill in its present form was drafted by Philip R. Manuel, an investigative consultant in the field of white collar crime and for 11 years chief investigator for the U.S. Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigation.
"Computer crimes (controls) have to date been shoehorned into existing by inadequate laws dealing with crimes ranging from mail fraud to obscene phone calls," said Manuel. "But this bill clearly defines computer crime as computer crime and affords a large measure of protection to the computer systems of the federal government, financial institutions, and all businesses which conduct interstate commerce. It further envisions protection for sophisticated electronic funds transfer systems whose vulnerability to computer fraud is enormous."

Several laws have been enacted on the state level to define and control computer crime. California's legislation in this area is generally acknowledged to be among the best to date, although it is not above criticism.
Don Parker, a computer crime expert with SRI International in Menlo Park, CA finds himself in agreement with most of the California's computer crime statute but, takes exception to the law's definition of computers. He says it excludes "programmable pocket calculators with attached external memory devices." In Parker's opinion, the clause is vague and it constitutes a weak spot in an otherwise good piece of legislation.

## Combatting Compucrime

Effective methods of combatting compucrime are, of course, available. Maintaining the physical security of the computer can be divided into four broad classifications: 1) controlling the entrance to

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## Competency Tests Processed by TRS-80s

$A$t Conant High School, Jaffrey, NH, a TRS-80 is being used to process and record state mandated tests. Administrators at Conant believe it is the first 80 applied to Competency Testing. The tests are required in New Hampshire, as they are in 38 other states.

The tests are mandated under NH State Statute 186.5, Section Six, which delineates the powers and duties of school boards. The law has been on the books since 1973, however, it was only in 1977 that the state implemented a set of guidelines called the Accountability Plan under which competency testing falls.

The Accountability Plan has six steps with which each school district in the state must comply. They include performance indicators, assessment, analysis of data (Specifically, the state wants to know what the proficiency level is for a whole school in math, language arts, history and science.), and a management plan which outlines district plans for improvements in levels of proficiency throughout the year.

Do these tests contribute to the level of proficiency? Since Competency Testing was first implemented about four years ago, the middle-school students in the Jaffrey-Rindge district have steadily increased their performance level on the Stanford Achievement Test, a standardized norm test given nation-wide. The overall average fell into the ninth stanine in 1979, which is in the highest percentile of achievement, Larry Bramblett, director of instruction for the district, said that when competency testing first started students placed in about the fifth stanine, which is in the average range.

## Putting 80s to Work

This particular school district is ahead of its time-not only in instituting the test but also in their method of compiling results and making them as timely as possible.

John Davys, senior consultant to the NH State Office of Education, and the administrators of this school district feel that the micro is vital to how successful these specialized tests can be.

Davys feels that the Conant project is significant on a statewide level because, "It is unique in the sense that they have maximized the use of technology. Schools have one of the largest stores of human resource and this resource bank shouldn't be tied up with mundane tasks. Technolo-
gy does those tasks more accurately and quickly and allows the staff to work with the students-which is the way it should be."

At a meeting of the Joint Management Council of educators from all over the state, Keith Burke, chairman of the council and principal of Conant H.S., gave a demonstration of how their TRS-80 has helped the district manage Competency Test results.
"The council is there," said Burke, "to help other districts implement Competency Tests. They (the council) are always looking for a better way to do it and one way is through managing and keeping track of the data." That's where the 80 comes in.
"The most important thing is keeping accurate records of the testing results or else the whole system goes out the window. The computer handles this very well," said Burke. "Also, it's within 98 percent of the school districts' budgets."

Bramblett said that compiling the results without the computer took too much time and it was also costing the district about $\$ 7,000$ annually to have someone work on them full time. The whole sys-tem-Radio Shack Line Printer III, TRS-80 48 K Level II-including the program, cost the Jaffrey-Rindge district roughly $\$ 5000$.

In New Hampshire, Competencies are taken in grades three, seven and 10 and are given at least three times a year. The way the system works, if a student passes all four areas of testing, for example, in the seventh grade, that student will not have to take the exams again until the 10th grade. If a student doesn't pass the Competency in a particular area, science for example, but passes in the other three areas, that student will only retake the failed test until it's passed.

## How Conant Discovered the 80

Conant H.S. has owned a 8K PET, for the past few years. Both Burke and Bramblett saw what the most basic of micros could do and decided that a computer was what they needed in order to compile and turn around test results quickly.
After checking out both APPLE and PET systems, they were told by both dealers that it would be difficult converting the program. Because the program was originally written on a TRS-80 by programmer Peter Wells, and because he highly recommended the TRS-80, it became the logical choice.


Dave Bramblett Praising Micros to Educators

Some of the specifics of the program are updating, displaying and adding to student records of the Competency Test results. A summary record for the whole school, a class or an individual can be displayed and printed. All of these categories are represented by percentage rates. The program also generates a mailing list to parents.

One disk contains the test results of all the students in a particular school. The in. formation on the data disks are safeguarded by program disks which are protected by code words. The disks are duplicated and put into a safe.

Robert L. Brunelle, commissioner for the New Hampshire State Department of Education, feels that the use of microcomputers to process testing results can be a valuable tool.
"The system is all interconnected," says Brunelle. "Each district must report to the commission. From this data, the commission does a statewide sampling and from the sampling reports to the Leg. islature, and in turn the Legislature acts accordingly with the overall findings."

The use of micros in the school districts to compile test results could expedite what can normally be a long and tedious bureaucratic process.

Besides taking care of the paperwork of Competency Tests, Burke is working on programs that will do scheduling and report cards.

Some of the students at Conant H.S. have also become fascinated with the many uses of the TRS-80. "For example," said Burke, "the student council president was having trouble keeping track of the inventory in the school store, so he wrote a program to take care of the problem. It (the TRS-80) is a fantastic teaching tool."

By Pamela Petrakos 80 Staff

# Readers' Digest Swallows the Source 

n a jointly issued press release spokes-
men for the Reader's Digest Assoc., men for the Reader's Digest Assoc., puting Corp., McLean, VA, announced the Source's acquisition by the Digest for an undisclosed amount. Terms of the acquisition were not made public and spokesmen for both organizations are extremely reticent when queried about the deal.

Rumors of the Source's financial woes have been rife for several months, and if the microcomputing grapevine is to be believed, the reasons for the Source's take over are likely to lie in its own financial problems.

The event is newsworthy in light of parties involved: The Digest is a multimillion dollar publishing conglomerate, and the Source is a pioneer in microcomputer network technology.

In a carefully worded press release an unidentified spokesman for the Digest is quoted as follows: "The service which can
be rendered in helping to expand the delivery of education, health care services, information and knowledge via cable systems, telephones, satellites, etc., is thoroughly consistant with our publishing philosophy."

Several words stand out: Education, health care services, cable systems, satellites. It appears that someone within the Digest organization has big plans for the Source. What these plans are will remain conjecture until both organizations decide to lift the veil of silence they have painstakingly maintained. Everyone who is anyone within the Digest organization prefers not to comment. Spokesmen for the Source have proved equally taciturn, and one can only wonder why.

## Logical Merger

The merger of a publishing conglomerate and a computer network is quite logical. This type of arrangement reflects current trends within the publishing industry regarding small company acquisition by
larger organizations and efforts by large corporations to diversify their operations as a hedge against the declining economy.

Jack Taub, chairman of Source Telecomputing Corp., says in the joint press release, "We could not have found a better partner than the Reader's Digest." He is probably correct. The vast financial resources the Digest has at its disposal and the business acumen it brings to the computer network industry are formidable. The impact this merger will have on the Source's 7000 present customers is unclear, however.
One thing is obvious. Changes are taking place within the computer network industry.
Though a clear picture of what can be expected as a result of the Source's takeover has yet to develop, the doings in Pleasantville and McLean indicate one thing-this might be a good year to ask for a modem for Christmas.
by Chris Brown 80 Staff

## Campaign Applications: Did Computers Influence Voters?

What really went into the Presidential campaign? Did we choose a winner for the intelligence, integrity and capability of the candidate, or did we judge the product of a computer inspired version of the perfect politician?

John Cragan and Donald Shields, professors of communications at Illinois State University and the University of Missouri, developed a computer program that analyzes demographic statistics and opinions polled from a given geographical area. The program then chooses among several versions of statements addressing current political situations and arranges a campaign speech that should appeal strongly to the average voter in the polled area.

In the September 22 issue of Computerworld, Cragan is quoted as saying, "I'm sure that almost every [candidate] out there today is using a variation of this. I don't think it's as sophisticated or as cynical, but it's something that is used to pretest [statements and ideas] before you have a candidate saying them."

Before the nation made its choice at the polis, I spoke to campaign workers at the national headquarters of the three major presidential candidates. Each campaign made use of computers in several applications; none admitted to using them to the extent suggested by Cragan, however.

## Carter's Camp

The Carter campaign probably had the most organized and effective applications. Bill Krause was the Director of Information Services at the national headquarters. He had a staff of three, himself, one of Carter's sons, and a 19 -year-old who came on the staff and was trained in BA. SIC.

In-house, the campaign used Tektronix microcomputers for standard data processing. With these, they kept files on all personnel and volunteers: skills, when they were available for work, etc.

The largest day to day job tackled with the computers was scheduling. The schedule of who should be where doing what changed often-particularly in the last few weeks of the campaign. Members of the Carter family on the campaign trail traveled with a terminal, and checked scheduling changes daily through the campaign's mailbox at The Source.

The Carter campaign also used the New York Times Info Bank, with which they've had a contract since 1969. The Info Bank was used to do research on the other candidates, and to scan news stories for keywords concerning Reagan, military force, etc. The campaign people received abstracts of articles containing pertinent keywords, and these facts were used in
turn for campaign speech writing. This method of research and fact gathering greatly reduced the work involved in tracking Carter's opponents, and dropped the necessary information into the laps of Carter's speech writers.

Krause said the general election budget was done on the G. E. time sharing system. IBM System Six word processors were used for personalized letters and other mail.

## The Anderson Campaign

John Boswell, EDP Coordinator (among other things) for the Anderson campaign, described three computer applications used in that office. Ninety-five percent of the budget was used to keep computer files on contributers and supporters of the Anderson campaign: contribution history, general personal characteristics, income, and other statistics which could be used by state campaign offices looking for local volunteers and canvassers.

Other applications mentioned by Boswell were payroll and disbursement records. All of these applications were in turn used again to prepare internal management reports and the required income reports to the FCC.

The Anderson campaign was under
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## FCC-Model I Dance

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not be affected by the Class B deadline. Table 2 charts the current Part 15 status of Radio Shack computers.

Shirley made no mention of the Model I in reference to expected price changes. It is questionable whether or not the time and money required to modify the Model I warrant compliance. How much is a hobbyist willing to pay? And what about the Model III option? These are bound to be the thoughts of Tandy's top brass.

## Interim Labels

Dave Garner, Tandy's liason with the FCC, says, "We will not make a computer that does not meet compliance after January first." In his opinion the company has three options :1) interim labels; 2) redeveloping products; and 3 ) dropping products. Products that are marketed after Jan. 1, 1981 that do not meet Class B specifications must carry the following label permanently attached:

This equipment has not been tested to show compliance with new FCC Rules (47 CFR Part 15) designed to limit interference to radio and TV reception. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause unacceptable interference to radio communication requiring the operator to take whatever steps are necessary to correct the interference.
Garner explains that there is currently no time limit on the use of those interim labels. They are being used broadly for peripheral devices, since few companies have reached that stage in the certifica-
tion process. But deadlines for the interim stage are expected soon.

Garner summed up Tandy's position as he understands it by saying that "All of our product line will eventually meet compliance." The statement sounds positive and reassuring to consumers worried about the obsolescence of their micros. But what has he said? Will the Model I be dropped from the product line? Or will the Model I be remodeled?
by Nancy Robertson
80 Staff

| Class A Radiation Limits |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency (F) | Distance | Field Strength |
| (MHz) | (meters) | (uVI-) |
| 30-88 | 30 | 30 |
| 88-216 | 30 | 50 |
| 216-1000 | 30 | 70 |
| Class B Radiation Limits |  |  |
| Frequency ( F ) | Distance | Field Strengths |
| ( MHz ) | (meters) | (uV)-1 |
| 30-88 | 3 | 100 |
| 88-216 | 3 | 150 |
| 216-1000 | 3 | 200 |
| Table 1 |  |  |

Model I-not certified
Model II-verified Class A
Model III-not certified, although the application has been filed.
Color Computer-certified as a television interface under separate FCC regulations.

Table 2

## Compucrime

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the room where the computer is housed; 2) protecting the medium upon which the program is stored; 3) protecting the medium upon which the data is stored; and 4) controlling the forms on which the output is printed.
A more effective type of security measure involves the software itself-such as the use of passwords which cause the program to abort unless specific, prearranged information is input upon request.

Another common method of protection is encryption. There is now a data encryption standard (DES), a chip for implement-
ing this standard, and lots of proposals for alternative systems, including some very attractive "public key" systems.

Aside from the technological aspects of controlling computer crime, the need to develop more effective psychological/motivational techniques is also being popularized.

Deterrents and controls notwithstanding, the fact remains that the vast new frontiers now opening up through the applied genius of microprocessors continue to attract the outlaw element who, like crooks of every era, thrive in an environment where controls have not yet caught up with the expansion.

## by Paul Quinn 80 Staff

## Micros in the Campaign

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contract with a service bureau in Illinois, which did their data processing on an IBM 360. Because of their tight budget, all information traveled to this service bureau in hard copy form by mail, or by telephone.

Boswell agreed that the Anderson campaign was at a disadvantage by lacking the funds to gather demographic characteristics by computer. Any statistics gathering of this sort had to be done manually, through Information Service subscriptions or by contracting with a pollster. The same was true for researching other candidates or local issues in areas in which Anderson was campaigning.

## Reagan's Retinue

Several calls to Reagan's headquarters, and conversations with several different people there, produced the information that computers were being used in the campaign, but no one was sure what kind of computers, or what applications, or who was in charge.

So there you have it computer fans. Computers were involved in nearly every aspect of presidential campaign planning this year. Yet, unanswered questions remain: Does the handicap of not being able to afford all the time-saving and speechdirecting applications seriously affect chances of winning an election? If you don't know how your computers are used, or where they're kept, can you really use them effectively? How much of what we saw in 1980 was acutally a data bank's vision of how to deal with the opponent's latest political speech? Computers may not have written the speeches in this election, but what about next time?
by Debbie Marshall
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## Educational Software Symposium

An Educational Software Symposium will be held Jan. 17-18, 1981 at the Holiday Inn, Bridgeport, CT. Topics will include "Educational Software for Elementary Schools" and software for particular curriculums, as well as how to write educational software. Registration is $\$ 85$. Contact Queue, 5 Chapel Hill Dr., Fairfield, CT 06432 for reservations or further information.


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Edited by Chris Crocker

## S-100 Processor Board Eliminates Polling

The Model CPD-280 is a Z-80A based, second-generation processor board designed for the S-100 computer bus. It operates at four megahertz and is geared toward multi-user systems. Eight vectored priority interrupts maximize the central processor's executable time by eliminating the need for polling. A real-time clock generates the interrupts required by the multi-user operating system.

Two serial and two parallel ports utilize direct memory access for high speed data transfer. All functions are performed by LSI chips.
The second generation processor board costs $\$ 750$. Volume discounts are available from Measurement Systems and Controls, 867 N. Main St., Orange, CA 92668.

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## Double Density Software

Disk Zap 2.3, a disk editor from Micro Systems Software will work either single or double density disks. It is track and sector oriented, and offers access to all parts of the disk. It formats and backs up disks, as well as edits them.

DOSPLUS 3.1D, also from Micro Systems, is similar to most single density operating systems, but offers the increased storage of double density.

Disk Zap 2.3 costs $\$ 19.95$, and DOSPLUS 3.1D is $\$ 99.95$ from Micro Systems Software, Inc., 5846 Funston St., Hollywood, FL 33023.

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## Utility Cleans Disks

Nupurge is a utility program that cleans disks of unwanted clutter after a program is killed. It loads the disk directory into memory, and lets the operator choose which programs to keep and which to kill.


MSC Processor Board

The unused sectors are zeroed.
In addition, according to Soft Sector, Nupurge will figure out the password of any program. The program costs $\$ 24.95$ on disk from Soft Sector Marketing Inc., P.O. Box 2471, Livonia, MI 48150.

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## Education Sampler

Education Sampler is a program for high school math/science courses. It will test, self-drill, or provide answers in three subject areas: algebra, geometry, and chemistry.

The user may select an answer accuracy level for testing purposes between .01 and 5\% error. The cassette version costs $\mathbf{\$ 1 5}$ from Harry H. Briley, P.O. Box 2913, Livermore, CA 94550.

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## Radio Shack 1981 Computer Catalog

Radio Shack's 1981 TRS-80 Computer Catalog No. RSC-4 lists Model I and II equipment, as well as the new Model III, Color Computer and Pocket Computer.

Also notable are the Daisy Wheel II Printer which produces typewriter quality hard copy for $\$ 1,960$; a Plotter/Printer that
produces hard graphics for $\$ 1,460$; and Videotex, a two-way information retrieval system terminal for $\$ 399$. New educational hardware for the TRS-80 includes the Network I Controller, which allows teachers to upload and download programs for up to 16 student stations for $\$ 499$.

The catalog also lists books and software and is available free from Tandyl Radio Shack, 1300 One Tandy Ctr., Fort Worth, TX 76102.

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## Business Analysis And Forecasting Package

Oracle-80 is a business analysis and forecasting package from Instant Software. The package can be used in sales analysis and forecasting, product planning and business planning. Investors can analyze stocks, company trends and growth rates. The package can be used in analysis of general economic climates, business cycles and energy consumption trends.

Oracle-80 requires a TRS-80 Level II with 16 K and a disk drive, and costs $\$ 99.95$ for disk or $\$ 75$ for the cassette version.

Oracle-80 was released in Instant Software's fall-winter catalog. The catalog includes 55 new programs for the TRS-80

## Software for any season.



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We've come along way in two years. We are now on the threshold of a new era in computer programming. The Bottom Shelf is leading the way. With software for all seasons.
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Models I and II, Apple II and PET.
Catalogs are available free from Instant Software, Peterborough, NH 03458. Reader Service ~329

## Pharmacists' Aid

Pharmacy Associates' catalog lists programs for medical and pharmaceutical use. Programs included are: Antibiotic Dosing, Aminoglycoside Dosing, and Total Parenteral Nutrition.
The programs require TRS-80 Level II or Disk BASIC with 16 K . The catalog also lists a TRS-80 Pocket Computer version of Aminoglycoside Dosing. All programs are available from Pharmacy Associates, 1202 Fox St., Bossier City, LA 71112.

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## Catalog Lists New Books

A 16-page catalog from Creative Computing Press features three new books. Computers in Mathematics: A Sourcebook of Ideas offers 224 pages of classroom activities. The Impact of Computers on Society and Ethics: a Bibliography, compiled by Gary M. Abshire, lists over 1900 entries, including books, magazine articles, news items, and scholarly papers. Katie and the Computer by Fred D'Iganzio and Stan Gilliam is an illustrated adventure story that explains the workings of computers to children.

The catalog also describes a record album of computer music, a board game, T-shirts, reprints, back issues of Creative Computing and ROM and ten additional books. The catalog is free on request from Creative Computing Press, P.O. Box 789-M, Morristown, NJ 07960.

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## Shrink Data Files

Reduce is a program designed to reduce the size of a data file made with Radio Shack's Profile data file system. It allows a number of data files to be used on the same disk with a BASIC program.
The program also will reduce the file size on the Profile disk to use only one file in a BASIC program, and use the BASIC program on the Profile disk. Reduce costs $\$ 19.95$ and is available from Micro Development Systems, 720 Dartmouth Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193.

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## Circuit Design Software

The Circuit Design Software programs are 37 engineering and statistical programs on seven cassettes from Howard W. Sams and Co.

The new series of programs are for use in the design of active filters, matching pads, attenuators, heat sinks, integrated circuit timers, Zener diode regulators and bipolar transistor circuits. The programs allow the operator to solve simultaneous equations with real and complex coefficients and polynomial roots. The operator also can determine the effects of design parameters.

The packages require Level II BASIC and at least 16K RAM. Prices range from $\$ 16.95$ to $\$ 21.95$ and are available from Howard W. Sams and Co., Inc., 4300 W. 62nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46268.

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## Program <br> Calculates Intoxication

Intoxitron, a program from The Lawtech Co. estimates a subject's blood alcohol content and degree of intoxication, based on sex, weight, number and strength of drinks, and time since the first drink. A single occasion can be analyzed, or a general chart may be produced.

INC., another program from Lawtech, explains cumulative voting, performs calculations necessary to understand and allocate shareholder voting power, and contains a checklist of pitfalls, as well as a bibliography. Each program requires a 16K TRS-80 with Level II BASIC and costs \$16. They are sold by The Lawtech Company, P.O. Box 1523, La Grande, OR 97850.

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## Hard Disk System Works with TRSDOS

HDOS-2 is a hard disk operating system designed specifically for use with TRSDOS 1.2 on the TRS-80 Model II. The program allows a standard Corvus hard disk drive to be interfaced to existing software with minor changes to the software, according to Computer Program Associates.

The system occupies 1 K at the top of memory, and allows multiple drives to be used. It restores PEEK and POKE commands, and adds three new BASIC commands. HDOS-2 supports only random access files; and programs or sequential
files may not be stored on disk.
Prices were not released. HDOS-2 is available from Computer Program Associates, $150 / 6$ Beltway Dr., Dallas, TX 75234.

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## Paraliel I/O Board Has 5-V Supply

The Parallel Input/Output Board is a new peripheral board from Persteve Electronics, Ltd. for the TRS-80. It connects directly to the edge connector at the back of the computer. The board contains nine eight-bit I/O ports and is controlled via the Level II BASIC instructions INPUT and OUTPUT. It is powered by a single 5 -volt power supply.

The assembled version costs $\$ 65$; an unassembled bare board is also available from Persteve Electronics, Ltd., P.O. Box 3623, Stn. D, Ottawa, Canada K1P 6H8.
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## General Accounting Package and CP/M System

A General Accounting Package consisting of a general ledger, accounts receivable, accounts payable and a complete CP/M operating system for the TRS80 Model II are available from Microed.

The package uses double entry with user-definable accounts. Seven levels of account classification are possible with up to four digit fields at each level.
The CP/M operating system included has all of the standard CP/M programs plus Microed-written utility programs. These utility programs can format disks, copy disks, and operate on a single drive. Microed CP/M for the Model II is capable of single or double density operation and automatically senses the density of the disk. The complete package costs $\$ 415$ from Microed, 3910 Bandini St., San Diego, CA 92103.
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## Corrections

Regrettably, two photos were interchanged in the Novernber New Products section. The Micromatic 80 belongs on page 58 and the Mediamix $50 / 80$ Interface on page 56 . Our apologies for the confusion.
Also, we reported the address incorrectly for Muiti Media Systems in our September issue. The correct address is Box 41084, Indianapolis, IN 46241.

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80 MICROCOMPUTING has proven, in its first several issues, that it can give you more information on the TRS-80* than any other single source. The magazine has grown more informative with each month and we still have lots more interesting ideas in the works for you.
With the TRS- $80^{*}$ (or $90 \ldots$ etc.) being the most popular microcomputer in the entire world, you are going to benefit from this in many ways. The more computers there are out there of one kind. . . the more good programs you are going to have for this system. I hope that is obvious. You may be sure that 80 MICROCOMPUTING will be packed with the shorter programs and reviews of the larger ones. You can waste an awful lot of money on stuff that looks great in the ads, but fizzles out when you try to use it. You need our reviews.

The wealth of programs will also mean that there will be much better programs for the TRS-80* than any other system. Put yourself in the seat of a computer programmer and you'll understand this. If you are going to spend several months developing a comprehensive program, and it takes all of that to write and debug a big program, would you write it for a system which has sold one hundred units or one which has sold over 300,000 systems? The answer is obvious... and this is why we are already seeing programs coming out for the TRS- $80^{*}$ which are far better than anything for any other system on the market. This is tough for other systems ...the law of the computer jungle.

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## MARDWARE TOO

The same law of the computer jungle holds for hardware. Would you, as a manufacturer, market an accessory for a system which has sold 100 units or would you go
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With each issue costing $\$ 2.50$ at your computer store, that's $\$ 30$ a year. For $\$ 18$ a year you can subscribe. . . at least for now. As the magazine expands, please do not be surprised if the cover price increases, along with the subscription price. I started 73 Magazine for radio amateurs twenty years ago with a cover price of 37 e (two for 73 G ) and it is up to $\$ 2.95$ a copy now (and it is the largest of the ham magazines).

For you bargain hunters... and those who find that one year goes by all too rapidly, the three year rate for 80 is $\$ 45$. This, too, will be going up. . . reflecting the inflation, paper increases, postage increases, and a short vacation for me in Hong Kong next year. Someone has to pay for that.



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## Personal Micro Computers, Inc.

## Payroll System Maintains Tax Files

PR is a payroll system for the TRS-80 Model II that calculates payroll for employees while maintaining monthly, quarterly and yearly totals for reporting purposes to multiple states. Tax tables are maintained via on-line commands with no programming required, according to Micro Architect, Inc.
PR requires TRSDOS 1.2, a 132 -column printer, a dual disk system and 64 K memory. The program costs $\$ 129$ from Micro Architect, Inc., 96 Dothan St., Arlington, MA 02174.

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## Index on One Disk or Two

Two new versions of the Keyword Indexing System are available from Northeast Microware. The Keyword Indexing package is a series of programs enabling the user to create a disk file, build an index of all key words, and search for them using combinations of key words.

The new systems include an enhanced version for two disk systems and a compressed version for one disk systems. Both require 32 K of memory and run under TRSDOS. They are available from Northeast Microware, P.O. Box 2133, Boston, MA 02106.

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## Lighting and <br> Fault Current Programs

Two electrical engineering programs from MC. 2 have on-board files of equipment and fixture characteristics.

The E3M Fault Current Program uses a per-unit calculation procedure and permits an unlimited number of bus voltage levels, panels and branches. Three-phase symmetrical voltage and fault currents are calculated at any point in the system, with or without line voltage drop.

The E5M Lighting Program automatically calculates the number, spacing and location of luminaires required to give a desired level of illumination in a project of up to 100 rooms. The program also will determine the lighting level supplied by a given number and type of fixture.

Prices were not released. The programs are written for the TRS-80 Models I and II from McClintock Corp., P.O. Box 430980, Miami, FL 33143.

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Belden Bit Driver

## Short-haul Modem

The Belden Model 9338 metallic conductor Bit Driver short-haul modem is part of an RS-232C compatible data transmission system.

The Model 9338 metallic Bit-Driver modern provides asynchronous simplex and duplex data transmission. The metallic conductor unit is recommended for use in clean electrical environments. Depending on the type of cable selected, operation range extends from 1500 to 4500 meters. The price of Model 9338 is \$195 from Belden Corp., 200 S. Batavia Ave., Geneva, IL 60134.
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## Program Tests, Drills

T.E.S.T. is a classroom aid from T.Y.C. Software. The package contains two programs: a Maintenance Program and a Test and Drill program. The Maintenance Program creates a test of up to 35 questions and saves it on cassette. In order to produce a test, a question is typed on any topic (up to 240 characters), the type of question-true or false, multiple choice, or completion-and the correct answer
entered. When finished, the test is saved on cassette.

Test and Drill is a utility program designed to accept the test prepared by the maintenance program. With the Test and Drill program, students can either use the questions as a review, take a scored test, or the teacher can have the computer prepare a printed test or worksheet with answer key.

The package contains two programs and a manual for TRS-80 Level II, 16K for $\$ 11.95$. For more information, contact T.Y.C. Software, 40 Stuyvesant Manor, Geneseo, NY 14454.

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## Terminal Programs Transfer Files

SMART80E and SMART80C are terminal programs for use with the Exatron Stringy Floppy and cassette-based systems, respectively. The programs are used in conjunction with a direct-connect telephone interface called The Microconnection.
The terminal programs allow the transfer of BASIC programs and source code files. The programs also feature software selection of half and full duplex plus the ability to transfer text created by either Electric Pencil or Scripsit in upper/lowercase. For additional information on SMART80E, SMART80C or The Microconnection, contact The Microperipheral Corp., Box 529, Mercer, Is., WA 98040.

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## COBOL Compiler On Release 2 CP/M

RM/COBOL, a high-intermediate level ANSI-74 COBOL compiler, is available on Release 2 CP/M systems for $\$ 495$.

This compiler, compatible with several minicomputer COBOL compilers, has alternate keys (multi-key ISAM), CRT screen handling, program segmentation, interactive debug, and other Level II features. Implemented under the Cybernetics, Inc. version of Release 2 CP/M on the TRS-80 Model II, RM/COBOL is source-program compatible with Tandy's COBOL.

The RM/COBOL User's Guide and the RM/COBOL Language Manual may both be obtained for $\$ 40$ (refundable upon purchase of RM/COBOL), from Cybernetics, Inc., 8041 Newman Ave., Suite 208, Huntington Beach, CA 92647.

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## Five DOS Utilities And Teachers' Package

The Alternate Source has a fiveprogram utility package for the TRS-80. Three of the programs are written in Z-80 machine language and can be used with either Level II cassette systems or with DOS systems. Two are written in BASIC, for use with DOS systems only.
The three Z-80 utilities are distributed with a relocatable module which allows them to be dumped at the user's specified starting address. They are BTrace, Compress Program Utility and Search.
When TRON is activated, BTrace leaves the screen display intact and places any lines being executed in the upper righthand corner of the screen. Compress Program Utility allows BASIC programs to be compressed in a variety of ways. Search will locate any BASIC line containing whatever argument the user wishes to find.
The two BASIC DOS programs are Changes and Replace. Changes provides a screen or printed listing of the differences between two programs. Replace will locate all occurrences of an argument and replace it with a string.
The package is available on a single disk for \$29.95.
Schoolmaster, a separate package, is a record keeping system for teachers. It generates cumulative reports for each student, and flags students whose assignments are missing. Teachers can examine a variety of grading methods before recording grades, according to the Alternate Source. Schoolmaster will present both individual and class statistical data.
Schoolmaster requires a 32 K TRS- 80 with one drive. The program comes on diskette for $\$ 24.95$. Programs are available from The Alternate Source, 1806 Ada Street, Lansing, MI 48910.

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## Disk File Directory

Master Diskette Directory version 1.1 reads, stores and categorizes the directories of up to 320 disks. The program will list all files on disk, by file extension, disk number or program category.
Master Directory will also search for a file name and list every number of that file, its size, and the number of the disk containing the file.
The program is available for $\$ 29.95$ from Micro Systems Software, Inc., 5846 Funston St., Hollywood, FL 33023.
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## Information Retrieval for TRS-80

SE (Search Entry) is a general purpose information retrieval program. It is a machine language program for the TRS-80 Model I, Level II.

SE's command structure facilitates data entry, data searches, and quick data storage and retrieval on tape or disk, according to the manufacturer, Information Technology Systems. Some commands are available from the ENTER Option response with a single keystroke.

Targets can be any combination of 64 characters, employing unlimited ANDs and ORs, according to ITS. The program includes error messages and error checking procedures.

Data entries are identified by a threecharacter code assigned by the user. All of memory, less 4 K for the program, is available for storage.

SE is sold in two versions: SE2.0 for 16 K Level II (cassette) costs \$24.95, and SE3.0 for DOS up to 48 K costs $\$ 49.95$. SE is available from Information Technology Systems, Post Office Box 2667, Sarasota, FL 33578.

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## Series of Educational Instruction and Utilities

Rite 80 Software is selling several series of field tested programs for use in schools. Written for Level II machines, the series are Math, Spelling, Topics, Earth and Rollbook.
The Math Series consists of three programs for individual or group work, designed to help students increase their speed and accuracy in basic arithmetic. The three programs in the Spelling Series drill students on rote memorization of spelling words.
The Topics Series, four programs, allows teachers to test students on any subject, using short phrases or single words as answers. The program will accept different words with the same meaning for correct answers.

Earth is a video animation of the earth rotating on its axis. Rollbook is a disk utility for teachers. It will record up to 100 grades for 40 students.
Rollbook is priced at $\$ 49.95$ from Rite 80 Software, 4660 Willens Ave., Woodland Hills, CA 91264. The other series are priced by program. Programs cost $\$ 19.95$ each, with discounts given for the purchase of an entire series.
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## Elcompco Disk Drive System

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## A Littie History

Your computer inherited a keyboard that was originally designed for the typewriter by an inventor named Christopher L. Sholes in 1873. His first production machine looked very much like a sewing machine. Its typebars were hidden from the operator's view, striking upward from beneath the platen (paper roller), so the operator couldn't see what had been typed until three or four lines later.

Worse than that, typebars, which lay next to one another, had so much mutual friction that if the operator struck an adjacent key too soon, the first key struck would fail to fall back into its rest position in time to miss the upcoming key. The result was a key jam, not easily remedied in those early hand-built machines.

Sholes was no less than ingenious in his approach to fixing these jams. By studying the frequency of occurrence of the letters in the majority of common words in the English language, Sholes reduced the number of jams per sitting.

He found that by placing the operating keypads in a certain sequence, he could slow down the faster operators, and the typist could hunt-and-peck through dozens of letters with no more than one or two serious jams. This sequence ensured that
the operator stayed below ten words per minute, the critical speed of his machine. This, we can say with 20-20 hindsight, was human engineering-in reverse.

Look once more at the keyboard on your TRS-80: You are viewing the keyboard Mr. Sholes produced for the specific purpose of slowing down the 1870's operator, so his machine would operate without jamming!

It wasn't long before far better machines than Sholes' cumbersome "sewing machine" were developed and marketed, but for some inexplicable reason every manufacturer who jumped into the burgeoning typewriter market copied the keyboard laid out by Sholes. Everyone took for granted that QWERTY was as good as any other arrangement.

Bruce Bliven, Jr., author of The Wonderful Writing Machine, has this to say about QWERTY: "Judged scientifically . . .from the standpoint of the touch typist, this arrangement of the alphabet is madly inconvenient. According to one of the many persons, including psychologists, engineers and student Ph.Ds who have studied it, the standard keyboard is considerably less efficient than if the arrangement had been left to simple chance."

## A Breakthrough

But for the perseverance and insight of Dr. August Dvorak, late professor of English at Washington State University, we would be stuck with QWERTY for all time. Dvorak heard the anguished cries of a few far-sighted touch-typists and arranged a

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U.S. Navy contract to humanly-engineer the typewriter keyboard.

When he had completed his work and tested it in the early 1940s, his keyboard was found to be twenty times easier to use than QWERTY.

His brain-child, the Dvorak Simplified Keyboard (DSK), can be learned in onequarter to one-half the time required to learn Sholes' old system, and DSK touch typists become so proficient that they leave the QWERTY typist far behind in speed and accuracy.

DSK users commonly type 100 wpm, while the average QWERTY typist is hardput to better half that speed. The world typewriter speed record holder is a DSK typist.
Why, if the DSK is so efficient, doesn't industry adopt it and build typewriters and computers with the new keyboard? The answer lies in two realms that affect mankind universally: tradition and economics. Typists train on QWERTY in high school. They enter the job market, able to type about 45 wpm on the average. Their prospective employers have QWERTY keyboard typewriters waiting for them. The schools provide typists to fit the business office; typewriter manufacturers provide machines to fit the operators who are trained by the schools. Catch 22!

Dr. Dvorak's keyboard was ready for market in 1944, more than a decade ahead of ENIAC, the first major computer. Yet, the first computer operators were typists who had mastered the QWERTY keyboard. Not surprisingly, these highly accurate, lightning-fast machines are today provided with-nay, saddled with-a QWERTY keyboard!

The DSK however, is finally catching on, in spite of tradition in the marketplace.
A few pioneering court reporters and freelance writers have used the DSK over the years. In the past twenty years the number of users has increased to the extent that two typewriter manufacturers now offer the DSK on new machines at no extra cost: IBM and Smith-Corona (SCM).

So far, no manufacturer has offered the DSK as an option on new computers, but the computer itself provides a simple way
to use either keyboard at will. Software for this purpose has been developed and will soon be available on tape.

## The Software Route

The software program (Program Listing 1) presents a reasonably simple way to convert the TRS-80 keyboard from QWERTY to DSK. This program permits in-
> "Why, if the DSK is so efficient, doesn't the industry adopt it and build typewriters and computers with the new keyboard?'"

stant changeover from QWERTY to DSK and back to QWERTY by pressing two keys simultaneously, the shift key and the zero key. Thus, instant comparison of one keyboard with another is possible.

The 183-byte program is loaded into the desired memory location by means of a BASIC relocating program, which also gives some operating instructions and does decimal to hexadecimal conversions of the starting and ending addresses. The machine language code is contained atmost entirely in the data statements on lines 170-184. (If you want to save some effort you can leave out all but Lines 6, 100-2330 and 10000-10040.)

The program is compatible with other machine language utilities, such as Radio Shack's KBFIX, but KBFIX must be loaded first.

To load the program below another machine language program (such as a printer driver) subtract 183 from the current memory size. This gives you the new memory size to be used when powering up the computer.

Be sure to tape at least one copy of the

BASIC program before running it. If any of the data statements contain an error the Z-80 may jump back to memory location zero, thus wiping out your program.

After loading the BASIC program, type RUN. The program asks you if you remembered to set memory size and then prints some explanatory information before asking for the starting address. This is usually, but not necessarily, the same as the memory size.

After you enter the starting address, the program proceeds to POKE in the memory locations selected. These locations and data are displayed on the screen.

The program then prints more information, including the starting and ending addresses in hexadecimal. You may want to make note of the address for the start of the lookup table, for future reference.

To execute the program, type SYSTEM (enter). When you get the *? prompt, type I and the starting address (in decimal). The keyboard should now be in DSK mode. If an unexpected response appears, such as the memory size question after executing the program, reload your tape (or the program), check the BASIC program (especially the data statements), and try again.

Check to see that the keyboard is indeed in DSK mode by typing asdfg. The letters aoeiu should appear on the screen. If they don't, press the shift and zero keys (QWERTY position) down simultaneously.

The BASIC program, now having done its job, can be cleared from memory by typing NEW. The machine language ob-


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CLEAR 30
10 INPUT "DID YOU SET MEMORY SIZE";AS:IF LEFT$(AS,1)="Y
        * GOTO 20
15 PRINT "MEMORY SIZE SHOULD BE AT LEAST 183 BYTES BELO
        W TOP OF MEMORY."
18 PRINT "SET MEM SIZE AND RELOAD PROGRAM.":END
20 CLS
22 PRINT"DVORAK S I M P L I F I E D K E Y B O
        A R D"
23 PRINT"JON ETHERTON S. 222 ELM #2 SPOKANE, WA 9920
        4"
25 PRINT: PRINT"THIS BASIC PROGRAM LOADS A MACHINE LANGU
        AGE
3 0 ~ P R I N T " K E Y B O A R D ~ C O N V E R S I O N ~ P R O G R A M ~ I N T O ~ M E M O R Y ~ L O C A T I ~
        ONS SPECIFIED
40 PRINT" BY THE USER.
50 PRINT"ONCE THE PROGRAM IS ACTIVATED, THE KEYBOARD OF
                YOUR TRS-8\emptyset
60 PRINT"CAN BE CHANGED FROM 'QUERTY' TO DSK WITH A SIN
        GLE KEYSTROKE"
70 PRINT "PROGRAM SIZE IS 183 BYTES"
90 PRINT"STARTING ADDRESS IS USUALLY THE SAME AS MEMORY
                SIZE."
95 PRINT"IF OVER 32767, THE ADDRESS WILL BE CONVERTED T
        O A NEGATIVE NO.
1\emptyset\emptyset INPUT"WHAT IS STARTING ADDRESS (IN DECIMAL)";ST
105 'IF ST<19896 THEN PRINT"MUST BE OVER 19896":GOTO 10
        |
106 IF ST>65312 PRINT"MUST BE LESS THAN 65312":GOTO 100
109 IF ST>32767 THEN S= -1*(65536-ST):ELSE S=ST
120 FOR A=S TO S+183
130 READ D
140 PRINT A,D
145 POKE A,D
160 NEXT A
170 DATA 42,22,64,34,0,0,33,0,0,34,22,64,195,25,26,205,
        0,0,245,58,16
172 DATA 56,254,1,32,15,58,128,56,254,1,32,8,58,0,0,198
        ,128,50,0,0
174 DATA 58,0,0,254,0,40,2,241,201,241,79,6,0,33,0,0,9,
        126,201,0
175 DATA 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18
        ,19,20
176 DATA 21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31
177 DATA 32,42,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,33,115,87,45,86,
        90
178 DATA 54,58,55,53,51,49,57,48,50,52,56
179 DATA 83,119,61,118,122,64,65,88,74,69,46,85,73
180 DATA 68,67,72,84,78,77,66,82,76,63,80,79,89,71,75,4
        4,81,70,59,91
182 DATA 92,93,94,95,96,97,120,106,101,62,117,105,100,9
        9,104,116,110,109
184 DATA 98,114,108,47,112,111,121,103,107,60,113,102,4
        3
2000 REM ADDRESSES AND DATA TO BE CHANGED ON RELOCATION
2020 N=ST+16
2040 GOSUB 10000
2060 POKE S+4,LSB:POKE S+5,MSB
2080 N=ST+15
2100 GOSUB 10000
2120 POKE S+7,LSB:POKE S+8,MSB
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2140 N=ST+60
2160 GOSUB 10000
2180 POKE S+34,LSB:POKE S+35,MSB
2200 POKE S+39,LSB:POKE S+40,MSB
2220 POKE S+42,LSB:POKE S+43,MSB
2240 N=ST+61
2260 GOSUB 10000
2280 POKE S+55,LSB:POKE S+56,MSB
232g PRINT "PROGRAM RELOCATED"
2330 E=A-1
2350 PRINT"ENDING ADDRESS IS ";E
2360 PRINT"TO EXECUTE, TYPE 'SYSTEM', PRESS ENTER, AND
    TYPE "
2370 PRINT"'/";ST;"'. PRESSING THE SHIFT KEY AND 'g' W
    ILL CHANGE
2380 PRINT"THE KEYBOARD FUNCTION."
2390 PRINT"THE LOOKUP TABLE BEGINS AT ";S+61;". ANY KE
    Y FUNCTION MAY
2400 PRINT"BE CHANGED BY POKING IN A DIFFERENT ASCII VA
    LUE."
2420 PRINT"TO MAKE A SYSTEM TAPE WITH T-BUG, TYPE:
2430 N=ST:GOSUB 20000
2440 S$=H$
2450 N=ST+153:GOSUB 20000
2460 E$=HS
2470 PRINT"P ";S$;" ";ES;" ";S$;" FILE NAME"
9999 END
1000\emptyset REM SPLIT POSITIVE-SIGNED ADDRESS INTO MOST AND L
    EAST SIGNIFICANT BYTES
10010 MSB=INT(N/256)
10020 LSB=((N/256)-MSB)*256
10040 RETURN
20000 'DECIMAL TO HEX CONVERSION
20010 A=N/4096
20020 D(1)=INT(A)
20030 B= (A-D(1))*16
20040 D(2)=INT(B)
20050 C=(B-D(2))*16
2 0 0 6 0 ~ D ( 3 ) = I N T ( C )
20070 D=(C-D(3))*16
20080 D(4)=INT(D)
20095 H$=""
20100 FOR I=1 TO 4
20115 IF D(I)<10 THEN H$=H$+(CHR$(D(I)+48)) ELSE H$=H$+
    (CHR$(D(I)+55))
20140 NEXT I
20150 RETURN
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ject code remains in protected memory.
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Then load a monitor program such as T-Bug. When you get T-Bug's * prompt, load a blank tape in the recorder and type $\mathbf{P}$ and the starting, ending and executing addresses and DSK. DSK is the file name -or use anything you prefer up to six characters. Then press enter.

The tape should take only a few seconds to record. You might be wise to make several dumps of the program on the same tape: Simply retype the above line to start each dump.

The assembly language listing (Pro-

## "The TRS-80 gets information from the keyboard by scanning eight memory locations and decoding the data into ASCII codes representing each character."


gram Listing 2 ) is intended mainly to explain the program. It is generally best to load the program with the BASIC routine.

## How It Works

The TRS-80 gets information from the keyboard by scanning eight memory locations and decoding the data into ASCII codes representing each character.
The keyboard scanning program in ROM is set up as a subroutine which is called by BASIC continuously. The starting address of the subroutine is loaded into a reserved area of RAM called the device control block (DCB) each time the computer is turned on.

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| 27 | u/s ur arrow | same | 27 | 1 F |
| 28-30 | none |  | 28-30 | 1C-1E |
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| 54 | 6 | 9 | 57 | 39 |
| 55 | 7 | 0 | 48 | 30 |
| 56 | 8 | 2 | 50 | 32 |
| 57 | 9 | 4 | 52 | 34 |
| 58 | : | 8 | 56 | 38 |
| 59 | ; | 5 | 83 | 3H |
| 60 | く | W | 119 | 77 |
| 61 | $=$ | same | 61 | 311 |
| 62 | ; | $\checkmark$ | 118 | 76 |
| 63 | ? | $z$ | 122 | 7 A |
| 64 | (0) (unshifted) | 0 | 64 | 40 |
| 65 | A | A | 65 | 41 |
| 66 | B | $\times$ | 88 | 58 |
| 67 | C | $J$ | 74 | 4A |
| 68 | $\square$ | E | 69 | 45 |
| 69 | E | . | 46 | 2 E |
| 70 | F | U | 85 | 55 |
| 71 | G | I | 73 | 45 |
| 72 | H | I | 68 | 44 |
| 73 | I | C | 67 | 43 |
| 74 | $J$ | H | 72 | 48 |
| 75 | K | T | 84 | 54 |
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| 76 | $L$ | $N$ | 78 | 46 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 77 | M | M | 77 | 411 |
| 78 | N | B | 66 | 42 |
| 79 | 0 | F | 82 | 52 |
| 80 | F | L | 76 | 4 C |
| 81 | 0 | ? | 63 | 35 |
| 82 | R | F | 80 | 50 |
| 83 | S | 0 | 79 | 45 |
| 84 | T | $Y$ | 89 | 55 |
| 85 | U | G | 71 | 47 |
| 86 | v | K | 75 | 4E: |
| 87 | W | , | 44 | 2 C |
| 88 | $X$ | $Q$ | 81 | 51 |
| 89 | $Y$ | F | 70 | 46 |
| 90 | $Z$ | ; | 59 | 3F |
| 91-95 | none |  | 91-95 | 3C-36 |
| 96 | @ ufper Ease | @ | 96 | 60 |
| 97 | a | ล | 97 | 61 |
| 98 | b | $\cdots$ | 120 | 78 |
| 99 | E | j | 106 | 6A |
| 100 | $d$ | E | 101 | 65 |
| 101 | e | ) | 62 | 3 E |
| 102 | $f$ | u | 117 | 75 |
| 103 | 5 | i | 105 | 65 |
| 104 | H | d | 100 | 64 |
| 105 | i | c | 99 | 63 |
| 106 | j | r | 104 | 68 |
| 107 | 1 : | $t$ | 116 | 74 |
| 108 | 1 | n | 1.10 | 6 E |
| 109 | M | M | 109 | 611 |
| 110 | 17 | $b$ | 98 | 62 |
| 111 | 0 | $r$ | 114 | 72 |
| 1.12 | $F$ | 1 | 108 | 6 C |
| 113 | 9 | 1 | 47 | $2 F$ |
| 114 | $r$ | $F$ | 112 | 70 |
| 115 | 3 | 0 | 111 | 6 F |
| 116 | t | s | 121 | 75 |
| 117 | u | 5 | 103 | 67 |
| 118 | $v$ | $k$ | 107 | 6E: |
| 119 | w | < | 60 | 3 C |
| 120 | $\cdots$ | 8 | 113 | 71 |
| 121 | $v$ | $f$ | 102 | 66 |
| 122 | $z$ | $+$ | 43 | 2F: |
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The program then checks the status switch to see if the keyboard character should be altered. If the status location contains an 80 H , the program restores the character in the A register and jumps back to the calling program in BASIC. If the status is 00 the character is used to index a character in the lookup table (Table 1).


The table is similar to the one on pages C/1 and C/2 of the Level II BASIC manual.
The conversion table could be shortened by leaving out ASCII codes 0 to 32, all of the lowercase letters, and some of the punctuation characters. However, the indexing routine would have to be more complex to deal with the exceptions. Also, the keyboard is purposely made as easy as possible for the end user to modify. At current discount prices, the program occupies less than $\$ 2.00$ worth of memory, so length should not be a major consideration.

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For example, if the BASIC program told you that the lookup table starts at 32600 and you want to change the letter a to m ,

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One possible modification leaves the number keys in their numerical order. To do this, replace line 178 in the BASIC listing with the following:

178 DATA 48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56,57,58
Also exchange the 33 and 42 in line 177 to exchange the exclamation point and asterisk. The question mark is now a lowercase character, thus making it easier to abbreviate print in BASIC programs.

## Practicable Persuasion

When you have your DSK program debugged and ready for use, consider the practicality of using each arrangement. Start with QWERTY and type federated. Note that all letters are keyed by fingers of the left hand. Now press shift zero and try the same word in DSK. (Refer to the DSK chart, Fig. 2b, but keep the same homerow finger position that you learned for QWERTY. Home-row keys are double-circled on the chart for operators who have not previously learned the touch system of typing.) It will be slow going at first, but note how $f$ ederatedalternates right, left, right, left. This is one of the open secrets of why DSK is highly superior.

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The essence of variables.

# Into the 80 's 

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Last time, you remember we were faced with the problem of selecting a pair of words at random from our data list, doing it by running through a random number of items and discarding the ones we didn't need. All this effort was necessary because we couldn't pick a single word at random out of the list. Now we're going to look at a method of doing that.
This method is a darn sight simpler than the name suggests. We READ the data as usual, but as each item is read we label it as a string variable, and number the variables. When we read off the first animal name, we number it as $\mathbf{Q} \$(1)$, and we make its answer A\$(1). Similarly, the next pair become $\mathbf{Q} \$(2)$ and $A \$(2)$, the next are $Q \$(3), A \$(3)$, etc.

## Storing Variables

The computer stores these variables and refuses to be confused by any similarities between variable names. A\$, A1\$ and A\$(1) are three separate variables which will be stored in different parts of memory and can be called up only if you use the correct titles.

One advantage of storing words like this is that we can retrieve any question or answer pair without having to sort through all the words. If our random choice comes up with the number two, we can then print Q\$(2), and match the answer at the INPUT stage with $\mathbf{A} \$(2)$. Remember that RND(6)
generates the random numbers.
A set of strings tagged with numbers in this way rejoices in the splendid title of an array of subscripted string variables. Array means a list, and subscripted means that we've tagged each item with numbers so that we can identify them.

My friends, nothing could be easier than setting up an array now that you know about the FOR. . . . . NEXT loop. The array in Listing 1 starts with the FOR $N=1$ TO 6 statement, which means we start with the value of the variable N set to one. The next command is READ $Q \$(N)$, $A \$(N)$. This reads in the first word of data and assigns it the variable name $\mathbf{Q \$ ( 1 ) , ~ b e c a u s e ~} N$ is set to one. The next word is also read and assigned the variable name $\mathbf{A} \$(1)$. That's the first question and answer pair dealt with, so the next command is NEXT. This causes the computer to increase the value it has assigned to N , and compare it with the limit we set at the start, which was six. We've just increased N from one to two, so the NEXT command moves to the READ command with N set to two. The next two words are read, assigned the variable names $Q \$(2)$ and $\mathbf{A} \$(2)$, the control returns to the NEXT statement, and $N$ is set a three, and compared with six. This goes on until N has been set to six. At this value, the last pair of question and answer words are read in and assigned the variable names $\mathbf{Q} \$(6)$ and $A \$(6)$, when $N$ is increased to seven by the NEXT step, and the loop is broken because seven is greater than six. All the data words have been read and converted into an array so we can pick them out as we want, using a piece of program like the one shown in Listing 2.

## Dimensioning

Before you start using tagged variables, there's one more instruction you need to
know. When you set up an array of tagged variables, the computer stores the variables in one part of its memory and keeps a note of them, along with the tags in another part. So it can organize this process efficiently, it needs to be told how many tags you might use. Might use, notice, not did use. If you specify that you might use 50 tags, but use only 20, that's all right by the TRS-80, but if you specify that you might use 50 and then try to use 51, you'll get an error message (BS) whenever you try to use the last tag, meaning that you haven't reserved enough memory spâce.

The number of tags which you might use on a variable is called the dimension of the variable. If you're going to enter 12 names, assigned to $L \$$ and tagged $L \$(1), \ldots . . L \$(12)$, the dimension of $L \$$ is 12 . The TRS-80 allows you to use dimensions of up to ten on any subscripted variable without any extra work, but if you are going to use more than this number of tags you have to enter the dimension early in the program, by using the DIM (for DIMension) statement.
DIM L\$(12) means that you plan to use a subscripted variable L\$ with subscript numbers which do not exceed 12. If your program has several subscripted variables, you don't need to write a separate line of DIM for each. For example, you can write DIM $L \$(12), P(20)$. Make sure that you haven't reserved more memory space than your computer has, and make sure that the DIM statement comes early in the program, well before you are going to use any of these subscripted variables. Remember also that you can use 0 as a subscript, so you can have $L \$(0), L \$(1)$. . . which lets you have an extra subscript without having to reserve any more memory.

## Loading the Strings

Listing 3 allows you enter word pairs
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## I. R. Sinclair


from the keyboard and tag them as subscripted variables. As an added refinement, the tag number is shown alongside the word as you type it in.

This is a powerful piece of program. It starts with FOR N = 1 TO 100.1 picked 100 as an upper limit, but we could have used anything else. The point of doing this is to ensure that we don't put in more words than we've allowed for in the DIM statement.
$N$ is set to one at the beginning, and the PRINT N: command prints a one on the screen, followed by the question mark which always goes along with the INPUT statement. The semicolon after PRINT N is there to make sure that the N and the INPUT word are on the same line. You can then type a question word, which will be assigned the variable name of $\mathbf{Q} \$(1)$. Follow this with a comma, and type the answer word, $\mathbf{A}(1)$ and ENTER. What happens if you forget the comma and then use ENTER? Disaster, because the two words will simply be strung together as a single word assigned as $\mathbf{Q} \$(1)$, and the computer will print two query marks to tell you that it's waiting for the answer word. The TRS-80 is a great little computer, but it can't correct your mistakes. If you enter each word separately, you'll get a single query mark as a prompt for the question word, and a double query mark as the prompt for the answer word.

The next section of the line is an IF... NEXT. . ELSE decision. If QS( $n$ ) is not assigned to $X$, then the next value of $N$ is taken and another pair of words can be used. If the letter $X$ is input, the program breaks out of the FOR.. . NEXT loop, and makes N take a value one less than that assigned to it last. In this way you avoid using the value $X$ in the program. If, for example, $X$ is the tenth item which you entered, then N is reduced from ten to nine, because there are only nine actual items. We can now pick out any pair of words for our program and enter them from the keyboard. The idea of sub-
scripted string variables (you can have subscripted number variables as well, but strings are more fun) is useful, but it can be extended.

## A Matrix

Take a look at the program in Listing 4. It starts at line 10 with something which is new to you, a pair of FOR-NEXT loops together, one inside the other. This is called nested, because the first one completely surrounds the second one and the second the third (if you have one) and so on. There are two here, and they are reading what looks at first sight to be a single string variable, A\$. A\$, however, is a subscripted string variable, and it's not singly subscripted like $\mathbf{A} \$(1)$, but doubly subscripted like $\mathbf{A}(1,1)$. This arrangement of subscripts is set up by the use of $I$ and $J$ in the FORNEXT loops and makes for very economical programming, because in place of question string and answer string we simply have A\$. It's important but difficult to grasp if you've never used anything like it before, so we'll spend some time looking at this one closely.

The first, or outside, loop starts with FOR $I=1$ TO 4, so that on the first run 1 is given the value one. The program then moves to the second FOR instruction, and sets J at one. The READ instruction causes the first word of data to be read and labeled as AS $(1,1)$ because $I=1$ and $J=1$. We would normally have two separate NEXT statements, but in this type of array we can get away with the one which is shown, NEXT J,I, which means take the next $J$ if there is one, and if there isn't, take the next I.

Notice that you have to be fussy about the order of these variables. The NEXT variables have to be in reverse order from the FOR variables, so that if the first FOR uses I, then I must be the last variable in the NEXT. If you don't do this, your nest has
holes in it. For example, if we opened with FOR $X=1$ to $5:$ FORY $=1$ to $4:$ FORZ $=1$ to 2, we would have to finish with NEXT $\mathbf{Z , Y}, \mathbf{X}$.

So far we have read the data word HORSE and assigned it as $\mathbf{A} \$(1,1)$. We then take the next $J$, keeping I at one, and so making $\mathrm{J}=2$. The next word, FOAL, is assigned the string coding $\mathbf{A} \$(1,2)$. Starting to look interesting?
We're out of J's now, so the next I is taken, and I now has the value of two. This time around, with $\mathrm{I}=2$ and $\mathrm{J}=1$ (because we started back at the FOR $J=1$ to 2 again), we'll read PIG and assign it as $A \$(2,1)$. The inner loop will then cause PIGLET to be read, and assigned as $\mathbf{A} \$(2,2)$. In fact we're assigning four sets of two words when the program has run. If you like a more abstract description, it's four lines of animals with two columns, one for parents, the other for the young. Mathematicians (may they be preserved. . . preferably in aspic) call this arrangement a matrix.

The nicest thing about a matrix of this sort is that it's easy to make neat arrangements. Line 30 gives you some idea of what can be done. Starting with the FOR statements which set up the matrix arrangement, it uses J in a PRINTTAB () statement to space the two columns of words neatly on the video screen. The semicolon after the $\mathbf{A S}(1, J)$, makes sure that the young animal's name get printed in the same line as the old one. Follow this up with a separate PRINT command between the NEXT $J$ and the NEXT I, or the computer will try to print everything on the same line, and fail miserably. It seems a shame to abandon that NEXT J,I already, but the results are quite satisfying. Run it and see!

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500 FOR N=1TO6: READ $Q \$(N), A \$(N): N E X T$
510 FOR N=1 TO 6:PRINT Q\$(N),A\$(N):NEXT
Program Listing 1

```
150 DATA"LION","PRIDE", "WHALE","SCHOOL", "FISH","SHOAL",
    "SHEEP","FLOCK", "COWS", "HERD","GEESE", "GAGGLE"
499 REM INTO8\emptyset'S FIG.4.2
500 FOR N=1TO6:READ QS(N),AS(N):NEXT
510 R=RND (6):PRINT Q$(R)
```

Program Listing 2

```
10 DIM Q$(100),A$(100)
20 FOR N=1TOlø\emptyset:PRINT N".";:INPUT QS(N),A$(N):IF QS(N)<
    >"X" THEN NEXT ELSE N=N-1
30 FOR Y=1TO N:PRINT Q$(Y),A$(Y):NEXT
```

Program Listing 3

```
10 DIM AS (6,6):FOR I=1TO4:FOR J=1TO2:READ AS(I,J):NEXT
        J,I
20 DATA "HORSE", "FOAL", "PIG","PIGLET", "DOG", "PUPPY ", "CO
        W", "CALF"
30 FOR I=1TO4:FOR J=1TO2:PRINTTAB(20*J)AS(I,J);:NEXT J:
        PRINT:NEXT I
```

Program Listing 4

10 DIM L\$(50):FOR N=1TO5:INPUT L\$(N):NEXT
100 REM INTO 80 'S FIG 4.5 FAULTY EXAMPLE
110 FOR N=1TO50: IF LEFT\$ $(L \$(N), 1)\left\rangle^{n} D^{n} T H E N\right.$ NEXT
120 PRINT L\$(N):NEXT
Program Listing 5

```
10 DIM L$(51):FOR N=1TO5:INPUT L$(N):NEXT
100 REM INTO 80'S FIG 4.6
116 FOR N=1TO50:IF LEFT$(L$(N),1)="D" THEN PRINT L$(N):
        NEXT:ELSE NEXT
```


## Program Listing 6

```
10 DIM A$(51):FOR N=1TO50:READ A$(N):NEXT
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10 DIM A$(51):FOR N=1TO50:READ A$(N):NEXT
2ø INPUT "SURNAME"; X\$
2ø INPUT "SURNAME"; X\$
30 L=LEN (X$)
30 L=LEN (X$)
40 FOR N=1TO50:IF X$<>RIGHT$(AS(N),L) THEN NEXT ELSE PR
40 FOR N=1TO50:IF X$<>RIGHT$(AS(N),L) THEN NEXT ELSE PR
INT VAL(AS(N))
INT VAL(AS(N))
50 DATA "217467803JOHN DOE","2170322104TIM BUCK" :REM Y
50 DATA "217467803JOHN DOE","2170322104TIM BUCK" :REM Y
OU NEED A TOTAL OF FIFTY ENTRIES!
OU NEED A TOTAL OF FIFTY ENTRIES!
Program Listing 7

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learning to recognize a string, using instructions like IF AS = P\$ THEN...? One of the hazards of that type of recognition is that if you print one of these string variable words with a space or a misspelling, the computer simply won't recognize it. We're now going
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[^5]which string you want a chunk selected from, and how many letters you want to take. For example, suppose we have the instruction LEFT\$ (A\$,3). Whatever word is used as AS, the instruction will select the first three letters on the left hand side. If A\$ $=$ "HORSE", then LEFT\$ (A\$,3) gives HOR. A\$ is not affected by this, it is still HORSE. If you had spelled it as HORRES, the computer won't care if it has been instructed to look only at the first three letters. RIGHT\$ does the same sort of thing. Suppose we
have the instruction RIGHT\$(A\$,3) and A\$ $=$ RABBIT". This time BIT is selected from the word, and A\$ is still RABBIT. LEFT\$ and RIGHT\$ do not delete letters from words, they simple select which letters can be used for other purposes.

LEFT\$ and RIGHT\$ are useful weapons, but MID\$ is a real missile. To use MID\$, specify what string you want to operate on, at which letter you want to start, and how many letters you want to select. Suppose we take $\operatorname{MID} \$(A \$, 2,3)$. If $\mathbf{A} \$=$ ANTELOPE

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Suppose we have a list of names stored as subscripted string variables, $\mathrm{L} \$(\mathrm{~N})$, which means L\$(1), L\$(2), L\$(3) and so on. How many of these names start with the letter D? No, don't sit there and count them, write a program! Something along the lines of Listing 5 might suit us very well, assuming we've used a program to read in 50 names (is your telephone index up to date?). For each value of N , the string name has its first letter compared to D . If the string doesn't start with a $D$, the next one is taken, but if it does, line 120 commands a printout of the name before going to the next one. We can have two commands of NEXT. This can get us into trouble if the last name does not start with D, because in line 110, the FOR. . . NEXT loop will end, and line 120 will then print $L \mathbb{S}(N)$, which we don't need, and asks for the NEXT again. This could cause an error report (BS), meaning that we have exceeded the dimensions we asked for.

Listing 6 shows a neater and flawless method of sorting out these D's. The IF statement sorts out the D's and prints the string, and the ELSE causes the NEXT $N$ to be selected if there isn't a D around. The dimension is chosen to allow the NEXT command to take N to 51 without causing an error message. Now how about selecting all the phone numbers which have the same area code? Let's suppose we have 50 numbers stored in an array $\mathrm{K}(\mathrm{N})$. Not K\$? Tough luck, you can't do it. All these string commands operate only on strings, not on numbers, which is why so many programs store numbers in string form by simply entering them as strings. STR\$ converts any number variable into a string variable. For example, if we have the statement K\$ just as thoroughly as if we had written $\mathrm{K} \$=$ " 234 " in the first place. If we have 50 number variables, $K(1)$ through $K(50)$, you just add the line:

## FOR $N=1$ TO 50: $K \$(N)=S T R \$(N(N))$.

Watch the double set of brackets, because if you miss one, you'll get the SN error message. Now that you've got your phone numbers in the form of a subscripted string variable array (gives you a feeling of power just to say it!) you can pick off the area codes by using

$$
\text { AS }=\text { LEFTS }(K \$(N), 3)
$$

Once again, we have brackets within brackets, and you have to be sure that you've included all of the brackets.

## "As it happens, you often want to do things with numbers which you can't do with strings. . '"

## Packing Strings

Suppose you stored each name and number together in one string as $\mathrm{K} \$(\mathrm{~N})$. Quite a savings in memory is gained by doing this, because there's only one string to store for each name/number, instead of a separate pair of strings or a string and a number. How do we separate them so that we can print out something that looks rather more civilized than JOHN W DOE 2141673802? One neat and simple method makes use of the statement VAL.
VAL means-find the number value inside a string. It's usually used when a number has been converted into a string by using STR\$ and you now want to convert back. As it happens, you often want to do things with numbers which you can't do with strings, like multiplication, division and subtraction, for example. Addition is a bit different, and we'll be looking at what happens when we use the + sign on strings in a moment.
Many computers use VAL just for converting a number string back to a number, but the TRS-80 BASIC goes one better. If you have a string which starts with a number, like 1024 SUNRISE AVENUE, you can extract the number out of the string by using VAL. If, for example, you run the little program:

10 AS = "1024 SUNRISE AVENUE"
20 PRINT VAL(AS)
What is printed out is 1024, the number which the VAL statement finds at the start of the string. VAL can only find a number at the start of a string, however. If you have A\$ $=$ JOHN DOE 2174267803, then VAL(A\$) is zero, because the number follows the letters.

This doesn't prevent you from writing your own routine, using MID\$(A\$,N,1) to strip characters off the string one by one and test their ASCII codes to find if they are numbers. The ASCII codes for numbers are 48 through 57 , so you could detect numbers anywhere in the string and print them out.
To spearate numbers from names by using VAL, we have to place the number first, coding our number/name in the form of 2172677803 JOHN DOE.

Listing 7 assumes that you have a set of data lines which contain your telephone number and name strings. Line 10 is straightforward-we are just reading each item and labeling it as a string array $\mathbf{A} \$(\mathbf{N})$, allowing for 50 items. If you don't want to try 50 for starters, make it two and use just the data in line 50.
Line 20 asks for the surname of the person whose number you want typed. From what you know of computers by now, you should not be surprised to learn that your
typing of DOE had better match exactly with the DOE which you have stored in the data line!

In line $30, L=\operatorname{LEN}(X), X \$$ is the string variable assigned to the name you typed at the INPUT stage, and LEN means, measure how many characters are in this string. The answer here is three. If we know how many characters are in the surname, and that the surname is at the right hand side of the string, we can pick the surname out of $A \$$ in
line 40 , by setting a variable $L$ equal to the length of the name string $X$, and then find RIGHT\$(A\$(N),L). We could equally easily have saved a line by writing in line 40:

RIGHT\$(AS(N),LEN(X\$))
making sure not to leave out any of the brackets. It's a useful feature of our BASIC that we can use expressions like LEN(X\$), as well as simple numbers and variables in


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10 INPUT "NUMBER BETWEEN 1 AND 25, PLEASE";N$
2| N$= "|"+N$
30 N$=RIGHT$(N$,2)
40 PRINT N$:GOTO10
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Program Listing 8
$10 \operatorname{IF} \operatorname{LEFT}(\mathrm{~A} \$, 2)=\operatorname{LEFT}(\mathrm{L} \$(\mathrm{~N}), 2) \operatorname{OR} \operatorname{RIGHT}(\mathrm{A}, 2)=$ RIGHT\$ (L\$(N),2) THEN PRINT "CORRECT, WELL DONE!"

Progra.7 Listing 9

CLS: PRINTTAB(23) "THIS IS THE TITLE"
PRINTTAB (23) " $===============^{\prime \prime}$

Program Listing 10

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10 CLS:PRINTTAB(21)"THIS IS ANOTHER TITLE"
PRINT TAB(21) STRING$(21,42)
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Program Listing 11

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CLS:PRINT:PRINT
    PRINT CHR$(23)TAB(12)"TITLE"
    PRINTTAB(12)STRING$(5,42)
    FOR N=1TO1000:NEXT
PRINT CHR$(28):PRINT@384,"NEXT LINE OF MESSAGE"
```

Program Listing 12

```
10 POKE 16445,8
20 PRINT"HAPPY BIRTHDAY!":FOR N=1TO1000:NEXT
30 POKE 16445,0
40 PRINT "TO YOU...."
```

Program Listing 13
the RIGHT\$, LEFT\$, MID\$ and other expressions.
In line 40 each item of data is examined, and the correct number of letters on the right hand side is stripped off to compare with $\mathrm{X} \$$, which might be DOE. If the last three letters are not DOE, then the next string is taken, and if the last three match up, the final part of line 40 instructs the computer to print the telephone number by taking $\operatorname{VAL}(\mathrm{A} \$(\mathrm{~N})$.

Here's another use for RIGHT\$. Suppose you have a set of numbers which lie between one and 25 , and you want to put them into string form so that each has two digits, like $21,01,18,06$. . . If you write numbers in this way, you can put them into a string and get them back easily, because you always want the same number of characters back, two in this example. If you had these at the end of a string, you could use RIGHT\$

A $\$(\mathrm{~N}), 2$ ), for example.
Listing 8 shows how this operation of padding numbers out can be achieved. The number in this example is typed in as an answer to the INPUT query, and we take the chance to assign it to a string variable, $\mathrm{N} \$$. In line 20, we redefine N\$ as being equal to one space plus the old value of N\$. When we use a + sign with two string quantities, the quantities are simply run together, or concatenated. If we had typed $N \mathbb{N}={ }^{* * "}+$ $N \$$, then with $N \$=$ " 2 ", the result would be *2. As it is, line 20 uses a zero between quote marks so that the new $N \$$ consists of the number we read in with a zero in front of it.

In line 30, we define another $\mathrm{N} \$$, this time the RIGHT\$ of the N\$ with a zero in front. If that $N \$$ were 02, the RIGHT\$ will give 02, but if N\$ were 021, RIGHT\$ would give just 21. Either way, the number consists of just two

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characters, and can be selected again by picking off two characters from the string we put it in. Both words and numbers can be padded out in this way to a standard size (two characters, 10, 20, whatever you like so long as it doesn't exceed 255) so that they can be easily selected again.

One small problem arises here. If you have converted a number into a string by using STR\$(number), the computer will automatically put a space in front of the number to make room for a negative sign if one is needed. That way, if you use STR\$(5), you get a string which is two characters long, and $\operatorname{STR} \$(50)$ is three characters long, though STR $\$(-50)$ is also three characters long. If this might cause problems, one way out of it is to use RIGHT\$. To pad out to two characters we use:

$$
A S(N)=\operatorname{RIGHTS}\left({ }^{\prime} \cdot{ }^{\prime}+\operatorname{AS}(\mathbf{N}), 2\right)
$$

Your numbers will be two-character strings no matter what STRS has done to them, but watch out for negative numbers!

Time to leave the LEFT, RIGHT, MID business, and look at other things, but before we do, look at Listing 9.

This is one answer to the word recognition part of a mailing list program. If you have the first two letters correct, the comparison is good enough. You have to use this type of recognition carefully, however, because if you have two names which start with the same letters, like ANT or ANTELOPE, the computer doesn't know the difference. In fact, the monkey, donkey problem is the worst you're likely to get!

## Presentation

How do you underline a word you have printed on the screen?

There's no way of underlining on the same line as the letters of the word, but if there is space on the next line (make space) the problem has a solution. Listing 10 shows one solution-the title words are printed, and, on the next line, using quotation marks, type the characters of underlining. The equality sign and the asterisk are useful for this job. Big BASIC, however, offers a lazy way of underlining in the form of the STRING\$ function. STRING\$ is a statement which instructs the computer to print identical characters.

There are two ways of specifying which characters we want string together. If we type in:

## PRINT STRINGS(24," = ")

the computer will print a string of 24 equality sign. Similarly, PRINTTAB(20)STRING\$ ( 24, " $A$ ") will produce a row of 24 A's starting

# "Who is this ASCII, you ask me? It stands for American Standard Code for Information Interchanges, and it's a numbercode method of transmitting characters. 

at tabulator position 20. Another way makes use of the ASCII codes for the numbers, letters and characters.

Who is this ASCII, you ask me? It stands for American Standard Code for Information Interchange, and it's a number-code method of transmitting characters.

How do you find the ASCII code for a character? The hard way is to look it up in the TRS-80 manual. The easy way is to ask the computer. PRINT ASC("*') will bring up the code which represents the asterisk. We can easily find other codes.

The character which is represented by ASCII code 128 is a blank. It's not the same blank as the one which is represented by ASCII 32. It's possible to have two different blanks. If that sounds weird to you, think of this. The blank represented by 32 can be entered from the keyboard (by using the space bar), but 128 can't. When the computer finds 128 in a string, it can be instructed that this is the end of a string and the start of another. It's a useful distinction.

We can now redesign our underlining statement in line 20, using STRING\$, so it looks like Listing 11. There's no reason for these two statements not going into one line, saving memory. Each time you start a new line, you use five bytes of memory, so it pays well to pack the lines as much as possible this way.

CHR\$ stands for the character or action represented by the number in brackets following CHR\$. For example, PRINT CHR\$(68) causes a $D$ to be printed because 68 is the ASCII code for the letter D . Of course, there's a catch: A lot of ASCII codes don't represent letters. They represent actions, and we can have the computer carry them out by using the PRINT CHR\$( ) command.

One pair of codes which are peculiar to the TRS-80 are 23 and 28. PRINT CHR\$(23) causes the display to print double-size letters and numbers until the command is cancelled by one of a variety of methods. After CHR\$(23) has been printed, we have to be careful how we use TAB and PRINT@ numbers because with double-size characters, there are only 32 characters per line.

A command to PRINTTAB(35) isn't going to produce a letter in the middle of the screen. In the same way, the PRINT@ instructions go only to 256, not to 1023.

256, not to 1023.
Double-sized lettering is excellent for titles and for drawing attention to error messages, but the uses suggested in the manual are limited. The character size returns to normal when the CLEAR key is pressed, or CLS used.

Sometimes you don't want to lose what has been printed in the large characters, yet you want more lettering on the screen in smaller print. You can't have a mixture of large and small letters. The PRINT CHR\$(23) command operates on the part of the memory which stores the video display characters, and affects either none of it, or all of it at once. One method I use in my own programs is shown in Listing 12.

Line ten skips the first line of the screen. It could be done just as easily by using a PRINT @ command in line 20, but we're opted to use TAB. The CHR\$(23) sets up the big letters, and we print the title and underline it. Line $\mathbf{4 0}$ simply arranges a time delay so we can sit back and in line 50, the PRINT CHR\$(28) then restores the lettering to normal size. It was not intended as a way of restoring normal size letters but as a method of wiping out the top line! The top line was left blank as it will otherwise be wiped clean by the PRINT CHR\$(28) command.

Notice also that the lettering which was printed double-size is now normal size but double spaced. It still looks good as a titie.

We've also had to position the next line using PRINT@ to keep out of the way and avoid wiping out any other lines.

Another way of getting double-spaced print and returning again uses the instruction POKE. The method is shown in Listing 13. We'll deal with the POKE instruction later; all we need to know for now is that it can change the contents of the memory directly, and more quickly than the usual BASIC instructions. You can mix these commands, using PRINT CHR\$(23) to start the big print, and POKE 16445,0 to stop it. For some curious reason, however, the stop command does not work in every program. I have one program in which POKE 16445,0 works perfectly, and another in which it has no effect. I still haven't discovered why.

The sharp-eyed folks will already have sensed that there's more to tell about the PRINT CHR\$( ) instruction. It's not particularly useful for printing letters or even punc-


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tuation marks. It's just as easy (and easier to follow) if you just type PRINT A or PRINT ; or whatever. CHR\$( ) has been found useful for producing effects in a program which we can't get directly from the keyboard, such as the $\mathrm{CHR} \$(23)$ and $\mathrm{CHR} \$(28)$. Table 1 shows more of these effects taken from the Level II manual.

There are a lot of ASCII codes which can't be entered from the keyboard but which make their appearance in many programs. These are the graphics characters. One unit of memory, a byte, can store a number of size up to 255 ; since the highest number of ASCII code for letters or characters is 128, however, that leaves a large number of unused codes. In the TRS-80 these are used for graphics characters. The later Level II manuals include a printout of these characters, but the earlier manuals didn't. For everyone who is now struggling with an old manual, Fig. 1 shows what the graphics characters look like, with their code numbers. To see any of these characters for yourself, look up its code number. Use the command PRINT CHR\$(number).

## Bigger Graphics

Going onto Sinclair's Second Law - that what they don't tell you in an instruction manual is as important and as useful as what they do tell you - you may have sensed that there's a lot more to this business. If you look at Fig. 2 more is revealed. Each printing position on the video screen consists of six small blocks or cells, and the graphics characters are formed by lighting up various combinations of these cells. Why shouldn't we light up more than one cell at a time in a given block? And there's

| Code | Function |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.7 | None |
| 8 | Backspaces and erases current character |
| 9 | None |
| 10-13 | Carriage returns |
| 14 | Turns on cursor |
| 15 | Turns off cursor |
| 16-22 | None |
| 23 | Converts to 32 character mode |
| 24 | Backspace - Cursor |
| 25 | Advance $\rightarrow$ Cursor |
| 26 | Downward I linefeed |
| 27 | Upward $\uparrow$ linefeed |
| 28 | Home, return cursor to display position(0,0) |
| 29 | Move cursor to beginning of line |
| 30 | Erases to the end of the line |
| 31 | Clear to the end of the frame |

Table 1. C/Control, Graphics and ASCII Codes-Control Codes 1\#31


Figure 1
also no reason why we shouldn't light up more than one block at a time. We can do this by combining codes; Listing 14 shows an example. $\mathrm{G} \$$ is defined as the combination of two graphics characters. Each time we command PRINT G\$, we'll get that combination, and we can, of course, use the usual printing options of PRINTTAB() G\$ and PRINT@, G\$ to position the set of characters where we want them. We can also use tricks like defining two sets of graphics characters, $\mathrm{G} \$$ and $\mathrm{H} \$$, and then writing

## PRINT@N,GS:PRINT@(N+1),HS

which will print the two sets side by side, starting at the position set by the value of the number N (between 0 and 1022).

Alternately we can use:

> PRINT@N,GS:PRINT@(N+64),HS
which will print $\mathrm{G} \$$ at position N , and $\mathrm{H} \$$ directly underneath it. Adding 64 to N moves the printing position to the line space immediately below, since we now have 64 print positions in a line. When we used large print we used only 32 characters per line, and there are 64 in the program now.

Next month we'll be looking at the SET and RESET commands, which are a free reign way of creating shapes. Then in the final section of this series we'll investigate the POKE command which can speed up the process of drawing shapes.

## INKEYS

INKEY\$ can make your program a lot more interesting, it's always by a statement like

$$
\text { KS }=\text { INKEYS }
$$

What is INKEY\$? It refers to the value of the character which is fed into the computer when pressing the key just as the computer is scanning the keyboard contacts looking for a key being closed. This scanning takes places continuously when the computer is being used to enter a program, and during much of the time when a program is running in order to detect the BREAK key being pressed. It is halted during a CLOAD or CSAVE, an LLIST or LPRINT. You can't affect what goes on during these operations by punching keys. The RESET button alone, located at the back of the computer, will stop a CLOAD or CSAVE (and will usually corrupt the tape as well). Incidentally, having the continuous keyboard scan means that if you are using a simple keyboard delay routine as a bounce fix, your programs are running slower!
This scan operation is fast but chances


Figure 2

```
10 G$=CHR$ (153)+CHR$ (166)
20 CLS:PRINT G$
30 PRINTTAB(32)G$
40 PRINT@350,G$
50 END
100 REM TYPE RUN 100 TO RUN THIS ONE
110 G$=CHR$ (154) +CHR$ (165):H$=CHR$ (183) +CHR$ (187)
120 CLS:PRINT@150,G$;:PRINT@155,H$
130 FOR N=1TO1000:NEXT
140 CLS:PRINT @480,G$:PRINT@544,H$
```


## Program Listing 14

```
5 PRINT "PRESS ANY LETTER OR NUMBER KEY"
10 K$=INKEY$:IF K$="" THEN 10
20 K=VAL(K$): IF K=0 THEN PRINT"YOU ENTERED THE LETTER
        ";K$
30 IF K<>0 THEN PRINT "YOU ENTERED THE NUMBER "; K$
4 0 \text { END}
```

Program Listing 15

```
1000 A$=""
1010 K$=INKEY$:IF K$="" THEN 1010 ELSE PRINT K$;
1020 AS=AS+K$:IF LEN (AS)<2 THEN 1010
1030 IF LEN(AS)=2 AND AS="NO" THEN M=2:GOTO2000
1040 IF LEN(AS)=3 AND AS="YES" THEN M=1:GOTO2000
1050 IF LEN(AS)=2 THEN 1010
1060 IF LEN(AS)>3 OR AS<>"NO" OR AS<>"YES" THEN GOTO201
        0
1070 END
2000 IF M=1 THEN PRINT " THE ANSWER IS YES":ELSE PRINT
        " THE ANSWER IS NO"
2005 END
2010 PRINT " YOU HAVE MADE A mISTAKE- PLEASE TRY AGAIN
        .":FOR N=1TO500:NEXT:GOTO1000
```


## Program Listing 16

are, if you just wrote K\$ = INKEY\$ into a program and let it run, there wouldn't be a key pressed down at the instant when that line of program was carried out, so $\mathrm{K} \$$ would be a blank string at first. We get around this by looping around the instruction; forcing it to repeat itself until something is entered by pressing a key. A line such as:

$$
50 \mathrm{KS}=\text { INKEYS : IF KS }=\cdots \text { " THEN } 50
$$

does just that. If the value of $\mathrm{K} \$$ is a blank, the line runs again. It keeps running until a value is entered from a key. The value of that key is then stored as K\$. If the key is just a letter key or a number key, its value can be printed by making the line read
$50 \mathrm{KS}=$ INKEYS: IF KS = " $"$ THEN 50 ELSE PRINT KS
This is a useful way of entering letters or numbers without hitting ENTER. An example of this sort of thing is shown in Listing
15. In line 10, K\$ is set equal to INKEYS, and looped back waiting for a key to be pressed, the number value of $\mathrm{K} \$$ is found by using $K=\operatorname{VAL}(K \$)$. If the key is a letter key, its number value is zero, and the message in line 20 is printed. If the key is a number key, its number value is not zero (unless it is the zero key) and the message in line 30 is printed.

Take a look at the program in Listing 16. This is useful for YES/NO choices, because it lets you see the word build up on the screen, and returns at once when the correct word is selected, without needing to hit ENTER. In addition, it signals back to the main program what has been typed, using $M=1$ to mean YES and $M=0$ to mean NO. Try it out, and then think how it might be improved. Perhaps a flashing asterisk or dash to remind when you need ent 3 r another letter?

Next month, we will look at how the TRS-80 makes calculations, formulae and logic easy for us.


# You'll be one after reading this introductory lesson on arrays. Comes complete with homework. 

# A Manipulative Wizard 

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The TRS-80 is a talented little machine. As you learn about it, its possibilities widen surprisingly. And when it comes to handling large data groups with items in special relation to others, it is, indeed, an electronic wizard!

Anyone who has data that must be manipulated should be familiar with the array capability of the computer.

Moving from Level I, where arrays are severely limited, to II is like moving from a Tonka toy to a Mack Truck. The Level II manual has a good section on arrays-if you already know about them. My first attempts to use it were frustrating and confusing because it is somewhat skimpy on details. I learned the hard way-by trial and error.

## Arrays

So what is an array? An array is a formal, structured arrangement of information in which individual items of data are related. Gosh, that sounds grim! Is this going to be another one of those articles? Nope. Let's take it from the top.

Everyone deals with arrays of one sort or another. Your telephone book is an array. For any page the seventeenth name from the top will correspond with the seventeenth number from the top. A street atlas is a different kind of array. If the map area you are looking for can be found on page 36 with
horizontal coordinate E and vertical coordinate 5, then that area has an array location of $36, E, 5$. Financial reports, bank statements, income tax tables and bills are all arrays. They all have "grouped" information.

How does the computer handle arrays? If you have spent 15 minutes plus with your computer, you know how finicky it is about directions. A quick review of some facts concerning computer memory locations is worthwhile.

The manual explains that a single letter may be used to designate a memory location. With 26 letters in the alphabet, that creates 26 memory locations. Next, the manual states that a single letter and a single digit, such as R4, can be used. With ten digits from 0 to 9,260 more memory locations can be designated. Finally, two letters, such as EM, can be used to name another 676 locations.
Although this accounts neatly for more than 900 memory locations, it is not quite as generous as it appears. It would be relatively easy to fill all the locations with data, leaving no location in memory for program use. Storing data in this fashion also costs time and space-and locating information can be a nightmare. Think about designing a routine to locate a particular item by scanning all 962 locations beginning with $A$ and ending at $\mathbf{Z}$, then A 0 to $\mathrm{Z9}$, and finally AA to ZZ.

Arrays handle data storage by using specialized location names, and make storing, searching and retrieving information almost effortless. They do this using "subscripted" variables.

The character set used in the TRS-80 has no small numbers to use as exponents or subscripts. Exponents are expressed by the up arrow. Subscripts are enclosed in parentheses. For example, if an array is set under
the variable $M$, then $M(1)$ could represent the first item, or "element," in the array, $M(27)$ the 27 th, and so forth. (Zero is usable as a subscript and should be used unless you want the location number and the item number to be the same.) $A(1), A, A 1, A \$, A 1 \$$ and AA are all different memory locations.

Your data can be stored without touching the standard memory locations. By using a loop, the entire list can be searched quickly for a particular bit of data. When there is more than one type of data to be stored, multi-dimensional arrays or several arrays can be set up so that information in $\mathrm{A}(5)$ will correspond to information in $\mathrm{B}(5)$, which will correspond to information in $\mathrm{C}(5)$, etc.

The simplest type of array, a "one-dimensional" array, is sometimes called a list, because that's exactly what it is. Let's assume you want to store 11 names. On power up the TRS- 80 has 11 locations set aside automatically so you do not have to "dimension" the array (which will be discussed later).

There are several ways in which this can be handled. One alternative would be to store each name in a separate memory location. Should the names be alphabetized? Putting things in alphabetical order is a convention designed to make things easier for humans. The computer really doesn't care. It will take the same time to retrieve all 11 names either way. If you do want the names in alphabetical order, the computer will do that for you too. Names loaded in this fashion might look something like this:

[^6]
# "Probably the nicest feature of an array is. . . to search out a particular feature without fuss. . ." 

Aggravation abounds in this system. Each time you enter a name, you must enter the line number, the variable name, an equals sign and the name in quotes. Doing this with 500 names could cause temporary insanity. Entering 11 names taken at random from the phone book in this fashion used up 304 bytes of RAM, or slightly less than 28 bytes per name. This means that in a 16 K machine with 15,527 available bytes, entering 561 names will shoot your RAM. Retrieving a name from this list would be another headache, requiring a comparison between a string and each location.

Now is the time to call the array into function. Loading an array is usually done with a FOR-NEXT loop. Having chosen N\$ as the variable name for an array, prepare a loading routine that looks like this:

```
10 CLEAR }15
20 FOR X=0 TO 10
30 INPUT"ENTER NAME";NS(X)
4 0 ~ N E X T ~ X ~
```

Line 10 clears enough string space for the names. Allowing an average of 15 or 16 spaces per name should suffice. Be sure to put all CLEAR instructions at the very beginning of your program. If the computer encounters a CLEAR after data has been entered, it will callously throw out your data. Line 20 originates the loop and sets the value in X to zero. Line 30 stops execution so you can enter a name, then stores the name in $\mathrm{N} \$(\mathrm{X})$. At this point the location is $\mathrm{N} \$(0)$. Line 40 returns execution to line 20 and increments the value in X by one. This indicates that on the next pass the second name will be stored in $\mathrm{N} \$(1)$. When the value in $X$ is greater than ten, execution skips to the line following the NEXT instruction. Now then, that's not too difficult, is it?

Enter the lines and run them. They only use 50 bytes of RAM. All you need to do to enter the names is to type them when requested. However, if you enter names with commas in them, the computer misunderstands. It will load what precedes the comma , regard the comma as a data separator and display ?EXTRA IGNORED. This is no big problem: Enter first names first with no commas, or keep the alphabetical order and commas by entering the names within quotes. When I loaded the same 11 names in this manner, I used only 153 bytes, saving 151 over the original 304.)

Getting the computer to give you back the data is just as simple. Add the following lines:

## 50 FOR $X=0$ TO 10

60 (L)PRIINT NS(X)
70 NEXT $X$
The procedure is just about the same ex-
cept that line 60 gets data out whereas line 30 puts it in. The (L) in line 60 is for outputting to a printer. If you want a listing on the monitor, omit the (L).

## Nicest Feature

Probably the nicest feature of an array is that it enables us to search out a particular item without fuss or bother. Here is a routine for retrieving and printing a particular name; add it to the previous lines.

```
80 INPUT"ENTER NAME TO BE FOUND";S$
90 FOR X=0 TO 10
100 IF SS = NS(X) THEN 130
110 NEXT X
120 PRINT"NAME NOT ON LIST":GOTO }8
130 (L)PRINT N$(X)
```

Line 80 allows you to enter the name you want and put it into $\mathbf{S} \$$. Lines 90 through 110 compare it with each name on the list. If the name can't be found, line 120 is printed and you are returned to line 80 for another try. If the name is found, line 100 sends execution
to line 130 for printing.
An input loop, an output loop and a search loop make up the skeleton of any array program. Arrays can get a lot more complex, but basically they are all built on this framework.
The three loops used above can be put together in a working program designed to store, print and search an 11-name array. The program is given in Listing 1 with some CLS's and PRINT's to format the material on the monitor screen. Lines 20 and 30 give the user a choice, and some GOTO's were


10 CLS:CLEAR 150:PRINT"NAME LIST" : PRINT
20 INPUT"DO YOU WANT TO (1) LOAD (2) PRINT OUT (3) SEAR $\mathrm{CH}^{\prime \prime}$; Y
30 ON Y GOTO 40,70,95
40 FOR $X=0$ TO 10
50 INPUT"ENTER NAME " ; N $\$(X)$
60 NEXT:CLS:GOTO 20
70 CLS: FOR $X=0$ TO 10
80 PRINT N $\$(\mathrm{X})$
90 NEXT: PRINT: INPUT"PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE";CS:CLS:GOT 020
95 CLS
100 INPUT"ENTER NAME TO BE FOUND"; S\$
110 FOR $X=0$ TO 10
120 IF $S \$=N \$(X)$ THEN 150
130 NEXT
140 PRINT"NAME NOT ON LIST": GOTO 100
150 PRINT N\$(X):GOTO 20
160 REM * END OF LISTING * 1 - NAME LIST *
Listing 1. Name List

```
10 CLS:CLEAR 2000:DIM N$(30),A$(30),C$(30),Z$(30),T$(30
    )
20 PRINT "ADDRESS BOOK":PRINT
30 INPUT"DO YOU WANT TO (1) LOAD (2) PRINT OUT (3) SEAR
        CH"; Y
40 ON Y GOTO 50,110,140
50 FOR X=0 TO 29
60 INPUT"ENTER NAME";N$(X)
70 INPUT"ENTER ADDRESS";A$ (X)
75 INPUT"ENTER CITY AND STATE" ; C$ (X)
80 INPUT"ENTER ZIP CODE";Z$(X)
90 INPUT"'ENTER TELEPHONE NUMBER";T$(X)
100 CLS:NEXT:GOTO 30
110 FOR X=0 TO 29
120 LPRINTN$(X):LPRINT A$(X):LPRINT C $ (X), Z$(X):LPRINT"
        PHONE m;TS(X):LPRINT
130 NEXT:GOTO 30
140 INPUT"ENTER NAME TO BE FOUND";S$
150 FOR X=0 TO 29
160 IF S $=N$(X) THEN 190
170 NEXT
180 PRINT"NAME NOT ON LIST":GOTO 146
190 LPRINT N$(X):LPRINT AS (X):LPRINT C$(X),Z$(X):LPRINT
        "PHONE ";T$(X)
200 GOTO 30
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What happens if we have more than 11 names, say 50 ? Try changing lines 40,70 and 110 to read "FOR $X=0$ TO 49". When you run the program the monitor will show ?BS ERROR IN 40. (No-the letters stand for beyond subscript.)

Remember that the TRS-80 sets aside space for an 11-element, or member, array on power up. For larger arrays you must use the DIM(n) statement. To store 50 names, the statement :DIM $\mathbf{N} \$(50)$ must be added to line 10, as well as changing lines 40,70 and 110. Otherwise the program remains the same. The DIM(n) statement merely reserves space, or dimensions arrays having more than 11 elements.

This basic program can be enlarged to contain not only names, but addresses, zip codes and telephone numbers. You will still be using one-dimensional arrays, but we will be using five of them: $N \$$ for names, $A \$$ for street numbers, $\mathrm{C} \$$ for cities and states, Z\$ for zips and T\$ for phone numbers. Listing 2, Address Book, shows a program like this that wil handle 30 names.

Examine it carefully and compare it with Listing 1. Note the similarity of structure. Isolate the three basic routines. Instead of handling one array, the loops are now handling five. Enter the program and RUN it. Try changing it to search for an address instead, or a phone number or a city and state. Such changes are minor and easy to make.

## Multi-Dimensional Arrays

Now we can forge ahead to arrays which are complex - and more useful. Five arrays were used in Address Book: one for each information item. There are good reasons not to simply load all of the information into one array such as $\mathbf{N \$}$. First, the strings must be identical for the computer to match them. If all of the information was loaded under N\$, the only way for the computer to find an item wouid be to enter it exactly as it was originally loaded. If you had all that information at hand, you wouldn't need the program. More important, listing the data under one variable name would have seriously hampered the data search. There would have been no way to find an address from a phone number, and no way to find people who live in the same zip code or telephone area. Using the five arrays gives a flexibility in searching techniques, and is pertinent to arrays which have more than one dimension.

To explore the two dimensional array use Table 1.

The money amounts in Table 1 are given in the two categories of store and month. There are consequently three rows and three columns of data. (The store numbers could be considered as another column, if needed.) To find a particular figure use the row and column. For example, the figure for the second store in the third month will be found in the second row and the third column.

Using the figures in the table, you can set up what is called a three by three array. This is a two-dimensional array. Whereas the capacity of a single dimension array is the last number used as a subscript, the capacity of this array will be the product of its dimensions. That is, $3 \cdot 3=9$ available locations. Arrays of this type are quickly loaded, printed out and searched by using "nested" loops. The array will be given the name A, S will be used to represent the stores and $M$ to represent the months. Note that these are not string locations (such as A\$). Numbers loaded into string locations are regarded as symbols and not as values. Using these variable names, the array will have the name $A(S, M)$. A routine for loading data would be as follows:

10 FORS $=1 \mathrm{TO}_{3}$
20 FOR M = 1 TO 3
30 PRINT"ENTER FIGURE FOR STORE":S;"MONTH";M 40 INPUT A(S,M)
50 NEXT M
60 NEXT S

There are two loops here, one contained inside, or nested, within the other. Operation of nested loops is not complicated. Lines 10 and 20 originate the loops and set the values in S and M to one. Line 30 asks for information and requests information for the particular store and month represented by $S$ and $M$. Line 40 deposits that information into location $A(S, M)$ which is presently $\mathbf{A}(1,1)$. Line 50 returns execution to line $\mathbf{2 0}$ and increments $M$ by one. When $M$ is greater than three, execution skips to line 60 . The NEXT instruction sends the computer back to line 10, which increments $S$ by one and starts the nested loop working again.

Do you see that the nested loop (M) has to cycle three times before $S$ is incremented? This produces subscript values $(1,1),(1,2)$ and $(1,3)$. After the value of $S$ is incremented, the interior loop cycles three times again, producing values of $(2,1),(2,2)$ and $(2,3)$. The third and final pass generates values of $(3,1),(3,2)$ and $(3,3)$. You now have set nine locations with subscript values from $(1,1)$ to $(3,3)$.

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4K of RAM, I am very stingy with memory space. You can streamline this program using a couple of the features of the TRS-80. First you can write multiple lines separated by colons to combine lines 10 and 20 , lines 30 and 40 and lines 50 and 60 . Then, Level II allows you to use NEXT without a variable name. As long as the loops are nested properly the computer will know where to go. The compressed version follows:

10 FOR $S=1$ TO 3:FOR $M=1$ TO 3
20 PRINT"ENTER FIGURE FOR STORE";S;"MONTH";M: INPUT A(S,M)
30 NEXT:NEXT

When programs get long, a byte saved is a program earned (finished).

Enter the three lines and RUN them. The computer asks for exactly what it wants, then tucks the data into the right place and asks for more. Finally it is doing things my calculator can't.

To get a printout add the following lines:

40 Same as line 10
50 PRINT A(S,M)
60 Same as line 30

Try ending line 50 with a semicolon or a comma. Fool around with the PRINT @, PRINT TAB and/or PRINT USING instructions in conjunction with the printout routine. It's a snap to get neat, professional results.

You were rather limited in search abilities for Address Book. But look what you can do now:

1. To find return amounts for store 3 in the second month, enter PRINT A(3,2)
2. To find total returns for store 2 for all three months, enter PRINT A(2,1) $+\mathbf{A}(2,2)+\mathbf{A}(2,3)$
3. To find total returns for all three stores in February, enter PRINT A(2,1) + A(2,2) + $A(3,2)$
4. To find the difference in returns of store 1 in March and January, enter PRINT A(1,3) A(1,1)
Getting a hint of the possibilities? Simple routines can be written to do all of these things. Here is a routine to find the total amount returned by all stores over the three month period:

100 FOR $S=1$ TO 3:FOR M $=1$ TO 3
$110 \mathrm{~T}=\mathrm{T}+\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{M})$,
120 NEXT:NEXT
130 PRINT"TOTAL THREE MONTH RETURNS FOR ALL STORES";T

How about a routine to find the store with the most returns for the whole period?

> 100 FOR $S=1$ TO $3:$ FOR $M=1$ TO 3
> 110 IF A(S,M)>G THEN $G=A(S, M): S 1=S: M 1=M$
> 120 NEXT:NEXT
> 130 PRINT"STORE $" ;$ 'S1;"HAD THE GREATEST RETURNS IN MONTH NUMBER";M1

At the end of line $110, \mathrm{~S} 1$ is set to the value of S and M1 is set to the value of M. This is a reminder which store and month had the greatest amount for use at the end of the routine.

These lines merely scratch the surface of what multi-dimensional arrays can do. With
larger groups of data, the flexibility and convenience is easy to imagine. I repeat that, due to the number of elements in the examples, the DIM statement was not needed. For an array with 20 rows and 18 columns, the statement DIM $\mathbf{A}(20,18)$ would have to be inserted before using the array. This simple statement would provide 360 locations.

Visualizing arrays with more than two dimensions is sometimes difficult. Consider the following: A financial report is presented in four volumes (one for each zone). Each volume has one page per district and the greatest number of pages in any volume is seven. Each page has a row for each store and the greatest number of rows on any page is 12. There are three columns of data for each store. To find a particular figure you must use four directions: volume number; page number; row, and column. Storing this data would require a four-dimension array such as $T(V, P, R, C)$, in which the individual values would be set at $\mathrm{T}(4,7,12,3)$. The loading loop would look like this:

```
10 DIM T(4,7,12,3)
20 FOR V=1 TO 4:FOR P=1 TO 7:FOR R=1 TO 12:
    FOR C = 1 TO 3
30 INPUT T(V,P,R,C)
40 NEXT:NEXT:NEXT:NEXT
```

Nested loops always end in reverse order. If they are out of order, the computer will locate to the wrong place and the program will crash. With Level II it's best to drop the loop names and let the computer figure it. That's what it gets paid for. Before you try the above routine, however, I must

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warn you that it provides $4 \cdot 7 \cdot 12 \cdot 3$ or 1008 locations. Putting in data might consume some time. If you want to try it out quickly, change line 30 to read:
$30 \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{X}+1: \mathrm{T}, \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{C})=\mathrm{X}$
This will store consecutive numbers from one to 1008 in sequence in the various locations. Use the following to get a printout:

50 FOR $V=1$ TO 4:FOR $P=1$ TO 7:FOR R $=1$ TO 12:FOR $\mathrm{C}=1 \mathrm{TO} 3$
60 PRINT"THE VALUE IN VOLUME";V;"PAGE";P","ROW"; R;"COLUMN";C;"IS",TN,P,R,C)

## 70 NEXT:NEXT:NEXT:NEXT

It will take about 25 seconds for the numbers to load, and then almost two minutes to print out all the information even though it is scrolling rapidly up the screen. The search possibilities are varied. Listing 3 is only one example. Line 30 loads random numbers between one and 5,000 in all of the 1008 array locations. Line 60 searches all the locations for the largest number. After all locations are searched, line 80 prints out the result.
I could ramble on about complex arrays,

```
10 CLS:DIM T(4,7,12,3):PRINT @ 456,"HANG ON - THIS WILL
    TAKE ABOUT 50 SECONDS!"
20 FOR V=1 TO 4:FOR P=1 TO 7:FOR R=1 TO 12:FOR C=1 TO 3
30}\textrm{T}(\textrm{V},\textrm{P},\textrm{R},\textrm{C})=\operatorname{RND}(5000
40 NEXT:NEXT:NEXT:NEXT
50 FOR V=1 TO 4:FOR P=1 TO 7:FOR R=1 TO 12:POR C=1 TO 3
60 IF T(V,P,R,C) > G THEN G=T(V,P,R,C)
70 NEXT:NEXT:NEXT:NEXT
80 CLS:PRINT"THE LARGEST NUMBER FOUND IS";G
```

Listing 3
but when you reach the point where everything in Listing 3 is clear, you won't need any more help. The best way to learn is to experiment. You should have known that you couldn't get out of here without homework. Here is your assignment:

1. Find out if the largest number is generated more than once, and if so, how many times.
2. Print the location(s) in which the largest number appears.
3. Find out if the number 238 appears in the stored numbers, and if so, where it is stored.

## Taboos

There are some taboos connected with array usage. The most frequent is forgetting to dimension the array with the DIM statement when needed. This will give you the old ?BS error message.

Once an array has been set, you may not re-dimension it. If you try, you will get a ?DD error message (One of my students maintains this stands for "dumb dimensioning."). Set arrays correctly the first time and put them near the beginning of your pro-

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gram. There are methods of transposing figures from one array to another (see the third subroutine on page $6 / 5$ of your manual), but this is a tricky process.

Before closing, some mention should be made of matrix operations. In algebra, tables of data are called matrices. A special branch of algebra deals with manipulating matrix information. If you are in a position to need scalar multiplication, element-wise functions and the like, you surely know enough to use the subroutines on pages $6 / 4$ to $6 / 6$ of your manual.
To demonstrate a simpler use of matrices, that of matrix addition, you should first construct another table like the Merchandise Returned table for the previous year and with different figures. The program given in Listing 4 will load data for the first year in $A(S, M)$, load data for the second year in $B(S, M)$ and then add the individual elements in both matrices. Lines 10 to 40 load the first matrix, lines 50 to 80 load the second and lines 90 to 110 do the addition. This creates a new matrix, $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{M})$ to store the sums. Instructions are included in the program to format the printout. The new loca-
tion $\mathrm{C}(1,1)$ contains the sum of locations $A(1,1)$ and $B(1,1)$. All other locations follow the same pattern.

This short tour of arrays is certainly not meant to pass as a complete treatment. It is
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Because I believe a review should contain some recommendation, I'll tell you up front that the Radio Shack statistical package is good and worth the price. The Creative Computing package promises much, but fails to deliver.

The Radio Shack package comes in an $81 / 2 \times 11$ three-ring binder, which contains a 170-page user manual and eight cassettes, including one blank. The Creative Computing package, in an $81 / 2 \times 51 / 2$ vinyl folder, contains a 27-page user booklet and one cassette.
The Radio Shack software supports printed output. The manual includes a sample of the video display at each program stage and a discussion of possible error messages and other user foul-ups. The
manual also has four appendices, one containing program listings.

The Creative Computing booklet only describes how to use the statistical programs.

## CLOAD Cassettes

A short digression: I recommend that you recopy the Creative Computing programs onto another cassette. On the original cassette, the programs are recorded one after the other, so if you wish to use the seventh program, you must CLOAD seven times. Copy the programs onto another cassette and give each a unique file name. Or load each onto one side of a single cassette.

Writing this review, I discovered that the programs on the Advanced Statistics cassette do have file names. This is not mentioned in Creative's booklet. The file names are not the numbers one to nine as you might expect, but the letters A to I. So, to load the Multiple Linear Regression program (number 6 on the table of contents), you would type CLOAD F. This works only if you start from the beginning of the tape.

## The Programs

Both packages contain roughly equivalent statistical programs. The Radio Shack package contains two programs that are absent from the Creative Computing package, and the Creative package contains one program that is not in Radio Shack's. The Radio Shack Random Sample program selects a random sample of data item numbers from a population. The second program is Time Series II. It calculates seasonal indices and moving averages for yearly, quarterly, monthly, weekly or daily data. In
my work I find little use for the random sample program, but the Time Series II is invaluable.

The extra program in the Creative Computing package is Correlation Analysis. It performs correlation analysis on up to five variables. The statistical output of the program is similar to that of the multiple regression program, but may prove to be useful to users who need correlation analysis.
While the remaining programs in both packages are similar, differences exist and will be covered in the following discussion.
Most of the programs do not contain data correction routines. To minimize your frustration, it is essential to load your KBFIX program first. This won't solve all of the user input errors, but it will reduce them to the minimum acceptable aggravation level.

## Tape Data Files (RS) and Data File Manager (CC)

These programs are the heart of a data management system for a statistical analysis package. They allow data to be stored on tape for repetitive use and allow that data to be edited. The Radio Shack program can be used to create new data files, list data files (with a printer option), or update old data files by deleting or adding data elements for existing variables, or by adding a new variable and its data elements.
The Creative Computing package does this and more. This program allows the user to create a new file containing only some of the variables on the master file; to substitute (delete and add combined) values for the variables on the master file; to perform transformations of variables on the master
file; and to create a subfile containing some of the values of the variables on the master file. A further word about the transformation option: the program allows any variable to be transformed as follows:

## New Variable $=\operatorname{INT}(($ Oid Variable + AyD)

Here the values for $A$ and $D$ are user-supplied. The user's booklet tells you which program line to change to allow other transformations. Nice touch.

Both packages require that different statistical programs use different data file formats. You cannot create a data file and run it with any of the programs. Statistical packages for mainframe computers (of which SPSS-Statistical Package for the Social Sciences-is probably the best known) generally allow the user to use a common data file format for all of the statistical analysis routines. This is helpful and I hope that the next generation of personal computer statistical software writers will adopt the method.
Descriptive Statistics, Histogram, and Frequency Distribution from Radio Shack, as well as Descriptive Statistics from Creative, are programs for the statistical analysis of a single variable. It should be mentioned that Histogram (RS) is really a graphics program and not useful unless printed.

The two packages produce comparable information, except that the Creative Computing program has more features than the Radio Shack programs. It has two options that are used for test scoring. You enter either the number of questions right or the number of questions wrong, and the program scores each test, producing a statistical analysis of the scores.

Both packages produce similar descriptive statistics. The Creative Computing program includes the median, quartile values, and the standard error of the mean. The latter can be calculated using output of the Radio Shack program, but the first two values cannot.

Descriptive Statistics from Creative can correct erroneous data entries before running the program, but I had problems with this option. When I deleted data, even though it did not show up in the revised data listing, it was still part of the statistical computations.

T-test for Matched Pairs, and Correlation and Linear Regression from Radio Shack perform much the same job as Two Variable Statistics from Creative. Both packages perform standard two-variable statistical analysis. There are two major differences between them, however. The Creative Computing program conducts only a two-tailed $t$-test on the data, while the Radio Shack programs allow either one- or two-tailed
t-test. Also, the Radio Shack programs graphically display the two-variable regression and the original data points on the screen (or the printer).
The Radio Shack program, however, does not calculate the standard error of the estimate for the regression. The Creative Computing program does. Since both packages allow forecasting of the dependent variable, Radio Shack's omission is puzzling.

Chi-Square Analysis from Radio Shack and Crosstabulation from Creative are basically similar. The first major difference is the dimensions of the chi-square table. The Radio Shack program accepts up to an $8 \times$ 8 matrix; the Creative Computing program accepts up to a $10 \times 10$ matrix. Other differences:
-The Radio Shack program allows the user to specify the expected cell frequences.
-The Creative Computing program allows the chi-square matrix to be consolidated into a $2 \times 2$ contingency table, a useful feature if some frequencies are low or missing. -The Creative Computing program allows the data to be entered raw. Each observation is entered as row and column numbers and the program then calculates the observed frequencies. You would be better off (in terms of finger fatigue) to calculate the frequencies before using the program.
-The Creative Computing program computes a gamma statistic in addition to the chi-square.
Regression-trend Analysis from Creative is easy to use as the time variable is abstract (period 1, 2, 3, etc.) and is automatically incremented with each data entry for the dependent variable. It also estimates the regression coefficients for eight functional forms, (including the linear model). Unfortunately, no information is provided so that the user can determine which functional form is best fit to the data (aside from the standard error of the estimate). Neither the regression routine in Creative's TwoVariable Statistics nor their Regressiontrend Analysis calculates a correlation coefficient.

Multiple Linear Regression and Advanced Multiple Regression in the Creative Computing package seem to be a "bandaid." Multiple Linear Regression is compatible with the Data File Manager while the Advanced Multiple Regression program is not. The latter only accepts data from tape in the form of DATA statements appended to it. The new program can be recorded on tape for later use. This is not a flexible system. The Multiple Linear Regression
program, like the rest of the programs in the package, was written by Richard Galbraith, while Advanced Multiple Regression was written by David J. Simecek.
Why a different author?
So what is wrong with the multiple regression program written by Galbraith?
First: The output consists of partial correlation coefficients between variable pairs, the means and standard deviations of the variables, and two sets of the regression coefficients. One set is the regular equation with no intercept, or constant, term. And that is it! Now I don't know of anyone who would estimate a regression equation and force the constant term to be zero.
The second problem with the Galbraith program is that it is unreliable. In testing all three programs, I used Multiple Regression Analysis-Simplified, an article by Dr. David M. Chereb in the February, 1979, issue of Creative Computing, as a benchmark. When I used the data with Creative's Mulitple Linear Regression program, it ran through the correlation matrix and then produced the message:
there is no unique solution
I suspect that the matrix inversion algorithm produced a singular matrix. This is flatly unacceptable since the data does produce a solution in other programs.
The Advanced Mulitple Regression output consists of the regression coefficients, calculated $t$-values, a calculated $F$ statistic, confidence intervals for the regression coefficients based on user-supplied $t$-values, and analysis of variance table, and the coefficient of determination $\left(R^{2}\right)$-mislabeled as the "coefficient of multiple determina. tion."

The program contains a data review and correction option, but after displaying the values of the dependent variable, the screen prompt reads: CORRECT AS FOR $Y$ VALUES?. A response of YES gets a REDO message. The correct response is 0,0 as with the independent variable correction routine.
Another irritant is the prompt TYPE 1 FOR ANOTHER SET?. What do you type if you don't want another set of estimates? Answer: any other number; but that's not obvious. With some experimentation you can clear the problems up. That such "minor" problems exist, however, is evidence that the program has not received extensive user testing.

One major problem surfaced when I used the data from Dr. Chereb's article. The pro-

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## Information Processing

Large or small, all businesses have at least one characteristic in common-they process information. Whether it's an in quiry, an order, market research, or the weekly payroll, any business devotes a considerable portion of its time and money to processing words and numbers.

If sales are to be increased, more orders are to be received, purchases made, journal entries posted, invoices mailed and correspondence written additional information processing is a necessity. Why does the burgeoning small business so often overlook this requirement? The business may employ many factory workers, a production
manager, a designer, two or three sales people, and be considering hiring others, and yet its office is already understaffed and overworked.

Often the office is still a one person show. That one individual opens the mail, processes orders, types correspondence and invoices, answers the phone, receives customers, figures the payroll and taxes, does the bookkeeping, sends out statements, checks on overdue supplies, makes up the bank deposits, keeps the company checkbook up-to-date and more. As a business grows, these responsibilities can easi-
ly overpower even the most productive individual. If the company's ability to process information is not improved, inquiries may go unanswered, bookkeeping may fall be hind, orders may not be shipped when promised and inventory may not be properly maintained.

Early on FSI management recognized that a well-organized and productive office is essential to its success and continued growth. On the left of the secretary's desk at FSI is a typewriter-on the right is a 48 K TRS-80 with a tractor feed line printer and dual disk drives.


Fig. 1. Invoice Generated on TRS-80.


Photo 1. Order Displayed on CRT for Servicing Customer Inquiries.


Photo 2. Bar Graph Displaying Sales by month.

Unfortunately the word "computer" still brings to mind an omnipotent machine of unmanageable size and tempermental nature, consuming punched cards and spewing forth great volumes of paper or magnetic tape. It would be more accurate to think of a microcomputer as a wrench or hand drill! The computer is a tool. It is simply a machine that can process, store and retrieve information quickly and repetitively.

## Invoices

The first FSI bottleneck was invoice writing. The office was spending hours and hours writing invoices. Three factors contribute to this manual inefficiency:

- Much of the information used in processing invoices day-to-day is repetitive.
- Lists must be searched for service or parts names and prices.
- Extensions, totals, discounts and taxes must be calculated.
A microcomputer is well suited to these tasks. Customer names, billing addresses, shipping addresses, service and product t tles, part numbers and prices and other information can be stored on disk files. This information can be accessed and typed very quickly. For example, consider the operator input necessary to write the invoice shown in Fig. 1.

Responding to prompts, the operator enters the data, customer number, ship-to option, customer reference number and job number:

DATE?: 3/05/80 (entered only at beginning of session) CUSTOMER NUMBER?: 44
SHIP-TO OPTION?: 2
FSI JOB NUMBER?: 2295

CUSTOMER REFERENCE?: 9861
After printing the invoice headings the next prompt is:

TITLE?: STABILITY-PARTI
(optional film title)
SERVICE CODE?: 1
QUANTITY?: 100
Referring to a menu of services on the video display the operator enters a code and the quantity to be invoiced. The invoice writer does in minutes what used to take hours.

Another log jam in the FSI information flow was order processing. A large percentage of FSI orders are for filmstrips. The filmstrip is made from a previously processed master negative. These negatives are cataloged by title and are assigned a production


Photo 3. Display Monitoring Level of Activity of Key Invoice Items.


Photo 4.
number as well as other data used in making the filmstrip.

In pre-computer days when an order was received, the titles specified would be looked up in the negative catalog for the appropriate production numbers, a release order listing the quantity, production number and title. This and other pertinent information would be typed in duplicate and a "shipper" in triplicate. After the order was shipped an invoice would be typed in triplicate.

Most of the information contained in the order, shipper, and invoice is the same; why type it three times? Now the negative catalog is stored on disk and up to 3000 titles can be searched by a machine language program in well under a second. With only a minimum of input from the secretary, the release orders and shippers are typed on the line printer.

A disk file of current orders is maintained and by specifying either the customer's purchase order number or the in-house job number an order can be displayed on the CRT (Photo 1). A hard copy option will print the order if desired. After the current order file has been updated with shipping information, the invoice writer previously described uses the same information in the file to write an invoice. The secretary need only specify the order number.

## More Useful Results

After the major bottlenecks have been eliminated you are likely to discover that your data files and programs bear much fruit. After the initial planting, cultivation and growth, a great deal of information may be harvested with little additional effort.

Relatively simple modifications to existing software may generate useful results. With a simple addition to the invoice writer, cumulative monthly sales totals may be added to the customer information file. In turn this information can generate a bar graph that displays sales by month for any specified customer (Photo 2).

Another straightforward addition allows you to monitor the activity of certain key invoice items for a specified customer or for all customers (Photo 3). In many businesses the function of an order/invoice writer can be extended to support accounts receivable and sales journal processing.

With the addition of a purchases journal, the system can audit inventory depletion, prompt purchases when order points are surpassed, and also process accounts payable data.

The typewriter and the adding machine have for decades been the principal information processing tools of the small business. As certain as the calculator has replaced the slide rule, these traditional business machines have become outdated. I imagine there are a few stubborn individuals who will insist on using a slide rule instead of a calculator. No doubt similar individuals will continue to plug away on adding machines and standard typewriters, but for the great majority of us the course is clear. Make way for the office microcomputer!

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These programs will run on a 16 K Level II Model I, TRS-80. An alternate version of one subroutine is included for Microsoft's Level III BASIC.

## A Series

The program Holiday Graphics \& Seasons Greetings, (Program Listing 1), is a series of five subroutines: Snowflakes, Seasons Greetings, Poem (a Level II BASIC adaptation and enhancement of a routine from David Lien's Level I Manual), Snow Scene, and a Signature Page (for personalizing your computer greeting card). The program is designed to repeat endlessly and one complete cycle takes an average of 26 minutes.

If you're getting the family an 80 for Christmas, you could even sit it under the tree and let it run this program.

The program is numbered in modules of 1,000 . Each begins with a REM statement identifying the subroutine number.

Each routine can be run alone or with one
or two others by making minor changes. The first lines of the program identify initialization statements for the subroutines. The ending lines contain the RESTORE statement to run the Season's Greeting and Snow Scene routines in an endless cycle. The GOTO statement returns the program to the Snowflake routine for another complete cycle.
If you want to run the Poem routine by itself, a FOR-NEXT time delay loop should be added to the end. This is because the time used in setting up the following Snow Scene graphics array serves as a time delay in the combined program.

The displays are best viewed from a distance of at least eight feet in a dimly lit room. The brightness and contrast of the CRT should be adjusted to give a crisp black and white effect. Then sit back with your cup of eggnog and watch it snow!

The Snowflake subroutines contrast the BASIC language graphics routines with the speed and simplicity of the vector graphics enhancements in Microsoft's Level III BA. SIC. This uses the line plotting statement LINE (X1,Y1) - (X2,Y2),SET.
The Level II version substitutes a line plotting subroutine for this Level III statement, and thus runs slower. Both versions are compatibly line numbered so the differences can be identified readily.

## Six-Sided Designs

The Snowflakes programs (see one in Program Listing 2) draw six-sided designs on the video display screen. They use the smallest TRS-80 graphics block, or pixel. Like real snowflakes, the odds against getting two alike are astronomical!

Each flake is drawn in 5 to 12 cycles of
line plotting (the number of cycles is selected at random). In each cycle, the $X$ and $Y$ coordinates for two points are generated at random. The line defined by the two points is then plotted, and rotated in 60 degree increments and plotted in six positions. The mirror image of this rotating line is then computed and plotted.

The designs are not always symmetrical because coordinates are rounded to the nearest integer value. You will also notice a pixel of variation in some line positions.

The results are usually attractive, especially considering the limits of the TRS-80 graphics system: You are plotting hexagonal figures with rectangular blocks.

Line 270 contains an adjustment factor for the aspect ratio of the screen (constant V). This produces a round visible plot on my screen. You may wish to adjust it slightly to get the best results on your CRT. Use something in the neighborhood of $128 / 48$.

Other kaleidoscopic effects can be produced by changing the angle of rotation (lines $550-560, \mathrm{P} / 3$ ) and the number of plotting positions (line 540, FOR $J=1$ TO 6 ). Change these to $\mathrm{P} /(\mathrm{n} / 2)$ and FOR $\mathrm{J}=1 \mathrm{TO} \mathrm{n}$, where $n$ is the number of sides you want the figure to have. Also, the aspect ratio constant $V$ can be changed or eliminated.

Trigonometry and analytic geometry teachers and their students might have fun taking the program apart. It contains all those basic elements like polar coordinates; translation and rotation of axes; slopes and intercepts.

Anyway, it's fun to watch. The snowflakes even have a crystalline appearance, thanks to the little rectangular blocks. They seem to grow like frost patterns on a window.


Program Listing.

```
10 REM INITIALIZE GRAPHICS ROUTINES
20 RANDOM: REM ROUTINES 2,4,5
30 CLEAR 1000: REM ROUTINE 5
40 DIM AS(16):DIM S(21,2): REM ROUTINE 5
50 CLS:PRINT"HOLIDAY GREETINGS WITH SNOW
60 PRINT: PRINT"GRAPHICS BY VALERIE VANN"
70 PRINT CHR$(204)+"631 G ST.., DAVIS, CA."
80 PRINT CHR$(204)+"COPYRIGHT 1980"
90 PRINT"POEM SUBROUTINE ADAPTED FROM A LEVEL I BASIC P
    ROGRAM"
100 PRINT"BY DAVID LIEN."
110 FOR X=1 TO 1000:NEXT X
1000 REM ENTER SIGNATURE - ROUTINE 1
1010 PRINT@512,"IF YOU WISH TO SIGN THIS GREETING, TYPE
        YOUR NAME,":PRINT@576,"THEN PRESS ENTER. IF NOT,
        JUST PRESS ENTER."
1020 PRINT"(MAXIMUM OF 28 CHARACTERS)":PRINT" "+STRING
        $(28,"-")
1030 INPUT BS:IF LEN(B$)>28 THEN 1020
1040 IF B$=""THEN B$="YOUR FRIENDLY COMPUTER - ME!"
2000 REM TITLE PAGE SNOWFLAKES - ROUTINE 2
2010 CLS
2020 PRINT CHR$(23)
2030 FOR J=2 TO 442 STEP 8
2040 PRINTEJ,"*"
2050 FOR F=1 TO 10:NEXT F
2060 NEXT J
207g PRINT@452,** * S N O W F L A K E S * **
2080 FOR J=514 TO 958 STEP 8
2090 PRINTEJ,"*"
2100 FOR F=1 TO 10:NEXT F
2110 NEXT J
2120 FOR J=1 TO 950:NEXT J
2130 V=120/48
2140 P=3.141592654
2150 FOR E=1 TO 5
2160 CLS
2170 FOR K=1 TO (RND(5)+7)
2180 X=RND (24)
2190 Y=RND (24)
2200 R=SQR(X[2+Y[2)
2210 IF R>24 THEN 2180
2226 T=RND(24)
2230 Z=RND (24)
2240 S=SQR(T[2+Z[2)
2250 IF S>24 THEN 2220
2260 GOSUB 2340
2270 Y=-1*Y
2280 Z=-1*Z
2290 GOSUB 2340
2306 NEXT K
2310 FOR I=1 TO 2000:NEXT I
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2320 NEXT E
2330 GOTO 3000
$2340 \mathrm{~W}=\mathrm{ATN}(\mathrm{Y} / \mathrm{X})$
2350 Q=ATN ( $2 / T$ )
2360 FOR J=1 TO 6
$2370 \quad W=W+P / 3$
$2380 \quad \mathrm{Q}=\mathrm{Q}+\mathrm{P} / 3$
$2390 \times 2=R * \operatorname{COS}(W)$
2400 Y2 $=$ R*SIN(W)
$2410 \mathrm{~T} 2=\mathrm{S}^{*} \operatorname{COS}(Q)$
2420 Z2=S*SIN(Q)
$2430 \mathrm{X} 3=(\mathrm{X} 2 * \mathrm{~V}+64): \mathrm{Y} 3=(\mathrm{Y} 2+24): \mathrm{T} 3=(\mathrm{T} 2 * \mathrm{~V}+64): \mathrm{Z} 3=(\mathrm{Z} 2+24): \mathrm{GO}$ SUB 2460
2440 NEXT J
2450 RETURN
2460 IF X3=T3 THEN 2620
2470 IF X3>T3 THEN $M=(Y 3-Z 3) /(X 3-T 3)$ ELSE $M=(Z 3-Y 3) /(T 3$ -X3)
$2480 \mathrm{~B}=\mathrm{Y} 3-\mathrm{M}$ * X 3
2490 IF ABS (Z3-Y3) >ABS(T3-X3) THEN 2560
2500 IF X3>T3 THEN $D=-1$ ELSE $D=1$
2510 FOR $H=X 3$ TO T3 STEP D
$2520 \mathrm{Y} 3=\mathrm{M} * \mathrm{H}+\mathrm{B}$
2530 SET(H,Y3)
2540 NEXT H
2550 RETURN
2560 IF Y $3>23$ THEN $D=-1$ ELSE $D=1$
2570 FOR H=Y3 TO Z3 STEP D
$2580 \times 3=(\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{B}) / \mathrm{M}$
2590 SET (X3,H)
2600 NEXT H
2610 RETURN
2620 IF $Y 3>Z 3$ THEN $D=-1$ ELSE $D=1$
2630 FOR H=Y3 TO 23 STEP D
$2640 \operatorname{SET}(X 3, H)$
2650 NEXT H
2660 RETURN
300 REM SEASONS GREETINGS - ROUTINE 3
3010 CLS
3620 READ X,Y
3030 IFX $=0$ AND $Y=0$ THEN 3810
3040 PRINTE $X$, CHR $\$(Y)$ : GOTO 3020
3050 DATA $13,160,14,176,15,176,16,176,17,176,18,176$
3060 DATA $72,160,73,184,74,156,75,143,76,131,77,131,78$, 131
3070 DATA $79,131,80,131,81,131,82,131,83,143,84,188$
3080 DATA $136,139,137,143,138,189,139,176,140,144,147,1$ 60
3090 DATA $148,176,149,176,150,176,154,176,155,176,156,1$ 76
3100 DATA $157,176,158,176,159,144,161,176,162,176,163,1$ 76
3110 DATA $168,176,169,176,170,176,171,176,175,176,177,1$
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3130 DATA $187,144,196,176,197,152,198,140,199,180,200,1$ 44
3140 DATA $203,130,204,131,205,139,266,173,207,180,208,1$ 44
3150 DATA $209,160,210,191,211,141,212,140,213,140,214,1$ 42
3160 DATA $215,129,216,184,217,159,218,129,220,160,221,1$ 84
3170 DATA $222,143,224,139,225,173,226,176,227,146,228,1$ 31
3180 DATA $230,188,231,151,232,129,235,186,236,149,238,1$ 84
3190 DATA $239,159,246,131,242,184,243,159,244,129,246,1$ 39
3200 DATA $247,173,248,176,249,144,250,130,251,131,252,1$ 31
3210 DATA $258,168,259,183,260,144,269,160,270,184,271,1$ 91
3220 DATA $272,133,273,130,274,143,275,140,276,140,277,1$ 35
3230 DATA $278,129,279,130,280,139,281,140,282,140,283,1$ 34
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3276 DATA $323,130,324,131,325,143,326,140,327,188,328$, 188
3280 DATA $329,188,330,188,331,188,332,143,333,135,334,13$ $1,341,176,342,176,343,152,344,140$
3290 DATA $345,140,346,140,347,140,348,140,349,140,350,1$ 40
3300 DATA $351,140,352,140,353,140,354,140,355,140,356,1$ 40
3310 DATA $357,140,358,140,359,140,360,140,361,140,362,1$ 40
3320 DATA $363,140,364,140,365,140,366,140,367,140,368,1$ 40
3330 DATA 369,140,370,140,371,140,372,140,373,140,374,1 40,375,140,376,135,377,131,386,160
3340 DATA $404,175,405,176,406,144,423,160$
3350 DATA $424,184,425,132,429,160,433,160,434,176,435,1$ 40
3360 DATA $436,140,437,129,451,131,452,172,453,180,454,1$ 88
3370 DATA $455,140,456,143,457,131,458,131,459,131,460,1$ 75
3380 DATA $461,191,470,131,471,131,472,141,473,146,474,1$ 40
3390 DATA $475,140,476,140,477,140,478,140,479,140,480,1$ 40
3400 DATA $481,140,482,140,483,140,484,140,485,140,486,1$ 96
3410 DATA $487,159,488,141,489,146,496,132,491,136,492,1$ 43
3420 DATA $493,129,494,140,495,140,496,131,497,131,514,1$ 76
3430 DATA $515,190,516,143,517,129,519,131,520,131,521,1$ 31
3440 DATA $522,131,523,131,524,131,527,187,528,157,529,1$ 34
3450 DATA $530,131,531,139,532,132,533,168,534,188,535,1$ 79
3460 DATA $536,179,537,187,538,132,540,168,541,188,542,1$ 79
3470 DATA $543,179,544,179,545,157,548,160,549,190,550,1$ 35
3480 DATA $553,160,554,190,555,135,557,184,558,159,559,1$ 34,560,131
3490 DATA $561,131,561,171,562,189,564,160,565,188,566,1$ 35
3500 DATA $567,163,568,191,569,151,570,168,571,183,572,1$ 79
3510 DATA $573,131,574,139,575,132,577,191,578,191,582,1$ 76
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3530 DATA $589,160,590,191,591,135,597,175,598,181,599,1$ 76
3540 DATA $600,184,601,140,604,175,605,181,606,176,607,1$ 84,608,146
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3560 DATA $625,143,626,129,627,136,628,191,629,177$
3570 DATA $630,172,631,191,632,135,636,130,637,191,638,1$ 48
3580 DATA 641,191,642,191,646,130,647,131,648,140,649,1 40
3590 DATA $650,140,651,190,652,159,653,140,654,140,655,1$ 46
3600 DATA $656,140,657,140,658,180,659,144,668,168,669,1$ 44
3610 DATA $675,139,676,141,677,140,678,140,688,131,689,1$ 31
3626 DATA $693,184,694,159,695,129,699,176,700,158,701,1$ 35
3630 DATA $765,130,706,139,707,173,708,180,769,176,710,1$ 76
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3690 DATA $746,176,747,176,748,176,749,176,750,176,751,1$ 76
3700 DATA $752,176,753,176,754,176,755,176,756,190,757,1$ 83
3710 DATA 758,176,759,140,760,140,761,134,762,131,780,1 76
3720 DATA 781,140,782,140,783,134,784,131,785,139,786,1 67
3730 DATA $787,177,788,176,789,143,796,160,797,152,800,1$ 31
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3790 DATA 911,140,912,140,913,140,914,140,915,140,916,1 40
3860 DATA 917,140,918,131,919,131,0,0
3810 FOR X=1 TO 3200:NEXTX
4600 REM POEM SEQUENCE - ROUTINE 4
4010 CLS:PRINTCHR (23):PRINT"STOPPING BY WOODS"
4020 PRINT" ON A SNOWY EVENING": PRINT
4030 PRINT" BY ROBERT FROST"
4040 FOR X=1TO2000:NEXTX:CLS
4050 FORZ $=1$ TO15 0
4060 SET(RND(127),RND(47)):FORR=1TO30:NEXTR:NEXTZ
4070 PRINT@460,CHR $\$(230)$;:GOSUB4440 :PRINT@525,CHR\$(230 );:I=0:GOSUB4440
4080 PRINT@5 $25, "$ WHOSE WOODS THESE ARE I THINK I KNOW." ;
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$4390 \mathrm{I}=9$ : GOSUB444e
440 FOR $A=1 T 0800$
4410 SET (RND (127), RND (47)) : NEXTA
4420 CLS: PRINTCHR (23):PRINT@76,"*";:PRINT@170, "*";:PRI NT@322, "BUT I HAVE PROMISES TO KEEP,";:PRINT@512," AND MILES TO GO BEFORE I SLEEP..";
4430 PRINT@644,"*";:PRINT@690,"*";:PRINT@850,"*";:GOTO5 010
4440 FORN=1TO20
$4450 \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{RND}(127): \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{RND}(47)$
4460 IF $Y=24+I$ GOTO4450
4470 IF $Y=25+I$ GOTO4450
4480 IF $Y=26+$ I GOTO4450
$4490 \operatorname{SET}(X, Y)$
4500 FORA $=1$ TO40: NEXTA
4510 NEXTN
4520 RETURN
5000 REM SNOW SCENE - ROUTINE 5
5010 FORL=1TO16
5020 AS(L) = "n:READ N
5030 FOR $Z=1 T O N$
5040 READY: $\mathrm{A} \$(\mathrm{~L})=\mathrm{A} \$(\mathrm{~L})+\mathrm{CHR} \$(\mathrm{Y})$
5050 NEXTZ:NEXTL
5060 PRINT CHR $\$(28)$
5070 FORL=1TO16
5080 PRINTAS (L);
5090 NEXTL
5100 FORY=45TO47: FORX=122TO127
$5110 \operatorname{SET}(X, Y)$ : NEXTX:NEXTY
5120 FORN $=1 \mathrm{TO} 2000:$ NEXTN
5130 FORN=1TO21
5140 READP, $\mathrm{Q}: \mathrm{S}(\mathrm{N}, \theta)=\mathrm{P}: \mathrm{S}(\mathrm{N}, 1)=\mathrm{Q}: \operatorname{NEXTN}$
5150 FORR=1TO10
5160 FORN $=1 \mathrm{TO} 21$
$5170 \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{N}, 0): \mathrm{Q}=\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{N}, 1): \operatorname{RESET}(\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{Q}): \operatorname{NEXTN}$
5180 FORT=1TO21
$5190 \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{T}, 0): \mathrm{Q}=\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{T}, 1): \operatorname{SET}(\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{Q}): \operatorname{NEXTT}$
5200 NEXTR
5210 GOTO5780
5220 DATA $9,197,144,215,136,209,172,198,144,202$
5230 DATA $19,200,160,184,188,191,191,191,191,189,188,17$ 6,215
5240 DATA $129,195,160,186,189,176,267$
5250 DATA $25,200,191,191,191,191,191,191,191,191,191,19$ 1,149
5260 DATA $207,129,201,176,190,191,191,191,141,176,199,1$ 30,197
5270 DATA $27,194,129,197,130,139,143,191,191,191,191,15$ 9,143
5280 DATA $131,197,130,211,135,128,176,191,191,191,189,1$ 88,180,144,203
5290 DATA $27,196,144,206,168,203,129,199,160,196,188,19$ 1,191
5300 DATA $191,191,191,191,191,191,143,188,188,180,176,1$ 44,194,160,194
5310 DATA $30,194,160,186,198,129,199,168,191,176,198,14$ 4,197
5320 DATA $198,176,188,188,191,191,191,191,191,191,191,1$ 91,189
5330 DATA $176,196,130,133,197$
5340 DATA $43,128,160,184,190,183,179,202,176,188,191,19$ 1,191
5350 DATA $191,188,176,200,186,176,195,168,143,131,131,1$ 31,131

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5370 DATA $188,188,176,176,196$
5380 DATA $58,128,129,184,191,191,191,191,188,176,195,17$ 6,188
5390 DATA $143,131,175,191,191,191,191,188,176,178,131,1$ 35,194
5400 DATA $160,140,172,191,191,191,189,176,144,128,176,1$ 76,190
5410 DATA 191,135,191,191,143,191,191,191,191,191,191,1 35,131
5420 DATA $131,143,131,131,129,130,196$
5430 DATA $60,140,175,191,191,191,191,172,188,176,129,19$ 4,130
5440 DATA $128,184,190,191,175,191,191,191,191,178,179,1$ 79,139
5450 DATA $128,160,184,188,191,191,191,131,143,140,140,1$ 42,179
5460 DATA $179,179,179,188,146,140,128,172,179,143,191,1$ 91,191
5470 DATA $191,189,188,180,196,160,188,190,191$
5480 DATA $64,134,187,191,191,191,191,189,180,178,139,13$ 2,176
5490 DATA $188,183,179,188,188,191,191,191,191,191,191,1$ 91,191
5500 DATA $189,191,189,188,191,143,179,188,128,143,143,1$ 43,179
5510 DATA $179,179,188,188,188,191,191,140,143,143,143,1$ $43,131,131,131,131,131,131,131,179$
5520 DATA $179,188,191,191,143,191$
5530 DATA $54,191,191,191,191,191,191,191,191,191,191,19$ 1,191
5540 DATA $191,191,191,191,191,191,191,191,191,191,191,1$ 91,143
5550 DATA $191,143,179,188,188,143,143,179,188,191,143,1$ 43,131
5560 DATA $131,131,293,176,188,191,191,191,191,191,159,1$ 43,179
5570 DATA $188,128,188$
5580 DATA $50,191,191,191,191,191,191,191,191,191,191,19$ 1,191
5590 DATA $191,191,143,191,191,143,143,143,179,179,179,1$ 88,128
5600 DATA $188,191,143,179,188,191,143,131,207,176,190,1$ 91,191
5610 DATA $191,143,131,143,179,188,190,191,143,179,128,1$ 79
5626 DATA $49,191,191,143,191,191,191,143,143,143,179,17$ 9,179
5630 DATA $188,188,128,188,188,191,143,143,143,179,179,1$ 79,128
5640 DATA $179,188,191,191,143,129,208,138,191,191,191,1$ 91,191
5650 DATA $191,128,182,131,135,137,188,191,191,191,191$
5660 DATA $45,179,179,128,188,188,188,191,191,143,143,14$ 3,179
5670 DATA $179,179,128,188,188,188,191,191,191,191,191,1$ 91,191
5680 DATA $191,143,135,129,212,131,191,191,191,188,176,1$ 52,143
5690 DATA $175,191,140,132,129,162,191$
5700 DATA $41,143,143,128,179,179,188,188,188,191,191,19$ 1,191
5710 DATA $191,191,191,191,191,191,191,143,143,143,131,1$ 31,216
5720 DATA $160,184,191,191,131,131,191,143,135,179,188,1$ 82,139
5730 DATA $144,162,191$
5740 DATA $32,191,191,188,159,143,143,143,143,143,131,13$ 1,131
5750 DATA $131,131,129,221,176,176,188,188,191,191,191,1$ 88,194
5760 DATA $152,143,143,167,179,188,191$
5770 DATA $125,14,86,37,76,6,22,15,82,31,49,9,89,43,10,2$ ,72, $35,64,12,42,46,108,2,6,9,63,40,81,14,50,45,56$, $17,119,6,92,33,84,3,59,1$
5780 FORA=1TO2000
$5790 \mathrm{X}=(\operatorname{RND}(128))-1: Y=(\operatorname{RND}(48))-1$
$5800 \operatorname{SET}(X, Y)$
$5810 \mathrm{X}=\operatorname{RND}(127): Y=(\operatorname{RND}(23))+24: \operatorname{SET}(X, Y): N E X T A$
5820 FOR $Y=47$ TO 0 STEP -1

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5830 FOR X=0 TO 127
5840 SET (X,Y)
5850 T=RND (127):W=Y-2
5860 IFW<0 THEN 5900
5870 SET(T,W)
5880 T=RND (127) :W=RND (47)
5890 SET(T,W)
5900 NEXTX:NEXTY
5910 FORX=1TO500: NEXTX
6000 REM SIGNATURE PAGE - ROUTINE }
6010 CLS:P$="*":PRINT CHR$(23)
6020 L=LEN(B$):L=INT (L/2) *2
6030 Sl$=STRING$(6,"*")}+\mathrm{ CHR$(212) +STRING$(6,"*")
6040 FOR J=0 TO 950 STEP 10
6050 PRINT@J,P$:NEXT J
6060 FOR J=1 TO 75:NEXT J
6070 FOR K=0 TO 190 STEP 10:PRINT@K,PS:NEXT K
6080 PRINT@192,Sl$
6090 PRINT@256,P$
6100 PRINT@280,"H A P P Y"
6110 PRINT@318,P$:PRINT@320,P$:PRINT@382,P$:PRINT@384,P
        $
6120 PRINT@402,"H O L I D A Y S"
6130 PRINT@446,P$:PRINT@448,PS:PRINT@510,PS:PRINT@512,P
        $
6140 PRINT@540,"FROM"
6150 PRINT@574,P$:PRINT@576,P$:PRINT@638,PS:PRINT@640,P
        $
6 1 6 0 \text { PRINT@ (672-L),B\$}
6170 PRINT@702,P$
6180 PRINT@704,S1$
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6200 PRINT@K,P$:NEXT K
6210 FOR J=1 TO 2500:NEXT J
7000 RESTORE: REM ROUTINES 3 & 5
7010 GOTO 2000 : REM REPEAT ROUTINES 2 THRU 5
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## Program Listing

10 RANDOM:CLS: PRINT: PRINT
20 PRINT"SNOWFLAKES"
30 PRINT"COPYRIGHT 1980 BY"
40 PRINT"VALERIE VANN"
50 PRINT" 631 G ST., DAVIS, CA."
60 PRINT: PRINT"LEVEL II BASIC"
70 FOR J=1 TO 800:NEXT J
130 REM TITLE PAGE
140 CLS
150 PRINT CHR\$(23)
160 FOR $J=2$ TO 442 STEP 8
170 PRINT@J, "*"
180 FOR $F=1 T O 10: N E X T$ F
190 NEXT J
200 PRINT@450, "* * S N O WFLAKES * *"

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80 PRINT" SNOWFLAKES"
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110 PRINT"631 G ST,, DAUIS, CA."
120 FOR J=1 TO 800:NEXT J
130 REM TITLE PAGE
140 CLS
150 PRINT CHRS (23)
160 FOR J=2 TO 442 STEF 8
170 PRINTOJ,"*"
180 FOR F=1TO10:NEXT F
190 NEXT J
200 PRINTQ450,"** SNO WFLAKES * *"
210 FOR J=514 TO 958 STEF 8
220 FRINTGJ,"*"
230 FOR F=1 TO 10 :NEXT F
240 NEXT J
250 FOR J=1 TO 950:HEXT J
260 REM INITIATE & SET NO. OF REPEATS
270 RANDOM: U=120/48
280 P=3.141592654
290 FOR E=1 TO 5
300 CLS
310 REM DEFINE LINE & NO. OF LINES
320 FOR K=1 TO (RND(5)+7)
330 X=RND<24)
340 Y=RND (24)
350 R=SQR(X[2+Y[2)
360 IF R>24 THEN 330
370 T=RND (24)
380 Z=RND (24)
390 S=S1QR(TL2+Z[2)
400 IF S>24 THEN 370
410 GOSUE 520
420 REM MIRROR IMAGE OF LINE
430 Y=-1*Y
440 Z=-1*Z
450 GOSUE 520
460 FOR L=1 TO 80:NEXT L
470 NEXT K
480 FOR I=1 TO 2000:NEXT I
4 9 0 ~ N E X T ~ E ~
500 GOTO }14
510 REM SUBROUTINE-FLOT & ROTATE
520 w=ATN(Y/X)
530 Q=ATN(Z,T)
540 FOR J=1 TO 6
550 b b = , j)+P/3
560 Q=Q+P/3
570 <2=R*10S (W)
580 YZ=R*SIN(W)
590 T2=S*COS(Q)
600 z2=S*SIN(Q)
610 LINE(K2*()+54,Y2+24)-(T2*()+54, Z2+24),SET
6 2 0 ~ N E X T ~ J ~
630 RETURN
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Editor's Note: Here is a complete program for a 1981 calendar called CAL81. It includes a personalized option as well as a picture option. The first one lets you select from five pictured calendar heads: Mickey Mouse, butterfly, seal with a ball on its nose, airplane or penguin.
The second option lets you put in a personalized phrase at the bottom. The program has five phrases from which you can choose-or allows you to write your own.
When the author shows off his TRS-80 to friends, he likes to hand out a calendar with a personal message.
So, here is a program listing with samples of calendar graphics to go with the months. Merry Christmas!



APRIL


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1439 INPUT "IS THIS OK"; ES
1440 IF ES="n THEN 1436
1450 IF LEFTS (ES,1) <>" $\mathrm{Y}^{\prime \prime}$ THEN 1200
1460 IF LEFTS $(C \$, 1)<>{ }^{\prime} Y$ " THEN 2310
1478 READ E, H
1480 LPRINT*
1498 READ $F$
1490 READ $F$
1508 IF $F=99$ THEN 2310
1510 IF $\mathrm{F}=-1$ THEN LPRRINT" ":LPRINT TAB(E);:GOTO 1490
1520 READ G
1530 LPRINT STRING (F, 32);STRING $(\mathrm{G}, \mathrm{H})$;
1548 GOTO 1490
1550 'MOUSE DATA
1560 DATA $81,10,88$
1570 DATA $-1,43,6,-1,42,8,-1,41,10,-1,41,10,-1,3,4,34,1$ $0,-1,1,10,4,4,23,8,-1$
1580 DATA $6,13,1,3,26,6,-1,0,16,17,15,-1,1,15,14,18,-1$, $2,14,7,2,3,2,2,4,2,10,-1$
1590 DATA $4,14,4,3,2,1,4,2,4,11,-1,8,11,3,6,2,4,2,14,3$, $6,-1$
1600 DATA $13,7,2,29,1,8,-1,18,42,-1,20,40,-1,21,39,-1,2$ 4,13,3,11,1,7,-1
1610 DATA $25,6,6,1,2,7,6,5,-1,28,4,2,4,2,4,-1,30,3,5,14$ , $-1,31,22,-1$
1620 DATA $29,12,10,4,-1,27,13,11,4,-1,25,15,11,4,-1$
1630 DATA $24,18,7,4,-1,23,20,4,7,-1,22,2,2,29,1,2,-1$
1640 DATA 21,2,3,31,-1,21,3,2,4,2,23,-1,20,9,3,13,1,8,-$1,20,10,2,12,2,2,4,4,-1$
1656 DATA $6,4,10,24,2,3,4,2,-1,4,8,6,23,-1,3,16,4,5,14$, $4,-1,3,16,3,4,18,2,7,2,-1$
1660 DATA $3,15,21,12,-1,4,13,24,10,-1,5,13,25,9,-1,7,11$ ,25,16,-1, 8,9,24,12,-1
1670 DATA $9,7,23,13,-1,10,5,23,13,-1,99$
1680 'BUTTERFLY DATA
1690 DATA $82,16,37$
1706 DATA $-1,20,1,7,1,-1,21,1,5,1,-1,21,1,5,1,-1$
1710 DATA $21,1,5,1,-1,22,1,3,1,-1,22,1,3,1,-1$
1720 DATA $22,1,3,1,-1,22,1,3,1,-1$
1730 DATA $0,16,13,1,1,1,13,10,-1,0,3,6,4,10,1,1,1,10,4$, $6,3,-1$
1740 DATA $0,2,1,6,1,5,8,1,1,1,8,5,1,6,1,2,-1$
1750 DATA $0,2,6,3,2,5,5,1,1,1,5,5,2,3,6,2,-1$
1760 DATA $1,2,1,3,2,3,1,5,1,3,1,1,1,1,1,3,1,5,1,3,2,3,1$ ,2,-1
1770 DATA $1,2,1,4,2,3,1,5,1,9,1,5,1,3,2,4,1,2,-1$
1780 DATA $1,2,1,4,2,3,1,6,1,7,1,6,1,3,2,4,1,2,-1$
1799 DATA 2, 2, 4, 4, 2, 6, 1, 7, 1, 6, 2, 4, 4, 2, -1
1806 DATA $2,3,1,4,4,6,1,7,1,6,4,4,1,3,-1$
1810 DATA $3,12,6,7,6,12,-1,4,6,4,6,2,5,2,6,4,6,-1$
1820 DATA $5,3,3,6,3,1,1,5,1,1,3,6,3,3,-1,9,5,3,3,2,5,2$, 3,3,5,-1
1830 DATA $7,5,2,5,1,1,1,5,1,1,1,5,2,5,-1$
1846 DATA $7,4,1,6,1,2,1,5,1,2,1,6,1,4,-1$
1850 DATA $8,3,1,5,1,2,3,3,3,2,1,5,1,3,-1$
1866 DATA $9,1,1,5,1,3,3,3,3,3,1,5,1,1,-1$
1878 DATA $10,5,1,4,3,3,3,4,1,5,-1,11,4,1,4,3,3,3,4,1,4$,
1880 DATA $12,2,1,4,4,3,4,4,1,2,-1,15,4,4,3,4,4,-1$
1890 DATA $17,2,5,1,5,2,-1,99$
1900 'SEAL AND BALL DATA
1910 DATA $83,16,37$
1926 DATA $-1,11,10,-1,8,16,-1,5,22,-1,3,26,-1,2,28,-1$
1930 DATA $1,38,-1,6,32,-1, \dot{6}, 32,-1,0,32,-1, B, 32,-1,6,32$
-1
1946 DATA $0,32,-1,1,36,-1,2,28,-1,3,26,-1,5,22,-1,8,16$,
1950 DA
950 DATA $11,10,-1,15,1,-1,14,3,-1,14,4,-1,13,7,-1,13,3$ , $1,4,-1$
1960 DaTA $13,9,-1,13,10,-1,13,10,-1,12,10,-1,11,10,-1,1$ 0,12,-1
1976 DATA $9,14,-1,9,17,-1,8,21,-1,8,24,-1,8,26,-1,8,28$,
1980 DATA $8,30,-1,8,31,-1,8,32,-1,9,32,-1,9,32,-1,10,32$ ,-1
1996 DATA $10,32,-1,8,8,1,25,-1,6,8,5,23,-1,4,7,11,29,2$, 3,-1
2096 DATA $4,5,22,11,1,4,-1,3,3,26,6,1,8,-1$
2010 DATA $32,6,2,5,-1,31,6,-1,30,5,-1,29,5,-1,99$
2020 'AIRPLANE DATA
2036 DATA 84,10,37
2040 DATA $-1,45,5,-1,43,8,-1,41,16,-1,40,3,3,5,-1,39,3$, 1,3
2050 DATA $1,4,-1,39,2,1,5,1,3,-1,38,3,1,5,1,2,-1,37,5,1$ ,3,1,3,-1
2660 DATA $36,7,3,3,-1,35,13,-1,35,13,-1,26,5,3,13,-1,26$ ,6,1,14,-1
2070 DATA $27,19,-1,27,19,-1,28,17,-1,29,16,-1,22,5,2,15$ ,-1,22,6,1,15,-1
2080 DATA $13,4,6,28,-1,11,8,4,19,-1,10,10,4,18,-1,10,12$ ,3,16,-1,16,14,1,15,-1
2090 DATA 10, 29,-1,11,27,-1,13,25,-1,14,23,-1,16,21,-1, $18,18,-1,11,4,3,29,-1$
2100 DATA $10,7,1,22,-1,10,31,-1,11,31,-1,12,31,-1,13,32$ , $-1,6,4,3,33,-1$
2110 DATA $6,6,1,15,2,18,-1,6,21,6,16,17,2,-1,7,19,10,15$ ,14,3,-1
2120 DATA $8,17,14,13,11,5,-1,8,16,17,13,6,7,-1,7,16,20$, $13,1,9,-1,6,16,23,26,-1$
2136 DATA $5,16,26,17,-1,4,16,29,14,-1,3,16,32,11,-1,3,1$
Program continues

2140 DATA $1,3,3,9,35,11,-1,1,2,1,3,1,7,36,11,-1,0,2,1,5$ $, 1,5,38,6,2,2,-1$
2150 DATA $0,2,1,5,1,4,38,7,-1,0,3,1,3,1,4,39,6,-1,0,4,3$ $, 3,41,5,-1,0,9,42,4,-1$
2160 DATA $1,7,43,3,-1,2,5,44,2,-1,51,1,99$
2170 'PENGUIN DATA
2180 DATA $85,25,37$
2190 DATA $-1,12,8,-1,9,13,-1,8,6,2,6,-1$
2200 DATA $5,18,-1,3,20,-1,2,2,4,15,-1,8,15,-1,6,2,3,12$ $-1$
2210 DATA $5,2,6,10,-1,4,2,8,10,-1,3,2,10,5,1,3,-1$
2220 DATA $2,2,11,6,2,3,-1,1,2,12,8,-1,0,2,13,11,-1$
2230 DATA $0,2,13,14,-1,0,2,13,17,-1,0,2,13,19,-1$
2240 DATA $0,2,13,21,-1,0,2,13,22,-1,0,2,13,13,3,7,-1$
2250 DATA $0,2,13,14,4,6,-1,1,2,13,13,5,5,-1,1,2,13,13,6$ ,5,-1
2260 DATA $1,2,14,12,7,4,-1,1,2,15,11,8,3,-1,1,2,16,9,10$ $, 1,-1$
2270 DATA $2,2,16,8,-1,2,2,16,8,-1,3,2,16,7,-1,3,2,17,6$, $-1$
2280 DATA $4,2,16,6,-1,5,2,15,5,-1,6,2,15,4,-1,8,2,13,3$, -1
2290 DATA $10,3,10,2,-1,12,11,-1,12,2,7,2,-1,7,7,7,2,-1$
2300 DATA $6,6,7,4,-1,17,5,-1,16,4,-1,99$

2320 LPRINT" LPRINT"
$8 \quad 1 "$
$2340{\stackrel{8}{4} \mathrm{LPRINT}^{\prime \prime}}^{1}$
2350 LPRINT"
$80^{1 "}$
$2360 \begin{array}{llll}\text { LPRINT" } \\ 88 & 1 & 9999 & 88\end{array}$
2370 LPRINT" ${ }^{10}: \operatorname{LPRINT"~":LPRINT"~"~}$
$2380{ }_{Y} \mathrm{LPRINT}^{\prime \prime}$ JANUARY MARCH":GOSUB 2710 FEBRUAR

 $\begin{array}{lllllllllllllll}13 & 14 & & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14^{\prime \prime} & & \\ \text { LPRINT"11 } & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 17 & & 15 & & 15 & 16 & 17 & 18 & 19\end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{lllllllllll}27 & 28 \\ 240 \\ \text { LPRINT" } 25 & 26 & 27 & 28 & 29 & 24 & 30 & 25 & 26 & 27 & 28\end{array}$
$293031^{\prime \prime}: L P R I N T "$ "
2440 LPRINT" APRIL
MAY

$2460 \begin{array}{ccccccccccccc}\text { LPRINT" }^{\prime 2} & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & & & \\ 8 & 9 & & & & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13^{\prime \prime}\end{array}$
2470 LPRINT"12 $1314 \begin{array}{lllllllll}15 & 16 & 17 & 18 & 18 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14\end{array}$



2500 LPRINT"
$31^{\prime \prime}: L P R I N T "$ "


2580 LPRINT"
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2590 GOSUB 2710

 $\begin{array}{lllllllllllllllll}2620 & \begin{array}{c}\text { LPRINT" } \\ 20 \\ 20\end{array} & 211 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 17 & & 17 & 15 & 15 & 16 & 17 & 18 & 19\end{array}$


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$2650 \mathrm{I}=(80-\mathrm{LEN}(\mathrm{D} \$)) / 2$
2660 LPRINT" ":LPRINT" ":LPRINTTAB(I)DS:LPRINT" ":LPRIN T" ${ }^{\prime \prime}$
2670 PRINT: INPUT "DO YOU WANT TO MAKE ANOTHER CALENDAR" ;AS
2680 IF $A \$=^{* *}$ THEN 2670
2690 IF LEFTS (AS, 1) $=^{\circ} Y^{n}$ THEN 1000
2700 PRINT: PRINT"END OF PROGRAM":PRINT:END
2710 LPRINT" "
 2730 LPRINT"
2740 RETURN


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I have written an address list program that stores information in a two-dimensional array (Table 1). I have used a salutation entry permitting you to use "Norman S." in the mailing address while using "Sylvia and

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\text { CHFIETMAES } 19 E 3 O
$$

DEAR UNCLE WAYNF,
MERRY CHRISTMAS. THE KERRS ASKED ME TO WRITE THEIR
WINTER SOLSTICE LETTER FDR THEM THIS YEAR.
1 IIOPE YOU HAVE :TAD AS GIMD A YEAR AT BO PINE STREET AS WE HAVE HALI AT 1571 BURTUN STREET. I DO NOT WISH ON YOU IN PETERBORDUCH. NEW (AMMPSHIRE AS MUCH COLD WEATHER AS WE have had.

NOTE THAT 1 HAVE LEFT SPACES TO INDICATE A NEW PARAGRAPH. IF YOU WFITE LIHES THAT ARE APPROXIMATELY THE WIDTH TO BE FRINTED YOU WILL SAVE A GOOD IIEAL OF TIME PRINTING OUT YOUR FRINTED YOU WILL SAVE A GOOD LIEAL OF TIME FRINTING OU EXTENSIVELY FROCESS EACH LINE BEFORE IT SENDS IT TO THE LINE PRINTER.

BE CERTAIN TO MENTION NEWS AROUT EACH MEMBER OF THE FAMILY: NORMAN HAS HAD AN ARTICLE FUBLISHED IN BO-MICROCOMFUTING.
WE HOPE YO'j :HAVE GEEN ENJOYING YOUR FIJBLISHING
MAGAZINES DURING THE FAST YEAR.
HERE'S ITOPING YOU HAVE IAAPPY HOLIDAYS AT PETERBOROUGH AND A HAPPY AND FROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Norman" in the salutation of your yuletide letter. "Special interests" allows you to include a statement about each person's hobby or profession. (If you can't think of anything to say here, the letter writing program will substitute "leisure time" whenever this statement is missing).

The subroutine in lines 6140-6190 permits you to remove names from your address list.

Program Listing 1 produces a copy of the address list on your line printer. It also allows you to record your receipt of cards at
the end of the season.

## Updating

Once you have your Christ-

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| :--- | :--- |
| VALUE OF J | LISTED PROGRAM |
|  |  |
| 1 | LAST NAME |
| 2 | FIRST NAME |
| 3 | STREET ADDRESS |
| 4 | CITY |
| 5 | STATE |
| 6 | ZIP CODE |
| 7 | CARD RECEIVED? |
| 8 | SALUTATION |
| 9 | SPECIAL INTEREST |
|  |  |
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10 CLEAR 10日es
20 DIM AS $(100,9), 2 \$(9)$
$38 \mathrm{z} \$(1)=$＂LAST NAME＊： $\mathrm{z} \$(2)={ }^{-F I R S T}$ NAME＊
40 2S（3）$=$＂STREET ADDRESS＂： $2 \$(4)={ }^{\circ} \mathrm{CITY}$＂： $2 \$(5)=$＂STATE＂
$582 \$(6)={ }^{-2 I P}$ CODE ${ }^{\circ}: 2 \$(7)=$ CARD RECEIVED $^{-}$
$602 \$(8)=$＂SALUTATION ${ }^{*}$ ： $\mathbf{z \$ ( 9 ) =}{ }^{\circ}$ SPECIAL INTERESTS＊
198 CLS
118 PRINT：PRINT＂MENU－－
120 PRINT，＂1 RETRIEVE LIST FROM CASSETTE＊
130 PRINT，．${ }^{\circ} 2$ SAVE LIST ON CASSETTE＊
148 PRINT，＂ 3 DISPLAY LIST＊
150 PRINT，＂ 4 ADD NANES TO LIST＂
160 PRINT，${ }^{-5}$ EDIT LIST＂
178 PRINT，＂＂6 ALPHABETIZE LIST＂
175 PRINT，＂7 PINISHED WITH PROGRAM＂
186 INPUT＂MAKE YOUR CHOICE＊；A
198 ON A GOTO 1888，2888，385s，4890，5098，68e日，7880
1890 REM RETRIEVE LIST PROM CASSETTE
1016 CLS：PRINTE 329，＂LOAD TAPE AND PRESS＇PLAY＇＊
1028 PRINT：INPUT＂HIT＇ENTER＇TO CONTINUE＂；D
1030 IM＝0
1849 I＝IM：PRINT：PRINT＊TAPE READ IN PROGRESS．＊

$\$(1,5), \operatorname{AS}(1,6), A \$(1,7), A \$(1,8), A \$(1,9)$
106 IF AS（ 1,1 ）＜${ }^{2}$＂END OF FILE＂THEN GOTO $165!$
1070 I＝I－1
1880 PRINT：PRINT I＊RECORDS READ＊
1890 INPUT＂HIT＇ENTER＇TO CONTINUE＂；D
1189 GOTO 180
2990 REM STORE LIST ON CASSETTE
2018 CLS：PRINTE329，＇LOAD TAPE－PRESS＇PLAY＇AND＇RECO RD＇${ }^{-}$
232 INPUT＂HIT＇ENTER＇WHEN READY TO CONTINUE＂；D
2038 II＝I
2040 AS $(1 I+1,1)=$＂END OF FILE＊
2050 FOR I＝1 TO II＋1
2068 PRINT：－1，AS（I，1），AS（I，2），AS（I，3），AS（I，4），AS（I，5），A $\$(1,6), A \$(1,7), A \$(1,8), A \$(1,9)$
2978 NEXT I
2080 I＝II
2098 PRINT：PRINT I＂RECORDS SAVED ON TAPE＊
2188 INPUT＂PRESS＇ENTER＇TO CONTINUE＇；D
2118 GOTO 100
3800 REM DISPLAY LIST
3010 PRINT：PRINT $=1$ DISPLAY LIST ON CRT＊
3020 PRINT＂－2 PRINT LIST ON LINE PRINTER＂
3038 PRINT＂－3 RETURN TO MAIN MENU＂
3040 INPUT＂MAKE YOUR CHOICE（1，2，OR 3）＂；A
3050 ON A GOTO 3160，3200，100
3100 REM DISPLAY LIST ON CRT
3120 FOR I＝1 TO II
3120 FOR I＝1 TO II
3130 FOR $\mathrm{J}=1$ TO 9
3138 FOR $\mathrm{J}=1 \mathrm{TO} 9$
3148 PRINT $\mathrm{z} \$(\mathrm{~J})^{\circ}: *$ ；
315 PRINT，A\＄（I，J）
3160 NEXT J
3178 INPUT＂PRESS＇ENTER＇TO CONTINUE＇；D
3180 CLS：NEXT I
3198 I＝II：GOTO 180
3209 REM PRINT ON LINE PRINTER
3210 II＝I
3220 CLS：PRINT＂MARE CERTAIN LINE PRINTER IS TURNED ON．＂
3230 INPUT＂PRESS＇ENTER＇TO CONTINUE＇；D
3246 POR J＝1 TO 9
3250 LPRINT $2 \$(\mathrm{~J})$
3260 NEXT J
3278 LPRINT
3280 FOR I＝1 TO II
3298 FOR J＝1 TO 9
3389 LPRINT AS（I，J）
3318 NEXT J
3320 LPRINT
3330 NEXT I
3348 I＝11
3350 LPRINT CHR\＄（11）
336 GOTO 3898
4898 REM ADD NAMES TO LIST
4818 CLS： $\mathrm{I}=\mathrm{I}+1$
4820 FOR $J=1$ TO 9
4838 PRINT $2 \$(\mathrm{~J})$ ；
4848 INPUT AS（I，J）
4850 NEXT J
4068 PRINT：PRINT，＂－1 SAVE THIS ENTRY＊
4978 PRINT，＂－2 EDIT THIS ENTRY＊
4989 PRINT，＂－3 DISCARD THIS ENTRY＂
4898 INPUT＂CHOOSE 1，2，OR 3＂；A
4189 ON A GOTO 4208，4389，4489
4206 REM SAVE THIS ENTRY
4210 CLS：PRINT：PRINT，＂－1 MAKE AN ADDITIONAL ENTRY＊
4220 PRINT，＂－2 RETURN TO MAIN MENU＊
4238 INPUT＂CBOOSE 1 OR $2^{\circ}$ ；A
4240 ON A GOTO 48Es，1es
4308 REM EDIT TEIS ENTRY
4310 GOTO 54 1 g
4468 REM DISCARD THIS ENTRY
4410 I＝I－1：GOTO 4268
5388 REM EDIT EATRIES
5016 PRINT：PRINT，＂－1 EDIT ENTIRE LIST＊
5020 PRINT，－2 EDIT ONE ITEM
5830 INPUT＂CHOOSE 1 OR $2^{\prime \prime}, A$
5048 ON A GOTO 5108，53日0

5109 REM EDIT ENTIRE LIST
5110 CLS： $\mathrm{II}=1$
5120 POR I＝1 TO II
5130 FOR $J=1$ TO 9

5150 NEXT J
5169 PRINT ${ }^{-10}$ FINISHED EDITING＊
5165 PRINT＊ 11 EDIT NEXT ITEM
5165 PRINT＊ 11 EDIT NEXT ITEM
5178 INPUT＂WHICH ITEM DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE＂；A
5180 IF $A=10$ GOTO 108
5185 IF A＝11 THEN NEXT I
5198 INPUT AS（I，A）
5280 GOTO 5130
5308 REM EDIT ONE ITEM
5310 CLS：INPUT＂LAST NAME OF ITEM TO BE EDITED＂；BS
5320 II＝I
5338 FOR I＝1 TO II
5348 IF AS $(1,1)=$ BS THEN GOTO 5400
5350 NEXT I
5360 I＝1I
5378 PRINT＂SORRY THAT ITEM NOT FOUND＊
5388 INPUT＂PRESS＇ENTER＇TO CONTINUE＂；D
5390 GOTO 100
5499 REM EDIT ONE ITEM
541 g POR $\mathrm{J}=1$ TO 9
$542 \mathrm{PRINT} \mathrm{J}^{*}{ }^{\circ}+\mathrm{Z} \$(\mathrm{~J})+{ }^{*}:{ }^{-1}+\mathrm{A} \$(\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{J})$
5430 NEXT J
5446 PRINT＂10－FINISHED EDITING＂
545 INPUT＂MAKE YOUR CBOICE＂；A
5460 IF $A=18$ THEN GOTO 100
5479 PRINT＂REENTER LINE＂A
5489 INPUT AS（I，A）
5490 GOTO 5410
6808 REM ALPHABETIZE LIST
6018 CLS：PRINT：PRINT＊ALPHABETIZING
6820 IM＝I
6030 FOR I＝1 TO IM－1
6846 FOR $\mathrm{J}=1$ TO 9：A\＄$(0, \mathrm{~J})=\mathrm{A}(1, \mathrm{~J}):$ NEXT $\mathrm{J}: \mathrm{IL}=\mathrm{I}$
6850 FOR II＝I＋1 TO IM
6068 IF AS $(0,1)<=A S(I I, 1)$ THEN GOTO 6980
6878 POR $J=1$ TO 9：AS（ $\mathbf{G}, \mathrm{J})=\mathrm{AS}(I I, J)$ ：NEXT J：IL＝II
6889 NEXT II
6898 FOR J＝1 TO 9：AS（6，J）＝AS（IL，J）：NEXT J
6188 FOR J＝1 TO 9：AS（IL，J）＝AS（I，J）：NEXT J
6110 FOR $J=1$ TO 9：AS $(\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{J})=\mathrm{A} \$(\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{J})$ ：NEXT J
6120 NEXT I
6125 I＝IM
$6130 \mathrm{II}=\mathrm{I}: \mathrm{I}=1$
6146 IF AS $(\mathrm{I}, 1)<>$＂${ }^{2}$ THEN $\mathrm{I}=\mathrm{II}$ ：GOTO 100
6150 POR I＝1 TO II
6168 FOR $J=1$ TO 9：AS（I，J）$=A \$((I+1), J): \operatorname{NEXT} J$
6176 NEXT I
6189 I＝II－1
6190 GOTO 6130
7890 REM EXIT PROGRAM
7918 PRINT＂HAVE YOU SAVED YOUR LIST ON CASSETTE＊
7628 PRINT＂－1 YES－2 NO＂
7030 INPUT＂ENTER 1 OR 2＂；A
7840 IF A＜＞1 THEN GOTO 108
7858 PRINT＂GOODBYE FOR NOW．hOPE I CAN WORK WITH YOU LATER＊

## Program Listing 2

REM CHRISTMAS LETTER PROGRAM
REM BY NORMAN S．KERR
REM 1571 BURTON STREET
4 REM ST．PAUL，MINNESOTA 55108
5 REM TO BE USED TOGETHER WITH CHRISTMAS ADDRESS LIST
10 CLEAR 109eg：DEFINT A－Z：DIM AS $(100,9)$ ， $\operatorname{BS}(50)$
2 CLS：PRINTE 32日，＂LOAD CHRISTMAS LIST ADDRESS TAPE A ND PRESS＇PLAY＇＂
36 INPUT＂HIT＇ENTER＇TO CONTINUE＂；D
$48 \mathrm{IM}=8$
50 I＝IM：PRINT：PRINT＂TAPE READ IN PROGRESS．＊
$60 \mathrm{I}=\mathrm{I}+1$ ：INPUT：－1，AS（I，1），AS（I，2），AS（I，3），AS（I，4）， AS（I，5），AS（I，6），AS（I，7），AS（I，8），AS（I，9）（1）
78 IF AS（I，门队＞＂END OP FILE＂THEN 6 ®
75 I＝I－1
80 PRINT：PRINT I＂RECORDS READ＊
98 INPUT＂HIT＇ENTER＇TO CONTINUE＂；D
189 CLS：GOTO 18080
1090 IF AS $(1,9)={ }^{\circ}$－THEN AS $(1,9)={ }^{*}$ LEISURE TIME＊

1820 BS $(1)=\cdot \cdot$
$1030 \operatorname{BS}(2)={ }^{=} \quad$ HERRY CHRISTMAS．THE RERRS ASKED ME T O WRITE THEIR＊
1049 BS $(3)={ }^{*}$ WINTER SOLSTICE LETTER FOR THEM THIS YEAR．＊
1658 B $\$(4)={ }^{\circ}$ I HOPE YOU HAVE HAD AS GOOD A YEAR AT + ＋AS（1，3）
$1068 \mathrm{BS}(5)=$＂AS WE HAVE BAD AT 1571•BURTON STREET．I DO

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NOT WISH ON YOU"
 ATHER AS WE HAVE HAD."
$1080 \operatorname{B}(8)={ }^{\circ} \quad$ NOTE THAT I HAVE LEFT SPACES TO INDICA TE A NEW PARAGRAPH.*
$1090 \operatorname{B} \$(9)=$ " IF YOU WRITE LINES THAT ARE APPROXIMATELY T HE WIDTH TO BE"
1108 B PRINTING OUT YOUR"
$1110 \mathrm{~B} \$(11)={ }^{*}$ CHRISTMAS LETTER, AS THE COMPUTER WILL NO T HAVE TO"
$1120 \mathrm{~B} \$(12)=$ "EXTENSIVELY PROCESS EACH LINE BEFORE IT SE NDS IT TO THE LINE PRINTER."
1138 BS (13) ="
1148 B $\$(14)={ }^{\circ}$ BE CERTAIN TO MENTION NEWS ABOUT EACH MEMBER OF THE FAMILY:-
$1150 \operatorname{BS}(15)={ }^{*}$ NORMAN HAS HAD AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED I N 80-MICROCOMPUTING."
$1160 \mathrm{~B}(16)=$ " WE HOPE YOU HAVE BEEN ENJOYING YOUR * $+\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{I}, 9)+$ " DURING THE PAST YEAR."
1170 BS(17) ${ }^{\circ} \quad$ HERE'S HOPING YOU HAVE HAPPY HOL IDAYS AT " + AS $(1,4)+{ }^{\prime \prime}$ AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
$1180 \mathrm{BS}(18)=0$ "
1199 BS $(19)={ }^{\circ} \quad$ MAX*
2686 RETURN
10008 REM PRINT ON LINE PRINTER
10028 II=I
10930 FOR I=1 TO II
10848 GOSUB 1608
10650 LPRINT CHRS (14)" CHRISTMAS 1980"
10060 LPRINT CHR $\$(15)$ : LPRINT: LPRINT
10670 FOR $\mathrm{N}=0$ TO 19: REM CHANGE TOP NUMBER TO NUMBER IN BS (X)
$10080 \mathrm{LA}=\mathrm{LEN}(\mathrm{BS}(\mathrm{N}))$
10098 IF LA<65 AAS=B\$(N): GOTO 10250
$10100 \mathrm{X}=60$
10110 AA $\$=\operatorname{LEFT} \$(B S(N), x)$
10120 IF RIGHTS (AAS,1) <>CHR\$(32) $\mathrm{x}=\mathrm{x}-1$ : GOTO 10110
$10138 \mathrm{LB}=\mathrm{LA}-\mathrm{LEN}$ (AAS)
10140 IF LB<60 ABS=MIDS(BS(N),(X+1),LB): GOTO 10250
$10150 \mathrm{Y}=60$
10168 ABS=MIDS(BS(N),(X+1),Y)
10170 IF RIGHTS (ABS,1)<>CHR\$(32) Y=Y-1: GOTO 10160
$16180 \mathrm{LC}=\mathrm{LB}-\mathrm{LEN}(\mathrm{ABS})$
10190 IF LC $<60 \mathrm{AC}=\operatorname{MID}(\mathrm{BS}(\mathrm{N}),(\mathrm{X}+\mathrm{Y}+1), \mathrm{LC})$ : GOTO 10250
$10206 \mathrm{Z}=60$
$10210 \mathrm{AC} \$=\operatorname{MID} \$(\mathrm{~B} \$(\mathrm{~N}),(\mathrm{X}+\mathrm{Y}+1), \mathrm{z})$
10220 IF RIGHT (AC $\$, 1$ ) <>CHR $\$(32) \quad 2=2-1$ : GOTO 10210
10230 LD=LC-LEN (ACS)
10240 ADS=MIDS(BS(N), $(X+Y+Z+1), L D)$
10250 LPRINT" "+ AAS
10260 IF LEN (ABS) >1 LPRINT
10278 IF LEN (ACS)>1 LPRINT "
$-+\mathrm{ABS}$
10280 IF LEN (ADS) >1 LPRINT"
${ }^{+}+\mathrm{ADS}$
10290 AAS="": ABS="": AC $\$=" n$ : ADS=""
10308 NEXT N
10310 LPRINT CHR\$(11)
18320 NEXT I
10330 I=II
16348 END
mas mailing list stored on a computer file, you need to update this file only once a year. As you receive cards from your friends, check their mailing addresses and make any necessary corrections. Then on a cold night in January transfer the necessary corrections to your computer file. If you wish, you can record the receipt of a card while in the 'edit entire file' mode.

Letter-writing (Program Listing 2) is quite simple. The address list is stored in the two-dimensional string array $\mathbf{A}(\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{J})$. The message to be printed is stored in the string array $\mathrm{B} \$(\mathrm{~W})$. Elements of the $A \$(1, J)$ array should be incorporated into B\$(W) as often as possiblethis is what personalizes your Christmas letters.

Once you have finished writing your letter, you will know the value of $W$, which must be changed in the line-print routine in line 10070. It is important that B\$(W) arrays be reloaded after each letter has been printed and I has been incremented, so that the new elements from $A \$(I, J)$ will be printed with each letter.

## Margin Routine

An important feature of the line printer routine, which may be useful in other programs, is included between lines 1008010290. These lines prevent words from being split at the end of the printer's line. I arbi-
trarily set the margins at 10 spaces (lines 10260-10280) and set the printer's line at 60 characters and spaces in lines 10100,10150 , and 10200.

When typing in your B\$(W) statements, you should try to cut down the use of this subroutine by keeping most lines at less than 60 characters. If you make too frequent use of this feature, you will think that your computer has crashed when the printer pauses (an understatement) in the middle of a letter. The program as presented in the Sample Letter causes no such hang-ups.

My TRS-80 is named Max. Substitute your computer's name here, or reword this portion of the letter to your taste. Max is a TRS-80, LEVEL II, with 32K RAM and an Anadex DP. 8000 printer. The CHR\$(14) in line 10050 causes the Anadex to print in boldface. The CHR\$(15) in line 10060 restores it to normal printing.

Before attempting to produce individualized letters for your entire list, construct a dummy list containing, say, three entries. This will enable you to be certain your program is debugged, and allow you to set the top of page at the appropriate place on your printer.

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## CAPABILITIES:

* menu driven; easy to use; full screen prompting and cursor control
$\star$ invoice oriented; everything revolves around the invoice; handles new invoice or credit memo or debit memo
$\star$ invoce information recorded; invoice \#, description, buyer, check register \#, invoice date, age date, amount of invoice, discount (in \%), freight, tax (\$), total payable
$\star$ transaction print and file maintenance procedures insure accuracy
* flexible check calculation procedure; allows checks to be calculated for a set of vendors-or-for specific vendors
* program prints your checks; contiguous computer checks with your company letterhead can be purchased from SBSG
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- aging
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## CAPABILITIES:

* menu driven; easy to use; full screen prompting and cursor control
* invoice oriented; invoices can be entered before ready for billing. when ready for billing, after billing or after paid
* allows entry of new invoice, credit memo, debit memo, or change/ delete invoice
$\star$ allows for progress payment
* transaction information includes:
- type of A/R transaction - billing date
- customer P.O. \# - general ledger account number
- description of P.O. - invoice amount
- shipping/transportation charges
- tax charges
- payment
- progress payment information
- transaction print \& file maintenance procedures insure accuracy
* customer statements printed; computer statements with your compay letterhead can be purchased from SBSG
$\star$ reports include: (samples on back)
- listing of invoices not yet billed
- open items (unpaid invoices)
- closed items (paid invoices)
- aging
* fully linked to General Ledger; will post to applicable accounts; debit A/R, credits account you specify


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## CAPABILITIES:

* performs all necessary payroll tasks including:
- file maintenance, pay data entry and verification
- computation of pay and deduction amounts
- printing of reports and checks
* can handle salaried and hourly employees
* employees can receive:
- hourly or salary wage
- vacation pay
- holiday pay
- piecework pay
- overtime pay
* employees can be paid using any combination of pay types (except. hourly cannot receive salary and salary cannot receive hourly)
* special non-taxable or taxable lump sums can be paid regularly or one time (bonus, reimbursements, etc)
* health and welfare deductions can be automatically calculated for each employee
* earnings-to-date are accumulated and added to permanent records; taxes are computed and deducted: US income tax, Social Security tax, state income tax, other deductions (regular or one time)
* paychecks are printed; computer checks with your company letterhead can be purchased from SBSG
* calculations are accumulated for: employee pay history, 941A report, W-2 report, insurance report, absentee report
$\star$ fully linked to General Ledger. Each employee's payroll information can be distributed to as many as (12) twelve different GL accounts; system automatically posts to cash account


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$\star$ Calculated and Displayed Formulas include...Gross Margin (\$).. Gross Margin (\%)...Gross Margin ROI (\%)...Average Inventory Retail (\$)...Average Inventory Cost (\$)...Turn-Over (\%).
* Reports Generated include...Master File Listing...Class Description Listing...Transaction Audit Trail...Minimum Reorder Point by Vendor...Retail Price List...Retail \& Cost Price List...Period Sales Report ..Year to Date Sales Report...Stock Status (Screen or printer output) Commission Report (for salesmen and buyers).
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## CAPABILITIES:

* more than 200 chart of accounts can be handled
$\star$ account number structure is user defined and controlled
* more than 1,750 transactions may be entered via:
- direct posting; done by hand; validated against the account file before acceptance
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* data is maintained and reported by:
- month
- quarter
- year
- previous three quarters
* reports (samples on back) include:
- trial balances
- income statement
- balance sheet
- special accounts reports and more
$\star$ user formats reports with the following designated as you wish:
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## The TRS-80 psychoanalyzed.

# Mysteries of the Level II ROM 

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The Level II TRS-80 is an excellent microcomputer, but one does encounter a few difficulties when penetrating the secrets of the Level II reserved RAM. Several diligent software detectives have written articles that do much to show the inner workings of Level II.

I have used the following conventions in this article: Unsigned binary format for numbers stored in RAM will be assumed. Numerals with a $D$ suffix or none at all will be in decimal. Hexadecimal numerals will have an $H$ suffix and have leading zeros to indicate either a one- or two-byte value. The operating instructions for the subroutines and example programs are printed beside the program listings. This, I hope will make easier reading.

The information here came from inspecting the reserved RAM after running many test programs.

## Keyboard

The keyboard driver is accessed by CALLing 002BH. The
starting address of the KI device control block $(4015 \mathrm{H})$ is loaded into the Z-80 microprocessor's DE register pair, and some of the other registers are saved. This routine then jumps to the device control block handling routine, which saves the remaining registers (except for $1 Y$ ) and then branches to the DCB driver address. When returned from the driver, the registers are restored, with the accumulator containing the ASCII code of the entered character.

Note that the routine is always in ROM except for one special case explained later. The only way that the keyboard driver can be modified is by changing the DCB driver address bytes. Radio Shack's KBFIX and other custom drivers are new keyboard drivers which might or might not JUMP back into the ROM driver after their task is performed, even if that task would only require one byte of opcode in the ROM driver.

There is one exception to coming out of ROM: the BREAK key. Whenever BREAK is depressed, the keyboard driver performs a ReSTart to $\mathbf{0 0 2 8 H}$, which in turn makes the Z-80 JUMP to 16396 ( 400 CH ) in RAM.

Normally, there is a RETurn instruction in Level II or another JUMP in TRSDOS. There are three bytes available. You can
easily POKE an XOR A (opcode 175D or AFH) and then a RETurn (opcode 201D or $\mathrm{C9H}$ ) into these RAM locations so that whenever BREAK is depressed, the Z.80 accumulator is cleared before the keyboard driver is left. This effectively disables the BREAK key.

In order to provide multi-key rollover, the KI drivers saves an image of the old keyboard memory (except for the space bar) in RAM locations 16438-16444 ( $4036 \mathrm{H}-403 \mathrm{CH}$ ). The first byte is the first row (lowest address), and so on. When directly scanning the keyboard from BASIC (bypassing INKEYS for a repeat action whenever a key remains depressed), it is easier to scan this RAM area instead of the keyboard memory because rows of keys are only one byte apart.
Speaking about INKEY\$, RAM location 16537 (4099H) stores the ASCII code of the most recent entered character. This byte is what INKEY\$ references whenever it returns a character to a program. INKEYS resets the byte to zero after the reference. Location 16537 can be preset by a POKE in order to have INKEY\$ return a specific character unless a key is depressed.
One last note about the keyboard: every Level II TRS-80 keyboard can produce ASCII control codes easily and without
any hardware or software modification. Simply depress SHIFT and the DOWN ARROW simultaneously, and then depress the appropriate letter key.

## I/O Buffer

The input/output buffer is not explained in the Level II manual. It is used for program line input and output (LIST), condensing the program lines before they are put into RAM, holding the text during an INPUT statement, and for INPUT" from cassette. It is not used during CLOAD or PRINT".

The management of the buffer is straightforward. The hander stores input characters in the buffer and puts a code zero after the last valid character for either the ENTER or BREAK terminating character. The storage of other control codes depends on the type of data manipulated at the time. RAM locations 16551-16552 (40A7H-40A8H) not only control where the handier begins the buffer, but also where BASIC starts interpreting its contents.

This means that the buffer can be positioned anywhere in nonsensitive RAM (RAM which is not used for BASIC's "housekeeping'), and BASIC won't know the difference. For instance, disk BASIC uses a different buffer than Level II. A pro-

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BASIC puts a comma in front of the first character of the buffer during an INPUT or INPUT\#. It puts a colon three bytes before the first character while in command mode (statement con-
densing brings the condensed statements two characters before the first character). This is why the I/O buffer in the Level II memory map shows 16870 $(41 \mathrm{E} 6 \mathrm{H})$ as the start location of the buffer, while RAM locations 16551-16552 indicate 16872.

## The Video Display

The branch to the video display driver is done exactly as the branch to the keyboard, except that the CALL entry point is 0033 H . There is no found exit from ROM this time. Thus, the only way to modify the driver would be to alter the DCB driver address.

RAM location 16445 (403DH) holds the 64 characters per line/32 characters per line status. A 00 H at this location means 64 char./line; 08 H means 32 char./line. The video driver uses this byte to determine whether to single or doublespace PRINTed characters.

## The BASIC Program

As most users know, Level II BASIC programs are compressed in RAM. This simply

10 CLS : CLEAR600
20 POKE 16551,2 : POKE16552,63 ' START THE I/O BUFFER $3 / 4$
DOWN THE VIDEO DISPLAY
30 PRINT CHR $\$(28)$ :
INPUT "TYPE SOMETHING IN" ; AS : PRINT AS

- HOME CURSOR TO PREVENT SCROLLING, AND INPUT STRING
40 IF LEFT\$ (AS,3) 〈>"END" THEN GOTO 30
ELSE POKE 1655
1,232 : PORE 16552,65
IF MORE EXPERIMENTATION , CONTINUE. OTHERWISE, RESTORE
NORMAL I/O BUFF
50 - NOTE THAT SINCE NORMAL VIDEO MEMORY CAN NOT RETURN THE
END-OF-BUFFER 9日H CODE (IT APPEARS AS AN * $e^{*}$ ), BASIC USES
A DEFAULT STRING LENGTH.
Program Listing 1. The above demonstrates I/O buffer operation by relocating the buffer into the video memory.

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1g CLS
20 POKE 16551,2 : POKE16552,63 ' START I/O BUFFER 3/4
            DOWN THE VIDEO DISPLAY
30 INPUT "DEPRESS <ENTER> WHEN TAPE IS READY* ; AS :
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            INPUTA-1, AS ' WAIT FOR OPERATOR-READY AND THEN INPUT
    CASSETTE DATA
    46 POKE 16551,232 : POKE 16552,65 - RESTORE NORMAL I/ $O$ BUFFER
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means that the statements, functions and operators are represented by a one-byte code. In addition, certain pointers are set up within each line.

Tables 1 and 2 respectively show the numeric and alphabetic order listings of the compression codes. Note that each ELSE statement has an unseen colon before it, TAB is actually TAB (, and " ' " is a normal ":REM" sequence followed by the special code 251 (FBH).

Each program line takes the following form: a two-byte binary line pointer which points to the first byte of the line pointer of the next program line, a twobyte binary line number, the program line itself, and a code zero to indicate the end of the line. After the last line in a program, two zero bytes are placed where the next line's pointer would normally be. One zero byte is also placed before the first line's pointer. Among other things, this initializes data statements.
BASIC stores the names of the statements (those which you see in a LIST) in ROM locations 5712-6175 (1650H181 FH ). There are no special terminator codes to separate one statement name from another in this lookup table. Rather bit 7 (the. highest bit) is set to a 1 in the first character of each statement name. The statement names are in the numeric order

|  | 125- - | 150-TRON | 175- LPRINT | 200-MEM | 225- $\cos$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 126- | 151- TROFF | 176- DEF | 201- INKEYS | 226-SIN |
|  | 127- | 152- DEFSTR | 177- POKE | 202- THEN | 227- TAN |
|  | 128-END | 153- DEFINT | 178- PRINT | 203-NOT | 228-ATN |
|  | 129-FOR | 154- DEFSNG | 179- CONT | 204- STEP | 229- PEEK |
|  | 130- RESET | 155- DEFDBL | 180- LIST | 205- + | 230-CVI |
|  | 131- SET | 156- LINE | 181- LLIST | 206- - | 231-cvs |
|  | 132-CLS | 157-EDIT | 182- DELETE | 207-• | 232-CVD |
|  | 133-CMD | 158-ERROR | 183- AUTO | 208-1 | 233-EOF |
|  | 134- RANDOM | 159-RESUME | 184- CLEAR | 209- ${ }^{\text {+ }}$ | 234-LOC |
|  | 135- NEXT | 160-OUT | 185- CLOAD | 210-AND | 235-LOF |
|  | 136- DATA | 161-ON | 186- CSAVE | 211- OR | 236-MKIS |
|  | 137- INPUT | 162-OPEN | 187- NEW | $212->$ | 237-MKSS |
|  | 138- DIM | 163- FIELD | 188- TAB | 213- $=$ | 238-MKDS |
|  | 139- READ | 164-GET | 189- TO | 214-< | 239-CINT |
|  | 140- LET | 165-PUT | 190-FN | 215-SGN | 240-CSNG |
| - | 141- GOTO | 166- CLOSE | 191- USING | 216-INT | 241-CDBL |
|  | 142-RUN | 167- LOAD | 192-VARPTR | 217-ABS | 242- FIX |
|  | 143- IF | 168-MERGE | 193- USR | 218- FRE | 243-LEN |
|  | 144- RESTORE | 169- NAME | 194-ERL | 219-INP | 244-STRS |
|  | 145- GOSUB | 170- KILL | 195- ERR | 220-POS | 245-VAL |
| - | 146- RETURN | 171- LSET | 196- STRINGS | 221-SQR | 246- ASC |
|  | 147- REM | 172-RSET | 197- INSTR | 222-RND | 247-CHRS |
|  | 148- STOP | 173-SAVE | 198- POINT | 223- LOG | 248- LEFTS |
| - | 149-LSE | 174-SYSTEM | 199- TIMES | 224-EXP | 249- RIGHTS |
| Note that ELSE is formed by preceding code 149 by a code 58, an ordinary ASCII colon. An apostrophe-REMark is formed by placing a code 251 after a normal ":REM" (code 58, code 147) sequence. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Table 1. Numeric-Order Listing of Statement Compression Codes |  |  |  |  |  |

of the statements: END first, FOR second, etc.
In order to determine the execution address of each statement and function, BASIC normally uses two other lookup tables.

There are separate tables for statements and functions, and other codes have individual routines for comparison and JUMP. ing. The statement table resides at locations 6178-6297 $(1822 \mathrm{H}-$ 1899H) and covers statements END (code 128D, 80H) through NEW (code 187D, BBH). The two-
byte jump addresses are in the numeric order of the statements. The function table resides at locations 5640-5711 ( $1608 \mathrm{H}-164 \mathrm{FH}$ ) and covers functions SGN (code 215D,D7H) through MID\$ (code 250D, FAH). Again, two-byte addressed jumps are in the numeric order of the functions.

BASIC jumps directly to each arithmetic function and not to an intermediate routine. Miscellaneous codes such as ".", and " ("', and all statements and functions with codes between 187
and 215 each have a separate compare and JUMP routine, some of which can be seen in ROM locations 9394-9521 (24B2H-2531H). See Table 3.

## Variable Storage

In Level II, the simple variables, whether integer, single or double precision, are stored directly after the BASIC program in the order in which they are first used in a program. Arrays are stored after the simple variables, again in the order in which they are first used. Consult Table 4 for descriptions of the storage formats. Notice that the variable type codes equal the number of bytes in the variable after the variable name. This allows the type number to immediately tell BASIC how many bytes there are to the next variable, thus speeding up simple variable table searches. BASIC does not need to consult a lookup table to determine variable length. It can be fooled into believing that certain variables are not in the table, if a different value for the variable's length is POKEd into the variable-type byte. See Program Listing 3.

RAM locations 16641-16666 ( $4101 \mathrm{H}-411 \mathrm{AH}$ ) store BASIC's type declarations (DEFINT, etc.). The table is in alphabetical order, with each byte indicating


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| END | 75980, 1DAEH | OUT | 11003D, 2AFBH | INP | 10991D, 2AEFH |
| FOR | 73290, 1CA1H | ON | 8044D, 1F6CH | POS | 10229D, 27F5H |
| RESET | $312 \mathrm{D}, 0138 \mathrm{H}$ | OPEN | 16761D, 4179H | SQR | 5095D, 13E7H |
| SET | 309D, 0135H | FIELD | 16764D, 417CH | RND | $5321 \mathrm{D}, 14 \mathrm{C} 9 \mathrm{H}$ |
| CLS | 457D, 01C9H | GET | 16767D, 417FH | LOG | 2057D, 0809 H |
| CMD | 16755D, 4173H | PUT | 16770D, 4182H | EXP | 5177D, 1439 H |
| RANDOM | 467D, 01D3H | Close | 16773D, 4185H | cos | 5441D, 1541H |
| NEXT | 8886D, 22B6H | LOAD | 16776D, 4188H | SIN | 5447D, 1547H |
| DATA | 79410, 1F05H | MERGE | 16779D, 418BH | TAN | 5544D, 15A8H |
| INPUT | 8602D, 219AH | NAME | 16782D, 418EH | ATN | 5565D, 15BDH |
| DIM | 9736D, 2608 H | KILL | 16785D, 4191H | PEEK | 11434D, 2CAAH |
| READ | 86870, 21EFH | LSET | 16791D, 4197H | CVI | 16722D, 4152H |
| LET | 7969D, 1F21H | RSET | 16794D, 419AH | CVS | 16728D, 4158H |
| GOTO | 7874D, 1EC2H | SAVE | 16800D, 41 AOH | CVD | 16734D, 415EH |
| RUN | 7843D, 1EA3H | SYSTEM | 690D, 02B2H | EOF | 16737D, 4161H |
| IF | 8249D, 2039H | LPRINT | 8295D, 2067H | LOC | 16740D, 4164H |
| RESTORE | 7569D, 1D91H | DEF | 16731D, 415BH | LOF | 16743D, 4167H |
| GOSUB | 7857D, 1EB1H | POKE | 11441D, 2CB1H | MKIS | 16746D, 416AH |
| RETURN | 7902D, 1EDEH | PRINT | 8303D, 206FH | MKS\$ | 167490, 416DH |
| REM | 7943D, 1F07H | CONT | 7652D, 1DE4H | MKD ${ }^{\text {s }}$ | 16752D, 4 W FOH |
| STOP | 7593D, 1DA9H | LIST | 11054D, 2B2EH | CINT | 26870, 0A7FH |
| ELSE | 7943D, 1F07H | LLIST | 11049D, 2B29H | CSNG | 27370, 0AB1H |
| TRON | 7671D, 1DF7H | DELETE | 11206D, 2BC6H | CDBL | 27790, OADBH |
| TROFF | 76720, 10F8H | AUTO | 8200D, 2008H | FIX | 2854D, 0B26H |
| DEFSTR | 76800, 1E00H | Clear | 7802D, 1E7AH | LEN | 10755D, 2A03H |
| DEFINT | 7683D, 1E03H | CLOAD | 112950, 2C1FH | STRS | 10294D, 2836H |
| DEFSNG | 7686D, 1E06H | CSAVE | 11253D, 2BF5H | VAL | 109490, 2AC5H |
| DEFDBL | 76890, 1E09H | NEW | 6985D, 1B49H | ASC | 10767D, 2AOFH |
| LINE | 16803D, 41A3H | SGN | 2442D, 098AH | CHRS | 10783D, 2A1FH |
| EDIT | 11872D, 2E60H | INT | 2871D, 0B37H | LEFTS | 10849D, 2A61H |
| ERROR | 8180D, 1FF4H | ABS | 2423D, 0977H | RIGHTS | 10897D, 2A91H |
| RESUME | 8111D, 1FAFH | FRE | 10196D, 27D4H | MID\$ | 10906D, 2A9AH |
| STRING\$ | 10799D, 2A2FH | INSTR | 16797D, 419DH | TIMES | 16758D, 4176H |
| POINT | $306 \mathrm{D}, 0132 \mathrm{H}$ | FN | 16725D, 4155H | \& | 16788D, 4194H |

Table 3. Jump Addresses for Statements and Functions
the default variable type by the appropriate type code (2, 3, 4 or 8). At power-up, after a RUN, or after a CLEAR, all bytes in the table contain the code for single precision, 4.

## Limits of BASIC

When you enter a response to the "MEMORY SIZE?" question, BASIC stores the highest address that it is allowed to use in

| Integer Number | byte 1-identification code 02 H <br> byte 2-second character of variable name <br> byte 3-first character of variable name <br> byte 4-integer value LSB <br> byte 5-integer value MSB |
| :---: | :---: |
| Single Prec. Number | byte 1 -identification code 04 H <br> byte 2-second character of variable name <br> byte 3-first character of variable name byte 4-7-single precision value |
| Double Prec. Number | byte 1-identification code 08H <br> byte 2-second character of variable name <br> byte 3-first character of variable name <br> byte 4-string length (0-255) <br> byte 5-6-location of first character of string (LSB,MSB) |
| Numeric or String Array: | byte 1-appropriate identification code (2, 4, 8 or 3) <br> byte 2-second character of variable name <br> byte 3-first character of variabie name <br> byte 4-5-length of actual array (LOA) (LSB,MSB) <br> byte 6 -number of dimensions in array (1-255) <br> bytes $5+2 n-6+2 n-$ of elements in dimension " $n$ " <br> (1st, 2nd, etc.) |

bytes $7+2 n-5+$ LOA-the array elements
The characters of the variable names are stored as the corresponding ASCII codes. If the variable name is one-letter, the "second character" byte contains a $\mathbf{0 0 H}$. The "length of actual array" pointer indicates the number of bytes in the array which follow the pointer (" of bytes in the array after byte 5).

Table 4. Variable Storage Formats

RAM locations 16561-16562 (40B1H-40B2H). BASIC will never use any address above that which these two bytes point to. When ENTER is used as the "MEMORY SIZE?" response, BASIC uses all available memory. However, if a number is entered in response to the question, BASIC will only use memory up to that number minus two.

The CLEAR N statement affects locations 16544-16545 (40AOH-40A1H). These locations point to the highest memory byte to be used by BASIC for non-string purposes, not the lowest byte of the string storage area. The pointer indicates the top of BASIC RAM byte (in 16561 -16562) minus $N, N$ from the CLEAR $N$ statement.

These two pointers can be manipulated to allow a program to reserve high RAM for a POKEd machine language program or byte oriented storage area without anything having been entered in response to "MEMORY SIZE?". This high RAM area can be decreased in size at any time and expanded after any appropriate CLEAR or CLEAR N statement.

First, CLEAR enough memory to hold your strings and reserved memory. Then POKE the value (in two-byte binary) for the new top of RAM byte into locations 16561-16562. There are now (top of RAM) minus (top of BASIC RAM) reserved bytes and (top of BASIC RAM) minus (bottom of string RAM) number of bytes of string storage. Program 3 is an illustration of this procedure.
After the initial CLEAR $N$ and POKE's, there is the same amount of program RAM (MEM number) as if only the CLEAR $N$ had been performed. Any subsequent CLEAR N's actually result in N bytes of string space and a corresponding amount of program RAM. BASIC would be acting normally, as if "MEMORY SIZE?" had been answered with a number. The top of BASIC RAM pointer can be raised (decreasing reserved memory) at any time with no ill effects. The top of BASIC RAM pointer can not be lowered if any strings are in the string storage area, however.

Funny things happen when BASIC is told to operate on strings in an illegal area. Note that if no strings are yet assigned a value in a program, the top of BASIC RAM pointer can be positioned in relation to a numeric variable. Because the stack begins right below it, the bottom of string RAM pointer should never be manually (via POKE) changed.

RAM locations 16548-16549 ( $40 \mathrm{~A} 4 \mathrm{H}-40 \mathrm{~A} 5 \mathrm{H}$ ) store the location from which BASIC begins storing a program. These locations do much more; they indicate the byte from which BASIC lists a program, scan lines for EDIT, and start a RUN. Useful manipulation of this pointer usually requires manipulation of a few others (except for CLOAD and a couple other commands), so discussion of it will come after a discussion of those other pointers.

## Variable Tables

When program variables are CLEARed, they are not really erased; specific pointers are re-

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RAM locations 16633-16634 ( $40 \mathrm{F9H}-40 \mathrm{FAH}$ ) indicate the top of the simple variable table, which is physically the lowest byte in the table, since that is where BASIC begins a table search. These point to the first byte of the first variable in the table, not any of the three 00 H bytes at the end of a BASIC program.

Locations 16635-16636 (40FBH-40FCH) indicate the top of the array table (the lowest byte of the table). Again, these point to the first byte of the first array, not the last byte of the last simple variable. Note that if there are no simple variables, this pointer equals the top of simple variable table pointer.

Locations 16637-16638 (40FDH-40FEH) indicate the next byte after the byte at the bottom of the array table (the highest byte of the table plus one). Note that if there are no arrays, this pointer equals the top of array table pointer.

Locations 16639-16640 (40FFH-4100H) indicate the current BASIC DATA pointer. This indicates the data delimiter (comma, etc.) just before the next piece of data to be read. If the next piece of data is at the beginning of a DATA statement, the pointer indicates the 00 H carriage return at the end of the program line in which the latest
piece of data has been read (the 00 H byte at the beginning of a BASIC program if no data has been read, or the colon after the latest DATA statement if there were other statements after that DATA statement within its program line). If the next piece of data is not right at the beginning of a particular data statement, the pointer indicates the comma preceding the piece of datanever a space (nor a semicolon, since that is not a data delimiter).

If these bytes do not point to some proper delimiter, an "OUT OF DATA" error will occur. If the pointer indicates a comma in the middle of a non-DATA statement such as a PRINT statement, BASIC will treat the PRINT statement as a DATA statement and will thus read the program as data.

The first three pointers are quite sensitive, doing anything from making a RESET necessary to causing a new "MEMORY SIZE?" if they are improperly positioned. One must organize the first three pointers in a way that seems logical to BASIC. The following are a few ways to do this.

Level II does not have an ERASE statement, which allows a program to selectively CLEAR a particular array from memory, usually so that the freed memory can be used for some other array. For example, ERASE A would eliminate array $A$ from the table. We can't have the versatility of erasing any single array we want to, but we can erase any array if we are willing to erase all arrays below it in the array table. This means that if

```
\(10 \mathrm{~A}=1: \mathrm{B}=2: \mathrm{C}=3: \mathrm{D}=4\), INITIALIZE VARIABLES
20 POKE VARPTR (B) \(-3,4+7\), POKE AN EXTRA SKIPPING-OVE
    \(\stackrel{R}{R}\)
    DISTANCE (THE REST OF B AND ALL OF C ) INTO
        B'S
    VARIABLE-TYPE BYTE
30 PRINT \(A, B, C, D\) ' PRINT THE RESULTS
48 POKE VARPTR \((A)+4\), 4 , THE ONLY WAY TO REVERSE THE
        SKIP-OVER \((\mathrm{B}\) IS NO LONGER \%, 1, 1 , OR \(\$\) BECAUSE
        OF ITS
    I.D.)
50 PRINT A, B, C,D P PRINT THE RESULT
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Program Listing 3. The above could be used when running multiple programs which share only a section of the variable table.

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20 REM LINE 10 IS THE SAME AS 'GOTO 30'
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5 CLS
10 CLEAR:
    PRINT"PRESENT TOP OF BASIC RAM :";
        PEEK(16561)+PEEK(16562)*256:
    PRINT"PRESENT BO
        TTOM OF STRING STORAGE SPACE :*'
            PEEK(165
        44)+PEEK(16545)*256 :
    PRINT" AMOUNT OF FREE STRIN
        G SPACE:";FRE(AS)
11 - CLENR OLD STRINGS AND PRINT PRESENT POINTER CONDIT
        IONS
20 INPUT "NUMBER IN 'CLEAR N' STATEMENT';N:
    CLEAR N
        INPUT AND CLEAR DESIRED AHOUNT OF STRING
    STO
        RAGE SPACE
3@ INPUT "NEW TOP OF BASIC RAM ('MEMORY SIZE' + 2)";MS:
    POKE 16562 , INT(MS/256) : PORE 16561 , MS-INT
        (MS/256)*256
            - INPUT AND SET NEW TOP OF BASIC R
        AM
40 PRINT : GOTO 10 ' PRINT OUT RESULTS AND RESTART EXP
        ERIMENT-
    EXIT PROGRAM VIA <BREAR> KEY.
                                    Speciflicationt
                                    (Program 4)
- allows the programmer complete freedom to CLEAR string storage space,
    without losing any variables
    note: CLEARed space, of course, must not overlap the variable area (not be too
    large), and must not be too small to handie present string variables, if they are
    desired intact. The programmer may selectively save only simple variables (if
    an array is to be re-DIMensioned), or may save both simple variables and array
    variables
```


## Usage

- save pointers:
a. simple variables only: GOSUB 50300
b. simple variables and arrays: GOSUB 50350
- restore pointers:
a. simple variables only: GOSUB 50325
b. simple variables and arrays: GOSUB 50375
- note: Read first item under "Specifications" for caution during use.
- No new variables may be introduced (nor any old variables re-introduced after the CLEAR or CLEAR N) before the pointer-restore GOSUB is made!!!
- You may, however, use in any way your existing oid variables before the CLEAR or CLEAR N is made.

Program Listing 4. The above illustrates bow to reserve high memory after the "MEMORY SIZE?" question has been answered.
the order of array initialization is $A, B, C$, and array $B$ is erased, both $B$ and $C$ will be erased. First, compute VARPTR (first element of array, such as $B(0,0)$ ) $-6-2^{*}$ (the number of dimensions, in this case, 2). The 6 represents the array identification bytes, and the 2* (number of dimensions) represents the number of elements in dimension words in the array header. In a 32K RAM or 48K RAM system, the VARPTR function will return a negative value if the array is in the above 16K RAM area, and you must convert it to the actual address by adding 65536 to it. Load this number (in two-byte binary format) into the bottom of array table pointer at locations 16637-16638. If you wish to erase all the arrays and keep the simple variables, simply POKE the value of the top of
array-table pointer into the bot-tom-of-erray-table pointer.

Simple variables can be erased by repositioning the top-of-array-table pointer and setting the bottom-of-array-table pointer equal to the top-of-arraytable pointer, to maintain a valid array table thereby erasing any arrays.

Program Listing 4 demonstrates the method used to CLEAR string storage space without losing variables. The old variable table pointer values are stored in memory (POKEd into the first program line) and later restored to the pointers.

By manipulating the DATA pointer a program can use multiple independent data files. Let $N$ be the number of files and $X$ be one of the files.

Program Listing 5 uses an $\mathrm{N}=2$ BASIC array to store the

RESTORE $X$ position and the current REENTER $X$ position in the program's data. The RESTORE $X$ position is set during an initialization GOSUB which tells the subroutine to scan for the beginning of the program line indicated by XP and store it in array element P( - CC, 0 ). The REENTER $X$ position is set to the RESTORE $X$ position during initialization, and from then on is set to BASIC's
current data pointer whenever the selected file is changed.

By manipulating several of the above pointers, the location in RAM from which BASIC begins to store a program can be changed. This involves moving the beginning of program pointer to a properly organized threebyte area in RAM and then positioning the variable table pointers to the appropriate RAM locations. A properly organized area

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$50301^{1 *}$-- VARIABLE-POINTER SAVER SUBROUTINE -
$50304 \begin{gathered}\text {, ******* } \\ \text { ******* }\end{gathered}$
50309 .
1. SAVE SIMPLE VARIABLE POINTERS
50310 POKEPEEK $(16549) * 256+\operatorname{PEEK}(16548)+7$, $\operatorname{PEEK}(16635)$ :
POKEPEEK $(16549) * 256+\operatorname{PEEK}(16548)+8$, $\operatorname{PEEK}(16636)$
50320 RETURN
50325 RESTORE SIMPLE VARIABLE POINTERS
50330 POKE16635, $\operatorname{PEEK}(\operatorname{PEEK}(16549) * 256+\operatorname{PEEK}(16548)+7)$ :
POKE16636, $\operatorname{PEEK}(\operatorname{PEEK}(16549) * 256+\operatorname{PEEK}(16548)+8)$
50335 POKE16637, PEEK(16635):
POKE16638, PEEK (16636
)

50340 RETURN
50350 SAVE SIMPLE VARIABLE AND ARRAY POINTERS
50355 GOSUB50300
$50360 \operatorname{POKEPEEK}(16549) * 256+\operatorname{PEEK}(16548)+9$, $\operatorname{PEEK}(16637)$ :
$\operatorname{POKEPEEK}(16549) * 256+\operatorname{PEEK}(16548)+10$, $\operatorname{PEEK}(16638)$
50378 RETURN
50375 , RESTORE SIMPLE VARIABLE AND ARRAY POINTERS
50380 GOSUB50325
50385 POKE16637, PEEK (PEEK $(16549) * 256+\operatorname{PEEK}(16548)+9)$ : POKE16638, PEEK (PEEK (16549) *256 + PEEK (16548) +10)
50390 RETURN

## Specifications <br> (Program 5)

- allows the programmer to use multiple, independent DATA files within a program
- allows simple, fast switching between these files
- uses simple initialization procedures


## Usage

- pointer initialization for file $X$ :
a. Array P must be DiMensioned to at least a P(X,1) size.
b. $X$ must be one or greater; file 0 is always initialized to start at the first line of a BASIC program.
c. CC must indicate the value $-X$ (must be negative).
d. XP must indicate the line number where DATA file $X$ begins; for line numbers greater than $32767, X P$ is not converted to "signed" format-for line number $40000, X P=40000$.
e. The program executes a GOSUB 50900.
- Note that the line-finding routine is written to conserve memory, not for speed.
- restoring the DATA pointer to the beginning of file $X$ :
a. CC must be 0 .
b. XP must equal $X$.
c. The program executes a GOSUB 50900.
- reentry to the point in file $X$ where READing left off:
a. CC must be 1 .
b. XP must equal $X$.
c. The program executes a GOSUB 50900.
- Note that in lines 50930 and 50940, a sign conversion is made on the PEEK addresses to allow operation on lines above the 16K RAM level-the " +16636 . (Z1>3276X)"'s can be deleted from the subroutine if no lines are above the 16K RAM level.

Program Listing 5. This subroutine, because of its nature, uses no BASIC variables. It does, however, require that the first program line in the program-line 0-be a REMark statement (REM immediately after the 0 ) with at least eight spaces after the REM. Line 0 is where the variable-table pointers are temporarily stored and later retrieved from by this subroutine.

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16526-16527 16537 16544-16545 16546-16547 16548-16549 16551-16552 16554-16556 16561-16562 16598-16599

16600-16601

16614-16615 16616-16617 16620-16621 16633-16634 16635-16636 16637-16638 16639-16640 16641-16666 16722-16805
$4000 \mathrm{H}-4002 \mathrm{H}$ $4003 \mathrm{H}-4005 \mathrm{H}$ $4006 \mathrm{H}-4008 \mathrm{H}$ $4009 \mathrm{H}-400 \mathrm{BH}$ $400 \mathrm{CH}-400 \mathrm{EH}$ $400 \mathrm{FH}-4011 \mathrm{H}$ $4012 \mathrm{H}-4014 \mathrm{H}$
$4036 \mathrm{H}-403 \mathrm{CH}$ 403DH

408EH-408FH 4099H $40 \mathrm{AOH}-40 \mathrm{~A} 1 \mathrm{H}$ $40 \mathrm{~A} 2 \mathrm{H}-40 \mathrm{~A} 3 \mathrm{H}$ 40A4H-40A5H 40A7H-40A8H 40AAH-40ACH $40 \mathrm{~B} 1 \mathrm{H}-40 \mathrm{~B} 2 \mathrm{H}$ $40 \mathrm{D} 6 \mathrm{H}-40 \mathrm{D} 7 \mathrm{H}$ $4008 \mathrm{H}-40 \mathrm{D} 9 \mathrm{H}$

40E6H-40E7H $40 \mathrm{E} 8 \mathrm{H}-40 \mathrm{E} 9 \mathrm{H}$ $40 E C H-40 E D H$ 40F9H-40FAH $40 \mathrm{FBH}-40 \mathrm{FCH}$ $40 \mathrm{FDH}-40 \mathrm{FEH}$ $40 \mathrm{FFH}-4100 \mathrm{H}$ $4101 \mathrm{H}-411 \mathrm{AH}$ $4152 \mathrm{H}-41 \mathrm{~A} 5 \mathrm{H}$

RST 08 H jump vector
RST 10 H jump vector RST 18H jump vector
RST 20 H jump vector
RST 28H jump vector; BREAK key jump vector RST 30 H jump vector
RST 38H jump vector; interrupt mode 1 (FDC, RTC) jump vector
"old keyboard" image storage area video characters/line mode storage $0=64$, $8=32$ )
USR JUMP transfer address
most recent keyboard character bottom of string storage area RAM minus one current line number (line under execution) beginning of BASIC program I/O buffer start position
seed for random number generator
top of BASIC-usable RAM ("MEMORY SIZE?" minus two)
lowest byte of the lowest string in the string area-1
location of where BASIC is currently reading a program
location of current statement under execution current lowest location of BASIC's stack
"." line number
top of simple variable table
top of array table
bottom of array table plus one
current location of BASIC's DATA pointer
variable-type definition table
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Table 5. Numeric-Order Listing of RAM Areas
of RAM is one which makes BASIC think that the beginning of program pointer actually is at the beginning of any program, or the end of a program. In each case, the beginning of program pointer would indicate the first byte of the appropriate program line's line pointer. The simplest way to position the variable table pointers is to execute a NEW or CLOAD after positioning the program pointer.

The variable table can be repositioned anywhere in memory. One need only change each of the variable table pointers so that the simple variable table starts at the chosen position and all other pointers are in proper relation to each other. The top array table pointer, for instance, must indicate the next byte after the last simple variable. A possible use of this is to set up a low memory byte-oriented storage area (i.e. between program and simple variables). No program lines can be added, deleted, or EDITed if the variable table is in memory lower than
the program. This would cause a non-RESETable computer lockup.

The program may be changed in any way if the variable table is above the program. BASIC will not change the position of the table unless enough lines are entered so that the end of the program is beyond the start of the table. From that time on, the table will be at the true end of the program.

This ability, along with an extension of Program 4 to include the top of simple variable table pointer, would allow editing of a program without damage to the variable table.

Multiple programs can reside independently in the computer's memory at the same time. They may have the same line numbers and the same or different variable tables. Each program could call the others with some POKE statements and a GOTO statement (POKE a new begin-ning-of-program pointer and GOTO the desired line in the other program).


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50900 1**************************************************
    ********
50901 '*
        '*
        *
        -- DATA STATEMENT SELECTOR --
8994 l**************************************************
    ********
50909 '
50910 ONSGN (CC) +1GOTO50956,50960
59920 21=PEER(16549)*256+PEEK(16548):P(0,0)=21-1:P(0,1)
    =21-1
5093g zT=PEEK(21+3+65536*(21>32764))*256+
        PEER
        (21+2+65536*(21>32765))
50940 IFZT=XPTHENP(-CC, ह)=21-1:P(-CC,1)=21-1:RETURN
        ELSEZ1=PEER(21+1+65536*(21>32766))*256
            +PEEK(21+65536*(21>32767)):
        IFZ1>日THENG
        OTO56930ELSEERROR5
50950 P(XP,1)=P(XP,0):IFXP=DPTHENGOTO50965
56968 P(DP,1)=PEER(16648)*256 +PEER(16639)
50965 POKE16640,P(XP,1)/256:
        PORE16639,P(XP,1)-IN
        T(P(XP,1)/256)*256:
        DP=XP:RETURN
```

Variable
Pointer(X,F)
Pointers for each program DATA file $X$; Function $0=$ restore to file $X$, Function $1=$ reenter file $X$ operation Parameter during initialization, indicates line number where file starts; during restore or reenter functions, indicates the file number itself
ConditionCode
DataPointer line number of currently examined line

Program Listing 6.

## Run-Time Pointers

Three run-time pointers have some effect on error handling, STOP, and "." line update. RAM locations 16600-16601 (40D8H40 D 9 H ) store the current position of exactly where BASIC is reading from a program. This includes command mode operation (from I/O buffer). Locations 16614-16615 (40E6H-40E7H) store the location of the beginning of the current statement under execution. This indicates either a colon for a statement in the middle of a line or the $\mathbf{0 0 H}$ carriage return of the preceding line for a statement at the beginning of a line. This pointer also operates in the command mode. The current line number is stored at locations 16546-16547 (40A2H-40A3H). This is an FFFFH for command mode.

POKEing the first two of these pointers has no visible affect on program execution because they are continually updated. POKEing an incorrect line num-
ber into the current line indicator will cause an incorrect ERL and "." line if an error occurs in the same line as the POKE.

The "." line number is stored in locations 16620-16621 (40ECH-40EDH). This is an FFFFH if there is no valid "." line.

Locations 16598-16599 (40D6H-40D7H) point to the $10-$ cation just below the lowest location of any string in the string storage area. This is used to assign storage positions of strings assigned a new value so that no old strings are overwritten and so that the stack is not destroyed. Note that $\operatorname{FRE}(A \$)$ is not determined by this pointer.
Locations 16616-16617 (40E8H-40E9H) appear to point to the present lowest location of the stack pointer that is used for FOR-NEXT, GOSUB, etc.

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# Now it's Time for. . . Name That Routine 

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BASIC is convenient, easy to learn and presents few problems when programs are small. However, as programs become large, some structural features are capable of driving one berserk. At the top of this list are line numbers.

The problem is that line numbers, while helpful in editing, give no indication of the line's function. "GOSUB 1000" can be anything. Line 47306 can be anything. Renumber the program and it's something else. Trying to understand or debug published programs is particularly maddening. One is constantly confronted by statements such as:

100 ON X GOSUB 1000, 2000, 3000, 40600
all of which can be anything.
A better system assigns a mnemonic, or label, to a routine which describes its function. The above example might then look something like this:

100 ON X GOSUB ADD ENTRY, FIND ENTRY, CHANGE ENTRY, DELETE ENTRY

## Commands and Syntax

The program offered here, called Label, allows statements
to be entered just this way. In the above example, "ADD ENTRY", "FIND ENTRY", etc. are names, or "labels" for routines. The label describes the function of the routine and makes it easier to both write the program, and to understand how the program functions when reading the listing.

BASIC programs created using Label will run as written, or may be used as source programs to create "object" programs in standard TRS-80 BASIC.

The commands and syntax of Label evolved from what I then considered standard BASIC programming procedures. While writing BASIC programs, I had made separate, handwritten lists of where routines were located. If a routine was to be called, its line number was looked up. If something crashed in the sort routine, its line number was looked up again, so that the routine could be found and edited. When a program was renumbered to make room for additional lines, routines had to found all over again, and a new list made.

All this was a minor inconvenience with small programs. However, programs do tend to grow (and grow and grow...). The result usually was a combination of scratch paper and aggravation, especially when I reminded myself that buying a computer was supposed to put
an end to paperwork!
REM statements helped, of course; I began to include a REM which identified a routine. A sort routine, for example, at line 100 might be preceded by:

$$
95 \text { REM • SORT }
$$

The asterisk (*) was easier to spot as it zipped by on screen. But such a method was all the more annoying because keeping track of routine locations is the sort of thing that a computer can do better.
For me, the annoyance got to be too much.

I began to write a machine language program that searched the BASIC program for lines beginning with "REM*", compared strings, with a GOTO the following line if a match was found. Then I added GOSUB to the list of possibilities. Later the REM was dropped. Then I added ON, and so forth.

Now, with Label, I can call a sort routine by entering GOSUB SORT in the BASIC program. To find out where the sort routine is located, just enter FIND SORT. It's a big improvement. Label fits into low memory, thus avoiding conflict with most other machine language routines. The initialization routines then move the BASIC program above Label. This can create some problems with software that assumes BASIC will always start at the same address.

In Program Listing 1, Label is
assembled at 17129, low memory on a non-disk TRS-80 system. It can, of course, be assembled to fit anywhere. The complete version, available from Instant Software, Peterborough, NH, includes a loader that calculates the lowest available memory, resolves all specific memory references, and loads the program down. All this makes Label memory independent.

## Taking Control from BASIC

If TRS-80 BASIC were in RAM, this whole thing would be a lot simpler and a lot shorter. Fortunately, at various points, BASIC does make calls to reserved RAM locations. By substituting a JUMP or CALL, control can be taken from BASIC. To do this, a JUMP command is simply exchanged with the original BASIC command, saving that original command for later execution.
Label makes use of two RAM locations in this manner. In the command mode, Label examines each entry, substituting a token for each reserved word it finds. Before execution, however, a CALL is made to RAM at location 41B2. At this point a check can be made for commands recognized by Label or any user program. In fact, any number of programs can be connected, control passing from one to the other, and returning to BASIC if nothing is recog. nized.

At run time, and before each
line is interpreted by BASIC, a keyboard scan routine is called to check for BREAK or SHIFT @. This routine has a RAM call to 41 C 4 . If the return address is the line interpreter in ROM, 1D21, control is taken from the normal BASIC process by substituting a return address in the stack.

Examples are usually more helpful than explanations. Table 1 shows a group of routines that might be used as the starting point for an address book program (possibly poorly conceived, in this case). This side-by-side comparison of the "source" and "object" programs should help clarify Label's main reason for existence.

Note that as long as Label is in place, the source program will run as written, but that the use of labels in place of line numbers makes the function of the program and the routines obvious.

## Using Label

Label can also be used as a kind of operating system. It is composed of small, callable routines that combine to form blocks of functions. These in turn combine to form larger
blocks. Because these routines are not sequential and may be accessed at random by a machine language CALL, they can easily be incorporated into other programs or routines.

As an example, Label uses an asterisk (*) to identify BASIC lines with target labels. You may wish to write a program similar to Label that uses "\%" to identify lines, or you may need to find a line that begins with a specified character. The routines in Label are available for that purpose. Consulting the listing, you will see that the routine that searches the BASIC program for a target label is called FNDKEY.

Each line of Program Listing 1 explains its own function. Examining the listing will show you how to use the $\mathbf{Z - 8 0}$ registers on entry to a routine, and what values will be returned. Table 2 defines all of Label's routines.

## Syntax

$A n^{*}$ at the start of a line identifies a label. The character string following the * is the name (i.e., label) of the routine that begins on the following line of the program.


Figure 1


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For example:
50 •MENU
60 INPUT "CMD";CS
\(\cdot\)
100 GOSUB PUT IN ARRAY
110 GOTO MENU
-
500 - PUT IN ARRAY
\(510 \mathrm{~N}=\mathrm{N}+1\)
\(520 \quad A(N)=X\)
530 RETURN
```

MENU is the name of the routine beginning at line 60; likewise, PUT IN ARRAY is the label for the routine beginning at line 510.

After entering BASIC (the command word, not the language), Label replaces all labels which are the object of GOTO, GOSUB, etc., with line numbers.

For example:
BASIC (enter)
50 - MENU
60 INPUT "CMD";CS
-

100 GOSUB 510
110 GOTO 60
-
$500 \cdot$ PUT IN ARRAY
$510 \mathrm{~N}=\mathrm{N}+1$
The command BASIC has two additional "switches," DELETE and REM. By entering BASIC DELETE, lines 50 and 500 (the lines with the label identifier *) are deleted.

Entering BASIC REM changes lines 50 and 500 to REM statements. The command DELETE LINE REM deletes all lines which begin with REM.

The command LIST ROUT lists all label lines, identifying all your routines:

LIST ROUT (enter)
50 - MENU
500 - PUT IN ARRAY
READY
$>$
If labels are present in IF-THEN-ELSE statements, the commands GOTO and GOSUB must be used:

100 IF $X=1$ GOTO PUT IN ARRAY ELSE GOTO GET FROM ARRAY
200 IF $X=2$ THEN GOTO INPUT ADDRESS

The line: 100 IF $\mathrm{X}=1$ THEN PUT IN ARRAY will not work. Numbers and labels can be mixed as in the following line.

950 ON X GOSUB DECIFRAC, 200, DISPLAY RESULT

While Label is operating, all lines beginning with the label identifier will be treated as REM statements, meaning they will be ignored by the BASIC program.

A valid label is any character string which does not begin with a number or delimiter. The delimiters are the colon, the comma or a zero byte (not ASCII 0). Delimiters indicate the end of the label and, obviously, may not be used as part of the label.

Labels can be any length consistent with BASIC ( 255 characters maximum), thus permitting detailed descriptive names to be used in your program develop.

```
Source Program
Will Run as Written
10 REM THIS IS A DEMO FOR LABEL
100 CLS
110 - MENU
120 PRINT "1. NEW ENTRY"
130 PRINT "2. LIST ENTRIES"
1 4 0 ~ P R I N T
150 INPUT X:CLS
160 ON X GOSUB NEW ENTRY, LIST ENTRIES
170 GOTO MENU
180. NEW ENTRY
190 GOSUB INPUT NAME
200 GOSUB INPUT ADDRESS
210 GOSUB APPROVE ENTRY
220 IF X$ = "Y" GOSUB PUT IN ARRAY
230 RETURN
240
250 GOSUB HEADING
260 FOR E = 1 TO EN
270 GOSUB PRINT ENTRY
2 8 0 ~ N E X T ~
290 RETURN
300 - INPUT NAME
310 INPUT "NAME ":NAS
320 RETURN
330}\cdot\mp@code{INPUT ADORESS
340 INPUT "ADDRESS ";ADS
350 RETURN
360 - PUT IN ARRAY
370 EN = EN+1
380 BS(EN,O) = NAS:
    BS(EN.1) = ADS
390 RETURN
400* HEADING
410 PRINT "NAME","ADDRESS"
420 RETURN
430
440 NAS = B$(E,O): PRINT NAS.
450 ADS = B$(E,1): PRINT ADS
4 6 0 ~ R E T U R N
470. APPROVE ENTRY
4 8 0 ~ C L S ~
490 GOSUB HEADING
500 PRINT: PRINT NAS, ADS
510. APPROVE
5 2 0 ~ P R I N T : P R I N T
530. APPROVE 1
540 PRINT'IS THIS CORRECT Y/N*
550 XS = INKEYS:
    IF XS = "'THEN550
560 IF (XS = "Y" OR X$ = "N") RETURN
        ELSE GOTO APPROVE1
570 END
```


## After Command <br> Basic Rem

10 REM THIS IS A DEMO FOR LABEL
100 CLS
110 REM MENU
120 PRINT "1. NEW ENTRY"
130 PRINT "2. LIST ENTRYS"
140 PRINT
150 INPUT X: CLS
160 ON X GOSUB 190,250
170 GOTO 120
180 REM NEW ENTRY
190 GOSUB 310
200 GOSUB 340
210 GOSUB 480
220 IF X\$ = " $\mathbf{Y}$ " GOSUB 370
230 RETURN
240 REM LIST ENTRYS
250 GOSUB 410
260 FOR $E=1$ TO EN
270 GOSUB 440
280 NEXT
290 RETURN
300 REM INPUT NAME
310 INPUT "NAME ";NAS
320 RETURN
330 REM INPUT ADDRESS
340 INPUT "ADDRESS ";ADS
350 RETURN
360 REM PUT IN ARRAY
$370 \mathrm{EN}=\mathrm{EN}+1$
$380 \quad \mathrm{~B} \$(\mathrm{EN}, 0)=\mathrm{NAS}:$
$B \$(E N, 1)=A D S$
390 RETURN
400 REM HEADING
410 PRINT "NAME","ADDRESS"
420 RETURN
430 REM PRINT ENTRY
440 NAS $=$ BSE,0): PRINT NAS,
450 AD\$ = BSE, 1): PRINT ADS
460 RETURN
470 REM APPROVE ENTRY
480 CLS
490 GOSUB 410
$5 \cup 0$ PRINT: PRINT NAS, ADS
510 REM APPROVE
520 PRINT:PRINT
530 REM APPROVE 1
540 PRINT"IS THIS CORRECT YIN"
550 X $\$=$ INKEYS:
IF X $\$=\cdots$ 'THEN550
IF ( $\mathbf{X S}=$ = $\mathbf{Y} "$ OR X $\mathbf{S}={ }^{\prime} \mathrm{N}^{\prime}$ ) RETURN
ELSE GOTO 540
570 END

## After Command

 Basic Delete10 REM THIS IS A DEMO FOR LABEL
100 CLS
120 PRINT "1. NEW ENTRY"
130 PRINT ${ }^{2}$ 2. LIST ENTRYS"
140 PRINT
150 INPUT X: CLS
160 ON X GOSUB 190,250
170 GOTO 120
190 GOSUB 310
200 GOSUB 340
210 GOSUB 480
220 IF X $=$ = $Y$ " GOSUB 370
230 RETURN
250 GOSUB 410
260 FOR $E=1$ TO EN
270 GOSUB 440
280 NEXT
290 RETURN
310 INPUT "NAME ";NAS
320 RETURN
340 INPUT "ADDRESS ";ADS
350 RETURN
$370 \mathrm{EN}=\mathrm{EN}+1$
380 BS $(E N, 0)=$ NAS:
BS(EN,1) = ADS
390 RETURN
410 PRINT "NAME","ADDRESS"
420 RETURN
440 NA $=$ B $\$(E, 0)$ : PRINT NA $\$$,
450 ADS $=$ B $\$(E, 1)$ : PRINT ADS
460 RETURN
480 CLS
490 GOSUB 410
500 PRINT: PRINT NAS, ADS
520 PRINT:PRINT
540 PRINT"IS THIS CORRECT YIN"
550 X $\$=$ INKEYS: IF XS $={ }^{\prime \prime \cdot}$ 'THEN550
560 IF $(X S=" Y$ " OR X $\$=" N ")$ RETURN ELSE GOTO 540
570 END

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ment. In its string matching routines, Label makes a byte-forbyte comparison, although it ignores embedded spaces.
Reserved words may be used as labels as long as the syntax is not recognized by the BASIC interpreter. For example,

100 GOTO NEXT
200 GOSUB RESUME
searches for a routine named NEXT. However, the BASIC language takes precedence in the following:

100 RESUME NEXT

This would execute as normal BASIC instead of searching for a routine called NEXT.

Remarks may follow the com-
ma or colon delimiters in Label lines. For example:

500 - SORT:THIS ROUTINE SORTS
This has an advantage over REM statements on other lines since the Label command LIST ROUT will display both the label and the message for each routine, and LLIST ROUT will for-
ward the information to a line printer.

Labeled routines may be accessed from the command mode. However the first command must be one recognized by standard TRS-80 BASIC. This may merely be a colon (:).

Examples: : GOTO MENU (enter) $X=1$ : GOTO MENU (enter)

|  | PATCH |  | SPACE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Function: | Replaces part of BASIC ROM beginning at 1D1E Checks for commands which may take a label and jumps | Function: | Move part of BASIC program in RAM to allow a line number to be written in place of a label |
|  | to appropriate routine | On Entry: | The address of the source label is in SRLBPT. |
|  | If BASIC line begins with an asterisk, process as a REM statement |  | The length of the string to be written in the BASIC program (the ASCII representation of the line number) in |
| On Entry: <br> On Entry and Exit to Special Case Check: | $\mathrm{A}=$ result of keyboard scan |  | LENDEC (LENgth DECimal number) |
|  |  | On Exit: | Program is adjusted. Carry set if new line pointers must be written. |
|  | A = BASIC Token -80 ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |  |  |
|  | HL points to token in BASIC line |  |  |
| Function: On Entry: | ADJSTK (ADJust STack) |  | LINEIN |
|  | Change return address to take control from BASIC | Function: | LB ERROR check |
|  | Top of stack is first return address |  | Entered if BASIC program line entered |
|  | Next two-byte word in stack is ultimate return and is | On Entry: | BASIC line in input buffer Line number in DE' |
|  | return address to be checked. | Note: If m | und and line numbers are the same, line was being edited. |
| Function: | CHECK |  | LENSTR (LENgth STRing) |
|  | Checks BASIC program for commands which may take a label | Function: | Count length of a character string to delimiter |
|  | Calls appropriate processing routine | On Entry: | HL points to string. |
|  | Writes number for labels | On Exit: | $B=$ Length of string |
|  | FNDKEY (FIND KEY) |  | JMPR (JuMPeR) |
| Function: | Searches BASIC program for lines beginning with search key | Function: | To jump to routine corresponding to Label Command number |
| On Entry: | Search key in register C DE points to line where search is to begin. | On Entry: | Register $C$ equals the number of the word in the WORD LIST matching entry in input buffer. Zero if there is no |
| On Exit: | $A=0$ if the end of the program was reached IX points to the line with the label identifier and object label | On Exit: | To specified routine |
|  | HL points to the address of the object key. |  | JMPTBL (JuMPTaBLe) |
|  | DE points to the next line, the object routine. C = Search key | Function: | Holds location of routines corresponding to words in WRDLST (Word List) |
| Function: | MCHSTR (MatCH STRings) |  | WRDLST (WordList) |
|  | Compares two strings byte for byte, ignoring imbedded spaces until one of three delimiters, colon, comma on zero is reached | Function: | Holds list of commands recognized by Label (The list looks a little weird because some of the words hold imbedded BASIC tokens. Thus, the word ROUT is indicated |
| On Entry: | The address of the source string is in the two bytes of |  | by ASCII R followed by the token for OUT.) |
|  | memory reserved by Label for the purpose: SRLBPT (SouRce LaBel PoinTer). | WORD LIST | : 00 Begin List |
|  | DE points to the object string. |  | w |
| On Exit: | Carry set if match is found |  | $\bigcirc$ |
|  |  |  | R |
|  | PRCSGG (ProCeSs Goto/Gosub) |  | D |
| Function: On Entry: | Change labels to line numbers in BASIC program |  | 00 End Word |
|  | HL points to byte betore first character of label or line number | Label | RST 10H RST's (Restarts) in BASIC ROM. |
| On Exit: | HL points to next byte to be checked (by CHECK) for | The RS | calls: RST 18 H is equivalent to CALL 18 H . |
|  | GOTO, GOSUB, etc. | Function: On Entry: | Next byte to A ; Spaces are ignored. HL points to previous byte. |
|  | PRCSON (PRoCeSs ON) | On Exit: | HL points to byte. Byte in A |
| Function: | As PRCSGG but must point to each label or line number in succession until end of line is reached. |  | $\mathbf{Z}$ is set if $(\mathrm{HL})$ is end of statement - comma, zero or colon. <br> C is set if ( HL ) is a number. |
|  | CGOSUB (Command GOSUB) |  | RST 18H |
|  | CON (Command ON) | Function: | Compare HL and DE |
|  | CGOTO (Command GOTO) | On Exit: | Z set if equal |
|  | CRSM (Command ReSuMe) |  | C set if HL\&DE |
|  | Jump to Label if required |  | HL and DE unchanged |
| On Exit: | HL points to first character source label or line number (not applicable for all cases of RESUME). | Table Label | mbler Mnemonics, Names and Functions of |


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## Three Function Blocks

Label may be considered to consist of three main function blocks: The Initialization Block (Fig. 1), which sets up the jumps and exchanges with BASIC RAM; the Run Time Block (Fig.
2), and the Label to BASIC Block (Fig. 3).

The Run Time Block consists of those routines needed when the BASIC program is running. It is further divided into three main sub-blocks which take control from normal BASIC, check for commands that may take a label, and process those com-

## Run Time Block Commands

LIST ROUT LISTs all routine lines with the label identifier.
LLIST ROUT Prints all lines with the label identifier.
FIND XXX Finds and displays the line and label for routine named
XXX .
DELETE LINE REM Deletes REM lines.
Label to BASIC Block Commands
BASIC
Converts to standard BASIC. Changes label to line
number following GOTO, GOSUB, etc.
BASIC DELETE
BASIC REM Command BASIC and converts lines with the label identifier to REM statements.
Note: A comparison is made only for the length of the command, so that LIST ROUTINES produces the same result as LIST ROUT. The longer commands may be easier to remember.

Table 3. Run Time Block Commands and Label to BASIC Commands


Figure 2
mands.
When a GOTO, GOSUB, or similar BASIC branching command is encountered, the next character is examined. If a number is found, a jump is made back into BASIC ROM, where
the program continues normally. If a number is not found, the Label program assumes that a label has been used, and the command is processed by the appropriate Label routine.

The Label to BASIC Block is

|  |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 40A4 | Points to start of BASIC program |
| 40A2 | Saves line number |
| 40A7 | Pointer to BASIC input buffer |
| 40F9 | Pointer to start of variable table (scalar pointer) |
| 40E6 | Saves HL |
| 40F0 | Address of routine to be called on error |
| 1D1E | Start line interpreter |
| 1098 | Scan for SHIFT @ and BREAK |
| 0358 | Calls keyboard scan routine |
| 1AFC | Writes line pointers beginning with line pointed to by DE |
| 1AF8 | Writes line pointers from beginning of BASIC program |
| 1A19 | Ready routine |
| 1997 | SN ERROR routine |
| 19A2 | ERROR routine |
| 1B4A | NEW routine |
| 1B5D | BASIC initialization routines (RUN) |
| 032A | Display register A |
| OFAF | Display number in HL |
| 196C | Check for enough RAM for stack operation |
| 2B7E | Write line of BASIC in buffer, change tokens to words |
| 2B75 | Display a string from (HL) until (HL) = 0 |
| 41B2 | First RAM called after immediate mode entry |
| 41C4 | RAM called by keyscan routine 0358 |
| 4003 | Saves length ASCII representation of binary integer |
| 40D4 | Points to buffer where ASCII decimal representation written |
|  |  |
| Table 4. BASIC RAM and ROM Locations Used by Label |  |



Figure 3

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called when there is a keyboard input in the command mode. If a line of a BASIC program is being entered, and that line contains an asterisk identifying a label, the BASIC program is checked to see if that label has already been assigned to a routine.

Should you attempt to use a label that is already being used in the BASIC program, then the error message ERROR, LABEL ASSIGNED will be displayed. Author's comment: For once the preferred version is shorter!

If a BASIC program line is not being entered at the command level, then a check is made to see if the input is a command
recognized by Label. If that is the case, a jump is made to an appropriate processing routine within Label. If the command is not recognized, then control passes on to BASIC.

The principal function of this block is to convert the source program written with labels to a standard BASIC program. The BASIC program is searched for labels; the length of the program lines is adjusted to accommodate numbers in place of labels. The numbers are calculated and written into the lines, and the various user options are executed.

Label is concerned with the
commands GOTO, GOSUB, ON, ON ERROR, RESUME and IF. With the exception of IF, these commands are all variants of GOTO; RESUME is a special case of GOTO.

In both the Run Time Block and the Label to BASIC Block, then, the processing routines for these four related commands end up at the Label routine that processes the GOTO command. This centralization, in addition to making the program easier to understand, makes modification much simpler.

Table 3 explains the commands for the Run Time Block
and the Label to BASIC Block. Table 4 gives the RAM and ROM locations used by Label.

## User Option

Three zero bytes (indicated by NOPs) are designated USROPT (for user option) in the assembly listing. These are provided so that the user's own machine language routines can be patched in, via CALL or JP, without affecting Label.

On entry to USROPT, the new BASIC line has just been entered, and the keyboard has been scanned for BREAK or SHIFT @. USROPT is at Label ORG +38 hex or 56 decimal.


# $\star \star \star$ A PERCOM BULLETIN $\star \star \star$ - 409 Adapter for TRS-80* computer eliminates disk read errors 

Garland, Texas - Harold Mauch, president of Percom Data Company, announced that the company is marketing a simple plug-in adapter for TRS-80* computers that corrects a design deficiency in the disk controller circuit.

The problem, which causes disk read errors, has been traced to Tandy's reliance on a circuit internal to the FD1771 controller IC to perform the function of separating clock and data pulses.

As explained in the Backgrounder, use of the internal chip circuit for reliable data-clock separation is a design shortcut which the manufacturer of the controller IC wams against.

The Percom solution, a PC card adapter called the SEPARATOR ${ }^{\text {TM }}$, eliminates the problem by substituting an explicit data separator circuit


Percom adapter fixes TRS-80* computer disk controller.
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Percom cautions that opening the Expansion Interface of the TRS-80* computer, which is required to install the SEPARATOR ${ }^{\text {TM }}$, may void the computer's limited 90-day warranty.

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## Five-Inch Disks Store More Than Eight-Inch Disks!

Garland, Texas - June 25, Model I computer is about 290 1980 - Percom Data Company Kbytes. has begun production of a double-density disk controller adapter for TRS-80* Model I computers.

Harold Mauch, president of Percom, made that announcement here today, saying that data storage capacity using the adapter and double-density disk operating system - which is included - can be increased to as much as 354 Kbytes per minidiskette.

By comparison, the maximum storage for larger eight-inch disk systems used with the TRS-80*

Mauch said the PC card adapter, which plugs into the controller chip socket of the computer Expansion Interface, works equally well for either single-density or double-density storage, and users may continue to run programs under TRSDOS* OS-80 ${ }^{\text {rin }}$ and other single-density operating systems with the adapter installed.

Price, for the plug-in adapter, the TRSDOS'-like double-density DOS and a utility for converting files and programs from single- to double-density format is $\$ 219.95$.

## CRC ERROR! TRACK LOCKED OUT!

by the Technical Staff<br>Percom Data Company -410

This problem started while we were studying an annoying problem with the TRS-80* computer. Disk drives sold by Percom are realigned and tested before shipment. We noticed, however, that some disk drives would pass the Percom inspection but just would not work reliably on the inner tracks with a TRS-80* computer. These drives were within the manufacturer's specifications, and would function perfectly on other disk systerns Percom manufactures - "perfectly" here meaning more than 50 million bytes read without error!

The disk read data separation arrangement in the TRS-80* computer Expansion Interface uses an internal data separator of the FD1771 disk formatter/controller IC. Use of the FD1771 internal data separator is not recommended by Western Digital, the IC manufacturer. The following note appears on page 17 of the FD1771 data sheet:

Internal data separation may work for some applications. However, for applications requiring high data recovery reliability, WDC recommends external data separation be used.

We suspected the dafa separator because the problem was most severe on disk inner tracks where storage density is highest and data separation is most critical.

To prove our point, a technician breadboarded a standard Percom data separator circuit, and configured it to plug directly into the FD1771 IC socket of the TRS-80* computer controller.

When connected to the TRS- $80^{\circ}$ computer, a troublesome drive functioned perfectly We ran a BACKUP utility many times and never got a track lockout. Before we added the extemal data separator circuit to the computer, this same drive would always lock out tracks, and would have difficulty reading from the inner (higher number) tracks.

The Percom data separator circuit fixes the mini-disk controller of the TRS $-80^{\circ}$ computer. The type of drives being used is irrelevant; the circuit eliminates disk read errors resulting from the inability of the Tandy controller design to reliably separate clock and data signals when reading high density inner tracks.



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## Joystick Fundamentals

The joystick is an analog sensor that produces varying resistances.

I'm going to be using the word joystick throughout this article to describe anything that produces measurable resistances.

The basic point about joysticks is that they have two variable resistors or "pots" (potentiometers). Following normal electronic's usage, these pots are called R1 and R2. Both pots are hooked up to the control stick by a small mechanism. Because of this mechanism, when you swing the joystick left or right, only one of the pots increases or decreases its resistance.

When you move the stick forward or backward, the other pot's resistance is changed. When you move it diagonally, both pots change. To interface a joystick to your TRS-80 your


Fig. 1
computer must be able to distinguish R1 and R2. We'll use a 555 oscillator and an algorithm.

## The Hardware

To make the interface there's only one fact you need to know about the 555 oscillator: It puts out a square wave as shown in

Fig. 1.
The duration of high and low parts of the square wave are controlled by two resistors, R1 and R2, also shown in Fig. 1. The oscillator will be low for a length of time which is proportional to R1. Then it will be high for a time proportional to R1 + R2.

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5 \text { REM LOAD MACHINE LANGUAGE ALGORITHM}
10 AD=28223:FOR I=1 TO 51:READ A:POKE AD+I, A:NEXT
15 REM SET UP TRS-80 POINTER TO CALL MACHINE LANGUAGE A
LGORITHM
28 POKE 16526,4:POKE 16527,79
385 REM..
399 REM...
395 REM ROUTINE TO CONVERT JOYSTICK TO DIGITAL THEN PRI
NT
396 REM AND DISPLAY THE POINT
400 CLS : AD=20226:Q=256: YM=. 290: XM=.50
4|5 REM A WILL BE PROPORTIONAL TO R1. B TO R2.
410 A=USR (B) : B=PEEK (AD) +Q*PEEK (AD+1)
4 2 \theta ~ P R I N T G B , A , B
424 REM SCALE }X\mathrm{ AND Y VALUES BEFORE PLOTTING
425 X=XM*A:Y = YM*B
427 REM MAKE SURE X AND Y AREN'T TOO LARGE FOR SET(X,Y)
428 IF Y>47THEN Y=47
429 IF X>127THEN X=127
430 RESET (X0,Y0):SET (X,Y):X0=X:Y0=Y:GOTO 410
985 REM....
990 REM...
995 REM THE MACHINE LANGUAGE ROUTINE IS CONTAINED IN TH
E
996 REM DATA STATEMENT
1096 DATA G, 日, 0, 6, 205,36,79,205,36,79,205,36,79,213,217
,225,237,82,56,1,217,213,217,225,237,82,34,2,79,235,34,
0,79,195,154,10,217,175,211,255,17,0,6,19,219,255,230,1
28,40,249.201
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Program Listing 2. To Load the Machine Language Algorithm

The high and low durations can be input to the TRS- 80 by using the cassette input plug. An alternative procedure is to use the expansion connector in the rear of the TRS-80, but this approach would turn our one-night one-chip project into a week long multi-chip wire-wrap mess.

Using the cassette port is safe because the input is coupled by capacitors to the computer. This means you can mess up and dump a $\pm 9$ volt DC sig. nal into the input and not worry about roasting the components.

Fig. 2 is a circuit diagram illustrating the interface of the 555 oscillator to the cassette input port. The left side of the figure is the oscillator you'll build. The right side of the
diagram represents the parts of the TRS-80 which are important to the interface. A more complete (completely confusing?) diagram is shown in the back of the TRS- 80 Microcomputer Technical Reference Manual.

## Cassette Port Explained

Consider the diagram of the TRS-80 in Fig. 2. Low level voltage pulses entering your computer through the cassette ear jack go into the signal conditioner.

This conditioner converts these pulses (about 0.2 volts) or either polarity into pulses which can SET the flip-flop. For example, if the output is 0 , then the pulse makes it a 1 . If the output is 1 , it stays 1 .

| 12 | 0000 | Scratchpad fo R1 and R2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 13 | 0000 |  |
| L1 | CALL LOOP |  |
|  | CALL LOOP | Collect data from cassette port. |
|  | CALL LOOP | Store in DE and DE'. |
|  | PUSH DE |  |
|  | EXX | Find which of DE, DE' is larger |
|  | POP HL |  |
|  | SBC DE |  |
|  | JR C, LA |  |
|  | EXX | Put the larger in HL, smaller in DE. |
| LA | PUSH DE | Subtract DE from HL. Then DE has R1. |
|  | EXX | HL has R2. |
|  | POP HL |  |
|  | SBC DE |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { LDS (L3), HL } \\ & \text { EX } \end{aligned}$ | Store R1 and R2 in scratchpad. |
|  | LD (L2), HL |  |
|  | JP OA9AH |  |
| LOOP | EXX |  |
|  | XORA | Initialize timing loop-Swap DE, DE; |
|  | OUT FF | Reset flip-flop; zero counter |
|  | LD DE, 0000 |  |
| LE | INC DE |  |
|  | IN FF | Timing loop |
|  | AND 80H |  |
|  | JRZ, LE |  |
|  | RET |  |

Program Listing 3. Machine Language Algorithm with Functions Explained

Fig. 2 also shows some bipolar pulses which will SET the flip-flop.

The output of this flip-flop can be read as the eighth bit of a data word. We will read this whenever an INP(255) BASIC function, or its machine language equivalent, is executed. The path of data into your machine begins at the cassette jack, moves to the signal conditioner, to the flip-flop and to port 255 where it's read.

It's important to know that once that flip-flop is SET, it stays SET-until it is RESET.

If you want the computer to be aware of more than one pulse, you must RESET the flip. flop each time it is SET. To RESET it, send an OUT 255,0 BASIC command or its machine lan-
guage equivalent.
Remember that the output of the 555 oscillator is controlled by the variable resistors R1 and R2, but this square wave output is not directly into the TRS-80. First it passes through a capacitor which produces bipolar pulses several microseconds long on the cassette input port so that every time the 555 oscillator makes a transition, up or down, the flip-flop will be set.

By measuring the time between successive settings and using an algorithm, we can find R1 and R2 or, rather, generate numbers which are proportioned to R1 and R2.

## The Algorithm

We'll measure time between


Fig. 2

1 Joystick w/100 K pots
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Fig. 3

5 REM LOAD MACHINE LANGUAGE ALGORITHM AND SET-UP USR(0) POINTER
10 AD=26223:TP=16526:FORI=1 TO 51:READ A:POKE AD+I, A:NE xT
15 POKE TP, 4: POKE TP $+1,79$
18 REM MACHINE LANGUAGE ALGORITHM IS IN DATA STATEMENT
26 DATA $0,0,0,0,265,36,79,205,36,79,205,36,79,213,217,2$ $25,237,82,56,1,217,213,217,225,237,82,34,2,79,235$, 34, $0,79,195,154,10,217,175,211,255,17,0,0,19,219,2$ 55,230,128,40,249,201
85 REM...
90 REM...
95 REM...SLALOM GAME FOLLOWS
98 REM Y(I) IS THE VERTICAL LOCATION OF GATE \# I
99 REM WE START OPF WITH NO GATES DISPLAYED
$100 \operatorname{DIM} \mathrm{Y}(3), \mathrm{X}(3): \mathrm{CLS}: \mathrm{N}=34:$ FORI $=1 \mathrm{TO} 3: \mathrm{Y}(\mathrm{I})=45: \mathrm{NEXT}$
115 REM BEGIN MAIN LOOP
117 REM DY IS THE VERTICAL GATE MOVEMENT PER LOOP.
118 REM THIS IS CONTROLLED BY YOUR JOYSTICK.
$120 \mathrm{DY}=\operatorname{PEEK}(\mathrm{AD}+3) / 48$
122 GOSUB 500
138 REM BEGIN GATE MOVEMENT LOOP
139 REM I IS THE GATE INDEX. WE COUNT DOWN IN THIS LOOP
140 I=2
148 REM THE POINTS ( $J, K$ ) AND ( $M, K$ ) FORM THE GATE. IF IT
149 REM OFF THE SCREEN THEN WE GOTO 300 TO GET A NEW GA TE
$150 \mathrm{~K}=\mathrm{Y}(\mathrm{I}): \mathrm{J}=\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{I}): \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{J}+10: \mathrm{IF}$ K $>43$ THEN 300
154 REM GET SKIIER'S POSITION. SET HIS LOCATION.
155 GOSUB 500
159 REM MOVE GATE \# I
$160 \mathrm{~L}=\mathrm{K}+\mathrm{DY}: \mathrm{Y}(\mathrm{I})=\mathrm{L}$
$170 \operatorname{RESET}(J, K): \operatorname{RESET}(M, K): \operatorname{SET}(J, L): \operatorname{SET}(M, L)$
177 REM SEE IF SKIIER CROSSED THE GATE'S Y-POSITION.
178 REM IF SO THEN GOSUB TO SEE IF HE PASSED THRU THE G ate
180 IF $K<N$ AND L>N GOSUB400
195 REM NEXT GATE'S INDEX, OR LOOP TO 120 IF WE'VE MOVE D ALL
196 REM THE GATES. I>1 FOR 2 GATES. I>0 FOR 3.
$200 \mathrm{I}=\mathrm{I}-1$ : IFI>0 GOTO 150
210 GOTO120
290 REM 1-.90 IS THE PROBABILITY THAT A GATE WILL BE GE NERATED. ADJUST THIS PARAMETER TO SUIT YOURSEL F.
$300 \operatorname{RESET}(J, K): \operatorname{RESET}(M, K): \operatorname{IF} \operatorname{RND}(\theta)<.90 \operatorname{GOTO} 200$
304 REM NG COUNTS THE NUMBER OF GATES GENERATED
$305 \mathrm{NG}=\mathrm{NG}+1$
309 REM GENERATE NEW GATE'S X-POSITION.
$310 \mathrm{Y}(\mathrm{I})=0: \mathrm{X}(\mathrm{I})=117$ *RND ( 0 ): GOTO 200
390 REM SEE IF SKIIER PASSED THRU THE GATE
400 IF $S$ >J AND $S<M$ RETURN
409 REM NM COUNTS OF GATES MISSED. MISS 5 AND YOU'RE DONE.
410 NM=NM+1: IFNM<5THEN: PRINTe0,NM:RETURN
415 REM SCORING ALGORITHM
426 CLS: $\mathrm{SC}=$ RND (10006)
428 REM PRINT HOW SKIIER DID
430 PRINT" OF GATES",NG
440 PRINT" ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ MISSED", NM
450 FORI =1TOI 000 : NEXT
455 REM PRINT SCORE IN BIG LETTERS
46 CLS :OUT255,8:PRINT"S C ORE = n, SC
470 FOR $I=1$ TO 300日: NEXT:CLS
490 REM THIS SUBROUTINE READS THE JOYSTICK AND DISPLAYS THE SKIIER'S POSITION.
$500 \mathrm{~S}=\mathrm{USR}(0) / 2-15=\mathrm{IFS}>127$ THENS $=127$
505 IF S<8 THEN $S=0$
$510 \operatorname{RESET}(\mathrm{Se}, \mathrm{N}): \operatorname{SET}(\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{N}): S \theta=\mathrm{S}: \operatorname{RETURN}$

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 13 | 0000 |  |
| L1 | CALL LOOP |  |
|  | CALL LOOP |  |
|  | CALL LOOP |  |
|  | PUSH DE | See Program Listing 3 for description |
|  | EXX |  |
|  | POP HL |  |
|  | SBC DE |  |
|  | JR C, LA |  |
|  | EXX |  |
| LA | PUSH DE |  |
|  | EXX |  |
|  | POP HL |  |
|  | SBC DE |  |
|  | PUSH HL |  |
|  | LD IX, (L3) | Stashes R2 on stack. Averages and stores R1. |
|  | CALL AVRG |  |
|  | LD(L3), HL |  |
|  | POP DE |  |
|  | LD IX,(L2) | Petrieves R2. Averages and stores R2. |
|  | CALL AVRG |  |
|  | LD (L2),HL |  |
|  | LD B,04H |  |
|  | LD A,7FH |  |
| LB | SRL H |  |
|  | RR L |  |
|  | DJNZ LB | Puts the smaller of R2/16 or |
|  | CPL | 127 into HL. Returns HL as the |
|  | JR NC, LC | value of the USR(0) function. |
|  | LD L,A |  |
| LC | JP OA9AH |  |
| AVRG | PUSH IX |  |
|  | POP HL | Averaging subroutine. |
|  | LD B,03H | Divides N by 16. |
| 16 | SRL, H |  |
|  | RR L |  |
|  | DJNZ L6 |  |
|  | SBC DE | N/8-R into HL |
|  | LD A,L |  |
|  | JR C,L7 | IF ABS $(\mathrm{N} / 8-\mathrm{R}) \times 4$ |
|  | NEG |  |
| L7 | CP 04 |  |
|  | JR C, L8 | THEN GOTO L8 |
|  | EX |  |
|  | PUSH IX | ELSE HL $=7 / 8 \cdot \mathrm{~N}+\mathrm{R}$ |
|  | POP HL |  |
|  | SBC DE |  |
|  | RET |  |
| 18 | EX |  |
|  | LD B,03H |  |
| 19 | SLA,L | $\mathrm{HL}=\mathrm{R} \cdot 8$ |
|  | RR H |  |
|  | DJNZ L9 |  |
|  | RET |  |
| LOOP | EXX |  |
|  | XOR A |  |
|  | OUT FF | Same timing loop as Program Listing 3. |
|  | LD DE 0000 |  |
| LD | INC DE |  |
|  | IN FFH |  |
|  | AND 80H |  |
|  | JR Z, LD |  |
|  | RET |  |

## Program Listing 5

```
10 AD=20227 : TP=16526 : FORI=1TO115 : READA: POKEAD+I, A: NEXT :
        POKETP, 4: POKETP+1,79
15 DATA 285,104,79,205,184,79,285,184,79, 213, 217, 225,23
        7,82,56,1,217,213,217, 225, 237,82, 229, 221,42,2,79,2
        05,65,79,34,2,79,209,221,42,8,79,205,65,79,34,8,79
        ,6,4,62,127,203,66,263,29,16,250,189,48,1,111,195,
        154,10,221,229,225,6,3,203,60,203,
20 DATA 16, 256,237,82,125,48,2,237,68,254,4,48,7, 235,22
    1,229,225,237,82,201,235,6,3,203,37,203,20,16,250,
        291,217,175,211,255,17,0,0,19,219,255,239,128,4日,2
        49,281
100 CLS:Q=256: AD=20224
105 XM=.05:YM=.02
110 S=USR (0): X=PEEK (AD-MQ* PEEK (AD+1) : Y=PEEK (AD+2) +Q*PEE
        K(AD+3)
120 PRINTQO,S,X,Y:X=XM*X:Y=YM*Y
125 IF X>127 THEN X=127
126 IF Y>47 THEN Y=47
130 RESET(X0,Y@):SET(X,Y):X0=X:Y Y=Y
14g GOTO 110
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Program Listing 6. Data statement

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When a transition has occurred the counter has a number proportional to either R1 or R1 + R2.
(You're half way. You'll be finished when you store the counter's value; re-zero the counter; RESET the flip-flop; and repeat the loop.)

If you had R1 the first time, this time you'll have R1 + R2 (and vice versa). At this point you have two numbers, and you don't even know which is which. The algorithm takes advantage of the fact that R1 + R2 is obviously larger than R1.

Program Listing 1 is a BASIC form of the algorithm which establishes the joystick's settings. It also PRINTs the numbers proportional to R1 and R2 and displays them as points on the screen.

This BASIC program has one drawback: It's dreadfully slow. To use it, C1 of Fig. 2 has to be large. Ten microfarads is barely enough with 100K pots on the joystick. Even though it's slow, try it before moving on to the machine language version.

## Machine Language Algorithm

Program Listing 2 automatically loads a machine language version of the joystick algorithm into memory. The program sets up the appropriate TRS 80 pointer so that when you execute the $A=U S R(0)$ function, you will convert the joystick settings.

Type the listing and double check the DATA statement. Since the program's more than 1000 times faster than the BASIC algorithm of Program Listing 1, you'll need to make C1 about 0.1 microfarads.
$A$, the value returned by $A=$ USR( 0 ), will be proportional to R1. Since USR(0) returns only one value, we've chosen to store the number proportional to R2 as a two-byte integer in locations 20224 and 20225.

B $=$ PEEK(20224) $+256 \cdot$ PEEK(20225)

Line 10 of Program Listing 2 recovers R2. If you make C1 equal to 0.1 microfarad and put a large resistor ( 200 K to 500 K ) in parallel with R2, R2 will be less than 255. This means that the number proportional to R2 is stored entirely in 20224 and the much quicker $\mathrm{B}=\operatorname{PEEK}(20224)$ will recover it for you.

The rest of Program Listing 2 is a demo which shows you the type of coding you can use to let the joystick move a dot all over your monitor. Note that you'll have to multiply $A$ and $B$ by scale factors to make the full travel of the joystick's dot comparable to the screen size. You may have to juggle these parameters a bit.

Program Listing 3 is an assembly language listing of the algorithm in Z-80 mnemonics, accompanied by an explanation of each function.

## Slalom

Program Listing 4 lets you play an arcade-type joystick game on your TRS-80. The object of Slalom is to ski a point through a series of gates which move down from the top of the screen. You move the skier around the screen with the joystick. Moving the joysticks forward or backward controls the speed of the gates.

Since I'm more interested in building and interfacing peripherals than in BASIC programming, I'm sure there's room for you to improve Slalom.

I kind of like Slalom-not only because it demonstrates how to utilize your joystick, but also because it demonstrates a useful way of interfacing a machine language routine with a BASIC program. When you run the game, the first thing the program does is to load the algorithm into memory and set up the USR(0) pointer.

The DATA statement of this figure contains exactly the same algorithm as Listing 2 and 3. When you write your own joystick games you might want to use lines 1 to 20 to start your routine.

## The Loophole Algorithm

One problem with increasing the joystick's speed is that we end up with about one percent jitter in its settings. When running Program Listing 2, this jitter causes the point to occasionally hop back and forth on the screen. This causes no trouble for a simple game such as Slalom. But it would cause problems if you were using the joy. stick to do something more precise, such as manipulate a cursor.

You can eliminate the jitter with an auxiliary algorithm. When you measure $A=U S R(0)$, where A is proportional to R1, set:
$N=7 / 8 \cdot N+A$

This will make $N$ the running average of the last eight values we measured. N will have little jitter.

The drawback of this averaging technique is that you have to wait while $N$ establishes its new value when you move the joystick and suddenly change $\mathbf{A}$.

To get around this, include a loophole in the software so that when you move the joystick, $N$ will first change rapidly and then start averaging to produce low jitter values. The loophole algorithm is:

IF ABS $(\mathrm{N} / 8-\mathrm{A})<3$ THEN $\mathrm{N}=875 \cdot \mathrm{~N}+\mathrm{A}$ ELSE N $=8 \cdot A$

Try this in the routine in Listing 2. You'll have to change line 425 to read $X=X M * N$ before doing the $\operatorname{SET}(X, Y)$.

The same technique can be used to eliminate any up and down jitter, too.

If you need to eliminate the jitter and want to do it quickly, use the machine language algorithm of Program Listing 5. This algorithm reads the joystick, finds numbers proportional to R1 and R2 and averages them over the last eight reads. It's just like the BASIC coding, except it's much faster.

Program Listing 6 shows a DATA statement which you can
use to automatically load the algorithm into memory. This algorithm will store the value of N, proportional to R1, as a twobyte integer in locations 20224 and 20225. Following the usual convention, 20224 has the least significant byte and 20225 has the most significant.
The averaged value proportional to R2 is stored in 20226 and 20227. In addition to storing the numbers, when you execute this algorithm with $S=U S R(0), S$ will be proportional to R2.

## Beyond a Single Joystick

Fig. 3 is a circuit which lets you use two joysticks. The key trick here is to use the cassetteout plug to select the joystick. We "amplify" and invert the cas-sette-out signal ( 0 V to 0.9 V ) with a transistor.

The signal goes into select pin A of a 4051 analog switch. A zero at input A of the 4051 hooks up one of the 555s to the capacitor. A one on A hooks up the other.

To select one joystick, you must issue an OUT 255,2 instruction which puts zero volts on the cassette-out plug. To select the other joystick, you issue an OUT 255,1 instruction. This puts 0.9 V on the cassette-out plug. You must do this before calling the algorithm. You must also do this, consistently, within the algorithm.

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This article is not about assembling robots. Not the way you think, anyway. It's all about how to use the assembly language capabilities of your TRS-80 more easily.
One of the more time-consuming jobs of assembly language programming is the I/O.

Below is a description of a collection of subroutines I call "COMPAC", which is short for "communications package".

COMPAC, an assembly of subroutines, displays a byte on the CRT, fetches a byte from the keyboard, displays a message, clears the CRT screen, adds spaces between characters, positions the cursor anywhere on the screen and puts back lines between blocks of text. These routines enable you to better use the keyboard and CRT in your assembly language programs.

At the end of this article is the program which tells about "as-
sembling" a robot on the screen, once the groundwork is down.

## Getting Going

CRT, to begin, is the subroutine which displays a byte on the CRT screen (see Listing). To use this, just load the ASCII code for the character you want into the A register, and call CRT. The first thing we do is save the contents of the DE and IY registers by pushing them onto the stack, because we use these registers in CRT. If we didn't, we'd lose the data in the registers.

The next instruction, CALL 33H, jumps to a subroutine in the Level II ROM (CALL works like the GOSUB in BASIC). The byte in the $A$ register is displayed at the cursor, and the cursor incremented. Then, the program returns to our subroutine, and the original values of IY and DE are popped off the stack. The last instruction, RET, returns us to the main program.

The next subroutine, KBSCAN, scans the keyboard. It places the ASCII value of the next key into the A register. KBSCAN returns characters in ASCII, doesn't give numeric values, and returns one character at a time. it requires only one instruction: CALL KBSCAN. When KBSCAN is called, the contents of the DE and IY registers are saved as in CRT.

A Level II routine at 002BH is then called and does most of the
work. It scans the keyboard once, and if any of the keys are pressed, places the ASCII value of the character into the $A$ register. If none are pressed, it returns a value of 00 H . When finished with the scan, execution is returned to KBSCAN.
The next two instructions check to see if any of the keys are pressed. CP 0 compares the value in the $A$ register to 00 H . If $\mathrm{A}=00 \mathrm{H}$ (meaning no key was pressed), the $Z$ flag is set to 1 . If $A<>00 \mathrm{H}$ (one is pressed), the $Z$ flag is reset to 0 .
The next instruction, JP Z,AGN, checks the condition of the $Z$ flag, and jumps to the statement labeled AGN if the flag was set. This sends us back to the scanning routine in the Level II ROM. We loop over and over until somebody hits a key. If the flag is reset $(=0)$ we go to the next instruction, which pops the values of DE and IY off the stack. This routine can be used to stop program execution. It stays in a loop until a key is pressed.
The next subroutine, MESAGE, displays a message. The programmer must first store the message in memory and keep track of it. Say we wanted to display MY PROGRAM. Store the characters in the message at some known place in memory:

```
ORG 6000H
DEFM 'MY PROGRAM'
DEFB 0
```

We use 00 H as our end-of-text character. To print this onto the CRT requires the following steps:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { LD } & \text { IX,6000H } \\
\text { CALL } & \text { MESAGE }
\end{array}
$$

IX is located with the memory location of the first character and then the subroutine is called.

The next instruction gets a character from memory, and puts it in the $A$ register. It is compared to 0 . If the value is 0 , we are at the end of the string. If not, there is a character to display, and we call the CRT routine to display it.

The next instruction, INC IX, increases the pointer, and JP AGAIN jumps to the beginning of the subroutine to fetch the next character. This time the IX register is pointing to the next character. We repeat these steps until we get to the " 0 " at the end of the string.

The CLRCRT subroutine is used to clear the screen. First, we load the A register with 1CH, and CALL CRT as if to display this byte. However, when the CRT subroutine sees 1 CH , it resets the cursor to the home position. 1FH is then loaded into the A register and CRT is called. 1 FH clears the screen from the current position of the cursor to the end of the screen. This subroutine requires one instruc-tion-CALL CLRCRT.

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POKE $U+3, Y 0$ Provide the beginning $Y$ coordinate
POKE $U+5, X_{1} \quad$ Provide the ending $X$ coordinate
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## LD B, 10

CALL SPACES

The A register is loaded with 20 H , which is the ASCII code for space. Call CRT which displays the space. The next instruction, DJNZ SPACES, does this:

- Decrements the $B$ register.
- Checks if $B$ equals 0 .
- If $B$ is not equal to 0 , it jumps to the statement labelled SPACES.
- If $B$ equals 0 , it continues.

It causes a number of loops, equal to the initial value of the $B$ register, to be executed.

The next subroutine, POSIT, positions the cursor. Load the BC registers with the desired positions, and call POSIT. Try this:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { LD } & \text { BC. } 512 \\
\text { CALL } & \text { POSII }
\end{array}
$$

to place the cursor at position 512. The contents of the HL registers are saved, as in CRT. HL is loaded with the value 3 COOH which is the start of the video RAM, or position 0. Next, add BC to HL. Load it into memory location 4020 H .4020 H and 4021 H contain the cursor position. Restore HL to its original value by popping its contents off the
stack. Return to the main program.
Last Step
LINES is the last subroutine
and places blank lines between text. To get started, load the B register with the number of lines to be inserted. For example, to
place two lines between messages, do this:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { LD } & \text { B,2 } \\
\text { CALL } & \text { LINES }
\end{array}
$$



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## Robots

To illustrate the subroutines, write a simple program (see Listing).

Now we come to the robots:

- Skip two lines.
- Print the titie, "A ROBOT".
- Print a picture of a robot using the TRS-80 graphics.

The first thing we do is load the message into memory. ORG 7 AOOH defines the place in memory and DEFM defines the characters we want. DEF 0 places a 0 in the next location. DISPLA is the first routine used to display one block. 191 is the value of its ASCII code.

The next two routines, BODY and LEGS, display one body and one leg segment. A body segment consists of a block, a space, three blocks, a space and another block. The leg is made of a block, a space and another block.

The first statement of the main program, ORG 7000 H , sets the place in memory where the program will reside. Clear the screen. Skip two lines by loading the B register with 2 and calling the LINES subroutine. To display the title, display 28 spaces in order to center the message. Load the IX register with the starting address of the message and call the MESAGE subroutine to display A ROBOT. The next part is the actual display of the robot's image! These statements position the cursor and display the appropriate parts of the robot.

Then we call KBSCAN to stop execution, and admire the picture we just displayed.

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After using the Radio Shack Tractor Feed Line Printer with my TRS－80 for about two months，I came to two conclu－ sions：It is a reasonable ma－
chine for personal and small business use；but something had to be done about that damned on／off switch！
Centronics，who manufac－ tures the printer as their model 779，saw fit，for some perverted reason，to employ both a power switch and a print switch．The print switch controls the printer electronics，and is conveniently located on the front panel with an LED indicator．

Supposedly，this switch is turned on only when actually printing．However，since there is little current drawn，most users


Fig．1．Cassette Port on CPU Board


Fig．2．Printer Control Circuit
leave this switch in the on posi－ tion all the time．

The power switch，which con－ trols the motors，cooling fan， and $A C$ to the printer，is located on the back panel，where it is dif－ ficult to reach．

## No Noisier than Most

So，why not just turn on the printer when you bring up the computer？Those who would ask this type of question have never heard this printer in opera－ tion．Actually，it is no noisier than most while it＇s printing．

But try to concentrate on your programming with the machine idling．The constant whirring，
buzzing，growling and slapping of drive belts is guaranteed to drive you to distraction in min－ utes．

Now you quip，＂Big Deal！Just reach over and turn it off！＂

Dear friend，unless your arms are seven feet long，you can＇t reach that switch．Even if the printer is sitting on the same ta－ ble with the TRS－80 you still can＇t reach the switch without getting out of the chair and lean－ ing over the back．Too much like work！

Let me digress for a moment to touch on my philosophy of mi－ crocomputing．For years，I have watched with fascination as TV

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and movies have shown how computers are used in their world. "Turn on the vectored whatsits." "Zoom in on that monster." "Disarm those missiles." "Blast 'em!"

Amazing! Those guys are controlling motors, reading meters, and launching missiles from that terminal. They don't have to get up and turn on any printers, so, why should I?

To achieve my goal of complete keyboard control, I have spent countless hours soldering, drilling and stringing wires so that, now, I don't have to leave the keyboard for anything but a beer (and I'm working on that).

My TRS-80 dials the phone, turns on the lights and sends Morse code on my amateur radio rig-all without any extra switches. Now, I can even control my printer, and l've decided to share the secret with you.

## Relay Control

My approach is simple. I leave the power and print switches on and control the AC to the printer with a relay. The TRS-80 controls the relay via software com-
mands.
The first secret lies in the use of the cassette relay as a control. The cassette motor is controlled by a small relay which is driven by a latched output port in the CPU keyboard unit (Fig. 1).

The relay is small, so don't get any ideas about switching heavy loads with it. But, you can use it to control another heavier load relay. That is how my system works.

Fig. 2 is a schematic of my circuit, using a Radio Shack relay \#275-206. It is rated to switch three amps at 120 volts $A C$; the coil is 12 volts DC at 50 milliamps. This load is well within the limits of the relay in the TRS-80.
This isn't a construction article, as such, so l'll leave the details to you. Wiring is strictly non-critical. I stole 12 volts of DC from another source, but you could add a small DC supply for the relay. A different relay can, of course, be substituted so long as it will handle about two and a half amps, and the coil doesn't draw more than one-half amp . Of course, the less current through the CPU relay the better. My relay is housed in a cabinet but this, too, is non-critical.

If you have an expansion interface, there is another relay in that unit. It is a 4PDT switch used to select either of two cassette machines. The CPU relay turns on the cassette motor, while the interface relay decides which cassette port will be ac-


Fig. 3. Expansion Interface Cassette Ports

```
1 0 ~ C L S ~
    20 PRINT
30 PRINT*PRINTER STATUS CHECK*
40 B=PEER (14312)
50 PRINT
69 PRINT"THE VALUE AT ADDRESS 14312 IS *;B
70 IF B<>127 THEN 120
75 PRINT
80 PRINT"THE PRINTER IS OUT OF PAPER"
90 PRINT"INSERT SOME MORE PAPER, THEN PRESS ENTER";
100 INPUT AS
110 GOTO 10
120 PRINT: PRINT"THERE IS PAPER IN THE PRINTER...""
130 IF B>127 THEN PRINT"BUT THERE IS STILL SOMETHING WR
    ONG": PRINT "SHUT DOWN THE SYSTEM AND CHECK
        THINGS OUT":END
140 IF B<127 THEN PRINT"AND ALL SYSTEMS ARE READY TO PR
        INT*
150 END
```

DONE

Program Listing 2. Printer Status Check
tivated. Fig. 3 shows how this system operates.

If you are not using a cassette recorder with your TRS-80, you can connect your relay to cassette port 1.
If you still use a cassette machine occasionally, you can connect the cassette to port 1 and the printer relay to port 2.

## Software Commands

I hate to disappoint some of you, but the software is also simple. The commands OUT 255,4 turn on the printer and OUT 255,0 turn it off.

These commands can be included as part of a BASIC program. OUT 255,4 is issued just before the first LPRINT statement, and OUT 255,0 is used after the last LPRINT operation.

The OUT 255,4 statement latches the relay on until the program ends and READY appears, or until an OUT 255,0 is executed.

If you wish to control the printer from cassette port 2, an additional bit of software is needed. Memory location 14308 decimal contains the cassette port selection code. On powerup this value is set to 0 . This activates cassette port 1. A POKE 14308,1 command tranfers control to port 2.
You can perform this step at the beginning of a program or any time before the first LPRINT statement. It is only needed once in the program. However, if the program uses the cassette system for any other purpose, a

POKE 14308,0 must be used to restore normal cassette operation. This includes CSAVE, CLOAD, PRINT \#, and INPUT \# statements.

Both the POKE 14308,(1 or 0 ) and the OUT 255,(4 or 0) can also be issued in the command mode. For example, if you want to LLIST a program, typing POKE 14308,1:OUT 255,4 and pressing the ENTER key will turn on the printer and print the program listing. OUT 255,0 is not needed, since the system returns to READY after the list is printed. Of course, if your relay is connected to cassette port 1 , the POKE 14308,1 is not required.

If you want to get fancy, some additional software features are available to you. When the printer elecfronics are turned on a status signal is sent to the printer port in the expansion interface. It indicates whether or not the printer is turned on, and if it is out of paper. This printer status value is found in memory location 14312 decimal.

By PEEKing into that address, we can determine if the printer is ready to run. A value of 127 indi cates that the printer is out of paper. If this is the case, a message can be printed on the screen, and the program interrupted.

A value of $<127$ signals that the printer is ready to run. You may want to play around with different uses for this printer status information. I'll leave it up to you.

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## Using EDTASM to enhance itself.

# Assemble It Yourself 

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Radio Shack sells an excellent editor/assembler for the TRS-80. Unfortunately, this assembler makes extensive use of the cassette recorder.

A typical assembly programming session goes something like this:

Load the EDTASM tape. Write a program. Record the program on a second cassette tape. Record the corresponding machine language code on a third tape. Return to BASIC and run this system tape.

## It doesn't work?

Reload the EDTASM tape. Reload the tape containing the program. Continue.

If you're like me, you couldn't wait to get hold of a disk system and throw the cassette recorder away. But without modification the assembler will not work with a disk. In fact, it can't even be loaded on a disk because it resides in the same area of memory used by DOS.

I am going to describe a new version of the editor/assembler. The original assembler can be used in bootstrap fashion to create this new version. Programs
written on the modified assembler can be run without using the cassette or disk at all. Once written, programs can be saved on disk.

Additional commands convert the editor into a word processing system. This new editor/assembler requires at least 32 K of memory.

## Modifying EDTASM

Assume for a moment that the modification has been made. Enter the new assembler from the disk by typing EDTASM (ENTER). After a short pause, the words "TRS-80 EDITOR-ASSEMBLER 2.1" (or 2.2) will be printed on the screen. This new version has all the original commands. Refer to the instruction book for an explanation of them.

Several small modifications have been made. First of all, the command B returns control to DOS instead of BASIC. A keyboard debounce routine has been added. The text buffer is restricted to memory slots 5CF9-7FFF (or 5CF0-7FFF for version 1.2), which is the standard buffer for machines with 16 K .

The function of the up arrow has been changed to display the previous page of text. The down arrow now prints the next line of text without an intervening star and makes it possible to go through the text line by line. The CLEAR key works.

A lowercase driver is avail-
able for readers who have added lowercase hardware. The printer routine has the ability to pause after each page. The BREAK key now works during printing. An optional serial printer driver is included.

There are also additional commands which will be convenient to discuss in groups.

## Easier AL Programming

The assembler has two new commands designed to make assembly language program. ming easier:

M0 Method Zero.
M1 Method One.

The command M1 changes the method of text entry. Suppose we wish to enter the following:

## LINE LD A,B ;COMMENT HERE

To do so, type LINE and press the space bar. The computer will tab to the next position. Type LD and press the space bar. Again the computer will tab to the forlowing position. Type $A, B$ and press spacebar. This time the computer will tab to the comment column and enter the semicolon comment prompt.

Now type the comment as usual. The space bar will no longer tab; instead it will resume its usual function. If an entire line is to be a comment, type ";" and the space bar will never act as a tab.

In this keyboard mode, backspacing past a tab can lead to unpredictable results. If a mistake in an earlier column is to be corrected, erase the entire line and start over or use EDIT.

The command MO returns the editor to the original keyboard entry mode. When the system powers up, it will be in entry mode one.

## No Tapes, No Disks

The assembler has four new commands which aliow immediate execution of assembly language programs without using the cassette or the disk:

AM Assemble into Memory. PEEK Examine Memory. POKE Modify Memory.
$J$ Jump.
Suppose the text buffer contains an assembly language program. The command AM works, essentially, like the usual ASSEMBLE. The computer prints an assembled version of the program on the screen and then types MOVE CODE? When the space bar is pressed, the machine language program will be entered into the computer instead of being loaded on tape.

This program must occupy memory in the range A000-BFFF hex. Otherwise the computer will print MEMORY TOO LOW or MEMORY TOO HIGH and return to the assembler prompt.(Readers with 48 K may change this range to A000-FFFF.)

The J command is used to
transfer control to a machine language program created by AM. Thus, J A98C causes the computer to jump to location A98C (hex) and begin execution at that position. This command requires that the address be given in hex. The hex number should be four digits long and should not be followed by H . Thus, J 3C45, J BC11, and J 3542 are all correct as written.

A program that is to be executed by J should end with the instruction RET. This will return the assembler prompt * when the program is finished; the text buffer will remain intact.

The editor/assembler maintains a stack which can be used by the machine language program. Of course, if the machine program initializes another stack, the command RET will not return control to the assembler. In that case the program should end with the command JP 8F01H to return control to the editor/assembler. Initializing the stack is among the first things it does.

Programs executed with J may use BASIC ROM routines. A few users will want to use EDTASM routines instead. They should use JU (thus JU A2AD) instead of $J$ and end programs which modify the stack pointer with JP 46DAH.

If it is necessary to examine and modify memory, PEEK and POKE are used. Both of these commands are written for hex
numbers. Thus PEEK 4D23 will cause the computer to print the contents of 4 D 23 , and these contents will be printed in hex. Similarly, POKE 4D23,3E will enter the hex number $3 E$ in memory location 4D23.

## Disk Data Storage

The assembler has three commands designed to allow storage of data on the disk:

| X | Move Text to High Mernory. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Y | Move Text from High |
|  | Mernory. |
| AM + \&\&\&\& | Assemble into Memory Pius |
|  | $\& \& \& \&$. |

$X$ moves the text buffer into memory locations 9CFO-BFFF. It also prints a message of the form (START $=X \cdot 9 C F 0 ', E N D=$ $X ' A 9 C E ')$ on the screen. Using this command, it is possible to load the text buffer onto disk as follows:

Enter X. Copy the displayed information about START and END on a piece of paper because the next step clears the screen. Enter B. You will find yourself in DOS mode. Enter:

DUMP FILENAME/CIM (START $=X^{\prime} 9$ CFO', $E N D=X \cdot A 9 C E ')$

Naturally, the end statement varies from text to text.

At this point, you can return to the assembler with the text buffer intact. To do so, type EDTASM (ENTER) Y (ENTER).
$Y$ moves the text buffer from locations 9CFO-BFFF down into the assembler. It is used to load
text files from the disk into the assembler. To load such a file, return to DOS mode and enter LOAD FILENAME, EDTASM and Y.

Machine language programs are prepared for entry to the disk using the command AM. Suppose the text buffer contains an assembly language program which will be located somewhere between A000 and BFFF. Enter the corresponding machine code into the computer using AM. Return to DOS via the $B$ command. Load the machine code onto the disk using a command similar to:

DUMP FILEJCMD (START $=X \cdot A 02 E$ ',END $=$ $X^{\prime} \cdot A 02 E^{\prime}, E N D=X \cdot B 13 C^{\prime}, T R A=X^{\prime} \cdot A 111$ )

Occasionally you will want to write code which will not occupy memory in the interval A000-BFFF. The command $A M+$ is used for this purpose. $A M+3 C 11$, for instance, works just like AM except that the hex number 3C11 is added to each memory address before it is entered into the computer.

Suppose you want to write machine code starting at 7500 . (All addresses here are in hex form.) This address is safely above the DOS addresses, but it is within the EDTASM area. Write the assembly code as usual. Enter the comand AM + 2B10. (Notice that 2B10 is A010 minus 7500.) Write the following program and assemble it into memory:

```
ORG 0A000H
LD \(\mathrm{HL}, \mathrm{OAO1OH}\)
LD DE,7500H
LD BC,Number of Bytes in Program
LDIR
JP 0
```

Finally, enter the command J A000. The disk will turn on for a moment and you will find yourself in DOS mode with the machine language program in its intended position. Save it on disk as usual.

## Word Processing

Finally, the assembler has two commands designed to convert the editor into a primitive word processing system. The word processing commands are:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { M2 } & \text { Method Two. } \\
\text { TYPE Print Text. }
\end{array}
$$

The command M2 provides yet another method of entering text into the computer. With this method text can be entered continuously without the ENTER key. The computer will automatically issue line feeds at appropriate spots. Line feeds will occur between words when possible, but occasionally the computer will break a word in the middle.

M2 makes one other change. Shifted letters are not accepted under keyboard entry methods zero and one unless you add the lowercase modification. But shifted letters are accepted under method two. Such letters

## Program Listing 1. EDTASM 1

|  | 00100 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 00110 |
|  | 00120 |
|  | 00130 |
|  | 00140 |
|  | 00150 |
|  | 00160 |
|  | 00170 |
|  | 00180 |
|  | 00190 |
|  | 00200 |
|  | 00210 |
| A000 | 00220 |
| A000 F3 | 00230 |
| A001 210043 | 00240 |
| A004 110070 | 00250 |
| A007 01001A | 00260 |
| A00A EDBO | 00270 |
| A00C C30000 | 00280 |
| 0000 | 00290 |
| 00000 TOTAL | ERRORS |

```
INSTRUCTIONS: Enter DOS. Turn on DEBUG and use the M-command to
enter the code below. Return to DOS, turn off DEBUG, and issue the
command BASIC2. Answer MEMORY SIZE With RETURN. Issue the SYSTEM
command. Respond to the prompt with EDTASM and load the EDTASM
tape. Respond to the second prompt with/40960. You will
automatically return to DOS. Enter
DUMP EDTASMI/CIM (START=X'7000',END=X'8A00').
```

$\qquad$

```
TEMPORARY CODE TO PUT EDTASM ON DISK
\begin{tabular}{ll} 
ORG & \(0 A 000 \mathrm{H}\) \\
DI & \\
LD & HL, 4300 H \\
LD & DE, 7000 H \\
LD & BC, 1AOOH \\
LDIR & \\
JP & 0000 \\
END & \\
\end{tabular}
```

will be displayed on the screen as ordinary capital letters, of course. We will see their significance shortly.

M2 affects all entry from the keyboard, including responses to the assembler prompt. This will make no difference unless you are in the habit of shifting
letters at random. A shifted letter looks the same on the screen, but means something different to the computer. Convert back to the original keyboard entry method with MO if you run into trouble.

The TYPE command works essentially like the editor/as-
sembler command $T$; it outputs the text buffer to the printer.

The text in the buffer can be created by any of the keyboard entry methods, but from now on I will assume that text is entered with M2.

Text that will be printed first enters an internal buffer. When
this buffer has enough text to fill a line, the computer searches backward from the end until it comes to a space. All characters before the space are printed and the remaining characters are placed at the beginning of the buffer for the next line.
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| 8BA3 | 2816 | 01300 |  | JR | 2，NEXT |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8BA5 | CDAF8B | 01310 | ABORT1 | CALL | RETN |  |
| 8BA8 | F1 | 01320 | ABORT | POP | AF |  |
| 8BA9 | C1 | 01330 |  | POP | BC |  |
| 8BAA | D1 | 01340 |  | POP | DE |  |
| 8BAB | El | 01350 |  | POP | HL |  |
| 8BAC | C3E351 | 01360 |  | JP | ASSEM1 | ；Assembler routine |
| 8BAF | 21AA41 | 01370 | RETN | LD | HL，41AAH | ；Return letter to input buffer |
| 8BB2 | 34 | 01380 |  | INC | （HL） |  |
| 8BB3 | 2AA841 | 01390 |  | LD | HL，（41A8H） |  |
| 8BB6 | 2B | 01400 |  | DEC | HL |  |
| 8BB7 | 22A841 | 01410 |  | LD | （41A8H）， HL |  |
| 8BBA | C9 | 01420 |  | RET |  |  |
| 8BBB | 213D43 | 01430 | NEXT | LD | HL， 433 DH | ；Cassette output to ASSEM routine |
| 8 BBE | 36 C 9 | 01440 |  | LD | （HL），0C9H |  |
| 8 BCO | 218943 | 01450 |  | LD | HL， 4389 H |  |
| 8 BC 3 | 36C3 | 01460 |  | LD | （HL），0C3H |  |
| 8BC5 | 210F8A | 01470 |  | LD | HL，ASSEM |  |
| 8 BC 8 | 228A43 | 01480 |  | LD | （438AH）， HL |  |
| 8BCB | CDBB4 9 | 01490 |  | CALL | 49 BBH | ；Next letter |
| 8BCE | 28D8 | 01500 |  | JR | Z，ABORT | ；No letter |
| 8BDO | FE2B | 01510 |  | CP | 2BH | ；＋ |
| 8BD2 | 20D1 | 01520 |  | JR | NZ，ABORTI | ；Replace letter |
| 8BD4 | CDE28B | 01530 |  | CALL | ROUT | ；High byte of addition to memory |
| 8 BD 7 | 321A8B | 01540 |  | LD | （ $\mathrm{ADD}+1$ ）， A |  |
| 8BDA | CDE28B | 01550 |  | CALL | ROUT | ；Low byte of addition to memory |
| 8BDD | 32198B | 01560 |  | LD | （ADD），A |  |
| 8BEO | 18 C 6 | 01570 |  | JR | ABORT | ；Go to assembler |
| 8BE2 | CDF08B | 01580 | ROUT | CALL | GET | ；Next letter |
| 8BE5 | 57 | 01590 |  | LD | D，A |  |
| 8BE6 | CDF08B | 01600 |  | CALL | GET | ；Next letter |
| 8BE9 | 5F | 01610 |  | LD | E，A |  |
| 8BEA | CDFA8B | 01620 |  | CALL | CONV | ；Convert ascii DE to number |
| 8BED | 2805 | 01630 |  | JR | 2，BAD | ；DE not correct |
| 8BEF | C9 | 01640 |  | RET |  |  |
| 8BFO | CDBB4 9 | 01650 | GET | CALL | 49 BBH | ；Next letter |
| 8BF3 | C0 | 01660 |  | RET | NZ |  |
| 8BF4 | 21A247 | 01670 | BAD | LD | HL，47A2H | ；Error Program continues |

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| 8BF7 C32B47 | 01680 |  | JP | 472 BH |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8BFA C5 | 01690 | CONV | PUSH | BC | ; Convert ascii in DE to number in |
| 8BFB 7A | 01700 |  | LD | A, D | ; A and set zero flag if error |
| 8BFC CD138C | 01710 |  | CALL | CONVI |  |
| 8BFF 280F | 01720 |  | JR | Z, BADI |  |
| $8 \mathrm{CO1} 57$ | 01730 |  | LD | D, A |  |
| 8 CO 27 B | 01740 |  | LD | A, E |  |
| $8 \mathrm{C03} \mathrm{CD138C}$ | 01750 |  | CALL | CONV1 |  |
| 8C06 2808 | 01760 |  | JR | 2, BAD1 |  |
| 8 C 080610 | 01770 |  | LD | B, 16 |  |
| 8C0A 82 | 01780 | ADA | ADD | A, D |  |
| 8C0B 10FD | 01790 |  | DJNZ | ADA |  |
| 8COD 04 | 01800 |  | INC | B | ; Reset zero flag |
| 8 COE Cl | 01810 |  | POP | BC |  |
| $8 \mathrm{C0F} \mathrm{C} 9$ | 01820 |  | RET |  |  |
| 8 Cl 0 AF | 01830 | BAD1 | XOR | A | ; Set zero flag |
| 8 Cll Cl | 01840 |  | POP | BC |  |
| 8C12 C9 | 01850 |  | RET |  |  |
| 8 Cl 3 E5 | 01860 | CONV1 | PUSH | HL | ; Convert ascii in A to number |
| 8 Cl 4 C 5 | 01870 |  | PUSH | BC | ; in $A$ and set zero flag if error |
| $8 \mathrm{Cl} 5212 \mathrm{B8C}$ | 01880 |  | LD | HL, TABLE1 |  |
| 8C18 0610 | 01890 |  | LD | B,16 |  |
| 8 ClA BE | 01900 | LOOP | CP | (HL) |  |
| 8 ClB 2808 | 01910 |  | JR | 2,YES |  |
| 8ClD 23 | 01920 |  | INC | HL |  |
| 8C1E 23 | 01930 |  | INC | HL |  |
| $8 \mathrm{ClF} \mathrm{10F9}$ | 01940 |  | DJNZ | LOOP |  |
| 8 C 21 AF | 01950 |  | XOR | A | ; Set zero flag |
| 8 C 22 Cl | 01960 |  | POP | BC |  |
| 8C23 El | 01970 |  | POP | HL |  |
| 8C24 C9 | 01980 |  | RET |  |  |
| 8C25 23 | 01990 | YES | INC | HL |  |
| 8 C 26 7E | 02000 |  | LD | A, (HL) |  |
| 8 C 2704 | 02010 |  | INC | B | ; Reset zero flag |
| 8 C 28 Cl | 02020 |  | POP | BC |  |
| 8 C 29 8 Cl 2 A C9 | 02030 02040 |  | POP | HL | Program continues |



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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8C2C 00 | 02060 |  | DEFB | 0 |
| 8C2D 31 | 02070 |  | DEFB | '1' |
| 8C2E 01 | 02080 |  | DEFB | 1 |
| 8 C 2 F 32 | 02090 |  | DEFB | '2' |
| 8 C 3002 | 02100 |  | DEFB | 2 |
| 8 C 3133 | 02110 |  | DEFB | '3' |
| 8 C 3203 | 02120 |  | DEFB | 3 |
| 8C33 34 | 02130 |  | DEFB | '4' |
| 8C34 04 | 02140 |  | DEFB | 4 |
| 8 C 3535 | 02150 |  | DEFB | '5' |
| 8 C 3605 | 02160 |  | DEFB | 5 |
| 8 C 3736 | 02170 |  | DEFB | '6' |
| 8 C 3806 | 02180 |  | DEFB | 6 |
| 8C39 37 | 02190 |  | DEFB | '7' |
| 8C3A 07 | 02200 |  | DEFB | 7 |
| 8C3B 38 | 02210 |  | DEFB | '8' |
| 8 C 3 C 08 | 02220 |  | DEFB | 8 |
| 8C3D 39 | 02230 |  | DEFB | '9' |
| 8C3E 09 | 02240 |  | DEFB | 9 |
| 8 C 3 F 41 | 02250 |  | DEFB | 'A' |
| 8 C 40 OA | 02260 |  | DEFB | 10 |
| $8 \mathrm{C41} 42$ | 02270 |  | DEFB | 'B' |
| $8 \mathrm{C42}$ OB | 02280 |  | DEFB | 11 |
| 8 C 4343 | 02290 |  | DEFB | 'C' |
| $8 \mathrm{C44} 0 \mathrm{C}$ | 02300 |  | DEFB | 12 |
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TAB indicates the beginning of a new paragraph. TAB should not be used to jump from col umn to column if you intend to print with TYPE.

M2 and TYPE can be used to create titles and section headings. Enter a title by typing \#, the title, and another \#. The title will be centered. Since most titles
consist of capital letters, the computer will print UNSHIFTED letters as capitals and SHIFTED letters in lowercase unless you add the lowercase modification.
The characters \#\# inserted into the buffer alone are used to print a blank line.

For housekeeping reasons, the computer will not print initial spaces on a line. It can be made to jump to the middle of a line by entering a tab and then continuing with the appropriate number of spaces.

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## Making the Modification

To modify the assembler, follow the instructions at the end of this article. The modification proceeds in stages. First EDTASM is placed on disk using
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There are two versions of EDTASM, 1.1 and 1.2. If you own version 1.2, pay close attention to the comments which begin sections three, four, and five; they describe a small number of changes you must make in the listed code.

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| SET | RESET | POINT | CHRS | RANDOM | RND I) | POKE | ON GOSUB |
| DATA | READ | RESTORE | END | GOTO | GOSUB | CLS | ON GOSUB |
| INPUT INKEYS | LET | STOP | OUT | INP | RETURN | ON GOSUB |  |
| PRINT | LPRINT | PRINT $(a)$ | USR | SGN | INT | ABS |  |
| SOR | LEN | ASC | VAL |  |  |  |  |
| INT MATH + | - | AND OR SQR |  |  |  |  |  |

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| 925C 30EF | 00620 |  | JR | NC, NOS |  |
| 925 E FE41 | 00630 |  | CP | 41H |  |
| 9260 38EB | 00640 |  | JR | C, NOS |  |
| 9262 C620 | 00650 |  | ADD | $\mathrm{A}, 20 \mathrm{H}$ |  |
| 9264 C9 | 00660 |  | RET |  |  |
| 926500 | 00670 | LOWER | DEFB | 0 | ; Keyboard mode |
| 9266 | 00680 | KEY | EQU | \$ |  |
| ${ }^{8} \mathrm{C} 5 \mathrm{C} 5692$ | 00690 |  | ORG | HERE+ODH | ; Immediately after debounce |
| 8C5C 6692 | 00700 |  | DEFW | KEY | ;see if shift-zero is pressed |
| 9266 9266 F5 | 00710 00720 |  | ORG | KEY | ;if so, change keyboard |
| 9267 7A | 00730 |  | LD | A, D | ; Zero key |
| 9268 FE04 | 00740 |  | CP | 4 |  |
| 926A 2016 | 00750 |  | JR | NZ, NOC |  |
| 926 C 7 B | 00760 |  | LD | A, E |  |
| 926 D FE01 | 00770 |  | CP | 1 |  |
| 926 F 2011 | 00780 |  | JR | NZ, NOC |  |
| 9271 3A8038 | 00790 |  | LD | A, $(3880 \mathrm{H})$ | ; Shift |
| 9274 FEO1 | 00800 |  | CP |  |  |
| 9276 200A | 00810 |  | JR | N2, NOC |  |
| 9278 3A6592 | 00820 |  | LD | A, (LOWER) |  |
| 927 B EE01 | 00830 |  | XOR |  |  |
| 927 D 326592 | 00840 |  | LD | (LOWER), A |  |
| 9280 F1 | 00850 |  | POP | AF |  |
| 9281 C9 | 00860 |  | RET |  |  |
| 9282 Fl | 00870 | NOC | POP | AF |  |
| 9283 C30A44 | $\begin{aligned} & 00880 \\ & 00890 \end{aligned}$ | ; | JP | 440 AH |  |
|  | 00900 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 00910 | ; INST | UCTION | (B): The cod | Ow forms a new printer driver. |
|  | 00920 | ; When | the dr | er is in pl | ou may use both serial and parallel |
|  | 00930 | ; prin | ers. | convert to | serial printer, POKE 9327,01. |
|  | 00940 | ; To c | nvert | $k$ to the | l printer, POKE 9327,00. |
|  | 00950 | ; | The IN | d OUT comm | in the program refer to the serial |
|  | 00960 | ; prin | er. I | ou do not | serial printer, keep these |
|  | 00980 | ; | Since | nters dif | ou may have to make some changes |
|  | 00990 | ; in th | e code | Read the | s sprinkled throughout the text. |
|  | 01000 | ; | When $u$ | g this dr | you may press the BREAK key at any |
|  | 01010 | ; time | to sto | printing an | urn to EDTASM. The printer can |
|  | 01020 | ; type | any de | ed number | nes per page. As written, the |
|  | 01030 | ; prin | er wil | ype conti | . To change the number of lines |
|  | 01040 | ; per | age, P | 932A with | new number of lines (in hex). |
|  | 01050 | ; The | rinter | 111 then p | his number of lines, skip to the |
|  | 01060 | ; next | page, | resume $p$. | there. It is assumed that the |
|  | 01070 | ; tota | numbe | of possibl | s a page is 66; this number too |
|  | 01080 | ; can | e chan | by poking | with the new number (in hex). |
|  | 01090 | ; To r | set th | ine count | (top of form), POKE 9329 with 00. |
|  | 01100 | ; Fina | ly, it | possible | use at the end of each page if |
|  | 01110 | ; you | re typ | on singl | ts. To do so, POKE 932C with 01. |
|  | 01120 | ; Cont | nuous | nting wit | hese pauses can be resumed by |
|  | 01130 | ; poki | g 932C | th 00. |  |
|  | 01140 | ; |  |  |  |
|  | 01150 | ; |  |  |  |
|  | 01160 | ; SERI | L PRIN | DRIVER |  |
|  | 01170 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 01180 |  |  |  |  |
| 9286 | 01190 | PRINT | EQU | CONT3+50H |  |
| 72AA | 01200 |  | ORG | 72AAH |  |
| 72AA C3 | 01210 |  | DEFB | 0C3H |  |
| 72 AB 8692 | 01220 |  | DEFW | PRINT |  |
| 9286 | 01230 |  | ORG | PRINT |  |
| 9286 3A2793 | 01240 |  | LD | A, (PTYPE) |  |
| 9289 B7 | 01250 |  | OR | A |  |
| 928A F5 | 01260 |  | PUSH | AF |  |
| 928B 2816 | 01270 |  | JR | 2, AROUND |  |
| 928 D 3A2893 | 01280 | SERIAL | LD | A, (INIT) | ; Already initialized? |
| 9290 FEO1 | 01290 |  | CP | 1 | Alread initialized? |
| 9292 280F | 01300 |  | JR | Z, AROUND |  |
| 9294 3E01 | 01310 |  | LD | A,1 | ; If not, initialize |
| 9296322893 | 01320 |  | LD | (INIT), A |  |
| 9299 D3E8 | 01330 |  | OUT | (0E8H), A | ; Reset RS-232-C |
|  | 01340 | ; The | ext in | uction se | transmission rate at 1200 baud. |
|  | 01350 | ; Use | 5 H for | 00 baud an | for 600 baud. Consult the RS-232 |
|  | 01360 | ; manu | 1 for | her values | , |
| 929B 3 E 77 | 01370 | - manual | LD | A, 77H | ;1200 baud |
| 929D D3E9 | 01380 |  | OUT | (0E9H), A |  |
|  | 01390 | ; The | ext in | ruction se | even parity, one stop bit, and |
|  | 01400 | ; word |  | ven. Con | Re RS-232 manual for other values. |
| 929 F 3EA4 | 01410 | , word | LD | $\mathrm{A}, 0 \mathrm{~A} 4 \mathrm{H}$ |  |
| 92 Al D 3 EA | 01420 |  | OUT | (OEAH), A | Progr |



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    02260 ;
    02270 ;
    02280
    0 2 2 9 0
    02300
    02370 ;
    02380
    02390
    02400
    0 2 4 1 0
    02420
    0 2 4 3 0
    02440
    02450
    02460;
    02470
    02480
    02490
    0 2 5 0 0
    025
    02520 ;
    02530 ;
    02540
    0 2 5 5 0
    0 2 5 6 0
    02570 ;
    02580
    0 2 5 9 0
    0 2 6 0 0
    02610
0 0 0 0
0000 TOTAL ERRORS
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    02310 ; cassette and PORE 37E4,00 to reselect the first. There will be
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    02310 ; cassette and PORE 37E4,00 to reselect the first. There will be
    02320 ; an audible click from the cassette select relay when the assembler
    02320 ; an audible click from the cassette select relay when the assembler
    02330 ; powers up. If you seldom use the cassettes and the click
    02330 ; powers up. If you seldom use the cassettes and the click
    02340 ; annoys you, poke 00 into locations 73BA, 73BB, and 73BC now.
    02340 ; annoys you, poke 00 into locations 73BA, 73BB, and 73BC now.
    0 2 3 5 0 ~ ; ~ I t ~ w i l l ~ s t i l l ~ b e ~ p o s s i b l e ~ t o ~ u s e ~ t h e ~ c a s s e t t e s , ~ b u t ~ y o u ~
    0 2 3 5 0 ~ ; ~ I t ~ w i l l ~ s t i l l ~ b e ~ p o s s i b l e ~ t o ~ u s e ~ t h e ~ c a s s e t t e s , ~ b u t ~ y o u ~
    02360 ; must then POKE 37E4 with the appropriate value before doing so.
02360 ; must then POKE 37E4 with the appropriate value before doing so.

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INSTRUCTIONS(C): It is possible to use both cassettes with
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INSTRUCTIONS(C): It is possible to use both cassettes with
EDTASM. When the assembler powers up, the first cassette
EDTASM. When the assembler powers up, the first cassette
will be selected. Issue POKE 37E4,01 to select the second
will be selected. Issue POKE 37E4,01 to select the second
INSTRUCTIONS(D): The assembler can assemble directly into
INSTRUCTIONS(D): The assembler can assemble directly into
any memory location between A000H and BFFFH. If you have 48K
any memory location between A000H and BFFFH. If you have 48K
of memory, the last 16K have been protected from EDTASM. But
of memory, the last 16K have been protected from EDTASM. But
if you want to assemble directly into this area too (and so
if you want to assemble directly into this area too (and so
anywhere from A000H to FFFFH), then POKE 8AB9,PF now.
anywhere from A000H to FFFFH), then POKE 8AB9,PF now.
INSTRUCTIONS(E): Finally, POKE 75El,32 now to convert the
INSTRUCTIONS(E): Finally, POKE 75El,32 now to convert the
startup message from "Version 1.1" to "Version 2.1" (respectively
startup message from "Version 1.1" to "Version 2.1" (respectively
"Version 1.2" to "Version 2.2").
"Version 1.2" to "Version 2.2").
Assemble the above text to memory. If you are going to
Assemble the above text to memory. If you are going to
add the TYPE command, issue
add the TYPE command, issue
DUMP EDTASM6/CMD (START=X'7000',END=X'932D',TRA=X'8A00').
DUMP EDTASM6/CMD (START=X'7000',END=X'932D',TRA=X'8A00').
If you are going to stop here, PORE 8AB1,00 and POKE 8AB2,00
If you are going to stop here, PORE 8AB1,00 and POKE 8AB2,00
to protect the assembler from assembling code on top of itself.
to protect the assembler from assembling code on top of itself.
Then POKE 7397,7F to enlarge the text buffer, and POKE 8E4D,23
Then POKE 7397,7F to enlarge the text buffer, and POKE 8E4D,23
to modify SI2E accordingly. Issue the command Ml if you want
to modify SI2E accordingly. Issue the command Ml if you want
EDTASM to power up in keyboard entry mode one (and M0 or M2
EDTASM to power up in keyboard entry mode one (and M0 or M2
for other entry modes). Finally, if you added the lower case
for other entry modes). Finally, if you added the lower case
modification, put the assembler in the mode in which you wish
modification, put the assembler in the mode in which you wish
it to power up. Issue the command
it to power up. Issue the command
DUMP EDTASM6/CMD (START=X'7000',END=X'932D',TRA=X'8A00').
DUMP EDTASM6/CMD (START=X'7000',END=X'932D',TRA=X'8A00').
END

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END
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## Program Listing 7. EDTASM 7

00100 00110 00120 00130 00140 00150 00160 00170 00180 00190 00200 00210 00220 00230 00240 00250 00260 00270

| $\begin{aligned} & 932 \mathrm{D} \\ & \text { 8BAF } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 8D8A |  |
| 8D8E |  |
| 8B20 |  |
| 9286 |  |
| 760 C |  |
| 760 C | 2D93 |
| 932D |  |
| 932D | E5 |
| 932E | D5 |
| 932F | C5 |
| 9330 | F5 |
| 9331 | CDBB49 |
| 9334 | PE59 |
| 9336 | 280A |
| 9338 | CDAF8B |
| 933B | F1 |
| 933 C | Cl |
| 933 D | D1 |

## INSTRUCTIONS: Run EDTASM6. If you stopped after the last

 modifications and later decided to add the TYPE command, issue the commands PORE 8AB1,18 and PORE 8AB2,B0 to allow assembly ; anywhere in memory, issue PORE 4114,6F and POKE 7392,6F to ; restrict the size of the edit buffer, and issue PORE 8E4D, 13 ; to modify SIZE accordingly.Enter the code below and assemble it to memory. Then enter
DUMP EDTASM7/CMD (START=X'7000',END=X'95D1',TRA=X'8A00').
Do not use the TYPE command of EDTASM7; it will crash the
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| 933 F C31C4C | 00490 | JP | $4 \mathrm{Cl} \mathrm{CH}^{\text {c }}$ | ; Regular type command |  |
| 9342 CD8A8D | 00500 TYPE1 | CALL | LETTER | ; Next letter |  |
| 9345 FE50 | 00510 | CP | 'P' |  |  |
| 9347 C28E8D | 00520 | JP | NZ, ERR4 |  |  |
| 934A CD8A8D | 00530 | CALL | LETTER |  |  |
| 934D FE45 | 00540 | CP | 'E' |  |  |
| 934 F C28E8D | 00550 | JP | NZ, ERR4 |  |  |
| 9352 218F93 | 00560 | LD | HL, TYPEA | ; Initialize type command |  |
| 9355 362E | 00570 | LD | (HL), '.' |  |  |
| 935723 | 00580 | INC | HL |  |  |
| 93583620 | 00590 | LD | (HL), ' ' |  |  |
| 935A 23 | 00600 | INC | HL |  |  |
| 935B 3620 | 00610 | LD | (HL), ' ' |  |  |
| 935 D 23 | 00620 | INC | HL |  |  |
| 935E 3600 | 00630 | LD | (HL) , 0 |  |  |
| 936023 | 00640 | INC | HL |  |  |
| 93613600 | 00650 | LD | (HL) , 0 |  |  |
| 9363 219A93 | 00660 | LD | HL, BUFF |  |  |
| 9366229493 | 00670 | LD | (TYPEA+5), HL |  |  |
| 93693 E 00 | 00680 | LD | $\mathrm{A}, 0$ |  |  |
| 936 B 329693 | 00690 | LD | (TYPEA+7), A |  |  |
| 936 E 211 A 94 | 00700 | LD | HL, BUFFT |  |  |
| 9371229793 | 00710 | LD | (TYPEA+8), HL |  |  |
| 9374213947 | 00720 | LD | HL, 4739H | ; Intercept text output |  |
| 9377 36C3 | 00730 | LD | ( HL ) , 0C3 H |  |  |
| 9379 21BC94 | 00740 | LD | HL, CHANGE | ; Intercept printer output |  |
| $937 \mathrm{C} 22 \mathrm{AB45}$ | 00750 | LD | (45ABH) , HL |  |  |
| 937 F 21AE94 | 00760 | LD | HL, NOTAB |  |  |
| 9382 223A47 | 00770 | LD | (473AH), HL |  |  |
| 9385 Fl | 00780 | POP | AF |  |  |
| 9386 C 1 | 00790 | POP | BC |  |  |
| 9387 D1 | 00800 | POP | DE |  |  |
| 9388 El | 00810 | POP | HL |  |  |
| 9389 CD1C4C | 00820 | CALL | 4 ClCH |  |  |
| 938 C C36C95 | 00830 | JP | STUFF | ree |  |
| 938 F 2 E | 00840 TYPEA | DEFB | '.' ; Last | hree characters inserted | Program continues |

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| 94EE CDIE95 | 01640 | yes | Call | CAP |  |  |
| 94 Fl 1803 | 01650 |  | JR | REG1 |  |  |
| $94 \mathrm{~F} 3 \mathrm{CD1295}$ | 01660 | REGULA | CALL | REVERS | ; Routine for regular letter |  |
| 94F6 CD0595 | 01670 | REG1 | CALL | MOVE |  |  |
| $94 \mathrm{F9} 79$ | 01680 |  | LD | A, C |  |  |
| 94FA FE49 | 01690 |  | CP | 'I' |  |  |
| 94FC 2001 | 01700 |  | JR | $\mathrm{Nz}, \mathrm{xX}$ |  |  |
| 94 FE 3 C | 01710 |  | INC | A |  |  |
| 94FF 329193 | 01720 | x | LD | (TYPEA+2), A |  |  |
| 9502 C3D495 | 01730 |  | JP | EASY |  |  |
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| 950 E 329093 | 01770 |  | LD | (TYPEA +1 ), A |  |  |
| 9511 C9 | 01780 |  | RET |  |  |  |
| 951279 | 01790 | REVERS | LD | A, C | ; Correct keyboard |  |
| 9513 FE41 | 01800 |  | CP | 41H |  |  |
| 9515 D8 | 01810 |  | RET | C |  |  |
| 9516 FE5B | 01820 |  | CP | 5 BH |  |  |
| 95183004 | 01830 |  | JR | NC, CAP |  |  |
| 951C 4F | 01850 |  | AD | A, 20 A C |  |  |
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| 951 E 79 | 01870 | CAP | LD | A, C |  |  |
| 951 F FE61 | 01880 |  | CP | ${ }^{61} \mathrm{H}$ | ; Capitolize |  |
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| 9522 FE7B | 01900 |  | CP | 78H |  |  |
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| 9529 3A9193 | 01950 | ONWARD | LD | A, (TYPEA +2 ) |  |  |
| 952C FE49 | 01960 |  | CP | ${ }^{\prime} \mathrm{I}^{\prime}$ (\% ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |
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| 95AD 10FC | 02810 | DJN2 | RA |
| 95AF 229493 | 02820 | LD | (TYPEA+5), HL |
| $95 \mathrm{~B} 23 \mathrm{ABC95}$ | 02830 | LD | A, (PARAL) |
| 95B5 329393 | 02840 | LD | (TYPEA+4), A |
| 95B8 Cl | 02850 | POP | BC |
| 95B9 El | 02860 | POP | HL |
| 95BA C9 | 02870 | RET |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 02880 \\ & 02890 \end{aligned}$ | ; Insert zero <br> ; paragraphs, | n the next add and one for on |
| 95BB 00 | 02900 | EXTRA DEFB | 0 |
|  | 02910 | ; Insert belo | the number of |
| 95BC 05 | 02920 | PARAL DEFB |  |
|  | 02930 |  |  |
|  | 02940 | ; |  |
|  | 02950 | ; MARGIN ROUT | E |
|  | 02960 | ; |  |
| 95BD F5 | 02970 |  |  |
| 95 BE C5 | 02990 | MARI PUSH | BC |
| 95BF 3AD095 | 03000 | LD | A, (MARGIN) |
| $95 \mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{B7}$ | 03010 | OR | A |
| 95C3 2808 | 03020 | JR | Z, KLK |
| $95 \mathrm{C5} 47$ | 03030 | LD | B, A |
| $95 \mathrm{C6}$ OE20 | 03040 | LD | C, 20H |
| $95 \mathrm{C8}$ CD8692 | 03050 | XJ CALL | PRINT |
| 95 CB 10 FB | 03060 | DJNZ | XJ |
| 95 CD Cl | 03070 | KLK POP | BC |
| 95CE Fl 95 CF C9 | 03080 03090 | POP |  |
|  | 03100 | ; Load the ne | t address with |
|  | 03110 | ; margin. Th | s should be ze |
|  | 03120 | ; about 12 fo | a regular pri |
| 95D0 0C | 03130 | MARGIN DEFB |  |
| 95D1 | 03140 | TITLE EQU | \$ |
| $95 \mathrm{D4}$ | 03150 | EASY EQU | TITLE+3 |
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Create it by using DEBUG and entering the following machine code.

8000 F3 21 F9 5C 11 C0 9F 01 80080723 ED BO C3 2 D 40

Owners of version 1.2 should replace F9 on the top line with FO and 07 on the bottom line with 10.

Turn off DEBUG, and execute:

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Table 1.

## Program Listing 8. EDTASM 8





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## Compu-sketch

When an arrow key is de-
pressed, the pixel will move in the indicated direction. If two keys are pressed at the same time, the pixel will move in the diagonal direction determined by the keys.

Interesting, but I thought I should be able to blank the trail so I could interrupt the lines. After some playing around, I set it up so that if the space bar is held down while the arrow key is depressed, the pixel will not leave a trail.

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# RESTORE Data Pointer Control 

> 10 ON ERROR GOTO 200 $20 \mathrm{D}=0: \mathrm{EL}=0$ 30 READ AS: $\mathrm{D}=\mathrm{D}+1$ 40 PRINT AS: 50 IF AS $~=~ " M O U S E " ~ T H E N ~ E L ~=~ D ~ E L S E ~$ 30 55 REM "MOUSE" IS THE LAST OF THE STRING DATA 60 READ A: PRINT A: 70 GOTO 60 100 DATA CAT. DOG, MOUSE 110 DATA $9.18 .-21,3.98$ 200 RESTORE 210 FOR I = 1 TO EL 220 READ AS : NEXT I 230 RESUME 50

## Program Listing 1

10 ON ERROR GOTO 200
$20 \mathrm{D}=0: \mathrm{EL}=0$ : REM D FOR DELETE, EL FOR LAST ELIMINATED
30 READ A: $\mathrm{D}=\mathrm{D}+1$
40 IF $\mathrm{A}=9.9$ THEN EL = $\mathrm{D}:$ REM 9.9 IS LAST DATA ELIMINATED
50 PRINT A;
60 GOTO 30
100 DATA $6,9,-8,9.9,4,8$
110 DATA $7,3.45,2.1$
200 RESTORE
210 FOR I = 1 TO EL : REM ALL DATA IS RESTORED
220 READ A: NEXT I : REM BUT NOT PRINTED
230 RESUME

Program Listing 2

| 65000 | INPUT M, N, P, R | : REM SEE TEXT FOR M, N, P, R VALUES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 65010 | $R R=N+(R-1) \cdot(N-P-M)$ | : REM RR = TOTAL DATA WANTED |
| 65020 | DIM A(RR) | : REM THIS SIZE ARRAY ALLOWS R REPEATS |
| 65030 | FOR I $=1$ TO N | : REM THE FIRST N DATA ITEMS ARE READ |
| 65040 | READ A(1) | : REM AND PLACED IN THE FIRST N |
| 65050 | NEXT I | : REM ENTRIES OF AN ARRAY A |
| 65060 | FOR I = 1 TO RA | : REM ALL OF ARRAY A IS FORMED |
| 65070 | IF $1>M$ THEN $A(1)=A(1)-(N-$ |  |
| 65080 | REM THIS INSURES THE F | FIRST M ITEMS ARE USED ONLY ONCE |
| 65090 | IF $1>2 \cdot N-M-P$ THEN $A(l)=$ | $=A(1+M+P-N)$ |
| 65100 | REM THIS ENABLES US TO | USE THE LAST P ITEMS ONLY ONCE |
| 65110 | NEXT I |  |

Program Listing 3

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Methods to effectively set the DATA pointer to some other place than the start of the DATA list or only to certain data statements through the RESTORE command have been the topic of many a letter to the editor in microcomputing journals of late.

The following programs illustrate two methods of obtaining a selected RESTORE. The method in Programs 1 and 2 RESTORES to the first of the data set and then reads to the desired data. The method in Program 3 places the data in an array and relabels the subscripts of the array, so that selected lines of data may be restored and used as often as desired.

When we run Program 1, the output will be $69-89.94873 .45$ 2.14873 .452 .1 4, etc. We have restored only the data appearing after the data value of 9.9 .

Program Listing 2 allows us to restore only numeric data, if we have all the string data listed together and appearing before any numeric data.

If all the numeric data is listed before any string data, then we
simply replace each A\$ by A and each $A$ by $A \$$, as in Program 2. Line 50 would have $A=$ last numeric data value.

## Using an Array

The second method, using an array for storing the data, allows us to use all the data once and then reuse any consecutive portion as often as we wish. To illustrate this method, we'll use a subroutine with high line numbers.

To use this Data Restore Computation method with any of your programs, type the subroutine in Program Listing 3 and, for the very first line of your existing program, put 0 GOSUB 65000.

The subroutine asks for four inputs M, N, P and R. These values are given by the following:
$M=$ the number of data items at the beginning of the DATA statements that will be used only once;
$\mathrm{N}=$ the number of data items to be used until we want to reuse some data;
$P=$ the number of data items, fromitem $N-P+1$ to $N$, that will be used only once (the middle items from the $M+1^{\text {st }}$ through the N - $\mathrm{P}^{\text {th }}$ are the only items that will be reused);
$R=$ repeats the total number of times the data items $M+1$ through $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{P}$ will be used.

Table 1 illustrates how the subroutine forms array $A$. The


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| Original Subscripts | Relabeled Subscripts | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A(1) | A(1) | This data only used at first and not repeated. |
| A(M) | $A(M)$ |  |
| A(M+1) | A(M + 1 ) | First use of that part of the data to be repeated |
| $A(N-P)$ | $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{P})$ |  |
| $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{P}+1)$ | $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{P}+1)$ | This data used only once and not repeated |
| $A(N)$ | A(N) |  |
| A(N) | A(N) |  |
| $\mathrm{A}_{( }(\mathrm{N}+1)$ | A(M + 1) | R-1 additional uses of data items $M+1$ thru $N-P$ |
| $\cdots$ |  |  |
| $\mathrm{A}(2 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{P})$ | $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{P})$ |  |
|  | 引 |  |
| A $(R R-N+P+M+1)$ | $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{M}+1)$ |  |
| A(RR) | $A(N-P)$ |  |
|  | Table 1 |  |

short program in Listing 4 with four DATA statements should help you get used to our $M, N, P$, $R$ input notation.

If we input 4, 10, 2, 4 when the prompt? appears, then data line 20 will be used only once (the 4 input); all the data will be used ( 10 items); data line 50 will be used only once (the 2 input); and data lines 30 and 40 will be used a total of four times (the 4 input). The output will then be (49-80) 7 152 (36)(7152)(7152)(7152). The parentheses are not output, but are used to show the grouping.

If we want to use data lines 20 and 30 , with line 30 used six times, we would input 4, 7, 0, 6. (Note that line 30 is used once for the first listing of seven items and then line 30 is used five additional times.)

We see that $0,10,0,3$ would use all ten data items three times, while 4, 8, 1, 2 would use data lines 20, 30 and 40, and
then repeat data line 30 one more time.
Try other combinations of values for inputs. Be sure you use whole number values for all four inputs with $M \geqslant 0, N>0, P \geqslant$ $0, R>0$ and $N>M+P$. Program Listing 4 has very little data, but remember that for larger N and R , the subroutine takes a longer time to form the array.

Program Listing 3 can be used equally well with string data. You need only change each A to AS in lines 65020, 65040, 65070 and 65090. You could try this with Program Listing 5.

Inputs of 3, 8, 2, 4 give an output of ABCDEFGHDEFDEFDEF. If we change the first part of line 10 to $\operatorname{FORI}=M+1$ to $R R$, then inputs of $2,5,0,3$ would result in line 30 , and only line 30 , being used three times.
I hope these methods will make your RESTORE problems seem like child's play.

## 0 GOSUB 65000

10 FOR I = 1 TO RR: PRINT A(I): NEXT I: STOP
20 DATA 4, $9,-8,0$
30 DATA 7, 1, 5
40 DATA 2
50 DATA 3.6

Program Listing 4

0 GOSUB 65000
10 FOR I = 1 TO RR: PRINT ASII: : NEXT I : STOP
20 DATA A, B
30 DATA C, D, E
40 DATAF
50 DATA G, H, I, J

## Program Listing 5

# An LPUNK list program for Model IIs. 

## Less Is More

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Sometimes a program is written and becomes a favorite for a silly reason.

This is partly the case with this routine. While it's useful, it's particularly attractive because the program does so much with so little code! It was
written in assembly language but is so short that it's faster to load it directly using Debug. It also uses a relative jump, making its location unimportant. I placed it at 3000 H only for convenience while using it alone.

It's an easy program.

| 3000 |  | ORG | 3000 H |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $30002100 F 8$ | FRINTER | L.I | $\mathrm{HL}, \mathrm{OF} 80 \mathrm{OH}$ | ; MEM START LOCATION |
| 30030618 |  | LD | B, 24 | ; INITIAL NUM DF L.INES |
| 3005 C 5 | PRTLNE | PUSH | BC | ; SAVE IT FOR LATER |
| 30063 E81 |  | LD | A, 81H | ; VALUE FOR DSPLY TURN ON |
| 3008 D3FF |  | OUT | (OFFH), A | ; DSFLLY MEM SWITCH FOFT |
| 30040650 |  | LD | B, 80 | ; NUM CHARS/LINE |
| 300C OEOD |  | L.D | C, ODH | ; CARR RET ADVANCES PRINTEF: |
| 300E 3E13 |  | LD | A, 19 | ; SUPERVISOR CALL CODE |
| 3010 CF |  | RST | 8 | ; EXECUTES SUFERVISUR |
| 3011115000 |  | LD | DE, 80 | ; INCREMENT TO NEXT LINE |
| 301419 |  | ALD | HL, DE | ; SET UP NEW TRANSFER LGC |
| 3015 C 1 |  | POP | BC | ; GET CURRENT LINE NUM |
| 3016 10ED |  | DUNZ | PRTLNE | ; CHECK, JMP BACK IF NOT LONE |
| 301A D3FF |  | OUT | (OFFH), A | ; DSPLYY MEM SWITCH PORT |
| 301C 3E24 |  | LD | A, 36 | ; SUPERVISOR CODE JMP TRSDOS |
| 301 E CF |  | RST | 8 | ; EXECUTES SUPERVISOR |
| 0000 |  | END |  |  |

The number of lines to be printed can be easily changed $(3004 \mathrm{H})$. So can the end of the program, both by adding a form feed instruction, or returning or jumping to another routine instead of back to TRSDOS. I use this routine in a larger program, which examines and edits specified sectors of the disk. I call this routine whenever I want a copy of the information (sector data) on the screen. Of course, my printer has already been initialized and is on line.

One of the key points of the routine is the knowledge of the port and the value sent to that port to perform the operation. I have a 64 K Model II and the turnon value is 81 H and the turn-off value is 0 .

I hope this routine will be useful for those needing a simple but effective print routine when coding in assembly or machine language for the Model II.


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## Computer dating with a difference.

## Gregorian Converter

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When we work with dates in real life, we look at our digital watch or calendar. Whenever we have to compare several dates, we let our fingers do a lot of walking through the calendar, because we cannot use simple arithmetic when subtracting one date from another.

We use the Gregorian Calendar which was established in the early Middle Ages. Our computer likes its dates simpler, however. Some large data processing installations are using the Julian date, named after good old Julius Caesar. The Julian date consists of five digits, the first two of which are the year, followed by a three digit day within that year. For example: 80039 is Feb. 8, 1980; 80061 is March 1, 1980.

When comparing two Julian dates within the same year, we merely subtract the lower from
the higher and have the elapsed days. If we go from one year to the next we first determine how many days are left in the current year, and then how far we want to go into the next year, and add the values together.

This program will convert a Gregorian date to a Julian date, or vice versa, via two entry points. To convert to a Julian date we furnish the subroutine with three values: the month from 1-12 in 'MM', the day from $1-31$ in ' DD ', and the year from 10-99 in ' YY '.

GOSUB 12100 and the subroutine will return the five-digit Julian date in the form YYDDD in variable 'JD'. To convert to a Gregorian date furnish the subroutine with the Julian date in 'JD' from 10001-99365, then GOSUB 12200, and the subroutine returns with the Gregorian month in 'MM', the Gregorian day in 'DD' and the year in 'YY'.

Both entry points edit the entered data, and if they are in error, a message is printed and the return variables contain zero.

Look at the subroutine in Program Listing 1. There is a rather extensive REM section from lines 12000 to 12090 . If you are pressed for space this part may be eliminated. In addition to the
variables 'MM', 'DD', 'YY' and 'JD', which are not destroyed, I am using the Y -family in this subroutine. 12100-12180 is the Gregorian-to-Julian routine, and we first link to another subroutine at 12300, which loads our table into variable 'VV\$', a subroutine within a subroutine.

Line 12110 edits the furnished Gregorian month, day and year within valid ranges. Any errors cause the logic to go to line 12180 which prints ERROR, sets variable 'JD' to zero and goes to line 12170, which is a RETURN statement.

The table in 'VV\$', (line 12300), consists of 13 elements, one for each month of the year, and one terminator. Each element is five positions long, its first two positions indicating how many days each month has. The remaining three positions describe how far into the year the first day of the month is. The first element, 31001, is January. It tells us that January has 31 days and the first of January is the first day of the year (001). The next element, 28032, tells us that February has 28 days and February 1st is the 32nd day of the year. March 1st is day 60 of the year, etc. The table is adjusted for Leap years as well. A leap year is deter
mined by dividing the year by four, and if there is no remainder, it is a leap year (see lines 12120, 12160, 12235 and 12240). If the test in line 12120 is not true, line 12130 is executed, and here we check that the submitted day is not larger than the last day of the month. We find the correct table element by multiplying the month by five and then subtracting four. This points to position one of the element, which is also position one of the number of days in this month.
Let's say, for example, the submitted month was 04 and the day was 31 . We multiply four times five and subtract four $=16$. The statement in line 12130 would say: If the day entered (31) is larger than the two positions in the string (the table) VV\$, starting at position 16 , then it is an error. Counting off the 16th and 17th position, you find 30, indicating that the 31st of April is an error.
We have to use VAL because the day variable 'DD' is numeric and strings are alphanumeric. If the check passes, in line 12140 the Julian day of the first of the month is picked up. If April 30th was submitted, again we find our month element and we are
pointing at position one of the three position day within the year field; 091 for April, to which we add the day value 30 , and since we do not want to count the first day twice, we subtract one. The Julian day for the 30th of April is 120 .
Line 12150 develops the five position Julian date by multiplying the submitted year by 1000 and adding the Julian day to it. It is in variable 'JD' and we can then go back to the main routine. Before we RETURN we test for a leap-year and adjust our answer accordingly.

For any printouts and communication with the "other world" we need to reconvert Julian dates to Gregorian dates.

Line 12200 is the entry point for the Julian to Gregorian conversion. Line 12210 resets some variables and also converts the submitted numeric Julian day in 'JD' to a string. If the Julian date is five positions long (as it should be) we will have six positions in our string V7s.

The first position is for the sign. Line 12220 picks the five significant positions out of V7\$ and builds V6\$. We also split V6\$ into the year in 'YY' and the day in ' $D D^{\prime}$ ' In line 12240 variable V4 is set up with a one if we are working with a leap year and the submitted day is larger than 59. Otherwise the value in V4 remains zero.

Lines 12250 and 12260 form a
loop, checking each table element's Julian day until a month is found whose entry is larger than the submitted day in 'DD'. On checking each entry the value in V4 is added to it and this has the same effect as if all day fields from March on are larger by one in the case of leap year. On leaving the loop we are one month too far, and in line 12270 in V3 the day element of the preceding month is picked up. If this picked up day is larger than 32 , it's added to the value in V4, which in the case of a leap year has the same effect as if the day fields from March-December
were larger by one.
In line 12280 we subtract the picked up day in V3 plus one from the submitted Julian day, and the result is the desired Gregorian day in 'DD'. We know that we went one month too far and reduce the month counter V5 by one, which goes into 'MM'. The year has been in ' YY ' since line 12220. Line 12290 returns to the main program, and line 12295 is the error line.
To try the subroutine, see program listing 2 for a small driver which alternates between the two entry points, and also checks for a zero return.

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12000 'THIS DATE-CONVERSION SUBROUTINE HAS 2 ENTRY POIN
    TS :
12065 TS : 1) 12100 CONVERTS FROM GREGORIAN TO JULIAN
        DATE
        2) 12200 CONVERTS FROM JULIAN TO GREGORIAN
        DATE
\(12615{ }^{\prime}\)
12020 'WHEN CONVERTING TO JULIAN DATE, SUPPLY THE GREGO
    RIAN
12025 'DATE AS FOLLOWS : MONTH (1-12) IN VARIABLE 'MM'
12930 : DAY (1-31) NARTABLE 'MM',
12935 ' YEAR (16-99) \(\quad\) 'YY'
12040 'AND THE JULIAN DATE WILL BE IN VARIABLE 'JD' AT
    EXIT
12045 'AS YYDDD (YY=YEAR, DDD=DAY WITHIN YEAR)
12050 : EXAMPLE : 02,08,80 (FEB.8, 1980) IS 80039
12055 ' \(63,01,80\) (MAR.1, 1980) is 80061
        ETC.
\(12060^{\prime}\)
12865 'WHEN CONVERTING TO GREGORIAN DATE, SUPPLY THE JU
        LIAN
\(12070^{\circ}\) 'DATE IN VARIABLE 'JD' AT ENTRY, AND AT EXIT THE
        VARIABLES
12075 '
    'ma' WILL CONTAIN THE GREGORIAN
12075 MONTH
\(12680^{\prime}\) DAY 'DD'
12085 DAY ' \(_{\text {DY }}\) '
12090 '111 THE YEARS 10-99 IN THE 20TH CENTURY ARE ASSU
        MED 111
12106 GOSUB 12300 ' GREGORIAN TO JULIAN ENTRY, LOAD TAB
        LE
12110 IF MM<1 OR MM>12 OR DD<1 OR DD>31 OR YY<10 OR YY>
        99 THEN 12180
12120 IF \(D D=29\) AND \(M M=2\) AND INT (YY/4) \(4=Y Y\) THEN 12148
12130 IF DD>VAL (MID\$(VV\$,MM*5-4,2)) THEN 12180 'ERROR
\(12146 \mathrm{VI}=\mathrm{VAL}(\mathrm{MID} \$(\mathrm{VV} \$, \mathrm{MM} * 5-2,3))+\mathrm{DD}-1\)
\(12150 \mathrm{JD}=\mathrm{YY}\) * \(1000+\mathrm{V} 1\)
12160 IF INT \((\mathrm{YY} / 4) * 4=\mathrm{YY}\) AND MM>2 THEN JD=JD +1
12170 RETURN
12180 PRINT"E R R O R": JD=0:GOTO 12170
12189 PRINT"ER R O R": JD=9:GOTO 12179
12200 GOSUB 12300 - JULIAN TO GREGORIAN ENTRY, LOAD TAB
        LE
12210 V4=0:V5=0:V7 \$=STR (JD): IF LEN(V7 \$) < >6 THEN 12295
        ' ERROR
\(12220 \mathrm{~V} 6 \$=\mathrm{MID} \$(\mathrm{~V} 7 \mathrm{\$}, 2,5\) ): YY=VAL(MID\$(V6\$,1,2)):DD=VAL(MI
        D \(\$(V 6 \$, 3,3)\) )
12230 IF \(Y Y<10\) OR \(D D<1\) OR DD \(>366\) THEN 12295 'ERROR
12235 IF INT(YY/4)*4 〈> YY AND DD=366 THEN 12295 'ERROR
12240 IF INT \((\mathrm{YY} / 4) * 4=\mathrm{YY}\) AND DD \(>59\) THEN V \(4=1\)
12240 IF INT
12258
\(\mathrm{VS}=\mathrm{V} 5+1\)
\(12250 \mathrm{VF}=\mathrm{V} 5+1\)
12268 IF DD=>VAL (MIDS(VV\$,V5*5-2,3)) +V4 THEN 12250
1227 V3=VAL(MID (VV\$,V5*5-7,3)):IF V3>32 THEN V3 \(=\mathrm{V} 3+\mathrm{V} 4\)
\(12280 \mathrm{DD}=\mathrm{DD}-\mathrm{V} 3+1: \mathrm{MM}=\mathrm{V} 5-1\)
12290 RETURN
12295 PRINT"E R R O R": MM=0: DD=0: YY=0: GOTO 12290
12300 VV \(\$=\) " 31001280323106030991311213015231182312133024
        \(431274363053133509367^{\circ}\) : RETURN
Program Listing 1. Subroutine.
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0 CLS:CLEAR 200
INPUT*ENTER GREGORIAN DATE (MM,DD,YY) ";MM,DD,YY
IF MM=0 THEN END
GOSUB 1210日
40 IF JD=0 THEN 20
50 PRINTTAB(33) MM;"-";DD;"-";YY;" IS =";JD:PRINT
60 INPUT"ENTER JULIAN DATE (YYDDD) ";JD
70 GOSUB 12200
80 IF MM=0 THEN 60
90 PRINTTAB(27) JD;" IS =";MM;"-";DD;"-";YY:PRINT
108 GOTO 2&
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Program Listing 2. Driver.

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    90 A9S = "Smith, Walter"
    100 B1S = "Thomas, Anne"
    110 B2S = "Young, Denise"

[^7]:    ```
    | CLS:PRINT"FIRST YEAR"
    FOR S=1 TO 3:FOR M=1 TO 3
    30 PRINT"ENTER FIGURE FOR STORE";S;'MONTH" ; M: INPUT A(S,
            M)
    40 NEXT:NEXT
    50 CLS: PRINT" SECOND YEAR" : PRINT
    60 FOR S=1 TO 3:FOR M=1 TO 3
    70 PRINT"ENTER FIGURE FOR STORE";S;"MONTH";M:INPUT B(S,
    M)
    8g NEXT:NEXT
    90 FOR S=1 TO 3:FOR M=1 TO 3
    10日C(S,M)=A(S,M) + B(S,M)
    110 NEXT:NEXT
    l10 NEXT:NEXT
    130 CLS:PRINT"THE COMBINED FIGURES ARE SHOWN BELOW:"
    140 PRINT: PRINTTAB(30) "JANUARY";TAB(40) "FEBRUARY" ; TAB (5
    \emptyset) "MARCH" : PRINT
    150 FOR S=1 TO 3
    150 FOR S
    lol
    180 FOR M=1 TO 3
    190 PRINTTAB(J)USINGF $;C (S,M) ;:J=J +10
    200 NEXT:PRINT" ":NEXT
    ```

    Listing 4

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[^9]:    1 REM CHRISTMAS ADDRESS PROGRAM
    2 REM BY NORMAN S. KERR
    3 REM 1571 BURTON STREET
    $\begin{array}{ll}3 & \text { REM } \\ 4 & \text { REM } \\ \text { ST. PAUUL, MINNESOTA } \\ 5 & 5108\end{array}$
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[^16]:    5 CLS
    7 REM CALL JOYSTICK INPUT SUBROUTINE
    10 GOSUB 900
    20 PRINT@日, DE, DP
    25 REM SET THE JOYSTICK'S POINT ON THE SCREEN
    $30 \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{DE}: \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{DP}$
    $40 \operatorname{RESET}(X \emptyset, Y \theta): \operatorname{SET}(X, Y): X \theta=X: Y \theta=Y$
    50 GOTO 10
    875 REM ***********************************
    885 REM JOYSTICK INPUT SUBROUTINE
    895 REM WAIT FOR A TRANSITION
    895 REM WAIT FO
    900 GOSUB 1000
    905 REM MEASURE TIME TILL NEXT TRANSITION and STORE in
    DE
    910 GOSUB 1000
    915 REM MOVE DE TO DP AND MEASURE TIME TILL NEXT TRANSI TION
    920 GOSUB 1000
    925 REM MAKE SURE DE HAS THE LARGER OF DE AND DP
    926 REM SWAP 'EM IF NECESSARY
    930 IF $\mathrm{DE}<\mathrm{DP}$ THEN $T M=D E: D E=D P: D P=T M$
    940 DE=DE-DP
    945 REM VOILA! DE IS PROPORTIONAL TO R2, DP TO R1
    950 RETURN
    958 RET
    985 REM
    995 REM MOVE DE TO DP
    $1000 \mathrm{DP}=\mathrm{DE}$
    1005 REM ZERO THE COUNTER
    $1010 \mathrm{DE}=\mathrm{B}_{0}$
    1015 REM RESET CASSETTE INPUT FLIP-FLOP
    1020 OUT 255,0
    1025 REM INCREMENT COUNTER
    $1030 \mathrm{DE}=\mathrm{DE}+1$
    1035 REM READ IN PORT 255
    $1040 \mathrm{~A}=\mathrm{INP}(255)$
    1045 REM MASK OFF BIT 7
    1050 A $=A$ AND 128
    1055 REM IF BIT $7=0$ THEN LOOP BACK. OTHERWISE RETURN
    1060 IF $A=0$ GOTO 1030
    1070 RETURN
    Program Listing 1. The BASIC Algorithm

[^17]:    10 CLS：PRINT
    20 PRINT＂DEMONSTRATION OF PRINTER CONTROL＂
    30 PRINT
    48 INPUT＂WHICH CASSETTE PORT ARE YOU USING（1 OR 2）＂；A
    50 IF $A=2$ THEN POKE 14308,1
    60 PRINT：PRINT＂THE PRINTER WILL START $\qquad$
    7 g OUT 255,4:FOR X=1 TO 2日日: NEXT
    80 LPRINT"THIS IS A DEMONSTRATION OF TRS-80 SOFTWARE FO
    R" $^{\circ}$
    90 LPRINT*ON/OFF CONTROL OF THE LINE PRINTER.*
    106 LPRINT"THE PRINTER WILL STOP \& THERE WILL BE A DELA
    $\mathrm{Y}^{\mathrm{L}}$
    110 LPRINT"STARTING
    120 OUT 255,0
    194 PRINT"THERE WILL BE A DELAY... PLEASE WAIT"
    14 FOR $X=1$ TO 5 日g
    150 NEXT X
    160 PRINT: PRINT"NOW RESUME PRINTING
    17月 OUT 255, 4:FOR $X=1$ TO 2g日: NEXT
    180 LPRINT"THE PRINTER IS ON ONCE AGAIN. THIS CONCLUDES
    190 LPRINT"THE DEMONSTRATION. YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE
    HOW"
    200 LPRINT"THE COMMANDS CAN BE INCLUDED IN ANY BASIC PR
    OGRAM."
    220 PRINT PRINT"END OF PRINTER ON/OFF CONTROL DEMONSTRA
    TION ${ }^{\prime \prime}$
    230 END

[^18]:    Master Charge/Visa welrome. add $4 \%$

[^19]:    100 CLS: $X=56: Y=22$.DEFINT C
    $110 \mathrm{C}=\operatorname{PEEK}(14400)$
    120 IF C AND 8 THEN $Y=Y-1$
    130 IF C AND 16 THEN $Y=Y+1$
    140 IF C AND 32 THEN $X=X-1$
    150 IF C AND 64 THEN $x=x+1$
    160 IF $x>127$ THEN $x=x-1$
    170 IF $X<1$ THEN $X=X+1$
    180 IF $Y>47$ THEN $Y=Y-1$
    190 IF $Y<0$ THEN $Y=Y+1$
    200 IF C $=130$ THEN PRINT CHR\$(2):GOTO 110
    210 IF C $>120$ THEN RESET $(X, Y)$ GOTO 110
    220 RESET ( $X, Y$ ):FOR $T=1$ TO1: NEXT SET $(X, Y)$ GOTO 110 230 END

[^20]:    10 CLS: $X=5712: A S={ }^{\text {" }} \mathrm{E}$ " $: F O R Z=1 \mathrm{TO} 124$
    $20 \quad X=X+1: \operatorname{IPPEEK}(X)<128$ THENAS=AS+CHRS $($ PEEK $(X)): \operatorname{GOTO} 20$ 30 PRINTZ +127 ; AS, : IFZ $<61 \mathrm{~A}=6176+2 * 2$ ELSEIFZ $>87$ ANDZ $<124 \mathrm{~A}=5$ $464+2$ * ZELSE35
    $32 \mathrm{~B}=\operatorname{PEEK}(\mathrm{A}): \mathrm{C}=\operatorname{PEEK}(\mathrm{A}+1): \operatorname{PRINTB} ; \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{B}+\mathrm{C} * 256$;
    35 FORY=1TO100:NEXT
    40 A $\$=\operatorname{CHR} \$(\operatorname{PEEK}(\mathrm{X})-128):$ PRINT: NEXT

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