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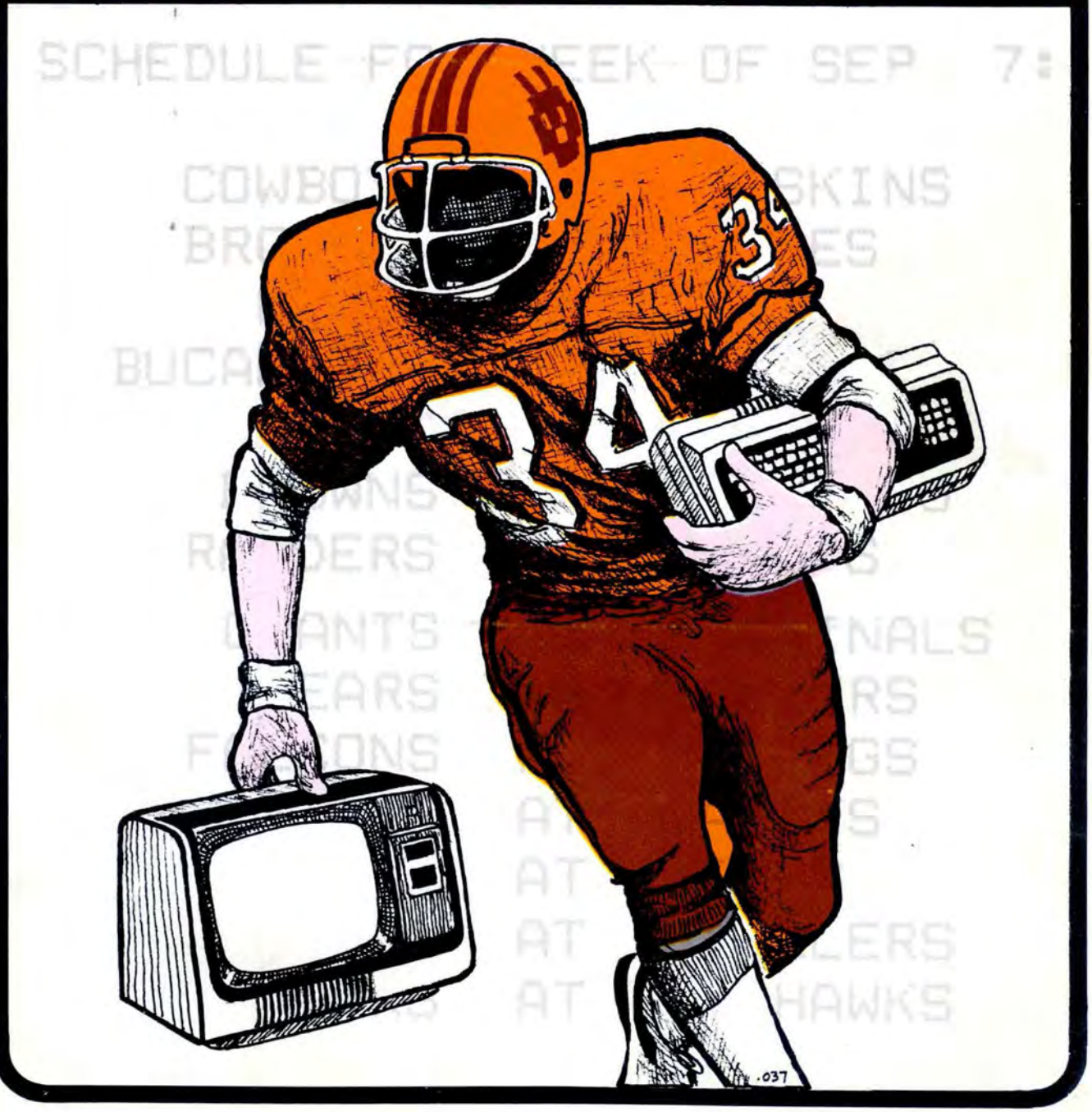

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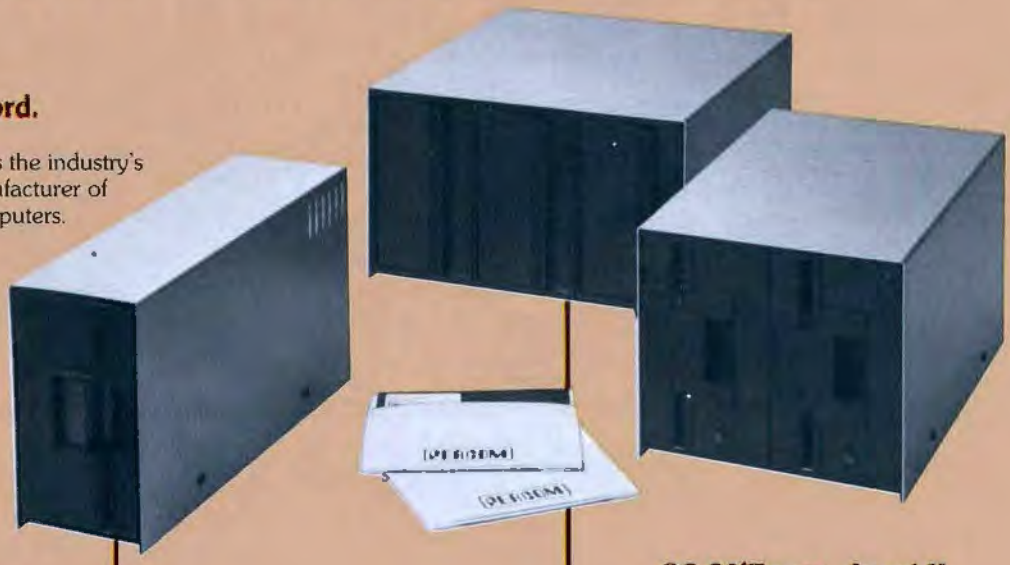

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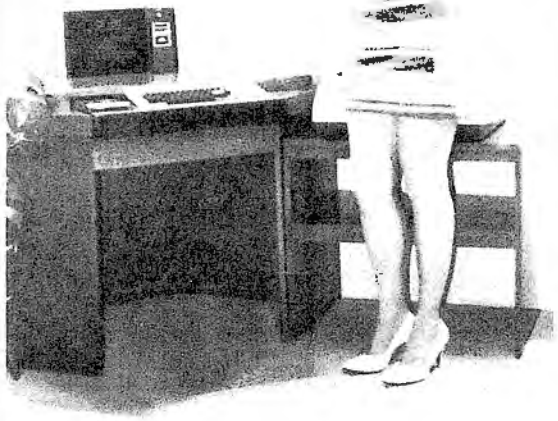

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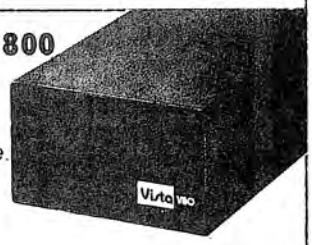

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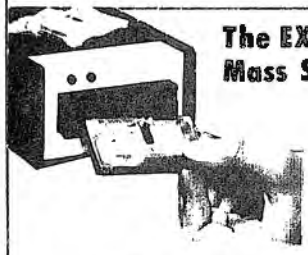

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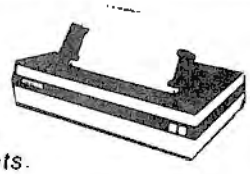

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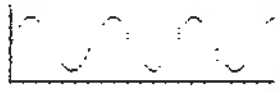

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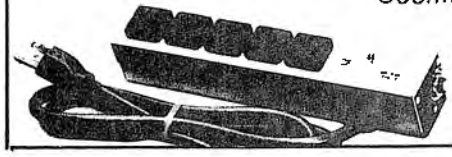

EDITORIAL

It isn't really that hard to make it in today's software market. Here are a couple of ways to do it.

First, you must realize that a great number of TRS-80 owners honestly feel they have a right to any software they can lay hands on. Many also have an insatiable appetite for *any* program, even if they cannot use it themselves - it makes great trading material.

Don't try and write anything yourself. After all, it is too hard, you don't have any good ideas anyway, and if you do, someone may steal it. Besides, there are good software authors, and all you need do is figure how to cash in on their work.

Set yourself up as a "Program Review Agent", or maybe as a "Software Library". Buy a legal copy of all the software worth having, make a list of it and offer it to your clients.

Realizing that a large amount of what passes as software is bad, you can appeal to the common user complaint that you have to buy it before you find out it is no good. Sell memberships in your organization for "X" bucks per head and offer them the chance to "look" at the software before they buy.

If Joe Doaks in Podunk checks out one of your offerings and makes his own copy before returning it, there is nothing you can do about it, right? And you did not *sell* the software to him, did you?

In the middle of the night, when you wake up, *you* know that this is exactly what you expected him to do, else you would have no reason to exist. Never admit to this in public.

So there you have a way to do it. There is yet another way:

Contact the original owner of the software you wish to sell. Negotiate any sort of license agreement with him - agree to all his terms. After the agreement is signed, go ahead and make and sell his software - and ignore the licensor completely. Also ignore all the terms of the contract, and sell as much and as quickly as possible.

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If you can live with yourself and can sucessfully dodge all your licensors, this is one way to do it.

In case you are beginning to wonder - we do not condone either of the above methods. But this sort of thing is going on daily in the software industry.

Right, wrong or indifferent, here is what may happen if it keeps up: Authors (and there are very few really good ones) are simply going to quit writing. Some already have. They are going back to bricklaying or welding or whatever they were doing before. If they stay in the business, it will be to write custom business programs for one customer and charge excessive prices, knowing full well that one copy is all they can sell.

After everyone has a copy of all the present software, there will be little more. Users can then play Startrek till it comes out of their ears, or give up and learn tennis or bridge.

The software industry may be going to hell in a handbasket, and if it does, personal microcomputing may well go with it.

If that thought dosen't bother you, then go ahead and take that "free" software - while there is still some to take.

The fact that we create our own reality could not be more amply demonstrated than by this situation.

Mike

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At the time I wrote HEXDUMP (80-U.S. Mar-Apr 80) all I needed was a plain memory dump, and it just didn't occur to me to provide an ASCII character display. However, the other day I was printing out a very long disassembly which wasted an awful lot of paper by trying to disassemble individual ASCII characters in tables as separate Z-80 instructions, and this letter is the result.

The following quick modifications to HEXDUMP provide all printable ASCII characters for the machine code being dumped, in addition to the original hex:

ADD the following instructions:

```
255 AS$="                ": REM CLEAR ASCII
    STRING
375 REM GET ASCII CHAR IF
    PRINTABLE, OTHERWISE DIT
376 IF ME > 31 and ME < 128 THEN
    AS$=AS$+CHR$(ME) ELSE
    AS$=AS$+"."
```

REPLACE the following instructions:

```
110 CLEAR 100
450 IF Y$="Y"THEN LPRINT AS$ ELSE
    PRINT A$
```

CHANGE 430 by removing the ending " "; in order to make room on the CRT display. This removes all blanks in the hex part of the dump, so you may want to add the following to put one blank in the middle:

```
435 IF X=7 THEN PRINT " ";
```

Louise H Frankenberg, Pasadena, MD

Thanks for publishing the announcement of our club meetings. So now we have this problem -- our TRS-80 Group has outgrown the meeting room at the Bellaire Chamber of Commerce where we met for a year and a half, but people still keep coming to the old place. And so does the mail.

To help visitors and members find the right place at future meetings, will you be kind enough to print the following?

THE 80-USERS OF HOUSTON club meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Anyone interested in micro-computers - for personal or business use - is welcome. For the location contact Ben Taylor, (713) 664-5823. (3723 Purdue, Houston, TX 77055)

Our former notice of the Group meetings gave the street address. So the Bellaire Chamber of Commerce has been getting lots of mail about little computers - and they do not like it! If your mailing list had "The TRS-80 Microcomputer Group of Southwest Houston" on it, you might revise the name and address.

B C Taylor, Houston, TX

(Nice to see you are growing! (Ed)

I'm really getting a charge out of all of you jumping on the band-wagon about software pirates. The idea that someone would give a copy of a program away! Well I'll tell you guys something - if someone at a meeting gives me a program, I don't care if it sells for 7.95 or 150.00, *I'm taking it!*

I'm fed up with all your magazines (or rags) printing the same stuff only a month later with a few changes. Do you think I like getting 5 different ones in the mail each month showing me 5 different ways of doing the same program?

And how about purchasing a program from Softside only to see it *free* in 3 magazines later. And that free book for going with Super Wayne's 80-Micro - well you get what you pay for (0=0).

I'll stop taking software when 1, copy machines are taken out of libraries. 2, you or any member of your staff gets rid of a Betamax for pirating movies. 3, any one of you stop tape recording music off the radio and 4, when any member of any of your families goes to a quick copy center to get 40 copies of sheet music for "church choir" instead of purchasing 40 original copies at the music store. Get off your soapboxes and do a magazine - I can get sermons on sunday!

Unsigned, Philadelphia, PA

(Enjoy your copying, as long as there is still something out there to copy. Attitudes like yours will make authors turn to something else, and will eventually cause the quiet demise of home and hobby micro-computing. After a few years you will find you have nothing to do with your expensive toy except play the same old pirated games, over and over. I don't own a Betamax, don't use the copy machine at the library, tape music off the air and my name is Mike Schmidt, what's yours?? If you honestly feel you have a just cause you could sign your name to your letter - or do you feel guilty about something? -Ed)

I own an electronics shop, am manager of a pawn shop, and juggle half a dozen other semi-businesses and hobby activities. The number one stumbling block and massive time-burner of the whole mess is simply keeping track of what's going on where, when, and at what price. TRS-80 is slowly but surely relieving that workload - and 80-U.S. is nursing and goading me as I plug away at the keyboard. No matter what information I stumble across, I've needed to do some tailoring to get it to spit back results suitable to my picky applications, and 'tis a hell of a lot easier to work with information written directly for the TRS-80 than it is to translate ideas from 14 other breeds of machine.

Wayne M Davis, Bellingham, WA

Please accept my hearty congratulations on a most enjoyable and helpful Journal. I especially appreciate the "new" View from the Top of the Stack. Excellent.

I am a theology professor at Inland Empire School of the Bible in Spokane. We use a 32K 2 disk system (Mod I) for mailing list and bookkeepping applications. I'm writing all the programs myself, and find helpful material in every issue of the Journal. Please.. keep it up! Bi-monthly is perfectly all right. It takes me about that long to absorb it all anyway!

Bruce W Gore, Spokane, WA

I would like to obtain information about interfacing a TRS-80 to an old model of IBM Selectric (Model 71). I would also like to know if any commercial interfaces are available for this purpose. If you or any of your readers have this information I would appreciate receiving it.

N Vijayan, 1332 Notre Dame Dr. Davis, CA 95616 (916) 756-4955

With a little bit of effort I've learned to use the numeric keypad by touch. This has been especially helpful for speeding up the entry of long data statements, i.e., some of the music and sound programs published lately. However, data input still requires a juggling act. With one hand on the keypad and the other hand for the comma key, a major benefit of the keypad is lost.

This prompted my search for a better way and I think I've found a solution. First I enter all the data statements in the program, but instead of using the comma between numbers I use the period (decimal point) on the keypad. I then enter the following temporary program using line numbers higher than those used for the data lines. This short routine will convert the periods in the data lines to commas.

```
1000Y=PEEK(16634)*256+
    PEEK(16633)
1001 FOR X=17134 TO Y
1002 IF PEEK(X)=46 POKE X,44
1003 NEXT X
```

Typing RUN 1000 followed by a list command will show the periods have been converted to commas. After

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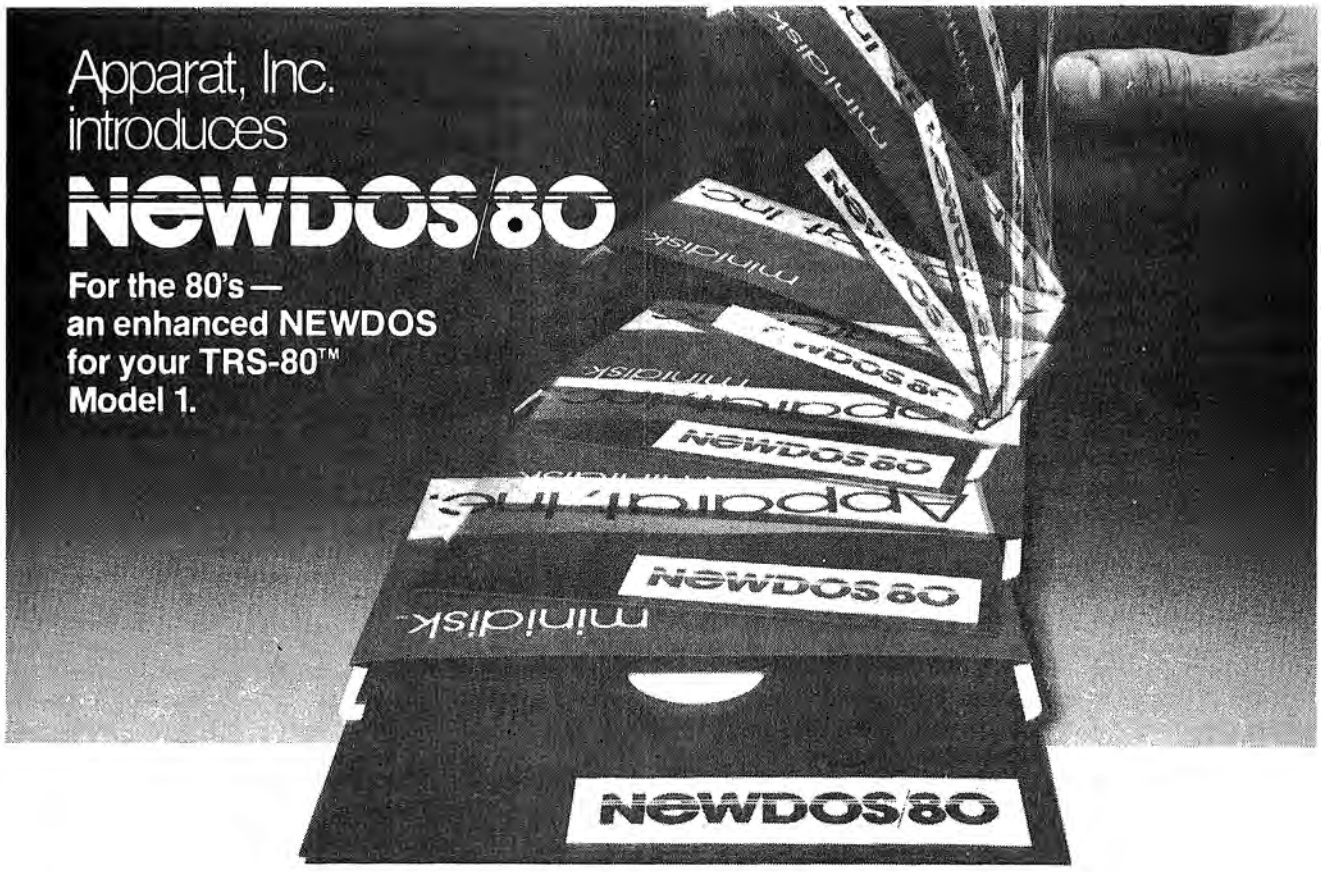

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deleting the comma conversion subroutine the remainder of the original program can be entered.

Andy Kell, Palm Springs, FL

(Clever idea! (Ed)

Over the past year I have grown to expect the highest quality in the articles you include in your magazine. I must admit to being a little upset by the SCRIPSIT article by Barry Kornfeld. I run two timesharing users groups on MICRONET and THE SOURCE and one of the biggest headaches for me is trying to correct wrong information which keeps finding its way to various members of the groups. We have written extensively about both PENCIL and SCRIPSIT and we use both programs in our daily activities which deal with the time sharing systems. For those readers who are not members of any such group I would like to correct some errors and some very misleading statements which appeared in your SCRIPSIT review.

In comparing the PENCIL and the RS lowercase mods, Mr Kornfeld tells us that PENCIL has a toggle switch which SCRIPSIT handles through software. He goes on to say that this *somehow* screws up the the video RAM. *Somehow?* First of all it is not handled through software, it is handled through hardware! This is why RS replaces the character generator ROM, not just to get "decenders which look nice". The PENCIL mod if left switched on without a lowercase driver will produce garbage (control codes) on the screen The RS character generator prints the correct uppercase letter instead of the garbage. This lets the lowercase mod be on constantly whether or not a driver is present. It is important to note that the new ROM does not convert the control codes to uppercase letters, it just generates uppercase letters when one of these codes is encountered. This is why the 'JKL' function of NEWDOS, and other routines which PEEK video RAM, malfunction when the RS mod is running without a lowercase driver being active. APPARAT has fixed the NEWDOS 'JKL' problem and most software authors have included a little routine which PEEKS video RAM and adds 64 if it finds a value under 32. This accounts for another fact not even mentioned in the article which is that PENCIL with the RS mod will print M's and L's instead of right-arrow and down-arrow for C/R and Form Feed.

As far as the VTOS PENCIL/FIX making PENCIL reasonably compatible with the RS mod, let me say that it makes it totally compatible. My user group published the same type of patch for NEWDOS and TRSDOS thereby making PENCIL running under any DOS compatible with the RS mod. With this patch PENCIL can load any ASCII file with any filename or extension. The most recent patch changes PENCIL to use the BREAK key as the Control Key so no extra hardware modification is needed beyond the RS mod. These patches have been reprinted in user group publications around the country.

I have taught many people to use both PENCIL and SCRIPSIT and there is no extra time needed for SCRIPSIT. It should have been mentioned that once a file has been printed with SCRIPSIT, the print formatting commands remain as part of the file and nothing has to be done to print the file at a later date.

As far as editing Basic programs, this was not something to be skipped over so lightly! Most of the people I know who use SCRIPSIT also use it for editing their Basic programs. There is an important difference here when using PENCIL and SCRIPSIT. PENCIL will crash if it encounters a line longer than 60 characters without a space. This makes PENCIL very awkward indeed for editing Basic programs. SCRIPSIT can handle any line length without crashing but the user must be certain to use the ASCII switch when saving the edited programs (S,A).

The review was written by someone with a Diablo printer running through the RS232. This is certainly not the majority of us. As far as I know the line feed problem Mr Kornfeld mentions is peculiar only to the RS232 driver. I have never heard of a similar problem when using the parallel driver. Indeed, Mr Kornfeld has it backwards when he tells us that only C/R's are output. A real problem is the fact that when issuing form feeds and during vertical centering, only line feeds are output. This creates a problem for Selectrics which will ignore the line feeds. Selectrics do not run fine with SCRIPSIT as Mr Kornfeld tells us they do. There is a very small patch for this problem:

All references are relative sector positions.
At F000046 Change 3E 0A 32
(X'5242) to 3E 0D 32
At F01FF0 Change 3E 0A CD
(X'7170) to 3E 0D CD
At F02004 change 3E 0A C3
(X'7184) to 3E 0D C3
These should even work for a Selectric connected to the RS232 port.

Another important omission is the fact that SCRIPSIT will not work with NEWDOS. APPARAT has been sending the patch to all who ask for it. Write to APPARAT for all the latest NEWDOS patches. Their address is APPARAT Inc 6000 E Evans Ave Bldg 2, Denver, CO 80222. What you get from them will include the patch to make SCRIPSIT work correctly with NEWDOS.

Also left out of the review was the fact that SCRIPSIT Disk I/O is at least three times faster than PENCIL's and the very important fact that SCRIPSIT uses a FIFO keyboard driver which means that no characters are lost when you approach the end of the line and the text is adjusted. Typists must slow down at the end of every video line when using PENCIL.

As a matter of personal opinion I disagree with Mr Kornfeld's choice of the major omissions in each Word Processor. Listing the lack of a page-wait as a major omission seems a little overstated and again reflects the reviewer's own hardware setup. If this is a problem, patches for this have also been published by user groups (including my own). The major omission from SCRIPSIT we have already discussed is the line feed problem for Diablo Serial printers.

In my opinion, the one huge omission from SCRIPSIT is the lack of any disk file functions without leaving the program. There is no way to get a directory or KILL a file without exiting the program. The major omission from PENCIL is the lack of being able to edit text files which contain long lines without spaces.

It seems that Mr Schrayer thinks the SCRIPSIT advantages good enough to include in his new PENCIL for the Model II. As for me, I use both programs every day and I would not want to give up either. I just wanted to get some facts into this discussion that I felt were important for people who are familiar with the TRS-80 to know.

Richard Taylor, Union City, NJ

(Judging from your comments and those of several others, it appears we were amiss in editing that review. Thank you for your comments (Ed)

In two short years the TRS-80 has become the equivalent of the "IBM" of microcomputers. As a result of their dominance, a host of products have been developed by clever and creative people to give the S-80 support. As a direct result, we all now have the opportunity to do things with our computers besides turning them on and off.

This list of things also includes a myrad of business application programs that closely fit almost any reasonable need; tutorials to teach us more about our computer, our environment and ourselves; all of which has the capacity to expose us to new concepts and skills in a wide range of interests from social sciences to technical pursuits - and of course, the fun stuff, games.

While all of this has occurred, we can still be considered on the ground floor of the microcomputer industry. A lot of talented people have been creating a pile of software intended to make life easier, or uplift our intellect. I consider most of them competent people who are realistically trying to satisfy many needs with quality products. This seems to have spawned a fringe industry of some who are trying to cash in on the software boom. You know them: The ones really not contributing to our growth, the ones who have their ads prepared by word merchants which describe products that nowhere near approach the product itself, the ones that have no sensitivity to their customers' needs.

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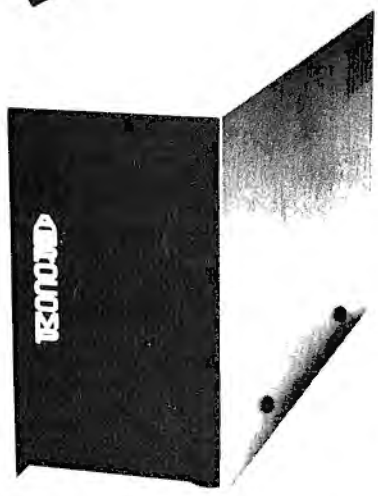

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Having recognized an emerging need to review software, Dick Clope launched his "80 Software Critique" to give us a chance to read some in-depth software profiles, impartially written as a software survival manual. He even got the approval and endorsement of several prominent sources in the industry. I sadly note that Dick will close down his critique after Issue 4, and this service to all of us, suppliers as well as consumers, will end.

Recently a new "service" has been brought to my attention which proports to let the subscriber "...try a Level II program before you buy it". This appears to be a "lending library" in disguise. A lending library is an activity which makes programs available to their subscribers. These "services" are not authorized to make programs available to a third party by program author, and tend, by their nature, to deprive the author of the program royalties to which he is entitled. This clearly is not contributing to the advancement of the industry.

This will fill the greedy need of some subscribers to the "service". There are "Program-a-holics" who cannot see that there is a reasonable limit to how much software you actually need.

There is not much incentive to develop software if there lurks in the shadow those who would deprive the author of the royalties they are entitled to.

The industry has now reached an important crossroad. If something effective is not done to contain the efforts of those engaged in unethical activities in our hobby, it stands a good chance of going down the drain. If serious legal action becomes necessary to resolve copyright matters, the micro revolution may be squashed in the process. By creating hurdles sufficient to discourage any clearly questionable activity from thriving, we can enjoy the freedom to use our computers as we wish.

After having carefully considered what lays before us, I propose a simple but effective plan to assist both the software author as well as the consumer. This plan would call on the authors to subsidize evaluations of their own products and fairly assess them in several areas using a 1 to 10 scale. This assessment would cover the obvious categories of interest to a purchaser of the product and could take the following form:

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Tentatively, the ABS Quality Control Foundation will provide this service which will be subsidized by the authors themselves to have their programs appear on the list permanently and will be available to anyone interested in the list free by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

This proposal will need the support of every publisher, since this type of non-profit service will require constant, visable exposure, notifying the readers of the existence of this service and how to take advantage of it. A few lines tacked to the bottom of the masthead as a standard practice is suggested.

It is easy to see that a simple idea like this, after running for 6 months, would be effective because you could safely assume anyone doing business and not listed could have something to hide.

Unethical is an antiseptic way of describing something we all acknowledge as being crooked, and it is only due to legislative oversight that it is not, in fact, illegal.

If a critter has webbed feet, feathers, looks like a duck, waddles and quacks - I'm going to call it a duck!

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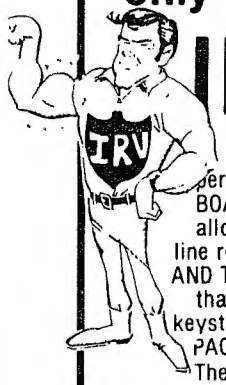

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We start our third year of publication with this issue, and just to prove that things haven't changed *that* much, here are some corrections for last issue:

CORRECTIONS

Page 26, Jul-Aug 80, *Fast Array Save & Load, I Barry Geller,* line 00100 following line 00130 (in the side by side listing) does not belong there at all, throw it out. Also on that page in the Basic listing, line 30020, the last B2% should be a B4%. On page 35 of that issue, the two listings are not labeled, and the lower one is Figure 1 while the upper one is Figure 2. On page 48 of that issue, the remark after line 00120 (0B00H FOR 32K) should be (0B000H FOR 32K).

Ranger Available on Tape

Rudolf Salinger, who wrote the RANGER program in our Jul-Aug 80 issue (page 60) has informed us that for those who tire of typing in such long programs, he will make it available on cassette for $5.00. Address your requests directly to him, at 5312 Bloomfield Drive, Midland, MI 48640

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In this issue

John Hind starts the thing off with a way to add new functions to Level II Basic, and shows that there is a way to understanding ROM and such.

Bill Atchison gives us a neat Basic Z-80 Disassembler that occupies just 6K. For a Basic program, it does a rather quick job, but you may note it takes a little longer to decipher the IX and IY instructions. It also gives the answers in Hex, Decimal and when possible, in ASCII

Bob Liddil (alias Captain 80) makes his debut with 80-U.S. in this issue. See his offering on page 34. We hope his stay with us will be rewarding to all, and wish him welcome.

PASCAL seems to be getting more and more play these days. Is it the language of the future? Or is it here now? Our Associate Editor, Terry Dettmann, takes another look at it and draws a comparison between it and Basic, starting on page 40.

Anatomy of the Program is missing this issue. Seems another mag stole our thunder with an identical article just one month prior. It will return in the next issue.

There is an Anatomy of sorts, for those who can't live without it, in our Business offering this issue. R A Shmina starts a two part article covering a personal finance system, including listings and an anatomy.

Phil Pilgrim is back this issue with System/Command, and has a clever way to have two (count'em, 2) Basic programs running in memory at the *same* time! We don't know where Phil gets these ideas, but we like it!

Brad Hoza has figured out how to give Level II owners the "JKL" feature of NEWDOS. He calls it "234", and it works on Level II, 16K. See page 48.

Our resident reviewer (and full-time teacher) Cam Brown, has found a way to get 48K with Disks for free. He tells about it on page 52. And, he has just told us that the Jogathon mentioned in that article grossed over $38,000.00 for the school. Not too shabby for "toy" computers, what?

Jim Crocker does a thing with the Model II in this issue by making PEEK and POKE work. No, not a substitute one, where you have to run a machine language program in first. This is the real thing. The PEEK and POKE are a real part of Basic, and can be used exactly like the Model I did. Read about it in NOTES.

For all of you who have purchased the Radio Shack 779 printer (or the Centronics 779), and now find that it has no resale value, Larry Panattoni has just the thing for you. On page 72, he tells us how to convert that 779 to upper/lower case. Note the captions on the figures in that article, they were printed on his 779. Although the schematics may look forbidding, there is really not that much to it. The additional chip from Centronics costs around $60.00, the rest should be readily available from that proverbial "well stocked junk box".

On page 84, David Bohlke tells us how to make Big Caps on the video screen. We tried it, and it does indeed catch your attention.

Mr Havenhill tells how to pack numerical data into strings for graphics on page 86, and Mr Williams tells how to get control of the RESET button on 88.

Leo Christopherson has a short article on page 89, telling how to get Radio Shack's Scripsit on an Exatron Stringy Floppy wafer (it works for other machine code programs too).

Bob Labenski does a nice job on reading a machine language program out of memory and automatically making a Basic program out of it.

Our friend from the May-Jun 80 issue, Teersaty, is back with more antics and useful information. Bill Wilson (Teersaty's legal guardian) will field questions on systems, see page 92.

That is our offering for the first issue of our third year. We enjoyed putting it together, and hope you enjoy reading it.

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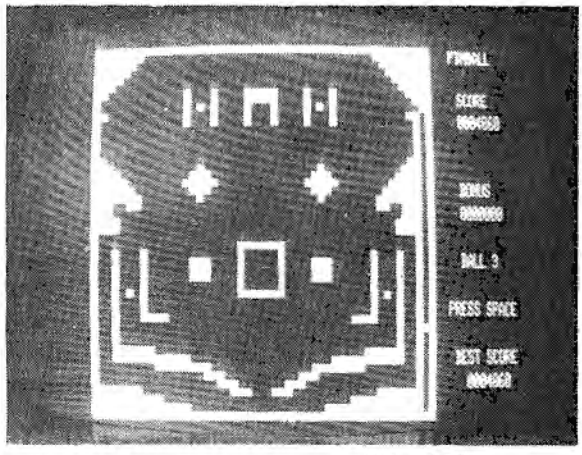

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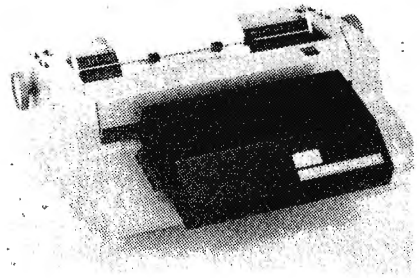

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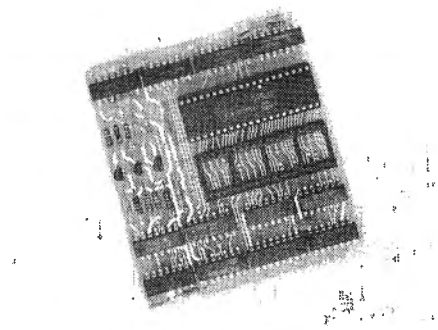

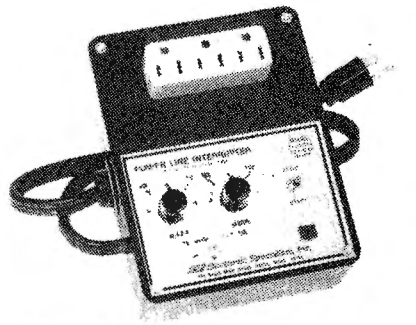

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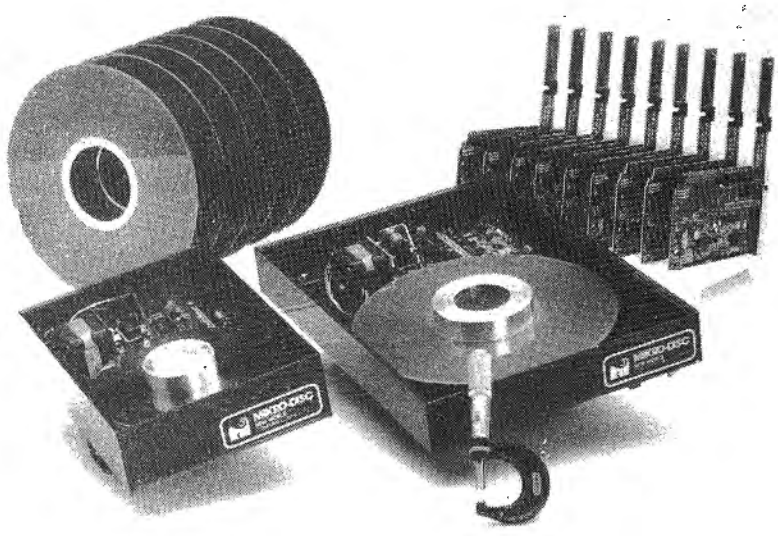
Personal Micro Computers, Inc., introduced the Add-On-80™ product line which contains five peripherals to the TRS-80 Level II computer. Now, through an exclusive marketing agreement with a Hong Kong manufacturer, Personal Micro Computers Inc is offering a software and hardware compatible equivalent of the Radio Shack Model I, Level II, TRS-80™. The new computer has a cassette tape recorder, 16K RAM, Level II Microsoft Basic interpreter in ROM, power supply, computer and keyboard all in one attractive cabinet. The PMC-80™ will display on either a TV monitor or on a standard TV set using a built-in VHF Channel 3 modulator. All peripherals designed for the Radio Shack parallel port will interface to the PMC-80™ 50 pin bus through a 40 pin interface adapter available from PMC Inc. Warranty service for the equipment will be performed by PMC Inc, at it's Mountain View, CA factory. For further information, contact Personal Micro Computers Inc., 475 Ellis St., Mountain View, CA 94043 (415) 968-1604



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New World Computer Co Inc announced the addition of two new members to the highly successful MIKRO-DISC™ family of quick-access Winchester technology drives: the MINIMIKRO-DISC™ V Series of 5¼" fixed disk drives; and an enhanced double density system identified as the MIKRO-DISC™ VIII-1TF. The V-1TF is a low cost, quick access drive based upon a modified Winchester technology. It has a multiple head assembly that provides 8 read/write heads, 128 tracks per surface, and places the storage capacity of a 5 inch floppy disk drive immediately beneath the heads at all times and accessible within one disk rotation. For additional information contact New World Computer Co Inc., 3176 Pullman St, Suite 120, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 (714) 556-9320

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Answers appear on the TV screen. Some of the types of information expected to be available to VIDEOTEX users through such data bases as H & R Block's CompuServe Information Service include: weather, sports, news, transportation schedules, stocks, commodities, classified ads, newsletters, library data, medical and agricultural information, mail-order ads, electronic mail and electronic banking. Both the TRS-80 VIDEOTEX software package for use with microcomputers, and the information terminal keyboard, will be sold exclusively by Radio Shack Computer Centers and participating Radio Shack stores and authorized retail dealers.

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DEALER INQUERIES INVITED

People's Pascal 1 (tape 3) is written in Basic, implemented for TRS-80 by John Alexander of Berwick Australia. It compiles P codes more slowly and is harder to use than Pascal 2, but its P codes can be translated into Z80 native code and saved as System tapes. Pascal 2 requires that Pascal be resident at run time—Pascal 1 does not. Other People's Software tapes $8.

TAPE 1 LEVEL 2

Mortgage calculations, Dow Jones Industrial, cash flow, inventory-change, California income tax, journal ledger (8K), loan amortization, perpetual calendar, bio rhythm, payroll, diet planning, speed reading, touch typing, sales receipt tally, decision maker, mail addressing, straight depreciation, double-declining depreciation, and revolving charge account.

Also, math problems, queen, Star Trek I, number guessing, wheel of fortune, World War II bomber, rock-scissors-paper, seek, Star Trek II, Red Baron, mini-Trek, strategy, pilot, battleship, "On A Snowy Evening", mastermind, tic-tac-toe, grand prix auto race, capitals, etch sketch, hangman. Total programs: 34; Level 1 version available: 24 programs. $8. $8.

TAPE 2 Some Common Basic Programs (lev. 2)

Fully documented in **Some Common Basic Programs** by Lon Poole & Mary Borchers (Osborne & Associates, 630 Bancroft way, Berkeley CA 94710—or from CIE—$12.50 postpaid from CIE, via UPS, CA residents add tax (to $13 25)):

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TAPE 3 People's Pascal Development System 1

Pascal 1 compiler-program development system. $15.50.

TAPE 4 LEVEL 1

Election returns, business percentage, ups and downs of business, index, inventory control, sales receipt tally, gas mileage, driving distance, mixed monthly sales report, payroll, annual earnings, speech recording aid, and double-declining depreciation.

Also, math problems, cash register, chase, snoopy, commander-in-chief, Christmas graphic, air raid, balance scale, stock market, tic-tac-toe and **On A Snowy Evening.**

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TAPE 5 LEVEL 2

Memory test, mortgage payments, tension breaker, lineprinter-screen & vice-versa utilities, Federal income tax, election returns, business percentage, vacation planner, car pool(disk), diet planning 2, mailing list(disk) and first aid.

Also spelling bee, Star Trek 3, mind bender, tachistoscope, chase, common factor, klingon capture, spelling practice, Hamurabi, animals, Snoopy, cryptogram, starship, ants, Yesterday, and Pilot(disk). Pilot is the language of computer-aided instruction (CAI) .

TAPE 6 People's Pascal 2

Pascal 2 compiler-program developemnt system. $23.50.

TAPE 7 LEVEL 2

Disassembler, Pilot, roster, dropout, memory loader, memory sort, inventory control, graph, land surveying, mixed monthly sales report, shopping list, diet planning 3, loan progress chart, hex-decimal conversion.

Also Star Trek 4, states and capitals, battleships 2, spelling practice 2, number guessing, hangman 2, snark, slot machine, cipher, target, surround, adder, termites, lunar lander, multiplication exercise, five-in-a-row, Bastem, and write. A number after a program indicates there are other similar People's Software programs. Pilot is the same as the disk pilot on tape 5, except runs on 16K tape systems.

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Adding New Functions and Commands to Level II Basic

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If you are a Level II owner you have probably found one of the several limitations of the Basic interpreter, and have at least once wished for some new function or command which would make programming a bit simpler. You can make your wishes come true with an understanding of the ROM and a few lines of Z-80 code.

In this article, we will explore some of the more important conventions and entry points of the ROM, and show how the user can use the Disk Basic RAM exits to add new and personalized language features. Two examples will be given here; one which implements a set of integer functions with a non-standard syntax, and one which implements a cassette tape merge command.

The key to the ROM software can be found in the power-on initialization sequence which starts at location 0, and which tailors the interpreter by initializing the reserved area of RAM between 4080H and 41E5H. When the computer is operated without a disk (or BASIC2 is called from DOS READY), this sequence stores a number of RETurn and JUMP to 12DH (L3 error) instructions, thus effectively 'turning off' the DISK BASIC functions. However, if the user understands the linking conventions, he or she can add their own functions by making use of these vectors.

To gain an understanding of the linkages, one must decode the existing language elements, which assumes you know where to look. My search was long and quite frustrating, ending by accident in success. The major problem with tracing out the ROM software was following the non-structured programming style mandated by the 12K memory limit. This style includes such practices as jumping into the middle of an instruction to synthesize another one.

The ROM can effectively be broken down into 5 segments. The initialization routines are only called on power-up. These are the routines that load the Device Control Blocks, set MEMORY SIZE, and generally get things ready for BASIC. Some sections of the initialization are used during the execution of certain commands, such as NEW, CLEAR, and DIM.

The second segment is the INPUT/COMMAND monitor. This is the segment that issues the READY prompt, takes keyboard input, compresses the BASIC text, and stores it in memory.

The third segment is the EXECUTION monitor. This section is entered by the RUN and CONT commands, and is responsible for keeping track of which line of BASIC text is being executed, and CALLing the appropriate keyword execution routines, along with general housekeeping chores. The execution monitor also includes the error invocation routines.

The fourth segment is the actual subroutines to execute the various BASIC statements, and includes special sections to evaluate mathematical expressions.

Finally, segment five consists of the various subroutines necessary for execution. These include the special RST's, keyboard scans, video I/O, etc.

When a line of BASIC text is entered by the user (signified as a line of text vs. a command line by having a line number), it is compressed by the INPUT/COMMAND monitor. Every BASIC keyword (see p. A/15 in the old Level II manual, or pages E/1-E/2 in the new one.) is compressed into a one-byte code before being stored in the RAM text area. This step not only saves memory, but also speeds execution by allowing speedy decoding of these keywords at RUN time.

These keyword codes are cleverly arranged in such a manner that their value may be used to decode the address of the corresponding execution routine from one of two tables. The first of these tables begins at address 1822H, and represents the addresses of the routines for the keyword codes 80H-BBH. The relative position within the table may be arrived at by the formula (CODE#-80H)*2+1822H. Throughout execution, the HL register pair is used as a sort of "program counter", so before control is passed to the execution routine, the HL is advanced to the next non-blank character in the text.

The second set of keywords are those with code numbers BCH to D6H. These are functions that would be handled from within other commands. For example, TAB and USING are handled by the PRINT command. TO is taken care of by FOR, and most of the rest are handled by the expression evaluator starting at 2337H and worming its way through much of the ROM. A rather lengthy comparison table may be seen starting with address 24AEH. It is because of this rather convoluted method that such strange statements as "A=B=C" will result in the variable A containing the results of the question "does B=C?" (A=-1 if B=C, and 0 if not) which can later be used in an expression such as "IF A THEN 50".

The third set of keywords are those that must be called from within another routine. The most common requirement for these codes (D7H-FAH) is they be on the right side of an equals sign, or similar syntax. CINT, for example, would cause a syntax error, while A=CINT(A) would not. In this case, the CINT routine would be called by the mathematical evaluation routine, not the execution monitor.

The jump table for these secondary commands resides at address 1608H, and the relative address within the table is calculated using the formula (CODE#-D7H)*2+1608H.

After completion of the requested function (which may require several other subroutines to be invoked), the command executor may choose one of three return paths;

1) Control may be passed back to the execution monitor with the mock "PC" (HL) updated to the next statement.

2) The INPUT/COMMAND monitor may be invoked (as in CLOAD, NEW, and STOP).

3) The error routine may be invoked.

Control may be returned to the execution monitor by a simple return instruction.

The INPUT/COMMAND monitor may be invoked by a jump to address 1A19H or a number of similar jumps. The INPUT/COMMAND monitor automatically checks to see if it was called as a result of a syntax error, and the EDITor is called if it was.

The error routine may be invoked by loading the E register with the appropriate error code (the TRUE error code, not the "ERR/2+1" code), and executing a jump to address 19A2H. The error routine automatically checks to see if an error trap ("ON ERROR GOTO...") is present, and forces a GOTO that line if so.

If control is returned to the EXECUTION monitor it will check to see if it is a colon (:); in which case execution will proceed as though nothing unusual had happened which, in fact, is the case. If a colon is not found, a zero (which signifies the end of the line of text) is checked for. If one is found, several pointers are updated to the value of the new line number. Meanwhile, these 2 characters are checked to see if they are both zeros. This being the 'end of text' flag, if they are, control is passed to the INPUT/COMMAND monitor. If the next line is not the end of text flag, the monitor checks to see if trace is on (signified by the value AFH in address 411BH), and displays the line number to the screen if so.

After all this, the next text character is read, and compared to see if it is a valid command (greater than 80H). If it is not, it is checked to see if it is a valid variable name (by the LET command), and execution continues with the mathematical expression evaluator.

If it is a valid command, it is checked to see if it is within the range of 80H-BBH. If not, it is checked to see if it is the MID$ command, which can be modified by Disk Basic, and that is taken care of. If not, a syntax error is generated.

If, after all this, the command syntax is valid, and we have passed all the tests, the formula mentioned above is executed, some further housekeeping is done, the return point (1D1EH) is PUSHed onto the top of the stack, and the execution routine is called. Simple, right?

Let us now look at some of the 'common subroutines' mentioned earlier. Some of the most important of these make use of the Z-80's restart (RST) instruction to reduce the code requirements for the most frequently used routines. In Level II, these RST instructions are used for the following:

RST 8 is used to check for the syntax of the next character in the text. On entry to this routine, the HL points to the text character to be checked, and the stack pointer (SP) points to the character to be compared against. An example of its use would be:

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LD      HL,TEXT
RST     8
DEFB    28H
; execution resumes here
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In this case, we want to make sure that the HL points to a 28H. If the comparison is not valid (HL) <> (SP), a syntax error is generated. If the comparison is valid, the contents of the (SP) are incremented (to the correct return address), and the RST 16 is executed.

RST 16 (10H) is used to advance the "PC" (actually the HL register) to the next non-blank text character. In other words, it skips spaces in the text.

RST 24 (18H) is used to logically compare two 16-bit unsigned numbers. The HL is compared to the DE, and the condition bits are set accordingly.

RST 32 (20H) sets the condition bits according to which type of variable is currently being worked upon by the interpreter. The contents of a special "expression type flag" located at address 40AFH are compared against 03H. The flag contains a one-byte designator which describes the variable type, by representing the number of bytes required to hold the variable. These values, and the results of a RST 32 are:

		Condition Bits (F Register)		
Integer	**2 bytes**	**M**	**C**	**NZ**
String	**3 bytes**	**P**	**C**	**Z**
Single Precision	**4 bytes**	**P**	**C**	**NZ**
Double Precision	**8 bytes**	**P**	**NC**	**NZ**

The manner in which the RST's get to their final destination is via a rather roundabout tour of the ROM and RAM. Since the RST destinations are placed 8 bytes apart, it is difficult to get any meaningful code between them. Therefore, Level II uses the RST's as vectors, which in turn lead to other vectors in RAM which can be changed by the user. The RST vectors and their normal values are:

RST 8	**4000/1C96**
RST 10	**4003/1D78**
RST 18	**4006/1C90**
RST 20	**4009/25D9**

The remaining RST vectors normally contain RET instructions. Their Disk Basic values are:

RST 28	**400C/4BA2**
RST 30	**400F/44B4**
RST 38	**4012/4518**

By looking at the appropriate addresses in ROM and RAM, we can see that at address 8, there is a JUMP to address 4000H, and address 4000H contains a JUMP to address 1C96H. It is worth knowing that the RST 28 is used quite heavily by DOS in the normal carrying on of its business. It is also handy to know that the RST 38 is the forced instruction during a MODE 1 maskable interrupt, which is what DOS uses for its heartbeat etc.

Armed with this new found knowledge, one can use one of the available Z-80 disassemblers (such as Small System Software's RSM, or Apparat's Disassem) to decode the logic of the individual ROM routines. Figure 1 is a disassembled listing of the ROM resident portion of the USR command. We will explore its logic to gain an understanding of how the execution routine works.

The first instruction is an example of how existing language features are expanded when Disk Basic (or Level III, etc.) are present. It is a CALL to the reserved RAM area set aside for future expansion by Disk Basic, and is initialized to a RET instruction by the Level II power-on sequence.

The second instruction is the RST 16, which finds the first parameter of the USR argument list (this is the value that will be passed to the USR routine if asked for). The third instruction invokes one of the special subroutines. In this case, it is the parenthesised expression evaluator. This routine will take a list of arguments within parenthesis and whittle away at them until what's left is a pure number. That routine will save the results of its computations in a special area of RAM reserved for this reason, 411DH-4123H.

After the argument is evaluated, a PUSH is executed to preserve the current "PC". Then 0890H is PUSHed onto the top of the stack to serve as the return address for the user's machine language routine. Then the evaluated argument's type flag is compared with that for a string, which requires special handling (CALL Z,29DAH). Finally, the stack is restored (POP AF), the DE and HL registers are exchanged, the USR address is retrieved from address 408EH (where, presumably, it was POKED before), and a JP (HL) is executed, passing control to your routine. (At power-up, this address is loaded with the address of the Illegal Function Call routine to prevent the whole world from going ape should a USR be called without first POKEing (or defining a USR) the address.

When the USR program wishes to get the result of the argument, a CALL to address 0A7FH is performed, which is the entry point of the CINT executor! The CINT routine tests the contents of the area 411D-4123 to see if it is an integer. If it is not, the number is converted to an integer. In either case, the result is stored in address 4121H, and in the HL register as a 16-bit signed integer.

When the USR wishes to give a value back to BASIC, a jump to address 0A9AH is executed, which stores the value in the HL in address 4121H and executes a RET instruction. If the user was careful in his stack usage, the RET will end up at address 0890H, which takes the value stored at 4121 and places it in the variable requested.

For my test program, I wished to recieve a string valued parameter and to decode my own syntax. For this purpose I chose to use the '&' vector, 4194H. After a few test programs, I observed that when a string expression was evaluated by the evaluator, location 4121H pointed to a string describer whose first byte told me the length of the string, and the second and third bytes (in standard Z-80 reverse format) told me the starting address of the actual string.

Figure 3 is a listing of my test program called AEXIT, which implements, in 232 bytes, the following functions:

- **Hex Constants**
- **Convert Hex String Value**
- **Load Word From Memory**
- **Rotate Word Left by Constant or Variable Count**
- **Exclusive or Word With Constant or Variable Mask**
- **Exchange Word Value at Constant or Variable Address**

The advantages of the machine language approach became evident after writing a few of these functions as BASIC subroutines. There can be a hundredfold increase in speed and a significant reduction in memory requirements by using this technique in a large software project without losing the advantages of a high-level language interpreter. The key is to choose a personal set of functions or commands which fit your particular needs and create an OBJECT tape which will be loaded as part of your normal power-up sequence.

There are times when it is desirable to have the ability to decode a decimal number into its hexadecimal equivelant. The common subroutine at 1E4AH will take an ASCII representation of a decimal number and will change it to its HEX value, and return that value as an unsigned 16-bit number in the DE. The limits are a positive number from 0 to 65529.

Here is a partial list of the uses of the RESERVED areas of RAM. It should by no means be considered a complete listing, but should be used as a starting point in a search of the ROM software.

LOCATION (HEX)	PROBABLE FUNCTION
408E	Entry address called by USR function.
4096	Used to build an "OUT (n),A" instruction.
4093	Used to build an "IN (n),A" instruction.
409A	Error code save area
409C	Output control switch, 0 means output to video, pos outputs to printer, neg outputs to cassette.
40A0	Pointer to bottom of string space.
40A2	Line number currently being executed.
40A4	Pointer to beginning of BASIC text.
40A7	Pointer to I/O buffer.
40AF	Variable type flag.
40B1	Pointer to highest usable memory address (protected memory follows)
40D0	Pointer to top of string space.
40E6	Points to statement currently being executed.
40F9	Pointer to end of BASIC text and start of simple variables.
40FB	Pointer to end of simple variables and start of array variables.
40FD	Pointer to end of array variables and start of free memory.
40DF	SYSTEM command autostart address.

THE FOLLOWING ARE JUMP VECTORS FOR THE LIII COMMANDS

COMMAND	ADDRESS
CVI	4152
FN	4155
CVS	4158
DEF	415B
CVD	415E
EOF	4161
LOC	4164
LOF	4167
MKI$	416A
MKS$	416D
MKD$	4170
CMD	4173
TIME$	4176
OPEN	4179
FIELD	417C
GET	417F
PUT	4182
CLOSE	4185
LOAD	4188
MERGE	418B
NAME	418E
KILL	4191
&	4194
LSET	4197
RSET	419A
INSTR	419D
SAVE	41A0
LINE	41A3
(used by INPUT)	41A6
(used by USR)	41A9

THERE ARE ALSO THE FOLLOWING KNOWN RAM CALLS

41AC	Called just before 'READY' is issued.
41AF	Operator keyboard input.
41B2	Called after compression of BASIC text.
41B5	MID$, if on left side of =
41E2	Called by SYSTEM command.
41C7	Called by RUN command.
41DF	Called by LIST and LLIST.
41CF	Called by PRINT.

During my search through the ROM, I have discovered some other interesting information. Perhaps the most frequently asked question is: "What is the format of an OBJECT tape?". The answer lies in the SYSTEM executor located at address 02B2H. An object file is actually one large continuous record on the cassette tape which consists of a header block, from one to n text blocks, and a trailer block which contains the transfer (autostart) address:

HEADER BLOCK	**126 Bytes of zeros, and an A5 sync byte + one byte character "U" + 6 byte name field, padded with blanks.**
TEXT BLOCK	**one byte character "X" + one byte length of block + 2 byte storage address of block + one to 256 bytes of text + one byte checksum**
TRAILER BLOCK	**one byte character "X" + two byte transfer address**

The checksum character is computed by taking the low order storage address byte and successively adding each text character to that value, ignoring any overflow. Each time that a new text block is found, the byte at 3C3FH is EXCLUSIVE OR'd with 0AH, which causes the '*' to flash. This may be accomplished by CALLing 022CH. When the trailer block is found, the autostart address is stored at address 40FDH, and execution may be started at that address by entering the "/(ENTER)" at the second "*?".

The SYSTEM command, like the USR function, can be used as a vector by appending the exit routine. The first instruction of the command execution routine is a CALL to location 41E2H, which is initialized on power-up to a RET instruction. If one of the OBJECT blocks changes this address to a jump to a starting routine, the program will execute as soon as it's finished loading, with no further operator input.

An examination of the PRINT command at location 206FH and its associated subroutines yield some interesting information. There is theoretically no limitation to the length or content of the cassette tape record which this command can create as is implied in the reference manual. This means that one can write a SYSTEM tape file, or in fact any format file with a single BASIC program PRINT statement.

Many of you have experienced the problem of having to retype the same subroutine or block of text into BASIC programs. Some of you have also wished for a means of automating the generation of certain sequences of BASIC statements. To provide a solution to these problems we will use the CLOAD command as a model for a new command which provides the cassette tape merge function.

The ROM version of the CLOAD command calls the NEW command as a subroutine which effectively destroys the text in memory. It next loads the address of the program buffer and enters the tape load sequence which loads RAM until 3 successive zeros are encountered, which signals the end of text. Having loaded the program buffer, it then changes the storage pointers within the text so that programs are fully transportable from Disk BASIC to Level II and vice versa. Studying this section also explains how such programs as TSHORT and Level III can reside in RAM BEFORE the BASIC text (In fact, you can put your routines there too, but that's another story).

The program text buffer is located by the pointer at 40A4H and ends at a location described by the pointer at 40F9H. The buffer is filled by a number of line blocks organized in a forward-chained list in ascending order of line numbers. The last block in the list contains only a pair of zeros, which is used at RUN time to signal the end of the program (the END command is a forced ending, but isn't required). Each line of BASIC text has the following format:

- A two byte pointer to the first byte of the next line of text, in standard Zilog (low then high) format.
- A two byte line number in HEX (also in Zilog format).
- 1 to 240 bytes of text (although the LII manual alludes to 256 as the max text line length, anything over 240 characters long causes some truly wierd things to happen. Also, the keyboard input routine won't let you input more than 240 characters.)
- A zero byte indicating the end of the line.

The format of a CSAVE'd tape is a simple type identifier (3 consecutive D3H characters), a one-byte filename, and the contents of the text buffer.

Figure 4 is a listing of the MERGE command. Notice that it does not call the NEW processor and loads the location of the last line block into the current start of text pointer before going to the tape load routine. This action means that the text on the tape will be appended onto the end of the text currently in RAM. One thing to remember, though. Since the line number search routine which starts at address 1B2CH only looks until it finds either the line number it is searching for or one with a higher line number, you must be sure that the line numbers of the program you are MERGEing are higher than any others already in RAM. Otherwise, they probably won't get found when you try to do your GOSUB.

If you don't have a copy of EDTASM or T-BUG you will want to copy the BASIC program shown in Figure 5 which POKEs the values of the merge program in RAM.

By using the techniques mentioned above, you could write a SYSTEM format tape and/or create any other sequence of BASIC program text statements using the compressed codes explained earlier in this article (see pages E/1-E/2 of the new Level II manual, or page 40 of the Sept-Oct 1979 issue of the Journal for a complete listing of the codes). One interesting possible application of this technique would be to generate a macro language for Level II that would incorporate a modifiable subroutine library capability. ●

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27FE:  CD A9 41      CALL 41A9
2801:  D7            RST  16
2802:  CD 2C 25      CALL 252C
2805:  E5            PUSH HL
2806:  21 90 08      LD   HL,0890
2809:  E5            PUSH HL
280A:  3A AF 40      LD   A,(40AF)
280D:  F5            PUSH AF
280E:  FE 03         CP   03
2810:  CC DA 29      CALL Z,29DA
2813:  F1            POP  AF
2814:  EB            EX   DE,HL
2815:  2A 8E 40      LD   HL,(408E)
2818:  E9            JP   (HL)
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Figure 1

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CINT FUNCTION
(GET USR PARM ENTRY)

0A7F:  E7            RST  32
0A80:  2A 21 41      LD   HL,(4121)
0A83:  F8            RET  M
0A84:  CA F6 0A      JP   Z,0AF6
0A87:  D4 B9 0A      CALL NC,0AB9
0A8A:  21 B2 07      LD   HL,07B2
0A8D:  E5            PUSH HL
0A8E:  3A 24 41      LD   A,(4124)
0A91:  FE 90         CP   90
0A93:  30 0E         JR   NC,0AA3
0A95:  CD FB 0A      CALL 0AFB
0A98:  EB            EX   DE,HL
0A99:  D1            POP  DE

(RETURN USR VALUE
  ENTRY POINT)

0A9A:  22 21 41      LD   (4121),HL
0A9D:  3E 02         LD   A,02
0A9F:  32 AF 40      LD   (40AF),A
0AA2:  C9            RET
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Figure 2

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10 ' PROGRAM:  STMERGE    "STORE MERGE COMMAND"
20 ' BY     :    JOHN R. HIND
30 '             4100 PICKWICK DR.
40 '             RALEIGH , N.C. 27612
50 ' FUNCTION:
60 '       THIS BASIC PROGRAM WILL STORE THE OBJECT CODE
70 '       OF THE MERGE COMMAND INTO THE TRS-80 LEVEL II
80 '       MEMORY
```

Figure 5

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90 ' NOTES:
100 '       THE DATA STATEMENTS OF THIS PROGRAM WHERE
110 '       GENERATED BY ANOTHER BASIC PROGRAM AND THEN
120 '       COMBINED BY USE OF THE MERGE COMMAND
130 '
140 DEFINT I-Z
150 PRINT " INSTALLING THE MERGE COMMAND"
160 READ I,J
170 IF I=0 THEN PRINT "FINISHED":END
180 POKE I,J
190 GOTO 160
200 '
210 DATA 32470, 205, 32471, 147, 32472, 2, 32473, 43,
     32474, 215, 32475, 62, 32476, 0, 32477, 40, 32478, 7,
     32479, 205, 32480, 55, 32481, 35, 32482, 205, 32483, 19,
     32484, 42, 32485, 26
220 DATA 32486, 95, 32487, 175, 32488, 87, 32489, 6, 32490, 3,
     32491, 205, 32492, 53, 32493, 2, 32494, 214, 32495, 211,
     32496, 32, 32497, 247, 32498, 16, 32499, 247, 32500, 205,
     32501, 53
230 DATA 32502, 2, 32503, 28, 32504, 29, 32505, 40, 32506, 3,
     32507, 187, 32508, 32, 32509, 8, 32510, 42, 32511, 249,
     32512, 64, 32513, 43, 32514, 43, 32515, 195, 32516, 95,
     32517, 44
240 DATA 32518, 50, 32519, 62, 32520, 60, 32521, 6, 32522, 3,
     32523, 205, 32524, 53, 32525, 2, 32526, 183, 32527, 32,
     32528, 248, 32529, 16, 32530, 248, 32531, 205, 32532, 150,
     32533, 2
250 DATA 32534, 24, 32535, 209
260 DATA 16779, 195, 16780, 214, 16781, 126
270 ' THE NEXT DATA STATEMENT SIGNALS THE END OF STORE BY USE
      OF AN ADDRESS VALUE OF ZERO
280 DATA 0,0
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Figure 4

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                00100 ;AUTHOR :        JOHN R. HIND
                00110 ;                4100 PICKWICK DR.
                00120 ;                RALEIGH, N.C.    27612
                00130 ;
                00140 ;NAME :          MERGE
                00150 ;FUNCTION :      PROVIDES A LEVEL II BASIC COMMAND WHICH
                00160 ;                WILL MERGE CSAVED CASSETTE TAPE FILES
                00170 ;OPERATION :
                00180 ;        THE MERGE COMMAND APPENDS A FILE TO THE END OF
                00190 ;        THE CURRENT LEVEL II BASIC PROGRAM TEXT BUFFER.
                00200 ;        THIS MEANS THAT LINE NUMBERS IN THE APPENDED
                00210 ;        FILE MUST BE HIGHER THAN ANY APPEARING IN
                00220 ;        THE CURRENT PROGRAM SEGMENT IN THE BUFFER. WHEN
                00230 ;        CREATING A NEW PROGRAM FROM A GROUP OF CSAVE'D
                00240 ;        FILES, FIRST CLOAD THE FILE WITH THE LOWEST LINE
                00250 ;        NUMBERS , THEN SUCCESIVELY MERGE EACH ADDITIONAL
                00260 ;        FILE IN ORDER OF LINE NUMBERS.
                00270 ;SYNTAX :
                00280 ;        MERGE HAS SAME SYNTAX AS CLOAD EXCEPT FOR SUPPORT
                00290 ;        OF " ? " COMPARE OPTION
                00300 ;
                00310 ;NOTE:
                00320 ;        THIS PROGRAM IS 'ORG'ED TO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE
                00330 ;        AEXIT PROGRAM.
7ED6            00340          ORG     7ED6H
7ED6 CD9302     00350 MERGE    CALL    293H     ; EVALUATE THE DRIVE NUMBER, START
                00360                           ; IT, AND FIND SYNCH BYTE
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7ED9 2B        00370          DEC      HL
7EDA D7        00380          RST      10H      ; GET FIRST EXPRESSION CHARACTER
7EDB 3E00      00390          LD       A,0      ; NO NAME FLAG
7EDD 2807      00400          JR       Z,NONAME ; IF END OF STATEMENT
7EDF CD3723    00410          CALL     2337H    ; EVALUATE EXPRESSION
7EE2 CD132A    00420          CALL     2A13H    ; GET POINTER TO STRING VALUE
7EE5 1A        00430          LD       A,(DE)   ; GET FIRST CHARACTER = FILENAME
7EE6 5F        00440 NONAME   LD       E,A      ; SAVE
7EE7 AF        00450          XOR      A        ; ZERO
7EE8 57        00460          LD       D,A      ; CLOAD FLAG = STORE
               00470 ;        SEARCH FOR FILE NAME
7EE9 0603      00480 S1       LD       B,3      ; COUNT
7EEB CD3502    00490 S2       CALL     235H     ; GET CHAR
7EEE D6D3      00500          SUB      0D3H     ; FILE NAME FLAG
7EF0 20F7      00510          JR       NZ,S1    ;     NO
7EF2 10F7      00520          DJNZ     S2       ; YES, THREE IN A ROW ?
7EF4 CD3502    00530          CALL     235H     ; YES, GET FILE NAME
               00540 ;        COMPARE FILE NAME IF REQUESTED
7EF7 1C        00550          INC      E
7EF8 1D        00560          DEC      E        ; TEST GIVEN
7EF9 2803      00570          JR       Z,NONE   ; NO
7EFB BB        00580          CP       E
7EFC 2008      00590          JR       NZ,NXTFIL ; NO MATCH , SKIP FILE
7EFE 2AF940    00600 NONE     LD       HL,(40F9H)  ; PTR TO END OF PGM TEXT
7F01 2B        00610          DEC      HL
7F02 2B        00620          DEC      HL       ;  MINUS 2 IS END OF LAST STATMENT
7F03 C35F2C    00630          JP       2C5FH    ; ENTER CLOAD LOGIC TO STORE
7F06 323E3C    00640 NXTFIL   LD       (3C3EH),A ; FILE NAME ON CRT
7F0C 0603      00650 E1       LD       B,3
7F0B CD3502    00660 E2       CALL     235H
7F0E B7        00670          OR       A
7F0F 20F8      00680          JR       NZ,E1
7F11 10F8      00690          DJNZ     E2
7F13 CD9602    00700          CALL     296H     ; EOF, FIND NEXT SYNCH BYTE
7F16 18D1      00710          JR       S1       ; NEXT FILE NAME
               00720 ;        INSTALL COMMAND
418B           00730          ORG      418BH
418B C3D67E    00740          JP       MERGE
06CC           00750          END      06CCH
00000 TOTAL ERRORS
E1      7F09 00650    00680
E2      7F0B 00660    00690
MERGE   7ED6 00350    00740
NONAME  7EE6 00440    00400
NONE    7EFE 00600    00570
NXTFIL  7F06 00640    00590
S1      7EE9 00480    00510 00710
S2      7EEB 00490    00520
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Figure 3

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00100 ; EXTENSION OF LEVEL II BASIC USING DISK BASIC & FUNCTION
00110 ; EXIT AT 4194H IN RAM
00120 ;        BY:     JOHN R. HIND
00130 ;                4100 PICKWICK DR.
00140 ;                RALEIGH, NC  27612
00150 ;
00160 ;        FUNCTIONS IMPLEMENTED :
00170 ;                HEX CONSTANT     -) &H 7DF
00180 ;                HEX CONVERT      -) &H("7DC")
00190 ;                LOAD WORD        -) &L( ADDR )
00200 ;                ROTATE LEFT HEX CONSTANT COUNT
00210 ;                                 -) &R4(VALUE)
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                00220 ;                 ROTATE LEFT VARIABLE COUNT
                00230 ;                                 -) &R(COUNT)(VALUE)
                00240 ;                 EXCHANGE WORD AT HEX CONSTANT ADDR
                00250 ;                                 -) &E 40F1(NEW-VALUE)
                00260 ;                 EXCHANGE WORD VARIABLE ADDR
                00270 ;                                 -) &E(ADDR)(NEW-VALUE)
                00280 ;                 XOR HEX CONSTANT WITH VALUE
                00290 ;                                 -) &X 1DC (VALUE)
                00300 ;                 XOR VARIABLE WITH VALUE
                00310 ;                                 -) &X(MASK)(VALUE)
                00320 ;

7F18            00330           ORG     7F18H   ;MEM SIZE = 32536
7F18 D7         00340 AEXIT     RST 10H         ;GET FUNCTION TYPE
7F19 CABC7F     00350           JP      Z,BADEX
7F1C FE48       00360           CP      48H     ;HEX CONVERSION
7F1E 201F       00370           JR      NZ,NOTH
7F20 D7         00380           RST     10H
7F21 FE28       00390           CP      28H     ;PARM IE &H("FF")
7F23 2812       00400           JR      Z,HPAR
7F25 1E08       00410           LD      E,8     ;MAX SCAN LENGTH
7F27 CDDC7F     00420           CALL    CONHS
7F2A E5         00430           PUSH    HL
7F2B ED432141   00440 EXIT      LD      (4121H),BC ;SAVE VALUE
7F2F 3E02       00450           LD      A,2
7F31 32AF40     00460           LD      (40AFH),A ;SET TYPE INTEGER
7F34 C39008     00470           JP      890H    ;EXIT
7F37 CDA47F     00480 HPAR      CALL    GETSTR
7F3A CDDC7F     00490           CALL    CONHS
7F3D 18EC       00500           JR      EXIT
7F3F FE4C       00510 NOTH      CP      4CH     ;LOAD?
7F41 2009       00520           JR      NZ,NOTL
7F43 23         00530           INC     HL
7F44 CDBF7F     00540           CALL    GETINT
7F47 4E         00550           LD      C,(HL)
7F48 23         00560           INC     HL
7F49 46         00570           LD      B,(HL)
7F4A 18DF       00580           JR      EXIT
7F4C FE52       00590 NOTL      CP      52H     ;ROTATE LEFT?
7F4E 202F       00600           JR      NZ,NOTR
7F50 CD597F     00610           CALL    GPAIR
7F53 53         00620           LD      D,E
7F54 CDCE7F     00630           CALL    RBCLD
7F57 18D2       00640           JR      EXIT
                00650 ;  GET PAIR OF INTEGER VALUES , PLACE FIRST VALUE IN
                00660 ;       DE AND SECOND IN BC. (SP) CONTAINS THE
                00670 ;       NEXT PROGRAM TEXT ADDR.
                00680 ;       FIRST VALUE IS EITHER A HEX CONSTANT IN
                00690 ;       TEXT OR AN  " ( EXPRESSION )"; SECOND VALUE
                00700 ;       IS ALWAYS  " ( EXPRESSION )"
7F59 D7         00710 GPAIR     RST     10H     ;OPTION
7F5A 2002       00720           JR      NZ,GOON
7F5C C1         00730           POP     BC
7F5D C9         00740           RET
7F5E FE28       00750 GOON      CP      28H
7F60 2808       00760           JR      Z,RPAR  ; FIRST IS VARIABLE
7F62 1E08       00770           LD      E,8     ; HEX CONSTANT
7F64 CDDC7F     00780           CALL    CONHS
7F67 C5         00790           PUSH    BC
7F68 1804       00800           JR      RGETV
7F6A CDBF7F     00810 RPAR      CALL    GETINT
7F6D E3         00820           EX      (SP),HL
7F6E 2B         00830 RGETV     DEC     HL
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7F6F D7        00840          RST     10H
7F70 2003      00850          JR      NZ,RVAL
7F72 C1        00860          POP     BC
7F73 C1        00870          POP     BC
7F74 C9        00880          RET
7F75 CDBF7F    00890 RVAL     CALL    GETINT
7F78 E5        00900          PUSH    HL
7F79 C1        00910          POP     BC
7F7A E1        00920          POP     HL
7F7B D1        00930          POP     DE
7F7C E3        00940          EX      (SP),HL
7F7D E5        00950          PUSH    HL
7F7E C9        00960          RET
7F7F FE45      00970 NOTR     CP      45H
7F81 200F      00980          JR      NZ,NOTE
7F83 CD597F    00990          CALL    GPAIR
7F86 D5        01000          PUSH    DE
7F87 E1        01010          POP     HL
7F88 5E        01020          LD      E,(HL)
7F89 71        01030          LD      (HL),C
7F8A 23        01040          INC     HL
7F8B 56        01050          LD      D,(HL)
7F8C 70        01060          LD      (HL),B
7F8D D5        01070          PUSH    DE
7F8E C1        01080          POP     BC
7F8F C32B7F    01090          JP      EXIT
7F92 FE58      01100 NOTE     CP      58H
7F94 200C      01110          JR      NZ,NOTX
7F96 CD597F    01120          CALL    GPAIR
7F99 78        01130          LD      A,B
7F9A AA        01140          XOR     D
7F9B 47        01150          LD      B,A
7F9C 79        01160          LD      A,C
7F9D AB        01170          XOR     E
7F9E 4F        01180          LD      C,A
7F9F C32B7F    01190          JP      EXIT
7FA2 1818      01200 NOTX     JR      BADEX
               01210 ;GET STRING PARAMETER: HL=)ADDR, E=LEN,
               01220 ;                    , (SP)=)STATEMENT PTR
7FA4 CD2C25    01230 GETSTR   CALL    252CH
7FA7 E3        01240          EX      (SP),HL
7FA8 E5        01250          PUSH    HL
7FA9 3AAF40    01260          LD      A,(40AFH)
7FAC FE03      01270          CP      3
7FAE 200A      01280          JR      NZ,BAD
7FB0 2A2141    01290          LD      HL,(4121H)
7FB3 5E        01300          LD      E,(HL)
7FB4 23        01310          INC     HL
7FB5 7E        01320          LD      A,(HL)
7FB6 23        01330          INC     HL
7FB7 66        01340          LD      H,(HL)
7FB8 6F        01350          LD      L,A
7FB9 C9        01360          RET
7FBA E1        01370 BAD      POP     HL
7FBB E1        01380          POP     HL
7FBC C32D01    01390 BADEX    JP      012DH
               01400 ; GET INTEGER VALUE PARAMETER, HL = INT
7FBF CD2C25    01410 GETINT   CALL    252CH
7FC2 E3        01420          EX      (SP),HL
7FC3 E5        01430          PUSH    HL
7FC4 3AAF40    01440          LD      A,(40AFH)
7FC7 FE03      01450          CP      3
7FC9 28EF      01460          JR      Z,BAD
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7FCB C37F0A     01470          JP      0A7FH
                01480 ; ROTATE BC LEFT D TIMES
7FCE 14         01490 RBCLD    INC     D
7FCF 15         01500 RBCL1    DEC     D
7FD0 C8         01510          RET     Z
7FD1 37         01520          SCF
7FD2 CB11       01530          RL      C
7FD4 CB10       01540          RL      B
7FD6 38F7       01550          JR      C,RBCL1
7FD8 CB81       01560          RES     0,C
7FDA 18F3       01570          JR      RBCL1
                01580 ; COVERT HEX STRING AT HL TO BC, STRING MUST END IN
                01590 ; A NONBLANK NONHEX CHARACTER
7FDC 1C         01600 CONHS    INC     E
7FDD 2B         01610          DEC     HL
7FDE 010000     01620          LD      BC,0
7FE1 23         01630 CONHS1   INC     HL
7FE2 1D         01640          DEC     E
7FE3 C8         01650          RET     Z
7FE4 7E         01660          LD      A,(HL)
7FE5 FE20       01670          CP      20H
7FE7 28F8       01680          JR      Z,CONHS1
7FE9 D630       01690          SUB     30H
7FEB F8         01700          RET     M
7FEC FE0A       01710          CP      0AH
7FEE 3808       01720          JR      C,CONHS2
7FF0 D611       01730          SUB     11H
7FF2 F8         01740          RET     M
7FF3 D606       01750          SUB     6H
7FF5 F0         01760          RET     P
7FF6 C610       01770          ADD     A,10H
7FF8 1604       01780 CONHS2   LD      D,4
7FFA CDCE7F     01790          CALL    RBCLD
7FFD B1         01800          OR      C
7FFE 4F         01810          LD      C,A
7FFF 18E0       01820          JR      CONHS1
                01830 ; INSTALL EXIT AT BRANCH VECTOR ADDR
4194            01840          ORG     4194H
4194 C3187F     01850          JP      AEXIT
06CC            01860          END     06CCH
00000 TOTAL ERRORS
AEXIT   7F18 00340   01850
BAD     7FBA 01370   01280 01460
BADEX   7FBC 01390   00350 01200
CONHS   7FDC 01600   00420 00490 00780
CONHS1  7FE1 01630   01680 01820
CONHS2  7FF8 01780   01720
EXIT    7F2B 00440   00500 00580 00640 01090 01190
GETINT  7FBF 01410   00540 00810 00890
GETSTR  7FA4 01230   00480
GOON    7F5E 00750   00720
GPAIR   7F59 00710   00610 00990 01120
HPAR    7F37 00480   00400
NOTE    7F92 01100   00980
NOTH    7F3F 00510   00370
NOTL    7F4C 00590   00520
NOTR    7F7F 00970   00600
NOTX    7FA2 01200   01110
RBCL1   7FCF 01500   01550 01570
RBCLD   7FCE 01490   00630 01790
RGETV   7F6E 00830   00800
RPAR    7F6A 00810   00760
RVAL    7F75 00890   00850
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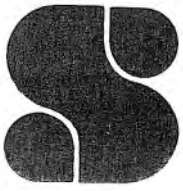

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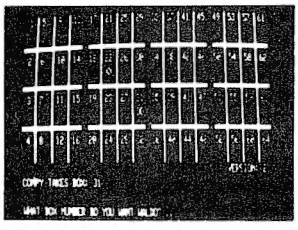

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Qubic is a three dimensional Tic Tac Toe game. The game is played in a 3 dimensional cube (4x4x4). The object is to outwit the computer and place four pieces in any straight line.

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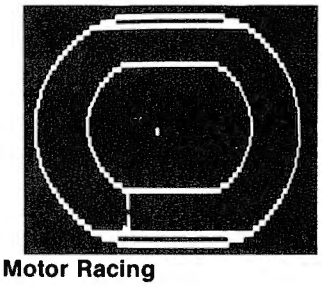

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A Basic Z-80 DISASSEMBLER

Bill Atchison
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Here is a Basic Disassembler for 16K Level II and up. It occupies just 6K of memory, and will disassemble from 0000 to the top of memory. Formatted hardcopy is provided via the lineprinter - or you can view it on the video. Figure 1, below, shows how your screen should look. Note that it displays Hex, decimal and ASCII, as well as the Z-80 nmemonics.

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================================================================
                        Z-80 DISASSEMBLER
================================================================
HEX STARTING ADDRESS ? 0          ADDRESS IN DECIMAL : 0
HEX ENDING ADDRESS ? FFFF         ADDRESS IN DECIMAL : 65535
PRINTER ON-LINE (ENTER YES OR NO)? NO
================================================================
MEMORY ADDRESS    | MACHINE LANGUAGE OPCODES                   |
HEX  | DEC.  | ASCII | DECIMAL OP CODES | HEX OP CODES | Z-80 MNEMONICS
0000 | 0     |       | 243              | F3           | DI
0001 | 1     |       | 175              | AF           | XOR A
0002 | 2     |   T   | 195 116 6        | C3 74 06     | JP 0674H
0005 | 5     |   @   | 195 0 64         | C3 00 40     | JP 4000H
0008 | 8     |   @   | 195 0 64         | C3 00 40     | JP 4000H
000B | 11    |       | 225              | E1           | POP HL
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Figure 1

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NOTE: 132-CHARACTER LINE PRINTER OWNERS MAY MAKE THE
       FOLLOWING CHANGES TO ALLOW THE INCLUSION OF A LINE
       FOR COMMENTS ON THE HARDCOPY:
135 ZQ$=STRING$(35,95)
160 IFLP$="YES"THENLPRINT"MEMORY ADDRESS :",,"MACHINE LANGUAGE
    OPCODES :":LPRINT"HEX DECIMAL","ASCII","DECIMAL OP CODE","HE
    X OP CODE","Z-80 MNEMONICS"
300 LPRINTZ$;"   ";V,W1$,W$,A$,M,ZQ$:GOTO350
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10 '***Z-80 DISASSEMBLER BY WILLIAM C. ATCHISON
20 '***REQUIRES A 16K LEVELII (AND UP) BASIC TRS-80
30 '***THIS PROGRAM LEAVES 10K FREE SPACE  TO LOAD PROGRAMS
40 '***(MORE SPACE IN LARGER SYSTEMS!!) TO DISASSEMBLE.
50 '***THE DISASSEMBLER WILL WORK FROM X'0000' TO X'FFFF'
60 '***IN MEMORY (0-65535 IN DECIMAL).
70 '***FORMATTED HARDCOPY IS PROVIDED VIA LINEPRINTER .
80 '***NOTE : DON'T FORGET TO REMOVE REMARKS (THEY USE MEMORY)!
90 CLS
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100 CLEAR350:PRINT@960,STRING$(64,61)+STRING$(24,32)+"Z-80 DISA
    SSEMBLER"+CHR$(13)+STRING$(64,61);
110 CLEAR500:DEFINTA-J,U,Z:DEFSTRL-T:L1=CHR$(191):L="0123456789
    ABCDEF":R="BCDEHL:A":D1$="-++"
120 INPUT"HEX STARTING ADDRESS ";J$:GOSUB1830 :X=K:INPUT"HEX EN
    DING ADDRESS ";J$:GOSUB1830 :Y=K:IFX)YTHENPRINT:PRINT"START
    GREATER THAN END?":PRINT:GOTO120
130 INPUT"PRINTER ON-LINE (ENTER YES OR NO)";LP$
140 PRINTSTRING$(64,61);"MEMORY ADDRESS  ";CHR$(191);" MACHINE
    LANGUAGE OPCODES     ";CHR$(191)
150 PRINT"HEX ";CHR$(191);"DEC. ";CHR$(191);"ASCII";CHR$(191);"
    DECIMAL OP CODES";CHR$(191);"HEX OP CODES ";CHR$(191);"Z-80
    MNEMONICS"
160 IFLP$="YES"THENLPRINT"MEMORY ADDRESS :",,"MACHINE LANGUAGE
    OPCODES :":LPRINT"HEX","DECIMAL","ASCII","DECIMAL OP CODE","
    HEX OP CODE","Z-80 MNEMONICS"
170 Z=90:A=VARPTR(Z)
180 '***START DISASSEMBLY LOOP
190 FORV=XTOY:IFV)32767THENV1=-INT(65535-V+1)ELSEV1=V
200 IN$=INKEY$:IFIN$="↑"THEN100
210 Z=VAL(STR$(V1)):A1=PEEK(A+1):A2=PEEK(A):A3=PEEK(Z)
220 '***GOTO OCTAL SUBROUTINE AND RETURN (B,C,D)
230 I=Z:G=A3:GOSUB480  :A$=Q1:M=""
240 G1=A1:G2=A2:GOSUB500  :Z$=NN
250 '***BRANCH ON VALUE OF FIRST OCTAL DIGIT (B)
260 GOSUB380  :ONB+1GOSUB610  ,960  ,980  ,1080
270 '***PRINT ON LINEPRINTER
280 IFLP$()"YES"THEN320
290 W1$="":W$="":FORW=ITOZ:W1=PEEK(W):W$=W$+STR$(W1):IFW1)31AND
    W1(128THENW1$=W1$+CHR$(W1)+" ":NEXTELSEW1$=W1$+"  ":NEXT
300 LPRINTZ$;TAB(6);V;TAB(10);W1$;TAB(20);W$;TAB(38);A$;STRING$
    (12-LEN(A$)," ");M:GOTO350
310 '***PRINT ON SCREEN
320 PRINT@960,Z$;L1;RIGHT$(STR$(V),LEN(STR$(V))-1);
330 PRINT@970,L1;:W$="":FORW=ITOZ:W1=PEEK(W):W$=W$+STR$(W1):IFW
    1)31ANDW1(128THENPRINTCHR$(W1)+" ";:NEXTELSEPRINT"  ";:NEXT
340 PRINT@976,L1;W$;:PRINT@993,L1;A$;:PRINT@1007,L1;M
350 IFZ)=ØTHENV=ZELSEV=V+ABS(I-Z)
360 NEXTV:GOTO100
370 '***OCTAL CONVERSION SUBROUTINE AND REGISTER COMPUTATION
380 B=(A3AND192)/64:C=(A3AND56)/8:D=A3AND7:C$=MID$(R,C+1,1):D$=
    MID$(R,D+1,1):IFC$=":"THENC$="(HL)"
390 IFD$=":"THEND$="(HL)":RETURNELSERETURN
400 '***REGISTER PAIR COMPUTATION SUBROUTINES
410 Q=MID$("BCDEHLAF",C+1,2):RETURN
420 S=MID$("BCDEHLSP",C,2):RETURN
430 '***CONDITION COMPUTATION SUBROUTINE
440 T=MID$("NZ ZNC CPOPE P M",C*2+1,2):RETURN
450 Z=Z+1:G=PEEK(Z):GOSUB480  :A$=A$+" "+Q1:N1=Q1+"H":RETURN
460 GOSUB450  :A3=G:GOSUB380  :RETURN
470 '***CONVERT DECIMAL TO ONE-BYTE HEX (Ø-255)
480 Q1=MID$(L,((GAND240)/16)+1,1)+MID$(L,(GAND15)+1,1):RETURN
490 '***CONVERT DECIMAL TO TWO-BYTE HEX (Ø-65535)
500 G=G1:GOSUB480  :NN=Q1:G=G2:GOSUB480  :NN=NN+Q1:RETURN
510 G1=PEEK(Z+2):G2=PEEK(Z+1):GOSUB500  :Q1=NN:Z=Z+2:A$=A$+" "+
    RIGHT$(Q1,2)+" "+LEFT$(Q1,2):N1=Q1+"H":RETURN
990 IFB=3THENRETURNELSEM=M+D$:RETURN
1000 M="ADD A,":RETURN
1010 M="ADC A,":RETURN
1020 M="SUB ":RETURN
1030 M="SBC A,":RETURN
1040 M="AND ":RETURN
1050 M="XOR ":RETURN
1060 M="OR ":RETURN
1070 M="CP ":RETURN
1080 ONDGOTO1100 ,1140 ,1150 ,1220 ,1230 ,1260 ,1270
1090 GOSUB440  :M="RET "+T:RETURN
1100 IF(CAND1)=ØTHENGOSUB410  :M="POP "+Q:RETURN
1110 IFC=1THENM="RET"ELSEIFC=3THENM="EXX"
1120 IFC=5THENM="JP  (HL)"ELSEIFC=7THENM="LD SP,HL"
1130 RETURN
1140 GOSUB510  :GOSUB440  :M="JP "+T+","+N1:RETURN
1150 ONCGOTO1290 ,1160 ,1170 ,1180 ,1190 ,1200 ,1210 :GOSUB510
     :M="JP "+N1:RETURN
1160 GOSUB450  :M="OUT ("+N1+"),A":RETURN
1170 GOSUB450  :M="IN A,("+N1+")":RETURN
1180 M="EX (SP),HL":RETURN
1190 M="EX DE,HL":RETURN
1200 M="DI":RETURN
1210 M="EI":RETURN
1220 GOSUB510  :GOSUB440  :M="CALL "+T+","+N1:RETURN
1230 IF(CAND1)=ØTHENGOSUB410  :M="PUSH "+Q:RETURN
1240 IFC=1THENGOSUB510  :M="CALL "+N1:RETURN
1250 IFC=5THEN1410 ELSEIFC=3THEN1640 ELSEIFC=7THEN1660
1260 GOSUB980  :GOSUB450  :M=M+N1:RETURN
1270 G=C*8:GOSUB480  :M="RST "+Q1+"H":RETURN
1280 '***SUBROUTINE TO COMPUTE TWO-BYTE "CB" INSTRUCTIONS
1290 GOSUB460:IFB()ØTHEN1380
1300 ONCGOTO1310 ,1320 ,1330 ,1340 ,1350 ,1360 ,1370 :M="RLC "+
     D$:RETURN
1310 M="RRC "+D$:RETURN
1320 M="RL  "+D$:RETURN
1330 M="RR  "+D$:RETURN
1340 M="SLA "+D$:RETURN
1350 M="SRA "+D$:RETURN
1360 M="* * ERROR * *":RETURN
1370 M="SRL "+D$:RETURN
1380 IFB=1THENM="BIT"ELSEIFB=2THENM="RES"ELSEIFB=3THENM="SET"
1390 M=M+STR$(C)+","+D$:RETURN
1400 '***COMPUTE "ED" TWO-BYTE INSTRUCTION GROUP
1410 GOSUB460  :ONBGOTO1420 ,1600 :GOTO1360
1420 ONDGOTO1440 ,1450 ,1470 ,1490 ,1500 ,1510 ,1530
1430 M="IN "+C$+",(C)":RETURN
1440 M="OUT (C),"+C$:RETURN
1450 IF(CAND1)=ØTHENC=C+1:GOSUB420  :M="SBC HL,"+S:RETURN
1460 GOSUB420  :M="ADC HL,"+S:RETURN
1470 GOSUB510  :IF(CAND1)=ØTHENC=C+1:GOSUB420  :M="LD ("+N1+"),
     "+S:RETURN
1480 GOSUB420  :M="LD "+S+",("+N1+")":RETURN
1490 IFC=ØTHENM="NEG":RETURNELSE1360
1500 IFC=ØTHENM="RETN":RETURNELSEIFC=1THENM="RETI":RETURNELSE13
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520 '***INSERT (IX,IY) OR (IX+00H,IY+00H) IN
530 '***THE (DD,FD) TWO-BYTE INSTUCTION GROUP
540 K$=I$:M=M+" "+I$="(HL)":GOSUB1900 :IFJ=0THEN580
550 M1=MID$(M,1,J-1):M2=MID$(M,J+4):M=M1+K$+M2
560 I$="HL":GOSUB1900 :IFJTHENM=M2+K$
570 I$=K$:RETURN
580 I$="HL":GOSUB1900 :IFJ()0THEN590  ELSERETURN
590 P1=LEFT$(M,J-1):IFJ)=LEN(J$)-2THEN600  ELSEP2=RIGHT$(M,LEN(
    J$)-J+2)
600 M=P1+J$+P2:RETURN
610 ONDGOTO740  ,760  ,840  ,850  ,860  ,870  ,880
620 IFC(2THEN660ELSEGOSUB450:N1%=PEEK(Z)+1:IFN1%(128THENN1!=Z+N
    1%ELSEN1!=Z-256+N1%
630 IFN1!)32767THENN1%=-1*(65536-N1!)ELSEN1%=N1!
640 G1=PEEK(VARPTR(N1%)+1):G2=PEEK(VARPTR(N1%)):GOSUB490
650 NN=NN+"H"
660 ONCGOTO670  ,680  ,690  ,700  ,710  ,720  ,730  :M="NOP":RE
    TURN
670 M="EX AF,AF'":RETURN
680 M="DJNZ "+NN:RETURN
690 M="JR "+NN:RETURN
700 M="JR NZ,"+NN:RETURN
710 M="JR Z,"+NN:RETURN
720 M="JR NC,"+NN:RETURN
730 M="JR C,"+NN:RETURN
740 IF(CAND1)=0THENGOSUB510  :C=C+1:GOSUB420  :M="LD "+S+","+N1
    :RETURN
750 GOSUB420  :M="ADD HL,"+S:RETURN
760 ONCGOTO770  ,780  ,790  ,800  ,810  ,820  ,830  :M="LD (BC)
    ,A":RETURN
770 M="LD A,(BC)":RETURN
780 M="LD (DE),A":RETURN
790 M="LD A,(DE)":RETURN
800 GOSUB510  :M="LD ("+N1+"),HL":RETURN
810 GOSUB510  :M="LD HL,("+N1+")":RETURN
820 GOSUB510  :M="LD ("+N1+"),A":RETURN
830 GOSUB510  :M="LD A,("+N1+")":RETURN
840 IF(CAND1)=0THENC=C+1:GOSUB420  :M="INC "+S:RETURNELSEGOSUB4
    20  :M="DEC "+S:RETURN
850 M="INC "+C$:RETURN
860 M="DEC "+C$:RETURN
870 GOSUB450  :M="LD "+C$+" ,"+N1:RETURN
880 ONCGOTO890  ,900  ,910  ,920  ,930  ,940  ,950  :M="RLCA":R
    ETURN
890 M="RRCA":RETURN
900 M="RLA":RETURN
910 M="RRA":RETURN
920 M="DAA":RETURN
930 M="CPL":RETURN
940 M="SCF":RETURN
950 M="CCF":RETURN
960 IFC=6ANDD=6THENM="HALT":RETURN
970 M="LD "+C$+","+D$:RETURN
980 ONC+1GOSUB1000  ,1010  ,1020  ,1030  ,1040  ,1050  ,1060 ,1
    070
1510 IFC=0THENM="IM 0"ELSEIFC=2THENM="IM 1"ELSEIFC=3THENM="IM 2
     "
1520 IFM=""THEN1360 ELSERETURN
1530 ONC+1GOTO1540 ,1550 ,1560 ,1570 ,1580 ,1590 :GOTO1360
1540 M="LD I,A":RETURN
1550 M="LD R,A":RETURN
1560 M="LD A,I":RETURN
1570 M="LD A,R":RETURN
1580 M="RRD":RETURN
1590 M="RLD":RETURN
1600 IFD=0THENM="LD"ELSEIFD=1THENM="CP"
1610 IFD=2THENM="IN"ELSEIFD=3THENM="OUT"
1620 IFM=""THEN1360 ELSEM=M+MID$("I D IRDR",(C-4)*2+1,2):RETURN
1630 '***SET VARIABLES FOR "DD" INSTRUCTIONS
1640 I$="(IX+:::)":J$="IX":GOTO1680
1650 '***SET VARIABLES FOR "FD" INSTRUCTIONS
1660 I$="(IY+:::)":J$="IY"
1670 '***COMPUTE "DD" AND "FD" TWO BYTE INSTRUCTIONS
1680 GOSUB460:IFG=203THEN1930ELSEIFG=54THEN2000ELSEONB+1GOSUB61
     0,960,980,1080:GOSUB540
1690 GOSUB1900 :IFJ=0ANDC()7THENRETURN
1700 IFB()0THEN1740
1710 ONASC(RIGHT$(J$,1))-87GOTO1720,1730
1720 M=M+",+MID$("BCDEIXSP",INT(C/2)*2+1,2):RETURN
1730 M=M+",+MID$("BCDEIYSP",INT(C/2)*2+1,2):RETURN
1740 Z=I+1:A3=PEEK(Z):GOSUB380
1750 GOSUB450
1760 M="":ONB+1GOSUB610  ,960  ,980  ,1080 :GOSUB540
1770 I$=":::":GOSUB1900:IFJ=0THENRETURN
1780 IFG(128THEND=GELSED=-256+G:G=ABS(D)
1790 GOSUB480
1800 SD%=SGN(D):M=LEFT$(M,J-2)+MID$(D1$,SD%+2,1)+Q1+"H"+MID$(M,
     J+3)
1810 RETURN
1820 '***HEX TO DECIMAL CONVERSION
1830 A=LEN(J$):IFA)4ORJ$=""THENK=-1:GOTO1870
1840 IFA=4THENH$=J$ELSEH$=STRING$(4-A,32)+J$
1850 K=0:FORI=(5-A)TO4:J$=MID$(H$,I,1):IFASC(J$))=65ANDASC(J$)(
     =70THENJ=ASC(J$)-55ELSEJ=VAL(J$):IFJ=0ANDJ$()"0"THENK=-1
1860 IFJ(0THENK=-1ELSEK=K+J*2+((4-I)*4):NEXT
1870 IFK(0THENK=0:PRINT"ONLY ENTER HEX":INPUT"HEX :";J$:GOTO183
     0
1880 PRINT@929,"ADDRESS IN DECIMAL :"K:RETURN
1890 '***INSTRING SUBROUTINE
1900 FORJ=1TOLEN(M)-LEN(I$)+1:IFI$=MID$(M,J,LEN(I$))RETURN
1910 NEXT:J=0:RETURN
1920 REM** TO HANDLE 4-BYTE FDCB AND DDCB INSTRUCTIONS
1930 GOSUB450
1940 IFG(128THEND=GELSED=-256+G
1950 G=ABS(D):GOSUB480
1960 SD%=SGN(D):DD$="("+J$+MID$(D1$,SD%+2,1)+Q1+"H)"
1970 GOSUB1290:I$=",":GOSUB1900:IFJ=0THENI$=" ":GOSUB1900
1980 M=LEFT$(M,J)+DD$:RETURN
1990 '***SPECIAL "LD  (IX+D),N" AND "LD (IY+D),N" INSTRUCTION
2000 GOSUB1930:GOSUB480:M="LD "+DD$+","+Q1+"H":RETURN
```

CAPTAIN 80

Bob Liddil

Now what do you suppose Captain Eighty is doing in the 80-U.S. Journal? For those TRS-80 enthusiasts who subscribe to both 80-U.S. and 80 Microcomputing, an explanation is in order. Allow me to introduce myself.

I am Captain Eighty. Software Super Hero and man of disguises. I also act as Woodfern and Boldword, investigative reporters, and the Software Secret Agent. For the first six months of 1980 I authored a combination software review and general commentary on the TRS-80 support industry through a slick and well oiled magazine called 80-Microcomputing.

Now, through the kindness of Mike and the staff at 80-U.S., I will be allowed to express my opinions and observations in a new environment. Naturally, the opinions expressed will be mine, and not necessarily those of the 80-U.S. Journal.

And now, The Software Secret Agent digs into a huge sack of programs submitted for review.

Without a doubt the world of ADVENTURE has been rocked by the new Scott Adams offering, Ghost Town. Scott has really gotten down to business with this, his ninth in a series of microizations of the popular mainframe cult rage. GHOST TOWN deals, as the name suggests, with a western theme. No history is implied or needed.

The location descriptions are vivid. The puzzle scenerio is tough but not impossible, and this one upstages all but one or two of Al's earlier ADVENTURES. Style, Wit, and ease of delivery, Scott's trademarks, are more pronounced here than ever before. ADVENTURE cultists will recieve a much anticipated fix, and newcomers to ADVENTURE will delight in the treat that Adams, the acknowledged Grandmaster of Compu-novels, has produced.

MYSTERY MANSION, an ADVENTURE WORLD production, is Greg Hassett's newest entry into the highly competitive ADVENTURE market. Mansion is a high speed, machine code program that incorporates all the features ADVENTURE lovers expect, blinking cursor, 'HELP', 'SAVE GAME', plus some plot twists that can leave the player chagrined with their simplicity. Though a bit thin in the storyline department, MANSION leaves the player with the feeling of having been entertained whether he wins or loses the game. The ADVENTURE WORLD programs are not so widely distributed as ADVENTURE INTERNATIONAL so you might have to ask for MYSTERY MANSION.

From a tiny little company in WARREN MICHIGAN called SIMULATION SOFTWARE, comes an entry into the densly populated space gaming market. Called COSMIC TRADER, it incorporates some features I really like. Usability is one. Nothing gripes me off any more than plunking out fifteen dollars for a program only to have to spend hours decoding

unintelligable charts and number clusters. COSMIC TRADER is simple without being moronic. It allows the buying and selling of commodities on an intersteller basis with price dickering taking place on each planetfall. The bargaining routine brings back memories of pleasant hours of arguing with TEMPLE OF APSHAI'S innkeeper, though COSMIC's not quite so penny conscious. Fuel economy and pricing is a consideration, as well as pirates, and a Galactic patrol which sometimes pops up unannounced to be met with hot laser blasts from trigger happy skippers.

Up to four people can play COSMIC TRADER, a situation I put to test with three small boy baseball players who'd never seen a computer before. They understood the game within minutes and after an hour of play had thrashed me so badly I had to withdraw to save face. I could see enjoyment written all over their faces. There is no higher recommendation available for software as far as I'm concerned.

DUNGEON EXPLORER 2.0, a second entry from the fledgling SIMULATION SOFTWARE, is aimed at the virgin DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS market. This market is dominated by the beautifully documented AUTOMATED SIMULATIONS line whose DATESTONES OF RYN and MORLOCK'S TOWER so far seem pretty much unchallenged.

DUNGEON EXPLORER 2.0 does not go out of its way to provide loads of plotline or complexities. It is aimed at the Fantasy Role Player who incidently happens to be a computerist. The program will roll a combatant for you (handy) in D&D style or will accept your low level character when you input him. Once inside the dungeon, single letter commands, INKEYed, provide directions, combat, and object manipulation. All the elements of Fantasy Role Playing are provided. Magic swords, enchanted armor, chests unopened, flagons of elixer, are just some of the possibilities. Combat features a hair trigger fight or run command that can be deadly. Resurrection is never assured.

Personally, I never tire of slaying Orcs and Bugbears. One character created in 2.0 went on to a short but glorious career in other Dungeons and Dragons worlds. For its $14.95 price tag it returned a hundred dollars in playing pleasure.

The above fine examples of imaginative and well written software represent a mere drop in the bucket compared to the locally produced, locally marketed programs that never seem to find their way into the national market. It seems that Joe average programmer is content to sell fifteen copies of his work to his local STOP and SWAP computer center, or give it away free of charge in the one for one exchange market.

At a recent user's group meeting in Boston, I sat in on a discussion on computer cryptography, led by a high school youngster, that was awesome in its intellectual scope. If this prodigy is an example of America's computer youth, then stand by for the explosion. His presentation was brilliant.

I wonder how many well written and marketable programs are sitting on their author's shelf for lack of publisher, or worse, how many are sitting in envelopes in the large software houses, unreviewed, or bogged down in red tape, while the market, ever in motion, passes them by.

Getting author, publisher, and buyer together has been a problem ever since the cave man ULGH first submitted a manuscript on dinosaur broiling to the Cro-Magnon Press. But I wonder if a self publishing effort isn't sometimes more appropriate than eleven to fourteen months of waiting in limbo because some publisher didn't have the manpower to review and produce it. Or worse, be broke because some fly-by-night ripped it off.

I think the market has unlimited possibilities for someone who writes well, be he 13 or eighty nine. And with advertising prices as low as $98. for a sixth of a page ad in a major TRS-80 oriented publication, the excuse of no national market demand is no longer valid.

So come on, major producers! Get off your duffs! There are people out here that want new programs! There are stores who want to stock them! Don't let your submissions die on the vine. Let's go authors! If you produce and advertise a few on your own, you'll find your name pulled out of the pile of incoming mail. And after all, isn't meeting the public's demand for quality software what it's all about? ●

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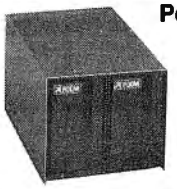

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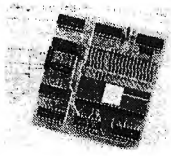

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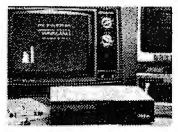

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NOTES

DISABLE PASSWORDS ON MODEL II

There comes a time now and then when it is necessary or at least desirable to get around the passwords on a disk. NEWDOS had done this for Model I, but nothing has been done for Model II. Now, here is a way to do it for your Model II.

Since this fix consists of four patches, we recommend you build a "DO" file (we chose the name FIX) which consists of the following:

```
PATCH  SYS1/SYS  A=262D,  F=28,  C=18
PATCH  SYS4/SYS  A=221F,  F=20,  C=18
PATCH  SYS4/SYS  A=22B0,  F=28,  C=18
PATCH  SYS5/SYS  A=24C1,  F=28,  C=18
```

When you DO this file, these four patches will (as far as we can determine) completely disable all password checks in TRSDOS 1.2. This is true for OPEN, KILL and for any level of password protection.

PEEK AND POKE FOR MODEL II

For those of you who haven't noticed yet, Basic on the Model II is almost the same as that on the Model I. But why no PEEK or POKE? Here is a way to fully implement both PEEK and POKE.

First, a couple of warnings: There are a total of eight patches required for this mod. All eight *must* be entered, or the results can be disasterous. Use a backup disk, and neatness counts. This modification replaces the OCT$ and NAME commands in Basic, and if for some reason you need either of these commands, you should not perform these patches.

1. Make a fresh backup copy of TRSDOS 1.2
2. Execute the "Disable Password on Mod II" (see the preceding note).
3. BUILD (see pages 2/13 - 2/15 of your TRSDOS manual) a file which reads as follows:

```
PATCH BASIC A=6771 F=C5CD2061 C=CD903CD5
PATCH BASIC A=6775 F=C5CD0C66 C=E72CCD9D
PATCH BASIC A=6779 F=E741E753 C=3CD112C9
PATCH BASIC A=28FB F=CE414D   C=D04F4B
PATCH BASIC A=5A77 F=CD3D4E   C=C37D67
PATCH BASIC A=677D F=E3011E00 C=CD0A447E
PATCH BASIC A=6781 F=09444D   C=C3A93A
PATCH BASIC A=2A05 F=CF435424 C=D045454B
```

4. When you are satisfied that there are no errors in your file, "DO" that file (see pages 2/38 - 2/39 of your manual). You should see "PATCH IS DONE" eight times. If for any reason you see any kind of error message, make note of which one of the patches caused it (i.e., was it the first one, the fifth, etc.). Any error will cause that patch not to be executed, and that one will have to be entered by hand from TRSDOS READY.

Now, PEEK and POKE should be a permanent part of your Basic. The syntax for the PEEK command is:

*operator*PEEK*(argument)*

Where *operator* may be a variable = statement, PRINT statement, etc. *Argument* is the address you want to PEEK at, and it may be a numeric constant, hex constant, numeric variable or formula and must be enclosed in parenthesis.

If the address you want to PEEK at is greater than 32767 (7FFF hex), the address must be computed by the formula:

-1*(65536-*address*)

Thus, address 7FFF hex may be looked at by using PRINT PEEK(-32768). Note that address FFFF hex translates to -1 using this method. Using a hex constant such as &H8000 bypasses all this.

EXAMPLES OF PEEK

```
A=PEEK(J):    PRINT PEEK(&H5000):    B=A+PEEK(-45)
```

The syntax for POKE is:

POKE*argument,operator*

Where *argument* is the address desired, and is developed exactly the same as the for PEEK, except that parenthesis are not required. *Operator* may be either a numeric constant, variable or expression, so long as it is in the range 0-255 (0-FF Hex); and must be separated from *argument* by a comma.

EXAMPLES OF POKE

```
POKE A,B     POKE 14938,22     POKE &H900,A%
POKE PEEK(A+1)*256+PEEK(A),ASC(MID$(TR$,G%,1))
```

Using PEEK and POKE carefully allows the use of such techniques as string packing, program chaining without losing variables and many other useful functions.

FIELDing Made easy for Mod I or II

Random file processing is often a real problem since each variable in a field must be individually identified and set up. Most programs do this with a long list of FIELD statements that allocate space to them one at a time. Have you ever wished you could do this with a FOR-NEXT loop? You can, consider this: We have 30 identical variables in an array, each of which needs to be fielded with four spaces in the data file. If the array is A$(1) through A$(30), you could use:

FIELD #1,4ASA$(1),4ASA$(2),4ASA$(3),....and so on until all 30 items were listed. Wouldn't it be much simpler to use:

FORI%=1TO30:FIELD#1,(I%-1)*4AS DUMMY$, 4ASA$(I%):NEXTI% Not only is it easier, it works.

SCREEN DISPLAYS for Model I or II

Screen displays are what people see most of when using a program. If the display is amateurish, the user will think the program is also amateurish. To dress up a request for user input it is handy to have the screen indicate the size of the field (how many characters are allowed). One nice way is to define two strings: **DT$=STRING$(X,160):BL$=STRING$(X,28)** The first string will put a string of X graphics blocks on the screen (160 is the lower left hand block on the Mod I and a blank on the Mod II). The second string backspaces the cursor X spaces without erasing.

To set up for entry, simply position the cursor where you want it with a PRINT@, PRINTTAB or whatever, then use: **PRINT DT$;BL$;** (the semicolons are important!). This statement will print the string of graphics blocks and then backspace over them without erasing them. You can use some routine to input the desired information assured that your allowed data field is well marked.

Some notes on this technique. First, it is not necessary to define several strings of different lengths for different length fields. Just use the MID$ command to print whatever length is desired. Also if you use the INPUT command to get the data in, the computer will print a question mark and a space prior to inputting the data. This will have to be allowed for. Also, 160 is not the only character you can use, any valid character will work as well.

T R Dettmann

Pascal

another look

About 12 years ago, Professor Nicklaus Wirth at ETH in Switzerland (*That's the Eidgenossische Technishe Hochschule in Zurich, Switzerland*) became dissatisfied with programming languages for teaching.

FORTRAN was the major language being taught at the time. FORTRAN was, and still is, a versatile and useful language. But, it is easy to develop bad habits that make programs hard to write and debug. Also, because of it's flexibility, FORTRAN could be written very haphazardly. This created a whole generation of programmers who had to muddle through without really knowing how to program well. BASIC has the same disadvantages.

In order to teach logical program design and construction, Professor Wirth used his experience with the language ALGOL, then very popular in Europe, to write a new language aimed specifically at teaching. That language was PASCAL.

Practicing programmers have avoided PASCAL for years since they were already familiar with other languages and did not like some of it's features. But PASCAL found believers in the universities where it was used primarily for teaching.

Experience showed that students who learned PASCAL first, had little trouble learning to program in FORTRAN, BASIC or other languages, since they had learned correct logical techniques. Students who learned another language first had some trouble learning PASCAL since they had to "unlearn" bad habits. True or not, I once heard that Professor Wirth, who is still teaching, refuses to take graduate students who have learned to program in FORTRAN or BASIC since they have been damaged by their backgrounds.

As knowledge of PASCAL spread slowly out of the university community, interest began to increase. A PASCAL user group was started and now has its headquarters at the University of Minnesota Computing Center. The University of California developed what has come to be known as "USCD PASCAL", a special one user form of PASCAL. Special interest groups have also started to foster the use of PASCAL. No accurate figure is available on just how many systems have PASCAL available, but at least 60 different systems can run it and that number grows daily. One magazine article called it the "BASIC of the future" and "PL/I, done right". Let's see how PASCAL works, and see if we agree.

PROGRAMMING IN PASCAL

Programming in PASCAL is different from what you have learned in BASIC. The language forces good habits and gives you capabilities that BASIC just does not have. Let's look at how we can write programs in BASIC and PASCAL to do the same thing in the same way.

Consider this simple Level II program in BASIC:

```
10 REM IS YOUR NAME TERRY?
20 PRINT "WHAT IS YOUR FIRST NAME";:INPUT
   A$
30 IFA$="TERRY" THEN 40 ELSE 60
40 PRINT "HOORAY TERRY, YOU HAVE A NICE
   NAME"
50 STOP
60 PRINT "I'M SORRY ";A$
70 PRINT "YOUR PARENTS GAVE YOU THE
   WRONG NAME"
80 STOP
```

This simple program uses string handling, input and output, and decision making in it's eight lines. How would this be written in PASCAL?

```
  PROGRAM WHATSYOURNAME;
    (* IS YOUR NAME TERRY? *)
    VAR     NAME: STRING;
BEGIN (* PROGRAM *)
    WRITE ('WHAT IS YOUR FIRST NAME?');
    READLN(NAME)
    IF NAME = 'TERRY' THEN
      BEGIN(* THEN CLAUSE *);
```

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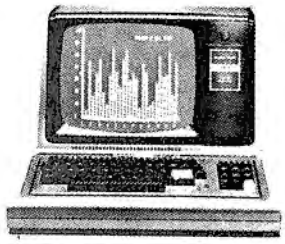

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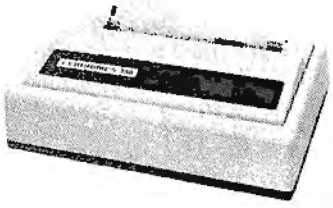

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      WRITE ('HOORAY TERRY,');
      WRITELN('YOU HAVE A NICE NAME')
    END (* THEN CLAUSE *)
  ELSE
    BEGIN (* ELSE CLAUSE *)
      WRITE('I'M SORRY');WRITE(NAME);
      WRITE('YOUR PARENTS GAVE YOU');
      WRITELN('THE WRONG NAME')
      END (* ELSE CLAUSE *)
END. (* PROGRAM *)
```

Several things stand out in the two programs. First, the PASCAL program is longer. This is somewhat artifical because of the way the program is generated. Two, the logical structure of the PASCAL program is laid out by the way the program is indented. BASIC could be indented, but look at most programs and you will find they are not.

From the programs above, we can see some natural similarities. First, it is easy to see that 'PRINT' in BASIC is the same as 'WRITE' in PASCAL. Next, 'INPUT' in BASIC is the same as 'READ' in PASCAL. There are some special features to notice. "WRITE(A)" in PASCAL is the same as "PRINT A;" in BASIC (the semicolons after each PASCAL statement are separators like the ENTER at the end of a line in BASIC). To get the same effect as "PRINT A" (prints the value of A and goes to the beginning of the next line), PASCAL uses the extra characters "LN", for example, WRITELN(A), which I always think of as "write line". Read works the same way.

IF-THEN-ELSE statements are more interesting. In BASIC, we usually skip to another line to handle our choice because we can't get any more than 255 characters on a single line. In PASCAL, we are not restricted to a single line for anything. PASCAL treats everything between a "BEGIN" and and "END" as one statement. Think of the "BEGIN" and "END" as left and right parentheses that work for program statements.

With BEGIN-END pairs, we can put blocks of statements together and place them anywhere in a program where a single statement is legal. This means we do not have to jump around the program to do several steps. You can also see that since a PASCAL statement's end is marked by a semicolon, it is not necessary to keep statements on a single line. You can put a PASCAL statement on several lines to make it more readable.

Two statements which are probably a bit different from any you have seen are "PROGRAM" and "VAR". The "PROGRAM" statement is used to identify the program by name. In this case, I have called my program by a long name just to show that such a name is legal.

The "VAR" statement is for variable definition. Unlike BASIC, there are no predefined variable types. You have to identify the names of any variables used in the program and define their type such as integer, string, or real with a "VAR" statement. This may seem to be a bother at first, since in BASIC you do not even have to worry about the variables until you actually use them. But this is one of the best features of PASCAL. By insisting that you identify your variables, you have to decide what variables and types you will use and list them.

Have you ever tried to figure out what variables were being used in a complex program so you could add something to it? PASCAL make it easy. PASCAL also checks the program to make sure you do not do stupid things like setting apples equal to oranges.

Speaking of apples and oranges, the "VAR" command lets you define apples and oranges in your program! The "VAR" statement:

```
VAR     FRUIT (APPLE,ORANGE,PEAR);
```

defines the variable FRUIT and lets it take on only three possible values, namely; apple, orange or pear. You can then use this definition in your program, for example, you can test:

```
IF FRUIT ='APPLE' THEN ....
```

The ability to set up variables directly in terms of the problem you are working on makes PASCAL more useful than any other language now available.

PASCAL has some very unique advantages that make you wonder why you ever took up BASIC to start with. More important, you can develop PASCAL programs as independent units.

In BASIC, you have to keep track of your variables throughout your program and be careful to keep the first two letters of every variable different. In a very complex program, you could generate a hundred or more variables this way. You might also be forced to use other than the best variable name for the job because something too similar was already used.

This shows up even more when you try to modify someone's program. First you have to find out what their variables are and then use them only in ways that do not conflict with the rest of the program. This can be nearly impossible at times.

In PASCAL, when you develop a subroutine (called either a function or a procedure), it is totally independent of the rest of the program to whatever extent you like. If you define a variable called "X" in the main program, it is available to all procedures called by the main program, unless that procedure defines it's own variable "X". So you can put together procedures now and not worry about whether the variables conflict, they will not if all of the variables are defined within a procedure.

To pass values to a procedure, you are allowed to put them as arguments in the statement which calls the procedure. For example:

```
INVERT(MATRIX)
```

Invert is a procedure which has been defined for the program and MATRIX is a variable array of values that has been defined in the program which calls INVERT.

SUMMARY

This only scratches the surface of what PASCAL can do. It has every capability that BASIC has and more. Procedures, functions, structured programming, long variable names, and so many other features that a full manual would have to written to describe them all.

If the idea of PASCAL wets your appetite, you could use someone else's. In particular, if you have access to a larger computer system, many of them now feature PASCAL. You could buy either the full system, or a "Mini-PASCAL" system.

Would I recommend PASCAL as a programming language? Definitely! It is not hard to learn and it teaches you good habits. I find that since I started programming in it, I now do much more of my program design in it, no matter what language the system will be written in. I do it because my ideas are more easily expressed in PASCAL than in BASIC or FORTRAN. I even do my initial design for Assembly routines in my own pseudo-PASCAL.

Learning PASCAL is an advantage for today and it may be essential in the future, as systems get larger and larger. PASCAL or languages like it will probably dominate the programming field in the years to come.

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"Well, I . "

"Good! I'm glad you're not busy. Listen, I just got this great line on a new house 'Ya still got that mortgage loan program?"

"Uh-huh.. "

"Great! 'Just wanna make a few calculations. Aunt Edith and I will be over in a few minutes. Bye!"

"(Expletive deleted.)", you mutter, walk over to the machine, and hit (BREAK). If only you could afford TWO computers, things like this wouldn't be a problem, huh? Well, there is another solution: The No-Hardware Second Computer. The principle is this: In BASIC there is an area in RAM containing pointers and sundry other information defining BASIC's entire computational environment. Combined with the screen contents and stack pointer, they are all you need to know to resume execution of a program where you left off, assuming the program and its variables are left intact. By saving this information and setting up another environment for using BASIC in a different part of memory, you can have two programs resident at once and switch between them just by swapping environments between BASIC RAM and a save area.

The program shown here, SPLIT, does just that. Once activated, it gives you entirely independent program areas in memory and the means to move between them. If you're involved in a long computation and need to run a short program, hold down the SHIFT key, hit (BREAK), and the "other BASIC" is ready. Do what you have to do, hit (SHIFT-BREAK) again, and the first program resumes execution where it left off, with the original screen contents restored. You can do anything in either BASIC you wish -- including CLOAD's and CSAVE's -- without affecting the other (be careful with POKE's, of course). The only catch is that available memory for each is reduced considerably.

What's happening here? To understand this we need to look at a typical BASIC memory map with a large chunk of memory reserved with MEMORY SIZE. (see Figure 1) Location 40A4 points to the beginning of the BASIC program area, and location 40B1 points one byte below protected memory. By changing these two pointers to point into protected memory and reinitializing BASIC, we can define the alternate environment therein. Figure 2a shows the situation with SPLIT activated and BASIC in environment one; Figure 2b, environment two. Whenever (SHIFT-BREAK) is keyed, the environments are swapped.

To use SPLIT, key it into the EDTASM* as shown. 32 or 48K users should use MEM32K or MEM48K, respectively, in the ORG pseudoinstruction. The comments give the decimal equivalents of each ORG. Disk users, of course, should change the END to END 402DH. Make an object tape and power up BASIC. Disk users should have the program on disk as a /CMD file. Load the program, and then load BASIC. In either case, set MEMORY SIZE to whatever size you need for the "first BASIC". Anything left over that isn't actually used by the SPLIT program itself will be allocated to the "second BASIC". Be sure to use a number at least 300 bytes less than the decimal equivalent of your ORG. A few thou might be better, but it depends on how much room you will need in the second environment or how much you can spare from the first. For 48K NEWDOS users, a MEMORY SIZE of 45263 (assuming default of 3 disk files) nets a free space of 18386 for both "BASIC1" and "BASIC2". Level II users should now load their SYSTEM tape and hit "/(ENTER)" to activate it (Disk Users hit "/" and the starting address of their particular memory size). The screen will flicker, and BASIC will again be READY. -- BASIC number one that is.

During that flicker quite a lot happens. First, beginning with SPLIT, the screen, BASIC RAM, and the stack pointer are saved in the save area. Next, the screen is cleared and location 40A4H is changed to point into the beginning of reserved memory. Meanwhile, IKBD is temporarily inserted into the keyboard calling sequence. Finally, BASIC number two is initialized with a new memory size by the sequence of lines 350-400 of the source. First 40B1H is loaded with IKBD-1 (this actually sets the memory size), next, the DE is loaded with the hexidecimal equivalent of negative 50, and this value is added to the HL. This new value is loaded into address 40A0H, which in effect CLEARs the customary 50 bytes of string space. The CALL to 1B4DH sets up other pointers such as stack pointer, end of BASIC text, etc. Then, BASIC, having initialized itself, calls the keyboard routine, looking for user input. But IKBD responds. First it plugs SKBD, the switching routine, into the keyboard calling sequence, then swaps environments by a CALL to CHANGE. Finally it returns to BASIC number one by a JP into BASIC's reset sequence, 06CCH, thus completing the setup.

From this point, SKBD will examine everything keyed in and pass it on -- except (SHIFT-BREAK). Encountering this, it CALLs CHANGE and returns with a zero. But because CHANGE swaps the stack pointer, SKBD is actually returning from the previous call to IKBD -- that is, back to BASIC number two. A subsequent SHIFT-BREAK will swap environments again and return from the call to SKBD back to BASIC number one. And so it goes, back and forth. One additional note on CHANGE: Because one or the other BASIC might be using the display in the 32-character mode, it is necessary to restore this, too. Luckily BASIC keeps track of what mode it's in with the byte at 403DH. Outputting this byte to port FF does the trick.

There you have it; a "second computer" in your garage for the price of a magazine. Perhaps some enterprising person will figure out a way to use the interrupts in DOS to actually make BASIC run two or even three programs at the same time. But for now, get busy and help Uncle Ralph with those mortgage calculations.

*Special note to T-BUG users. Note the use of the pseudo-op "DEFS". This can be thought of to mean "DEFine Space". Nothing actually gets put there, but it does set aside the memory space for later storage. In this case, the 3 areas that are set aside by the "DEFS" command are VSAVE, which stores a copy of the VIDEO RAM; BSAVE, which stores the BASIC pointers for memory limits, etc.; and SPSAVE, which stores the stack pointer. In most cases (this one included), it won't make too much difference to the T-BUG'er, but it is something to be aware of.

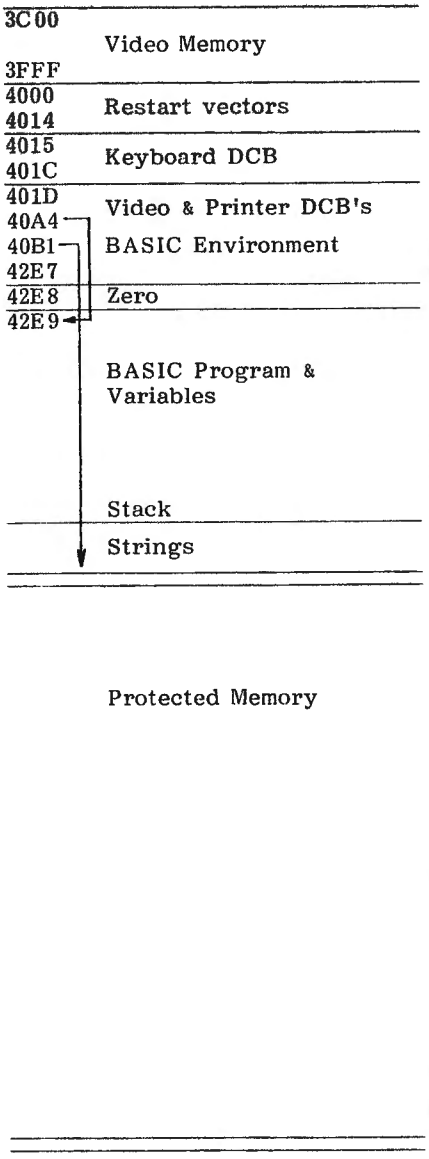

Figure 1: Regular BASIC Memory Map

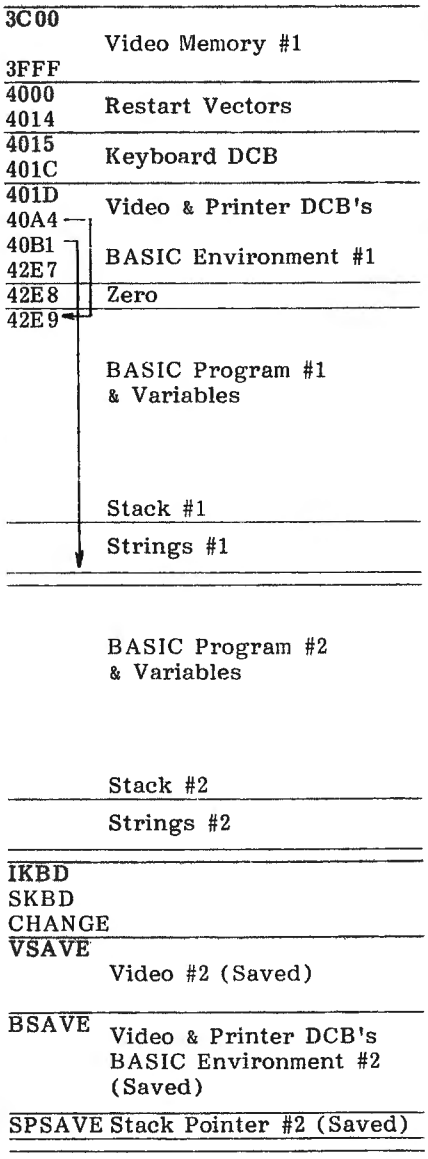

Figure 2a: BASIC Memory Map for Program #1

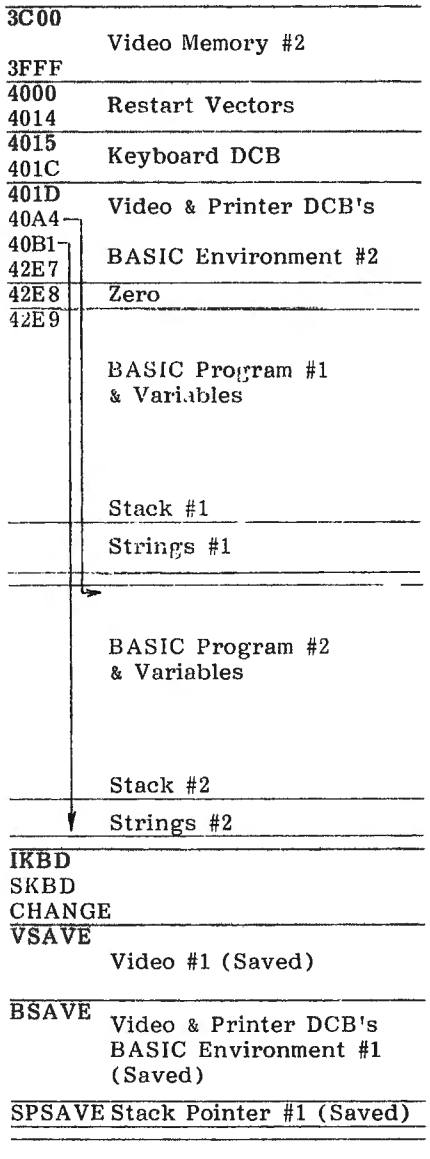

Figure 2b: BASIC Memory Map for Program #2

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78A4                00100 MEM16K  EQU     78A4H           ;30884
B8A4                00110 MEM32K  EQU     0B8A4H          ;47268
F8A4                00120 MEM48K  EQU     0F8A4H          ;63652
4016                00130 KBD     EQU     4016H           ;KEYBOARD DEVICE ADDR.
78A4                00140         ORG     MEM16K          ;ORIGIN FOR 16K MEMORY
78A4 21003C         00150 SPLIT   LD      HL,3C00H        ;GET START OF SCREEN ADDR.
78A7 113379         00160         LD      DE,VSAVE        ;GET ADDR. OF SAVE AREA
78AA 010004         00170         LD      BC,1024         ;AND NO. OF BYTES
78AD EDB0           00180         LDIR                    ;SAVE SCREEN
78AF 211D40         00190         LD      HL,401DH        ;1ST ADDR. OF BASIC RAM
78B2 01CB02         00200         LD      BC,42E8H-401DH  ;NO. OF BYTES
78B5 EDB0           00210         LDIR                    ;SAVE IT, TOO
78B7 ED73FE7F       00220         LD      (SPSAVE),SP     ;SAVE STACK POINTER
78BB CDC901         00250         CALL    01C9H           ;CLEAR SCREEN
78BE 2AB140         00260         LD      HL,(40B1H)      ;GET MEMORY SIZE
78C1 23             00270         INC     HL              ;+1
78C2 3600           00280         LD      (HL),0          ;MUST BE ZERO
78C4 23             00290         INC     HL              ;+1
78C5 22A440         00300         LD      (40A4H),HL      ;SAVE AS PROGRAM POINTER
78C8 2A1640         00310         LD      HL,(KBD)        ;GET OLD KBD DEVICE ADDR.
78CB 22F278         00320         LD      (SKBD+1),HL     ;PLUG IT INTO $-$
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78CE 21E578    00330          LD      HL,IKBD          ;ADDR. OF INITIAL KBD
78D1 221640    00340          LD      (KBD),HL         ;SAVE AS NEW KBD DEVICE ADDR
78D4 2B        00350          DEC     HL               ;-1
78D5 22B140    00360          LD      (40B1H),HL       ;ESTABLISH NEW MEM SIZE
78D8 11CEFF    00370          LD      DE,0FFCEH        ;-50 DECIMAL
78DB 19        00380          ADD     HL,DE            ;ADD (SAME AS SUB 50)
78DC 22A040    00390          LD      (40A0H),HL       ;EST. 50 BYTES STRING SPACE
78DF CD4D1B    00400          CALL    1B4DH            ;SET UP OTHER POINTERS
78E2 C3CC06    00410          JP      06CCH            ;RE-ENTER BASIC
78E5 21F178    00420 IKBD     LD      HL,SKBD          ;CALLED JUST ONCE
78E8 221640    00430          LD      (KBD),HL         ;FINAL NEW KBD DEVICE ADDR.
78EB CD0479    00440          CALL    CHANGE           ;SWITCH BACK TO OLD BASIC
78EE C3CC06    00450          JP      06CCH            ;"RESET" OLD BASIC
78F1 CD0000    00460 SKBD     CALL    $-$              ;CALL OLD KBD ROUTINE
78F4 FE01      00470          CP      01               ;BREAK KEY HIT?
78F6 C0        00480          RET     NZ               ;  NO: JUST RETURN
78F7 3A8038    00490          LD      A,(3880H)        ;SHIFT KEY DOWN?
78FA E601      00500          AND     01               ;(IF USER HAS CONTROL KEY)
78FC EE01      00510          XOR     01               ;(REVERSE BIT)
78FE C0        00520          RET     NZ               ;  NO: RETURN A 1 FOR BREAK
78FF CD0479    00530          CALL    CHANGE           ;  YES: CHANGE ENVIRONMENT
7902 AF        00540          XOR     A                ;AND RETURN A ZERO
7903 C9        00550          RET                      ;
7904 21003C    00560 CHANGE   LD      HL,3C00H         ;GET VIDEO ADDR.
7907 113379    00570          LD      DE,VSAVE         ;AND SAVE AREA ADDR.
790A 010004    00580          LD      BC,1024          ;AND BYTE COUNT
790D CD2979    00590          CALL    SWAP             ;SWITCH 'EM
7910 211D40    00600          LD      HL,401DH         ;GET BASIC RAM ADDR.
7913 01CB02    00610          LD      BC,42E8H-401DH   ;AND BYTE COUNT
7916 CD2979    00620          CALL    SWAP             ;SWITCH 'EM
7919 C1        00630          POP     BC               ;POP RETURN ADDR.
791A 2AFE7F    00640          LD      HL,(SPSAVE)      ;GET OLD STACK POINTER
791D ED73FE7F  00650          LD      (SPSAVE),SP      ;SAVE NEW SP
7921 F9        00660          LD      SP,HL            ;RESTORE
7922 3A3D40    00700          LD      A,(403DH)        ;GET 64/32 CHAR. FLAG
7925 D3FF      00710          OUT     (0FFH),A         ;FIX UP SCREEN
7927 C5        00720          PUSH    BC               ;RETURN ADDRESS ONTO STACK
7928 C9        00730          RET                      ;AND RETURN
7929 1A        00740 SWAP     LD      A,(DE)           ;A=(DE)
792A EDA0      00750          LDI                      ;(DE)=(HL):HL=HL+1:DE=DE+1:BC=BC-1
792C 2B        00760          DEC     HL               ;GET OLD HL BACK
792D 77        00770          LD      (HL),A           ;(HL)=A
792E 23        00780          INC     HL               ;NOW OK TO INCREMENT
792F EA2979    00790          JP      PE,SWAP          ;LOOP BACK IF BC NOT EQUAL 0
7932 C9        00800          RET                      ;ELSE RETURN
0400           00810 VSAVE    DEFS    1024             ;SCREEN SAVE AREA
02CB           00820 BSAVE    DEFS    42E8H-401DH      ;BASIC RAM SAVE AREA
0002           00830 SPSAVE   DEFS    2                ;STACK POINTER SAVE AREA
7FFF           00840 MKEND    EQU     $-1      ;JUST TO CHECK END OF PROGRAM ADDR.
78A4           00850          END     SPLIT            ;AUTOSTARTS AT SPLIT
00000 TOTAL ERRORS
BSAVE   7D33 00820
CHANGE  7904 00560   00440 00530
IKBD    78E5 00420   00330
KBD     4016 00130   00310 00340 00430
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MEM32K  B8A4 00110
MEM48K  F8A4 00120
MKEND   7FFF 00840
SKBD    78F1 00460   00320 00420
SPLIT   78A4 00150   00850
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VSAVE   7933 00810   00160 00570
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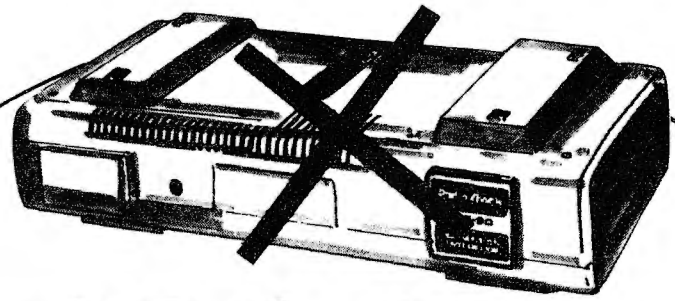

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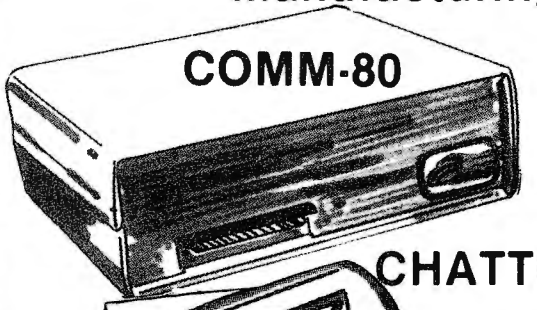

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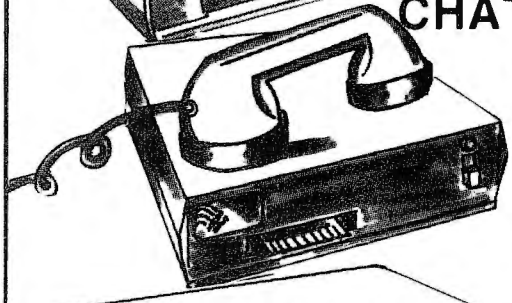

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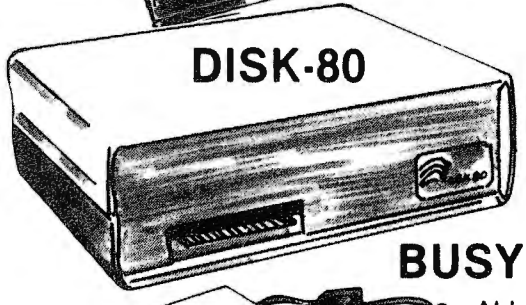

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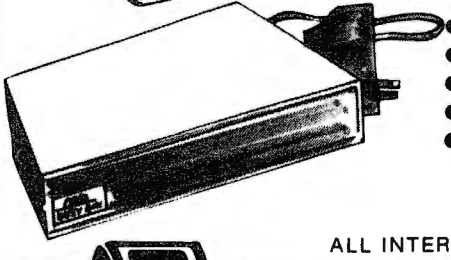

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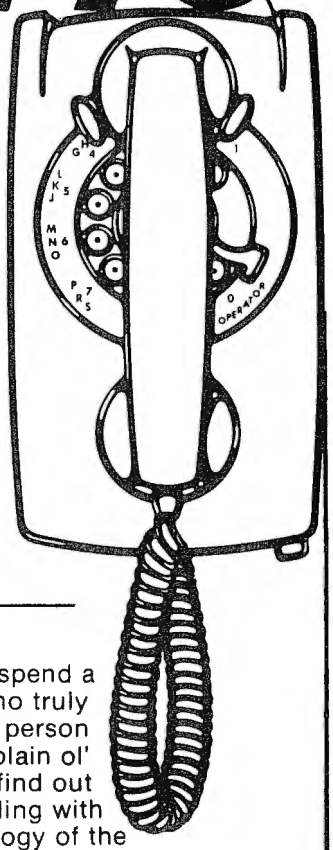

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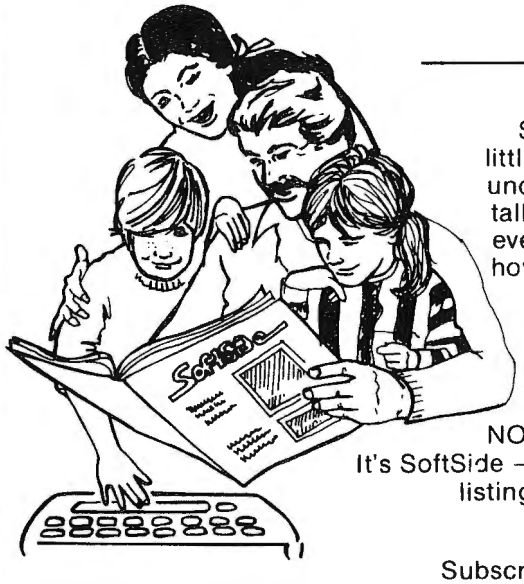

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JKL for Level II

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If you have been around a disk system using NEWDOS, you have probably become familiar with it's "JKL" feature, which copies whatever is on the screen to the line printer when the J, K and L keys are pressed at the same time. This is a handy feature of the system, and comes into use often. But what about the people who are still using Level II?

This article will discuss implementing the "JKL" feature in Level II. In addition, there is a second routine, activated by pressing "234", which will make a hardcopy of a graphics screen.

Because most printers do not support graphics, the JKL routine changes a graphics character to a period. If your printer does support graphics, this means you do not need the 234 routine and you can simply omit lines 1210-1230, 2600-2800 and lines 4200-11700.

The program is 239 bytes long, so change the number after the ORG and END statements to correctly place the routine at the end of your RAM (32767 less 239, or 32528 for a 16K machine). Don't forget to answer MEMORY SIZE with this number less one.

If you own one of Radio Shack's printers, all you have to do is type in the listing using the Editor/Assembler and assemble it and make a tape of the object code. Then, whenever you power up, load the routine in and execute it. A "READY" will immediately be displayed; however, the first command you enter may sometimes return an "OM ERROR". This does not affect anything else, and you can proceed as normal.

If you own a serial printer and/or have to load a printer routine into high memory before your printer will work, there are some modifications you must make.

The easiest of these is to locate the program in memory so that it will not overlap your printer routine. To do this, simply take the address you reserve memory size with, subtract 239, and change lines 100 and 1370 with this number. Now, when you power up, reserve memory with this number less one. Then change the value of LPRINT (line 1360) with the location of your printer routine (one more than you reserved memory size with).

Type in the listing using the Editor/Assembler. First make a temporary source code file of the program using the Write command. Then assemble the listing, making the object code file. Now power up, reserve memory with the new number, load your printer routine, and finally the JKL program. Press the J, K and L keys all at once. If the printer starts printing whatever happens to be on the screen, you are all set. If the printer locks up, or prints a bunch of garbage, it means that the printer routine looks at either the B or C registers for the ASCII coded characters, not the A register as Radio Shack's printers do.

First, you will need to figure out which register it is. By assembling and executing the program in firure 1 (with your printer routine loaded) the printer will print either a "B" or a "C", depending on which register the printer looks at. We will call this register "r".

Now load the source code file of the program back into the Editor/Assembler. Then all you have to do is insert the following two statements before *every* line that reads "CALL LPRINT"

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PUSH    BC
LD      r,A
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and put the statement "POP BC" directly after the "CALL LPRINT" statement.

Now assemble and make the object code file and proceed as before.

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0  ;no need to worry about the orgin!
10 ORG    4000H
20 LD     B,42H
30 LD     C,43H
40 CALL   NNNN   ;put the address of your printer
                 ;routine here.
50 END 4000H
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Figure 1

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BF10            00100          ORG     0BF10H          ;OR 7F10H OR 0FF10H
BF10 2A1E40     00110 START    LD      HL,(401EH)
BF13 2236BF     00120          LD      (DISPLY+1),HL
BF16 211FBF     00130          LD      HL,CHECK
BF19 221E40     00140          LD      (401EH),HL
BF1C C3CC06     00150          JP      06CCH
BF1F F5         00160 CHECK    PUSH    AF
BF20 E5         00170          PUSH    HL
BF21 D5         00180          PUSH    DE
BF22 C5         00190          PUSH    BC
BF23 3A0238     00200          LD      A,(3802H)
BF26 FE1C       00210          CP      28
BF28 280E       00220          JR      Z,JKL
BF2A 3A1038     00230          LD      A,(3810H)
BF2D FE1C       00240          CP      28
BF2F 2832       00250          JR      Z,TWO34
BF31 C1         00260 OUT      POP     BC
BF32 D1         00270          POP     DE
BF33 E1         00280          POP     HL
BF34 F1         00290          POP     AF
BF35 C30000     00300 DISPLY   JP      $-$
BF38 21003C     00310 JKL      LD      HL,3C00H
BF3B 0640       00320          LD      B,64
BF3D 0E10       00330          LD      C,16
BF3F 3A4038     00340 LOOP1    LD      A,(3840H)
BF42 FE04       00350          CP      4
BF44 28EB       00360          JR      Z,OUT
BF46 7E         00370          LD      A,(HL)
BF47 FE80       00380          CP      128
BF49 FA4EBF     00390          JP      M,CONT1
BF4C 3E2E       00400          LD      A,46
BF4E CD3B00     00410 CONT1    CALL    LPRINT
BF51 23         00420          INC     HL
BF52 10EB       00430          DJNZ    LOOP1
BF54 3E0D       00440          LD      A,13
BF56 CD3B00     00450          CALL    LPRINT
BF59 0640       00460          LD      B,64
BF5B 0D         00470          DEC     C
BF5C 79         00480          LD      A,C
BF5D FE00       00490          CP      0
BF5F 20DE       00500          JR      NZ,LOOP1
BF61 18CE       00510          JR      OUT
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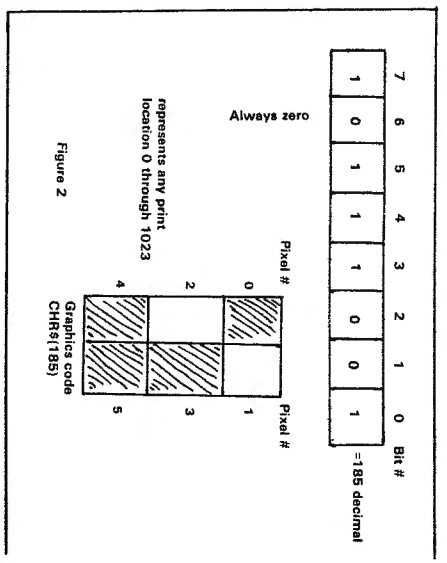


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BF63 21003C     00520 TWO34    LD      HL,3C00H
BF66 1610       00530          LD      D,16
BF68 1E00       00540 LOOP6    LD      E,0
BF6A 0640       00550 LOOP2    LD      B,64
BF6C E5         00560          PUSH    HL
BF6D 3A000F     00570 LOOP5    LD      A,(3840)
BF70 FE04       00580          CP      4
BF72 2003       00590          JR      NZ,CONTA
BF74 E1         00600          POP     HL
BF75 18BA       00610          JR      OUT
BF77 3E7F       00620 CONTA    LD      A,127
BF79 4E         00630          LD      C,(HL)
BF7A B9         00640          CP      C
BF7B FA82BF     00650          JP      M,LOOP3
BF7E 0E80       00660          LD      C,128
BF80 CBF1       00670          SET     6,C
BF82 7B         00680 LOOP3    LD      A,E
BF83 FE02       00690 LOOP4    CP      2
BF85 2008       00700          JR      NZ,LOOP4A
BF87 CB71       00710          BIT     6,C
BF89 2804       00720          JR      Z,LOOP4A
BF8B 7E         00730          LD      A,(HL)
BF8C F5         00740          PUSH    AF
BF8D 182E       00750          JR      CONT4
BF8F B7         00760 LOOP4A   OR      A
BF90 17         00770          RLA
BF91 17         00780          RLA
BF92 E5         00790          PUSH    HL
BF93 D5         00800          PUSH    DE
BF94 219CBF     00810          LD      HL,INDEX
BF97 1600       00820          LD      D,0
BF99 5F         00830          LD      E,A
BF9A 19         00840          ADD     HL,DE
BF9B E9         00850          JP      (HL)
BF9C CB41       00860 INDEX    BIT     0,C
BF9E 1812       00870          JR      CONTB
BFA0 CB49       00880          BIT     1,C
BFA2 180E       00890          JR      CONTB
BFA4 CB51       00900          BIT     2,C
BFA6 180A       00910          JR      CONTB
BFA8 CB59       00920          BIT     3,C
BFAA 1806       00930          JR      CONTB
BFAC CB61       00940          BIT     4,C
BFAE 1802       00950          JR      CONTB
BFB0 CB69       00960          BIT     5,C
BFB2 D1         00970 CONTB    POP     DE
BFB3 E1         00980          POP     HL
BFB4 F5         00990          PUSH    AF
BFB5 2804       01000          JR      Z,CONT3
BFB7 3E23       01010          LD      A,35
BFB9 1802       01020          JR      CONT4
BFBB 3E20       01030 CONT3    LD      A,32
BFBD D5         01040 CONT4    PUSH    DE
BFBE CD3B00     01050          CALL    LPRINT
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BFC1 D1          01060           POP     DE
BFC2 F1          01070           POP     AF
BFC3 FE04        01080           CP      4
BFC5 280C        01090           JR      Z,CONT5
BFC7 FE0C        01100           CP      12
BFC9 2808        01110           JR      Z,CONT5
BFCB FE14        01120           CP      20
BFCD 2804        01130           JR      Z,CONT5
BFCF 7B          01140           LD      A,E
BFD0 3C          01150           INC     A
BFD1 18B0        01160           JR      LOOP4
BFD3 23          01170 CONT5     INC     HL
BFD4 1097        01180           DJNZ    LOOP5
BFD6 3E0D        01190           LD      A,13
BFD8 D5          01200           PUSH    DE
BFD9 CD3B00      01210           CALL    LPRINT
BFDC D1          01220           POP     DE
BFDD E1          01230           POP     HL
BFDE 1C          01240           INC     E
BFDF 1C          01250           INC     E
BFE0 3E06        01260           LD      A,6
BFE2 BB          01270           CP      E
BFE3 2085        01280           JR      NZ,LOOP2
BFE5 014000      01290           LD      BC,64
BFE8 09          01300           ADD     HL,BC
BFE9 15          01310           DEC     D
BFEA 7A          01320           LD      A,D
BFEB FE00        01330           CP      0
BFED C268BF      01340           JP      NZ,LOOP6
BFF0 C331BF      01350           JP      OUT
003B             01360 LPRINT    EQU     3BH
BF10             01370           END     0BF10H
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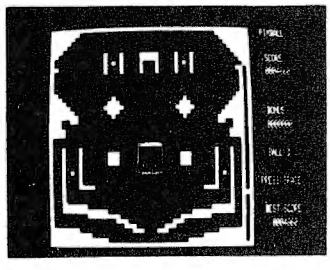

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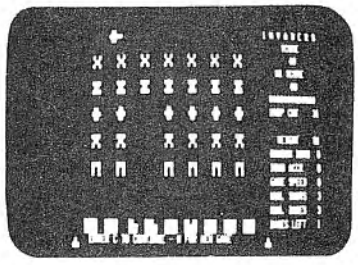

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Bellarmine Prep is a 900 student private school located in Tacoma, WA. As with all schools, sources of funds are scarce. Our Math Department operates on a very limited budget, but over the past two years we have been able to obtain four TRS-80 Level II computers; three of which are 4K and one is a 48K system, complete with two disk drives. Each computer is equiped with a printer and a serial interface

Our key to success has been to have the computers pay for themselves. The computers are used in six different fund raising activities. Some of the events are easy to run and others are major projects. The object of this report is to help other institutions obtain computer hardware for a minimal outlay of funds.

MINOR FUND RAISING

These projects require little or no work on the instructor's part, and can be run by students.

Each fall the school sponsors a carnival and fund raiser called an "Oktoberfest". During Oktoberfest weekend, we open up the computer room and sell game-time and specialized printouts for 50¢ to $2.00 each. Students have written programs that will print out Biorhythms, posters, calendars, etc. A customer can play anything from Tic-Tac-Toe to Chess for 25¢ to $1.00 depending on the length of time to play. During just one weekend we were able to raise about $200.00. There is almost no overhead and students are more than willing to man the "booth". In fact, for many students in programming there is nothing more appealing than to have access to the computers all day and night.

During the regular school day, the computers are used for instructional purposes. But we have found that after school many students want to play games on the machines. For 25¢, any student may play a game if the computer is free of programming students. During the course of one school year, we have been able to raise enough to pay for subscriptions to three computer magazines. The money also goes to buy other, more expensive games such as Sargon. Twenty-five cents is not much, but $2.50 per week does add up.

After discussing possible computer uses with other faculty, we found out that the school newspaper needed mailing labels printed for their subscribers. We have set up a subscriber file and now run off mailing labels for 3¢ each. This nets the department about $5.00 every two weeks. All data entry and processing is done by the students, it only took one hour to train students to run the program. We are now investigating setting up data files for other in-school needs. Even though the administration has access to outside computer services, smaller organizations within the school do not. Some potential areas of service are mailings for the Senior class, accounts receivable for the annual, budget management for the student body, etc.

MAJOR FUND RAISING

These projects involve much more time and careful planning. Much more can be raised if you involve the whole school in a project.

Last year, our school held a "Jogathon" in which the students gained pledges for donations depending upon the number of laps they would run in an hour. All of the billing, reporting and promotional work was supplied by a professional company. The event was a large success and raised over $38,000. gross. We investigated the data processing involved and decided that it was feasible for us to take on this project. In return for a complete 48K system with two drives, and printers for all the computers and necessary supplies, the school's development office agreed to have us run the "Jogathon" this year.

Working with an exceptional programming student for about three weeks over the summer break, we were able to develop the programs necessary. We expect to be able to keep track of 900 runners, their number of laps, who sponsored them, what was the pledge amount (total or per lap), and which homeroom is to be credited with the income. At the same time, we are keeping track of around 5000 sponsors, their names, addresses, who they sponsored, amount due and amount received. We have written a billing routine using specialized mailers that will notify each sponsor of his amount due for all runners he pledged. The development office will be given reports listing all sponsors, joggers, amount raised per homeroom (and by whom), totals received and amount outstanding.

The cost to the school is expected to be about one-half that of last year. For each succeeding year, we are charging the school $2000 plus 10% of the gross over $30,000.

We are concerned about the amount of keypunching needed and are spending time now training reliable students on how to operate all programs. The reliability of data retrieval and processing time is also a concern, but we won't know for sure until the Jogathon has been run. If worse comes to worse, we plan on having all freshman math students address 20 mailers each before they pass Algebra!

Most students love to go to dances, and what would be better than having five dates at once? Students fill out a questionaire and are then paired with the five most compatible matches. Each participant gets a number and a list of five other numbers. At the dance, each person wears his or her number for identification. The last time we had this event, the response from the students was excellent. A few people objected to being paired up with their brother or sister, and we have yet to figure out that situation. For many students it is a dance with a real "ice-breaker". The questionaire includes many areas of interest and students spend as much time finding out what they have in common as they do dancing. Also, it isn't every day that a freshman boy gets to dance with a senior girl!

Plan on about one week for promotion and data entry. Income varies greatly depending on the time of the year, what band is hired, location, etc., but you should net a minimum of $2.00 per participant.

We are not unique in our fund raising activities. The computer dance and Jogathon are also being used at Sehome High School in Bellingham, WA. Each year, schools are sent proposals from professional promotional companies. With a little work and imagination most activities can be done with in-house equipment.

Besides the obvious benefits in being able to obtain hardware, there are many other intangible gains. We find that the administration is more than willing to support activities which result in direct income without having to pay a percentage. At the same time, many more parents and students are made aware of our needs and facilities. In fact, last year an alumni donated a 4K Level II computer to our department. He chose to remain anonymous, a smart move, else we would have been back for more. We have also found that our programming students gain from our efforts. Many more students understand what is really involved in data processing and what is needed to do a professional, real-life job. Students considering a career with computers are able to get a better feel for the profession while still in high school, and those involved with the projects gain real pride in their accomplishments.

There are many other sources for funds. Federal monies are available under Title IV funding and your local Radio Shack dealer should have information available on it. Plan on finding a good grant writer to help you. We have noted that many companies donate appliances to home economics departments at or below cost, since the students trained on their equipment tend to become future customers. We have been trying to convince Radio Shack of the wisdom of such a policy. At the same time we have offered to become a demonstration school.

Many private foundations are willing to make one-time contributions for hardware. Check your local library for information on foundations and those which are applicable to your situation. Again, plan on writing many letters, rewriting proposals to fit unique requirements, and waiting for someone to nibble (or is it byte?).

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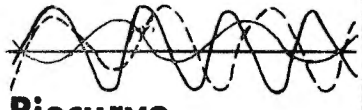

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Having begun, like so many others, my computer interest with a TRS-80 Level I 4K System, I quickly advanced to Level II 16K with Expansion Interface with two cassette recorders and the tractor feed line-printer. The printer quickly proved itself invaluable, because an actual printout served far better than a video display for analyzing and understanding programs. From my own experience, it was the use of the printer that provided the best learning tool and the most enjoyment and satisfaction that I derived from my TRS-80. It was only exceeded when I added two disk units to my 48K system. However, the true appreciation of the disk units can only come after using the tape cassette system.

The Level I User's Manual provided me with an introduction to personal computing and a solid basis for understanding and using the TRS-80, and it was the example regarding temperature and humidity in the Appendix which really demonstrated the great potential that a computer possesses. Every new TRS-80 owner should study this manual. The jump to Level II was quite a shock because the Level II Manual only describes the Level II Statements and Commands and doesn't give the instruction and illustrative problems to the extent that the Level I Manual did.

The ability of Level II in handling two dimensional arrays and its greater string handling capability than Level I was an area of programming that I wanted to discover and use. As well as a learning experience, I desired the tangible results of my TRS-80 and my efforts, so a plan of action to develop a program to handle all checkbook chores, using a two dimensional string array, was charted. The programs that resulted from this effort will hopefully transfer to the reader a better understanding of your TRS-80 and its operation in a format with which we are all familiar -- your own checking account.

The plan of action visualized a person sitting at his TRS-80, opening a bill, typing in data, and letting the computer write the check and do the rest of the bookkeeping. the plan also visualized the creation of a data base that could ultimately be used for the necessary end-of-year summarization at tax time. The action plan was quickly summarized as follows:

1. Fill a two dimensional string array with the data for a check (date, check number, amount, payee, budget code).
2. Use this data to print out, on preprinted check forms, the actual check.
3. Use this data to create a summary of outstanding checks and a constantly growing summary of cancelled checks, as well as keeping track of all deposits, bank charges, and bank balance.
4. Use the cancelled check summary to be able to obtain a summary of any budget code for tax purposes, or any purpose you desire.

Let us now get a brief overview of the entire system.

CKWRTDAT/ONE accepts a line of input consisting of data, check number, amount, payee, and assigned budget code. After accepting this input, the program saves the data on disk or tape (in a file named NEWCHKS), and it is used immediately to write the checks. This same data file is later used in CKWRTDAT/TWO for balancing the books.

One of the features of this program is that the assigned budget code can be any alphanumeric mnemonic you desire to create. You are not limited to a numerical code. This is because of the manner in which all data is stored, that being in a two dimensional string array. The fields are not limited to any predetermined length, but, for screen display only, they are limited to a very practical size. The programs can be used with disk or tape and require at least a 16K Level II System with a printer. The programs can be "edited" to provide video display only, but a printer is necessary to really appreciate these programs.

Another feature of the program is the ease of correcting typing or entry errors. We will demonstrate how to stop a program, reassign values, and then continue the program to completion. The method used is not designed to be "idiot proof" but rather to hopefully give a better understanding of exactly what the Basic program is doing. Realizing that not all bills are paid by the computer process, CKWRTDAT allows for the manually written checks. These are the times the wife goes to the store and they won't wait until your computer run for their check. We will demonstrate many techniques that are easier to understand by an actual program than by long-winded explanations.

CKWRTDAT/TWO does the actual bookkeeping. It works from a file of outstanding checks, "OUTSTNDG/CXX" and a file of new checks, "NEWCKS/XXX". Then you can cancel the same checks the Bank cancels and enter any deposits. The new balance is calculated and an updated file of "OUTSTND/CKS" is saved as well as a file of "CANCECKS/XXX". The balances are then calculated. The last item "Correction to Program Balance" is the invisible "cushion" I always keep in my checking account. If you do not use the "Invisible Cushion Principle", this item will always be zero, unless you have made an entry error. This is complete "hardcopy output" from every session to provide an "audit trail" through the entire process. CKWRTDAT/TWO works with three files: "NEWCHKS/XXX", "OUTSTNDG/XXX", and "CANCECKS/XXX". With "NEWCHKS" and a lot of work, you can reconstruct any session, so take especially good care of it. Even though the program creates a new "CANCECKS/XXX" every session, these files are "appended" to form the master file of "DATAFILE" for the year. For those of you on a tape I/O system, we will explain how to perform this same function.

Once we have a master file of "DATAFILE" the fun really starts. Using the program "SUMMARY/ONE" we can obtain a quick summary (totals only) of all our assigned budget codes, while using "SUMMARY/TWO" enables us to obtain a complete listing of all checks in any budget code. An option exists in SUMMARY/TWO to obtain a listing by payee, if desired.

The following is a line by line explanation of the program "CKWRTDAT/ONE". If you faithfully follow the procedures, you will discover much of the operation of your TRS-80 and have an understandable and extremely useful package which you can alter to your own needs. You will also see that CKWRTDAT/ONE is the basis for a Data Base Generator system which can be extremely efficient. By using the technique CKWRTDAT/ONE uses, it is possible to store all your data in small, concise, numerically coded packages and convert the codes to their predetermined meaning by the process demonstrated here.

Line 100-210	**Are readily self-explanatory.**
Line 210	**Clears string space and dimensions variables and arrays. "Clear" must precede other dimension statements as it wipes the "clear" also. From this point on, variables A, C, D, and P are strings. Also A and P are two dimensional arrays. Array P will be explained later.**
Line 220-230	Enter the date in the form of MMDDYY. Variable D represents date input as six digits. D is a string. Refer to pages 5/1 and 5/2 of L II Manual for background for use of quotes in certain instances. I is initialized and is used as a counter of the rows of (input items) array A, which is the input data array Next, enter the complete Filespec. I use "NEWCHKS/XXX", starting with A and incrementing each session.
Line 240-270	Prompting message and accepts a type line of input. *Each item must be separated by commas.* DO NOT USE ANY COMMAS OR SEMICOLONS OTHER THAN TO SEPARATE DATA ITEMS!

Line 280 Array column element five is used as a "cancel" flag later in the program. Now it is set to zero. It's just a readily visible indicator of the current status of the check.

Line 290 Test to see if done entering checks.

Line 300 Increment counter (array row number) - go back for more.

Line 310 Self-explanatory with remark. Even though this array element is filled with zeros, we will only use the meaningful elements below it.

Line 320 Initializes SUM = 0. If we do not do this, SUM will be double if we make another list later in the program. Lprints heading and calls the subroutine for printing the list.

Line 330-410 **Asks if corrections are needed. This is a unique part of the program, so be alert.** If you have **detected a spelling error, etc., respond "YES" to "Any Corrections necessary". The program will ask you to "identify" the row and column of the element to be corrected. Enter them and also the correct entry for that element. Enter 0, 0, 0, to exit this mode. If you forgot what row number (I), don't panic; press "Break".** Everything is in memory and will not be lost, unless you panic. You are now in Command Mode. DO NOT ALTER THE PROGRAM. You can now type *(use no line number)* FOR X = 1 to I: PRINT A(X,0); A(X,1); A(X,2); A(X,3); A(X,4); A(X,5); " ";X: NEXT X and the entire list will appear on the screen (use SHIFT @ to stop scrolling): *Remember number* (I) of entry with the error and now type "CONT" and the program resumes. Now make the necessary reassignment of values by entering I, J, and T$ as directed by the program. Also, you can press "BREAK" anywhere in the program and reassign values like A(N,3) = "(NEW)": CONT and then press "ENTER". You have merely stopped the program run and reassigned the values to variables and then continued the program run. You should do this once just to get the feel of things. Nothing to it, and it beats starting the program anew. However, if you started this command (accidentally, of course) with a digit (0-9), BASIC would think you are editing the program and set all variables to zero. When the correction process is complete, a corrected list is printed to provide a good "audit trail".

Line 420 Makes a quick pass and adds the amount of all checks written. Note that S has been defined as double precision in Line number 210.

Line 430-450 Do the calculations for the new checkbook balance in case you are not going to run CKWRTDAT/TWO immediately.

Line 460-470 Gives an opportunity to get another copy for your use, if you desire. Don't forget to advance the paper.

Line 480-500 Self-explanatory prompting message for tape or disk storage.

Line 510-550 Saves data on tape.

Line 560-610 Saves data on disk.

Line 620 In my early days, tape input/output was not to be trusted, so we wanted to see if we had a good "dump". If we did not, we would stop the program, type "GOTO480" and try again while data was still in memory. This process is a carry-over from the early days.

Line 630 Jump over subroutine.

Line 640 Protective STOP.

Line 650-720 Subroutine for listing entered data - uses TAB, PRINT USING, VAL (convert from string to numerical).

Line 730-750 Asks if file is on tape or disk.

Line 760-780 Input routines for tape and disk. Notice use of array P as separate and distinct from array A so there is a true check on new input. Note use of Print Using when printing "SUM"; otherwise all sorts of digits show up. You also get a screen listing as data is input. I like the screen to show something is happening and that the computer is not "hung-up".

Line 870 Redefines variables within the same program to show it can be done. This segment of the program uses different variables so there is no carry-over from memory. All data comes from input of tape or disk! This is the check of "dump" referred to earlier. Sum is still Double Precision from earlier definition.

Line 880 Stops program until you have the preprinted checks inserted and aligned. When this statement is at this part of the program, all checks are written without stopping. If you insert the checks one at a time, place this line between Line 970 and 980 and call it Line 975. Also change "GOTO" in Line 950 to Line 975.

Line 890-970 Since this program can actually print your checks, this is the manner in which manually written checks (between computer sessions) are handled. If a check number has been used, data has been entered in the first part of the program, but no check will be written. This segment strips off manually written checks, and when the current check number is reached, you get to Line 930. This line assigns values to variables used in the actual printing of the checks.

Line 980 to end Subroutine for printing checks. Data statements are self-explanatory.

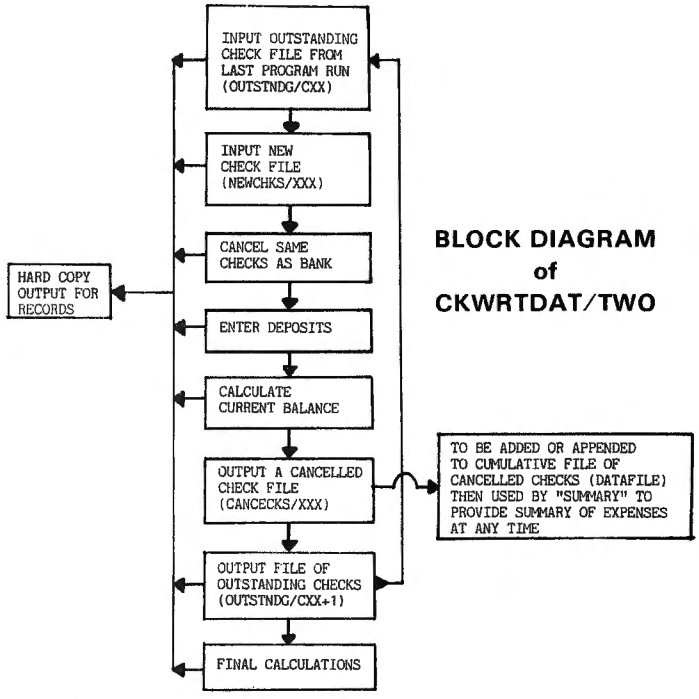
Line 980 Breaks D (a six digit number) in day, month, and year using the technique described in the Level I Manual.

Line 1000	Reads month from data. Notice procedure to skip over unwanted part of data; this is a very useful technique.
Line 1010-1070	Actually prints check up to the amount line. Note use of "PRINT USING". String(63, 42) gives a row of asterisks while String $(X,138) is a line feed.
Line 1080-1540	More exercise in digit stripping (Level I Manual) and Read-Data Statements. This segment converts the amount number to the written word. More use of an interesting routine. It does a lot, but is easy to understand. Using this method, it is possible to store data in compact numerical form and convert it back to large strings.

At this point (if you have had your own custom checks printed) you have written a batch of checks, ready for signature, and all data entered into the program is stored on tape or disk and is used for the next program. Included is a sample run of only three data items to show the output of CKWRTDAT/ONE. See Figure 1.

CKWRTDAT/TWO now uses the file 'NEWCHKS/XXX' created by CKWRTDAT/ONE in conjunction with a previously existing file "OUTSTNDG/CXX" (assuming we have run the program previously) and creates a file of cancelled checks "CANCECKS/XXX". It allows us to enter our deposits and does all the calculations necessary to maintain the balance and check out the Bank on their accuracy.

CKWRTDAT/TWO is the type of program that is easiest to describe by means of a block diagram. The program begins by the input of a file of outstanding checks which was created the last time we ran the program. For now let's assume it exists. Later we will explain how to use CKWRTDAT/ONE to create a file of outstanding checks for that time when we first begin using the program. The block diagram illustrates CSWRTDAT/TWO.



BLOCK DIAGRAM of CKWRTDAT/TWO

We will now explain CKWRTDAT/TWO.

Line 100-200	Self-evident.
Line 210-220	Reserves 5000 bytes of memory for string storage and defines the variables beginning with A, D, G, P, and W as string variables. Dimensions array A. You may have to someday adjust these depending on the number of transactions in any one session.
Line 230-250	A reminder to update filespecs if you are using a disk system. The procedure is to press "BREAK", then edit Lines 290, 460, 970, and 1080. After editing, start the program again (RUN).
Line 260	Input data in string form (i.e. March 1 1979).
Line 270-290	Self-explanatory.
Line 300-350	Disk input routine for "OUTSTNDG/CXX" file. If you are on a tape system, delete lines 300 and 350. By editing, insert a minus (-) sign between the # and the 1 (change "INPUT#1," to "INPUT #-1,") in lines 310 and 340. See how similar disk sequential files are to cassette files. Naturally, change references (in text) from "disk" to "cassette".
Line 360-400	Lprints the first four lines of the hardcopy output.
Line 410	Goes to heading printing subroutine.
Line 420	Loop to print data in array A from N=1 to I (number of items).
Line 430	Goes to subroutine to print "End of List".
Line 440	Self-explanatory.
Line 450-540	Input routine for "NEWCHKS" file. As before, we can modify these lines for cassette input by deleting lines 470 and 540 and by editing lines 480 and 520. Notice the technique of increasing I (number of items in array A) by the new number of items (K). T is set equal to I before we add K to I. So when we "loop" to fill the array, we increase "N" from T+1 to I (where it now equals I=K).
Line 550-590	As above, this part prints data on the screen and line printer.
Line 600	A carry-over from the days before the "Buffered Cable" when mysterious bit changes occured. This was an effort to flag attention if any changes occurred that could cause some real damage.
Line 610-660	Routine to cancel checks. When a check number is input, Line 620-630 loop through all the checks to see if we have a match. If we have a match, A(N,5) is set equal to one (1). This is the

"cancel flag" I spoke of earlier. There are many ways to accomplish this end, but I like this one. If no match is found, error line comes into play.

Line 670-730 As before, routine for printing video and the line printer.

Line 740-830 Deposits are now "input" to the program. By now, if you have really been reading the BASIC program, this is easy stuff.

Line 840-880 Routine for printing to video and line printer.

Line 890-900 Calculates new balance (BN) from old balance (BO) plus deposits (E) less sum of "NEWCHKS" (S2). BO was input from the file of outstanding checks in Line 300. S2 was the calculation in Line 510 while E came from Line 760.

Line 910-970 Routine for printing the "OUTSTNDG" checks file. Notice how it looks at the cancel flag in Line 880 looking for uncancelled checks. S3 (sum of outstanding checks) is also calculated at this time.

Line 980-1020 Pass through the check list to count the number(s) of cancelled checks.

Line 1030-1070 Routine for disk storage of the "CANCECKS" file. To modify for cassette storage, change Line 1030 to PRINT #-1,S and delete the "CLOSE" statement in Line 1070 by editing. Also in Line 1060 change PRINT #1, to PRINT #-1, and change all the ;","; s to only a comma.

Line 1080-1160 As before, routine for disk storage of "OUTSTNDG/CXX" file. For cassette storage, change line 1120 to "PRINT #-1,D,M,BN" and Line 1150 to PRINT #-1 and all ;",";s to a comma as described above. I lied in Line 1110 because D, M, and BN are not really saved until Line 1120, as you can see. Also for cassette storage, the "CLOSE" must be deleted from Line 1160.

Line 1170-1330 The actual balancing of the checkbook. All variables used have been previously identified and are readily discernable from the program. You've got to admit - this takes all the work out of this balancing act.

Line 3000 to end Subroutines are adequately described by the remarks.

A sample run of CKWRTDAT/TWO using dummy data is included to illustrate the program. See Figure 2.

Now if you're still with us and have typed in these programs and actually used them, you can see what beauties they really are, but don't stop, we've got more work to do.

If you are working on a disk system, your only problem is to change the filespecs every program run. For CKWRTDAT/ONE, I use the format NEWCHKS/AYY, /BYY,/CYY, etc., where YY equals year. This gives a possible 26 runs before we slightly change the format. If you run this program on the first and the fifteenth of the month, you will only have 24 files, and will not run out of letters. For CKWRTDAT/TWO, I use "OUTSTNDG/CXX" starting with XX=00 and going to XX=99. Again, if you run this program twice a month, you have more than enough filespec variations. I have a "DATAFILE" file and "CANCECKS/XXX" where XXX= a two or three letter abbreviation of the month plus a trailing 1 or 2 for the first or second run of the month, if needed. "DATAFILE" is the year cumulative file to which "CANCECKS/XXX" is appended. After appending, "CANCECKS/XXX" is killed so not to clutter the disk with unused files.

When you are on a disk system, it is so easy to keep all the files separate and in order, but if you're on a cassette data system, it requires more thought and pencil and paper to keep track of your tape index numbers. You can have a separate cassette for data storage of NEWCHKS, OUTSTNDG/CXX, and CANCECKS/XXX and keep track of each different file by noting the tape index numbers with your pencil and pad. In order for the cassette data storage system to be efficient, you must keep as many data files as you can on one tape or you can keep one data file from each program run on one tape and use one heck of a lot of tapes.

It does sometimes happen that when all data is in a file on disk or tape that we discover an error or that we desire to change a budget code assignment on some entry. We have included a short program "CORRECT/ION" which allows us to input a file, make the desired corrections, and resave the file. The program is set up for disk files, but can be adapted for tape as described in the analysis of "CKWRTDAT/TWO". Note that on disk storage you must update the filespec for whatever file you are correcting, and you must also edit the first line of file input and output to be compatible with the format of the file with which you are working. For safety, the corrected file is saved under a new filespec. After verifying the new file, the old file is killed, and then the new file is RENAME'd to the old filespec.

We will conclude this article in the next issue with the programs SUMMARY/ONE and SUMMARY/TWO. ●

```
CKWRTDAT/ONE    FILESPEC: NEWCHKS/A80   DATE: 021880
**********************************************************

                ORIGINAL ENTRIES OF 021880
==========================================================
DATE   CK. NO.   AMOUNT   PAYEE                    CODE  CF
==========================================================
0218   4798   $  37.39  SEARS-ROEBUCK INC.         SEAR   0
0218   4799   $  69.21  MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS CO GAS   0
0218   4800   $ 100.00  ST. VALENTINES CHURCH      DON    0
0218   4801   $  16.00  80-US JOURNAL              D&S    0
0218   4802   $  27.31  MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE CO MBT    0
        ------- END OF LIST -------
              NO CORRECTIONS NECESSARY
              SUM OF ABOVE CHECKS  =$   249.91
        CURRENT BOOK BALANCE  =$   500.00
        PLUS DEPOSITS         +$   250.00
        MINUS ABOVE CHECKS    -$   249.91
        EQUALS NEW BALANCE    =$   500.09
```

Figure 1

```
**********************************************************
4798                                    FEB. 18, 1980

                                        **$37.39

        SEARS-ROEBUCK INC.

THIRTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 39 CENTS

                                SIGNATURE GOES HERE

**********************************************************
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Sample Check

Sample Output of CKWRTDAT/TWO

```
                    C K W R T D A T / T W O
*************************************************************
LAST SESSION WAS ON 021880
DATE OF THIS SESSION IS FEBRUARY 18 1980

OUTSTANDING CHECKS AS OF 021880 SESSION
=============================================================
DATE    CK NO.   AMOUNT   PAYEE                        CODE  CF
=============================================================
0109    4782  $   86 00 ROBERT A  KELLY D D S          DENT  0
0113    4788  $   25 30 BORDENS                        MILK  0
0120    4790  $   84 73 A & P                          FOOD  0
0129    4792  $    7 41 AU GRES TELEPHONE CO.          UN    0
0129    4794  $   82 10 SHELL OIL CO.                  CAR   0
                    END OF LIST
NUMBER OF ENTRIES = 5     PREVIOUS BALANCE =*$ 500 00


NEW CHECKS AS OF FEBRUARY 18 1980
=============================================================
DATE    CK NO.   AMOUNT   PAYEE                        CODE  CF
=============================================================
0218    4798  $   37 39 SEARS-ROEBUCK INC.            SEAR  0
0218    4799  $   69 21 MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS CO  GAS   0
0218    4800  $  100 00 ST. VALENTINES CHURCH          DON   0
0218    4801  $   16 00 80-US JOURNAL                  D&S   0
0218    4802  $   27 31 MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE CO.   MBT   0
                    END OF LIST
CKS. WRITTEN ON 021880          NUMBER OF ENTRIES= 5
          SUM=$ 249 91


CANCELED CHECKS AS OF FEBRUARY 18 1980
=============================================================
DATE    CK NO.   AMOUNT   PAYEE                        CODE  CF
=============================================================
0109    4782  $   86 00 ROBERT A  KELLY D D S          DENT  1
0113    4788  $   25 30 BORDENS                        MILK  1
0120    4790  $   84 73 A & P                          FOOD  1
0129    4792  $    7 41 AU GRES TELEPHONE CO.          UN    1
0129    4794  $   82 10 SHELL OIL CO.                  CAR   1
                    END OF LIST
NUMBER OF ITEMS  5


LIST OF DEPOSITS
=============================================================
DATE    CK NO.   AMOUNT   PAYEE                        CODE  CF
=============================================================
0217    0     $  250 00 DEPOSIT                        DEP   99
-------------------------------------------------------------
TOTAL DEPOSITS =$  250 00


CALCULATION OF CURRENT BALANCE
=============================================================
PREVIOUS BALANCE ($   500 00)+DEPOSITS ($   250 00)
-SUM OF CHECKS ($   249 91)=CURRENT BALANCE ($   500 09)
=============================================================


OUTSTANDING CHECKS AS OF FEBRUARY 18 1980 SESSION
=============================================================
DATE    CK NO.   AMOUNT   PAYEE                        CODE  CF
=============================================================
0218    4798  $   37 39 SEARS-ROEBUCK INC             SEAR  0
0218    4799  $   69 21 MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS CO. GAS   0
0218    4800  $  100 00 ST VALENTINES CHURCH           DON   0
0218    4801  $   16 00 80-US JOURNAL                  D&S   0
0218    4802  $   27 31 MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE CO.   MBT   0
              $  249 91
                    END OF LIST


WE WILL NOW CHECK THE BANK BALANCE
        CURRENT PROGRAM BALANCE          +$ 500.09
        ADD OUTSTANDING CHECKS           +$ 249 91
        LESS DEPOSITS NOT CREDITED       -$ 250.00
        PROJECTED PROGRAM BALANCE        =$ 500.00
        CURRENT BANK BALANCE             =$ 500 00
        CORRECTION TO PROGRAM BALANCE    =$   0.00
END OF FEBRUARY 18 1980 SESSION
*************************************************************
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```
100 REM*********** C K W R T D A T / O N E **********
110 REM**********   VERSION 4.6   **********
120 CLS
130 PRINT"*************************************************"
140 PRINT"***          R.A.SHMINA          ***"
150 PRINT"***          14030 ARNOLD        ***"
160 PRINT"***          REDFORD,MICHIGAN 48239   ***"
170 PRINT"***                                   ***"
180 PRINT"***     + + +    P A R T   I   + + +  ***"
190 PRINT"***          C K W R T D A T / O N E   ***"
200 PRINT"*************************************************"
210 CLEAR3000:DEFDBL S:DEFSTR A,C,D,P:DIM A(150,5):DIM P(100,5)
220 PRINT:INPUT"ENTER DATE OF POSTING = (MMDDYY) =";D:I=1:PRINT
230 INPUT"ENTER COMPLETE FILESPEC IDENTIFCATION";F$
240 PRINT:PRINT"NOW ENTER CHECK DATA -- TO EXIT THIS MODE ENTER
      '0,0,0,0,0'"
250 PRINT"DON'T FORGET THE COMMAS":PRINT
260 PRINT"(DATE),(CK.NO.),(AMOUNT),(PAYEE),(CODE)"
270 INPUT A(I,0),A(I,1),A(I,2),A(I,3),A(I,4)
280 A(I,5)="0"
290 IFA(I,1)="0"ANDA(I,2)="0"ANDA(I,3)="0"ANDA(I,4)="0"THEN310
300 I=I+1:GOTO 270
310 I=I-1:PRINT"END OF INPUT","I =";I:REM **STRIP OFF 0000 ENTR
    Y**
320 SUM=0:LPRINTTAB(0)"CKWRTDAT/ONE";TAB(16)"FILESPEC: ";F$;TAB
    (40)"DATE: ";D
    :LPRINTSTRING$(63,42):LPRINTSTRING$(2,138)
    :LPRINTTAB(16)"ORIGINAL ENTRIES OF ";D:GOSUB 650
330 INPUT"ANY CORRECTIONS NECESSARY? TYPE (YES) OR (NO)";Z$
340 IFZ$="YES"THEN 360 ELSE IFZ$="NO"THEN 400
350 GOTO 330
360 PRINT"ENTER '0,0,0' TO EXIT THIS MODE"
    :INPUT"ENTER I,J,&T$ (T$=DESIRED CORRECTION)";F,G,T$
370 A(F,G)=T$
380 IF F=0 AND G=0 AND T$="0" THEN LPRINTSTRING$(4,138)
    :LPRINTTAB(16)"CORRECTED LIST":GOTO 410
390 GOTO 360
400 LPRINTTAB(16)"NO CORRECTIONS NECESSARY":GOTO 420
410 GOSUB 650
420 FORN=1TO I:SUM=SUM+VAL(A(N,2)):NEXTN:PRINT"SUM OF ABOVE CHE
    CKS= $";SUM
430 INPUT"ENTER CURRENT BOOK BALANCE";BB
440 INPUT"ENTER ANY DEPOSITS";E:BN=BB+E-SUM
450 LPRINTTAB(16)"SUM OF ABOVE CHECKS  =";USING"$###,###.##";SUM
    :LPRINTTAB(8)"CURRENT BOOK BALANCE =";USING"$###,###.##";BB
    :LPRINTTAB(8)"PLUS DEPOSITS        +";USING"$###,###.##";E
455 LPRINTTAB(8)"MINUS ABOVE CHECKS    -";USING"$###,###.##";SUM
    :LPRINTTAB(8)"EQUALS NEW BALANCE   =";USING"$###,###.##";BN
460 Z$="":INPUT"DO YOU WANT ANOTHER COPY OF ENTRIES
                    ( A D V A N C E  P A P E R ) ";Z$
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470 IF LEFT$(Z$,1)="Y"THEN 320 ELSE IF LEFT$(Z$,1)()"N"THEN 460
480 PRINT"ARE YOU SAVING DATA ON TAPE OR DISK (T OR D)?"
490 Z$=INKEY$:IF Z$="" THEN 490
500 IF Z$="D" THEN 560
510 INPUT"PRESS 'ENTER' WHEN CASETTE IS READY (RECORD)";Z$
520 PRINT#-1,D,I,SUM:PRINT"SAVED D,I,SUM ----"
530 FOR N=1 TO I
540 PRINT#-1,A(N,0),A(N,1),A(N,2),A(N,3),A(N,4),A(N,5)
    :PRINT N;" ";
550 NEXT N:PRINT"DATA ON TAPE ..":GOTO 620
560 OPEN "O",1,F$
570 PRINT#1,D;",";I;",";SUM:PRINT"SAVED D,I,SUM--"
580 FORN=1TO I
590 PRINT#1,A(N,0);",";A(N,1);",";A(N,2);",";A(N,3);",";A(N,4);
   ",";A(N,5):PRINT N;" ";
600 NEXT N
610 CLOSE:PRINT"NEWCHKS FILE CLOSED !  DATA ON DISK"
620 INPUT"PRESS 'ENTER' TO CONTINUE --- WE WILL NOW CHECK THE '
    DUMP'
    BY 'INPUTING' IT INTO CHECKWRITER PROGRAM --- REWIND TAPE";
    Z$
630 GOTO 730
640 STOP
650  PRINTTAB(0)"DATE";TAB(8)"CK.NO.",TAB(16)"AMOUNT";TAB(24)
    "PAYEE";TAB(56)"CODE";TAB(62)"CF"
660 LPRINTSTRING$(64,61)
670 LPRINTTAB(0)"DATE";TAB(8)"CK.NO.";TAB(16)"AMOUNT";TAB(24)
    "PAYEE";TAB(56)"CODE";TAB(62)"CF"
680 LPRINTSTRING$(64,61)
690 FOR N=1TO I
700 LPRINTTAB(0)A(N,0);TAB(8)A(N,1);TAB(14)USING"$#####.##";VAL(
    A(N,2));
    :LPRINTTAB(24)A(N,3);TAB(56)A(N,4);TAB(62)A(N,5)
710 PRINTTAB(0)A(N,0);TAB(8)A(N,1);TAB(14)USING"$#####.##";VAL(A
    (N,2));
     :PRINTTAB(24)A(N,3);TAB(56)A(N,4);TAB(62)A(N,5)
720 NEXTN:LPRINTTAB(10)"------ END OF LIST ------":PRINT"END OF
     LIST":RETURN
730 CLS:PRINT"ARE YOU USING TAPE OR DISK (T OR D)?"
740 Z$=INKEY$:IF Z$="" THEN 740
750 IF Z$="D" THEN 790
760 PRINT:INPUT"CASETTE READY (PLAY) PRESS 'ENTER'";Z$
770 INPUT #-1,D,I,SUM:PRINTD,I,SUM
780 FOR E=1 TO I
    :INPUT#-1,P(E,0),P(E,1),P(E,2),P(E,3),P(E,4),P(E,5)
    :PRINT E;" ";
    :NEXT E
    :GOTO 860
790 OPEN "I",1,F$
800 INPUT#1,D$,I,SUM:PRINT D$,I,USING"$$######.##";SUM
810 FOR E=1TO I
820 INPUT#1,P(E,0),P(E,1),P(E,2),P(E,3),P(E,4),P(E,5)
830 PRINTTAB(0)P(E,0);TAB(8)P(E,1);TAB(15)P(E,2);TAB(24)P(E,3);
     TAB(56)P(E,4);TAB(62)P(E,5)
840 NEXT E
850 CLOSE
860 INPUT"IF WE HAVE A GOOD 'DUMP' PRESS 'ENTER' ---
     ELSE PRESS 'BREAK' & TRY ANOTHER 'DUMP'";Z$
870 DEFSNG A,C,D
880 PRINT:INPUT"LOAD BLANK CHECKS INTO PRINTER -------
     PRESS 'ENTER' WHEN READY -------";Z$
890 INPUT"ENTER CURRENT UNUSED NUMBER IN CK.NO. SEQUENCE";CN
900 IF CN ( VAL(P(1,1)) OR CN ) VAL(P(I,1))THEN 890 ELSE 910
910 C=1
920 PRINT"LIST OF MANUALLY ENTERED CHECKS"
930 PRINT"C=";C;" ";"ACTUAL CN= ";VAL(P(C,1));" ";"UNUSED CN=";
    CN
940 IF VAL(P(C,1)) )=CN THEN 950 ELSE C=C+1:GOTO 930
950 AMOUNT=VAL(P(C,2)):PAYEE$=P(C,3):D=VAL(D$):GOSUB 980
960 C=C+1:IF C)I THEN 970  ELSE 930
970 PRINT"END OF PROGRAM":END:PRINT
980 DM=INT(D/10000):DD=INT((D-DM*10000)/100):DY=INT(D-(DM*100+D
    D)*100)
990 RESTORE
1000 FOR N=1 TO DM:READ MO$:NEXT N
1010 PRINTSTRING$(63,42):LPRINTSTRING$(63,42)
1020 LPRINTTAB(10) VAL(P(C,1));TAB(48)MO$;USING"##";DD;
    :LPRINT",";USING"19##";DY:LPRINTSTRING$(1,138)
1030 PRINT VAL(P(C,1)),,,MO$;USING"##";DD;
    :PRINT",";USING"19##";DY:PRINT
1040 LPRINT TAB(48)USING"**$###.##";AMOUNT:LPRINTSTRING$(1,138)
1050 PRINTTAB(48)USING"**$###.##";AMOUNT:PRINT
1060 LPRINT TAB(14)PAYEE$:LPRINTSTRING$(1,138)
1070 PRINTTAB(14)PAYEE$:PRINT
1080 IF AMOUNT(=0 THEN 1450
1090 THOUS=INT(AM/1000)
1100 IF THOUS)9THEN 1450
1110 IF THOUS=0 THEN 1140
1120 SKIP=THOUS+12:GOSUB 1330
1130 LPRINT "THOUSAND ";:PRINT"THOUSAND ";
1140 AH=AM-TH*1000:HUNS=INT(AH/100)
1150 IF HUNS=0 THEN 1180
1160 SKIP=HUN+12:GOSUB 1330
1170 LPRINT "HUNDRED ";:PRINT"HUNDRED ";
1180 AT=AH-HU*100:TENS=INT(AT)
1190 IF TENS)0 THEN 1220
1200 IF AMOUNT)=1 THEN 1230
1210 GOTO 1240
1220 SKIP=TENS+12:GOSUB 1330
1230 LPRINT "DOLLARS ";:PRINT"DOLLARS ";
1240 AC=AT-TENS
1250 IF AMOUNT(1 THEN 1280
1260 LPRINT "AND";:PRINT"AND";
1270 AC=INT((AC+.005)*100)/100
1280 AC=AC*100
1290 LPRINT AC;"CENTS":PRINT AC;"CENTS"
1300 PRINT:PRINTTAB(40)"SIGNATURE GOES HERE":PRINT
1310 PRINTSTRING$(63,42)
    :LPRINTSTRING$(3,138):TAB(40)"SIGNATURE GOES HERE"
    :LPRINTSTRING$(2,138):STRING$(63,42)
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1320 RETURN
1330 IF SKIP)33 THEN 1380
1340 RESTORE
1350 FOR N=1 TO SK:READ DA$:NEXT N
1360 LPRINT DA$;" ";:PRINT DA$;" ";
1370 RETURN
1380 RESTORE
1390 FOR N=1 TO(SKIP-32)/10+32:READ DA$:NEXT N
1400 LPRINT DA$;" ";:PRINT DA$;" ";
1410 A1=TENS-INT(TENS/10)*10
1420 IF A1=0 THEN 1440
1430 A1=A1+12:GOTO1470
1440 RETURN
1450 LPRINTTAB(20)"*********----V O I D----********"
1460 GOTO 1310
1470 RESTORE
1480 FOR N=1 TO A1:READ DA$:NEXT N
1490 LPRINT DA$;" ";:PRINT DA$;" ";
1500 RETURN
1510 STOP
1520 DATA"JAN.","FEB.","MAR.","APR.","MAY ","JUN.","JUL.",
     "AUG.","SEPT.","OCT.","NOV.","DEC."
1530 DATA"ONE","TWO","THREE","FOUR","FIVE","SIX","SEVEN",
     "EIGHT","NINE","TEN","ELEVEN","TWELVE","THIRTEEN",
     "FOURTEEN","FIFTEEN","SIXTEEN","SEVENTEEN","EIGHTEEN",
     "NINTEEN"
1540 DATA"TWENTY","THIRTY","FORTY","FIFTY","SIXTY","SEVENTY",
     "EIGHTY","NINETY"
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100 REM*************  C K W R T D A T / T W O  *****************
110 REM*************    V E R S I O N  4.6     *****************
120 CLS
130 PRINT"*************************************************************"
140 PRINT"**     R.A.SHMINA                              MARCH 1979  ***"
150 PRINT"**     14030 ARNOLD                                        ***"
160 PRINT"**     REDFORD,MICHIGAN 48239                              ***"
170 PRINT"**                                                         ***"
180 PRINT"**      + + + +     P A R T   II     + + + +               ***"
190 PRINT"**            C K W R T D A T / T W O                      ***"
200 PRINT"*************************************************************"
210 CLEAR 5000
220 DEFSTR A,D,G,P,W:DIM A(200,5)
230 PRINT@519,"TO UPDATE, PRESS 'BREAK' -- THEN EDIT -- THEN RE
    RUN"
240 PRINT@647,"UPDATE   'OUTSTNDG/C(XX)',   'OUTSTNDG/C(XX+1)',
                'NEWCHKS/(X?)',   AND 'CANCECKS/(?)'":PRINT:
   :PRINT"       UPDATED L#'S 300, 470, 1030, & 1120"
250 PRINT:INPUT"                    PRESS 'ENTER' WHEN READY";Z$
260 PRINT:INPUT"ENTER DATE OF ENTRIES (I.E. MARCH 1 1979)";D
270 PRINT:PRINT "PREPARE 'OUTSTANDING CHECKS' DISK (OR TAPE (PL
    AY))"
280 PRINT:INPUT"PRESS 'ENTER' WHEN READY";Z$
290 CLS:PRINT "READING DISK"
300 OPEN "I",1,"OUTSTNDG/C00
310 INPUT#1,W,I,BO
320 PRINT "W=";W,"I=";I,USING"BO=$######.##";BO
330 PRINT "READING DISK AGAIN"
340 FORN=1TOI:INPUT#1,A(N,0),A(N,1),A(N,2),A(N,3),A(N,4),A(N,5)
   :PRINT N;" ";
   :NEXT N
350 CLOSE
360 LPRINTTAB(22)"C K W R T D A T / T W O":LPRINTSTRING$(65,42)
370 PRINT "DONE READING DISK":PRINT"LAST SESSION WAS ON  ";W
   :PRINT"DATE OF THIS SESSION IS ";D
380 LPRINT"LAST SESSION WAS ON ";W
   :LPRINT"DATE OF THIS SESSION IS ";D:LPRINTSTRING$(2,138)
390 PRINT"----- OUTSTANDING CHECKS AS OF "W;" SESSION ----"
400 LPRINT"OUTSTANDING CHECKS AS OF "W;" SESSION"
410 GOSUB 3000 REM PRINT HEADING
420 FOR N=1 TO I:GOSUB 4000:NEXT N
430 GOSUB 5000   REM  PRINT ENDING
440 LPRINT"NUMBER OF ENTRIES =";I;"   ";"PREVIOUS BALANCE =";US
    ING"*$#####.##";BO
    :LPRINTSTRING$(5,138)
450 INPUT"PREPARE TO ENTER NEW CHECKS ---- (PLAY)
    PRESS 'ENTER' WHEN READY";Z$
460 T=I:CLS:PRINT"READING DISK ------"
470 OPEN "I",1,"NEWCHKS/A80"
480 INPUT#1,D1,K,SUM
490 PRINT"D1=";D1,"K=";K,"SUM=";SUM
500 PRINT "READING ";K;" ITEMS OF DATA FROM DISK"
510 I=I+K:FOR N= T+1 TO I
520 INPUT#1,A(N,0),A(N,1),A(N,2),A(N,3),A(N,4),A(N,5)
   :S2=S2+VAL(A(N,2)):PRINT N;
530 NEXT N: PRINT"DATA ALL READ":PRINT"SUM OF A(N,2)=";S2
540 CLOSE
550 PRINT"---------- NEW CHECKS AS OF ";D;" ----------"
560 LPRINT"NEW CHECKS AS OF ";D
570 GOSUB 3000  REM HEADING
580 FOR N=T+1 TO I:GOSUB 4000:NEXT N:GOSUB 5000
590 LPRINT"CKS. WRITTEN ON ";D1,"NUMBER OF ENTRIES=";K
    :LPRINTTAB(10)"SUM=$";S2:LPRINTSTRING$(5,138)
600 IF S2()SUM THEN PRINT"ERRROR IN LOADING -- CHECK"
610 PRINT"IF NO CHECKS ARE TO BE CANCELED, ENTER ZERO (0)"
620 INPUT"ENTER NUMBER OF CANCELED CHECK";G:IFG="0"THEN 670
630 FOR N=1TO I:IF A(N,1)=G THEN 650
640 NEXT N:GOTO 660
650 A(N,5)="1":GOTO620
660 PRINT "ERROR ---- CHECK NO. NOT IN USE ----------":GOTO620
670 PRINT"--------- CANCELED CHECKS AS OF ";D;"----------"
680 LPRINT"CANCELED CHECKS AS OF ";D
690 GOSUB 3000  REM HEADING
700 FOR N=1TO I:IFA(N,5)="1"THEN 710 ELSE 720
710 S=S+1:GOSUB 4000
720 NEXT N:PRINT"S=";S
730 GOSUB 5000:LPRINT"NUMBER OF ITEMS ";S:LPRINTSTRING$(5,138)
740 PRINT:PRINT"DO YOU HAVE ANY DEPOSITS TO ENTER ?"
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750 Z1$=INKEY$:IF Z1$="" THEN 750
760 IF Z1$="Y" THEN 780 ELSE IF Z1$="N" THEN 840
770 IF Z1$()"Y" OR Z1$()"N" THEN 740
780 PRINT"ENTER ALL DEPOSITS USING THIS FORMAT
    (DATE) , (AMOUNT) , ( TYPE 'DEPOSIT' )"
790 I=I+1:INPUT A(I,0),A(I,2),A(I,3)
800 A(I,1)="0":A(I,4)="DEP":A(I,5)="99"
810 E=E+VAL(A(I,2))
820 INPUT"MORE DEPOSITS? -- TYPE (YES) OR (NO)";Z$
830 IF Z$="YES"GOTO 790 ELSE 840
840 PRINT"LIST OF DEPOSITS":LPRINT"LIST OF DEPOSITS":GOSUB 3000
850 FOR N=1 TO I:IF A(N,5)="99" THEN 860 ELSE 870
860 GOSUB 4000
870 NEXT N:LPRINTSTRING$(63,45)
880 PRINT"TOTAL DEPOSITS ";E
    :LPRINT"TOTAL DEPOSITS =";USING"$######.##";E:LPRINTSTRING$(5
    ,138)
890 LPRINT"CALCULATION OF CURRENT BALANCE"
900 BN=BO+E-S2:LPRINTSTRING$(63,61):PRINTUSING"CURRENT BALANCE
    =$##,###.##";BN
905 LPRINTUSING"PREVIOUS BALANCE ($##,###.##)+DEPOSITS ($##,###
    .##)-SUM OF CHECKS ($##,###.##)=CURRENT BALANCE ($##,###.##)
    ";BO,E,S2,BN
907 LPRINTSTRING$(63,61):LPRINTSTRING$(3,138)
910 PRINT"---- OUTSTANDING CHECKS AS OF ";D;" SESSION ----"
920 LPRINT"OUTSTANDING CHECKS AS OF ";D;" SESSION"
930 GOSUB 3000
940 FOR N=1 TO I:IF A(N,5)="0"THEN 950 ELSE 960
950 GOSUB 4000:S3=S3+VAL(A(N,2))
960 NEXTN:LPRINTTAB(14)USING"$######.##";S3
970 GOSUB 5000:LPRINTSTRING$(3,138)
980 PRINT"LOAD A 'CANCELED CHECKS' TAPE  (RECORD)"
990 INPUT"PRESS 'ENTER' WHEN READY";Z$
1000 PRINT"WRITING TAPE & DISK --- SAVING CANCELED CHECKS & DEP
    OSITS":S=0
1010 FORN=1TO I:IFA(N,5)="1" OR A(N,5)="99" THEN S=S+1 ELSE 102
    0
1020 NEXT N
1030 OPEN "O",1,"CANCECKS/C01":PRINT#1,S
1040 FORN=1TO I:IF A(N,5)="1" OR A(N,5)="99" THEN 1050ELSE 1070
1050 PRINTTAB(0)A(N,0);TAB(8)A(N,1);TAB(16)A(N,2);TAB(24)A(N,3)
    ;
    TAB(56)A(N,4);TAB(62)A(N,5)
1060 PRINT#1,A(N,0);",";A(N,1);",";A(N,2);",";A(N,3);",";A(N,4)
    ;",";A(N,5)
1070 NEXT N:CLOSE:PRINT"DONE WRITING TAPE & DISK"
1080 PRINT"NOW PREPARE TO SAVE OUTSTANDING CHECKS ---
     LOAD AN 'OUTSTANDING CHECKS' TAPE (RECORD)---
      PRESS 'ENTER' WHEN READY":INPUT Z$
1090 CLS:PRINT"WRITING TAPE & DISK -- SAVING OUTSTANDING CHECKS
    ":M=0
1100 FORN=1TO I:IFA(N,5)="0"THEN M=M+1 ELSE 1110
1110 NEXTN:PRINT"SAVED DATE-";D;" M=";M;" BAL";BN
1120 OPEN "O",1,"OUTSTNDG/C01":PRINT#1,D;",";M;",";BN
1130 FOR N=1TO I:IF A(N,5)="0"THEN 1140 ELSE 1160
1140 PRINTTAB(0)A(N,0);TAB(8)A(N,1);TAB(16)A(N,2);TAB(24)A(N,3)
    ;TAB(56)A(N,4);TAB(62)A(N,5)
1150 PRINT#1,A(N,0);",";A(N,1);",";A(N,2);",";A(N,3);",";A(N,4)
    ;",";A(N,5)
1160 NEXT N:CLOSE:PRINT"DONE WRITING TAPE & DISK"
1170 PRINT"WE WILL NOW CHECK THE BANK BALANCE"
    :LPRINT"WE WILL NOW CHECK THE BANK BALANCE"
    :INPUT"ENTER CURRENT BANK BALANCE";BB
    :INPUT"ENTER DEPOSITS NOT CREDITED BY BANK";E1
1180 BP=BN+S3-E1:C=BB-BP
1190 PRINTTAB(10)"CURRENT PROGRAM BALANCE          +";USING"$#####
    .##";BN
1200 LPRINTTAB(10)"CURRENT PROGRAM BALANCE          +";USING"$####
    #.##";BN
1210 PRINTTAB(10)"ADD OUTSTANDING CHECKS            +";USING"$#####
    .##";S3
1220 LPRINTTAB(10)"ADD OUTSTANDING CHECKS           +";USING"$####
    #.##";S3
1230 PRINTTAB(10)"LESS DEPOSITS NOT CREDITED        -";USING"$#####
    .##";E1
1240 LPRINTTAB(10)"LESS DEPOSITS NOT CREDITED       -";USING"$####
    #.##";E1
1250 PRINTTAB(10)"PROJECTED PROGRAM BALANCE         =";USING"$#####
    .##";BP
1260 LPRINTTAB(10)"PROJECTED PROGRAM BALANCE        =";USING"$####
    #.##";BP
1270 PRINTTAB(10)"CURRENT BANK BALANCE              =";USING"$#####
    .##";BB
1280 LPRINTTAB(10)"CURRENT BANK BALANCE             =";USING"$#####
    .##";BB
1290 PRINTTAB(10)"CORRECTION TO PROGRAM BALANCE     =";USING"$#####
    .##";C
1300 LPRINTTAB(10)"CORRECTION TO PROGRAM BALANCE    =";USING"$####
    #.##";C
1310 PRINTTAB(15)"END OF ";D;" SESSION"
1320 LPRINT"END OF ";D;" SESSION"
     :LPRINTSTRING$(65,42)
     :LPRINTSTRING$(15,138)
1330 END: REM PROTECT SUBROUTINES
3000 REM --- LPRINT HEADING -----
3010 LPRINTSTRING$(64,61)
3020 LPRINTTAB(0)"DATE";TAB(8)"CK.NO.";TAB(16)"AMOUNT";
    TAB(24)"PAYEE";TAB(56)"CODE";TAB(62)"CF"
3030 LPRINTSTRING$(64,61)
3040 RETURN
4000 REM ---- WRITE A LINE OF DATA ------
4010 PRINTTAB(0)A(N,0);TAB(8)A(N,1);TAB(14)USING"$####.##";
    VAL(A(N,2));:PRINTTAB(24)A(N,3);TAB(56)A(N,4);TAB(62)A(N,5)
4020 LPRINTTAB(0)A(N,0);TAB(8)A(N,1);TAB(14)USING"$######.##";
    VAL(A(N,2));:LPRINTTAB(24)A(N,3);TAB(56)A(N,4);TAB(62)A(N,5
    )
4030 RETURN
5000 REM ------- END OF LIST -------
5010 PRINT"---------- END OF LIST ----------"
5020 LPRINTTAB(22)"END OF LIST"
5030 RETURN
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There are Pencil, Scripsit, hundreds of mailing lists, and now here comes another one. But hold on, this package is different. The WORDPROCESSING package has tremendous flexibility. It consists of two major machine language programs called Mailform and Mailrite. Also included are 4 special purpose programs called Extract, Sort, Label, and Convert. With this software you can set up a name and address list, call up a text that you have written either with Pencil or Scripsit and print custom written letters combining the information from both files.

All programs are machine language, very rapid and extremely sophisticated. Looking in detail at the programs:

Mailform

Available fields and their lengths: Name (25 chr), Company (25 chr), Address (25 chr), City (18 chr), State (2 chr), Zip (5 chr), Data or coding (2 at 14 chr each).

Language & Procedures

Machine language. In-memory storage of data, no waiting for disk I/O. Uses a screen overwrite system. Easy to enter and edit data. Full cursor control, repeating key entry by holding it down. Commands include get previous and next record, delete record(s), store and get from memory, read and write file to disk, define a search field, sort, continue search, and exit to DOS.

Comments

The program works very well. The ability to sort via any field, the speed of data entry, and the ease of editing are all very impressive. The authors have taken much care in designing this program. It is very well error trapped. If you give an invalid command, the cursor will jump to the error (e.g. missing filespec) and force you to do it correctly. It is impossible to enter past the field lengths. Warning signals are given by triggering the cassette relay, and included is a diagram for a beeper to be connected if you wish. After some effort, we got the program to crash (force in a very high record number and the program will go into ROM looking for the data), but in all likelihood, you will never go wrong entering commands or data. By defining search fields and merging files from one list to another, you have tremendous flexibility. You could take a number of lists and merge together all those within a given town; you could select to have letters sent only to company presidents that live in California. With the Extract, search, sort, and merge routines you have true data manipulation.

There are some drawbacks. You can set up a file of at most 316 names in memory at one time. Very large mailing lists would require subdivision into a number of files. The documentation is very weak. In fact, a command is shown on the video (X=extract) which is not mentioned in the 16 page manual. I would be afraid to give the manual to a non-programmer. For example, describing the Get Record command: 'If the memory buffer is empty or the record number is not numeric or from 1 to LRN (Last Record Number in buffer) inclusive, the cursor will be moved to the RECORD # field and ...' I pity the poor office worker trying to follow all that. Lastly, the commands are entered via a control key system that is awkward to use. The control key is the SHIFT AND DOWN ARROW, and then simultaneously depress the desired function key. If you have the lower case modification and an Electric Pencil control key, they may be used instead.

The second program in the package is Mailrite. It is a program that allows you to print letters, envelopes, or labels from a master mailing list (made with Mailform), and a text file made with Electric Pencil or Scripsit.

Language & Procedures

Mailrite is also machine language, very fast and cleanly written. You set the printer parameters with Mailrite. The actual locations for name, address, etc. to be inserted into the text are flagged within the text. You identify what and where additions are to be made when the text is being written with either Electric Pencil or Scripsit. You have the ability to underline passages, change to boldface (if your printer can do it!), reset margins and so on. You can halt during printing and quit or continue.

Comments

Also very sophisticated. Operates like Mailform. Some new commands added for use with the text writers to flag where the data is to be inserted.

An added routine for Radio Shack Mail list users is included. The program called Convert will take your Radio Shack mail lists and alter the data to fit the Mailform structure. A nice touch, not having to reenter all that data.

Overall Evaluation

An impressive package. Well designed and error trapped. It is quite a powerful addition for Electric Pencil and Scripsit users. If all you want is a mailing list program, you don't need it. If you don't have Electric Pencil or Scripsit, you don't want it. Documentation and user manual is rather skimpy. Plan on playing with this program quite a bit before bringing it to the office.

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Software Review

Small Systems Software RSM for Model II

When Radio Shack first introduced the TRS-80, few of us were really concerned with those "reserved" areas of memory. For many of us, this was our first "close encounter" with a computer, and we were just trying to get used to Basic. But time went on, our skills developed, and we were ready to tackle that strange world of machine language. In the spring of '78, Small Systems Software released a program called RSM. This cassette-based monitor became a tool that virtually nobody felt they could live without. With the increasing popularity of disk drives, RSM2D was introduced to us with new features like disk I/O. Now, with the advent of the Mod II comes RSMII.

Keeping the commands similar to those we are used to using, the Mod II version has become one of the most frequently used programs in my software library. The embellishments, however, are most welcome and useful.

Perhaps the most appreciated change was making RSMII *COMPLETELY* relocatable. When you insert the self-booting disk and hit the reset key, RSM boots itself and asks you to "Enter Start Address". You may respond with any address ending with 00. Thus you can place RSMII just about anywhere in memory. The only real restrictions are that the last digits of the starting address are 00, and you don't try to put it above E000H (there simply isn't room, since the program takes 2000 hex bytes). In addition, to being relocatable, it is also totally self-contained . In other words, it does not depend upon the DOS for it's I/O. This means that you can work on changes to the operating system itself without having to worry about the computer "locking up" because you destroyed some key routine. This is not to say that you can't mess up your RSM. It is just as susceptible to your "tinkering" as any other part of RAM. It pays to take a little care.

There are a total of 26 direct commands to the monitor. These include:

"A ad1 ad2" for ASCII dump of memory from address ad1 to ad2. The addresses are optional, and the syntax is indentical for all commands requiring an address.

"B n1 n2" binary arithmetic. Adds and subtracts 2 hex numbers and gives the answers in both HEX and decimal.

"C TTSS D" Direct on-screen disk editing of disk track TT, sector SS, drive D.

"D ad1 ad2" formatted dump of memory includes hex and ASCII together.
"E ad1" on-screen editing of memory. Edits either in HEX or ASCII. Operates much like the disk editor, so the confusion factor is kept to a minimum.
"G ad" goto address ad and do not enable maskable interrupts.
"H ad1 ad2 WW" hunts from ad1 to ad2 for all occurences of the 16-bit word, WW.
"I" re-initializes RSM, clears breakpoints, sets up fast screen scrolling.
"I PP" input one byte from port #PP.
"J ad" jump to address ad and enable maskable interrupts.
"K" clears screen and allows direct keyboard input to the screen or printer port.
"L1" or "L2" sets single or double disk density.
"L TTSS ad NN D" load from disk track TT, sector SS into RAM starting at address ad for NN sectors, from drive D.
"M ad1 ad2 ad3" copies memory starting at ad1 and ending at ad2 into memory starting at address ad3.
"O PP BB" outputs byte BB to port #PP.
"P" allows setup of printer parameters.
"Q ad1 ad2" compute checksum of a block of memory from ad1 to ad2.
"S ad1 ad2" symbolic dump of memory starting with ad1 ad2, in standard Zilog mnemonics.
"T ad1 ad2" tests memory from ad1 to ad2.
"U DE HL BC" jumps to a user-written program stored in a 256-byte block of memory set aside within RSM for that purpose. DE is loaded with the value DE, HL is loaded with the value HL, and BC is loaded with the value BC. The values are optional.
"V ad1 ad2 ad3" compares the memory area between ad1 and ad2 to another block of memory starting at ad3.
"X ad1 ad2 ad3" same as M above, but the 2 blocks are exchanged.
"Z ad1 ad2 BB" load memory from ad1 to ad2 with byte BB. If no BB is given, zero is assumed. If ad2 is not given, ad1+1000H is assumed.
": ad1 ad2 ad3" transfers data between ad1 and ad2 to a second computer via serial port A. If ad3 is present, this is the load address for the second computer. If no addresses given, RSM assumes the receive mode. **NOTE** Small Systems Software will release Mod I software to allow data transfer between the Mod I and Mod II using the Mod I's RS232C in the near future.

In addition to these direct commands, there is the **F1** key, which, when used instead of (ENTER), directs output to the printer as well as the screen; the **F2** key clears the screen; control-P prints an image of the screen to the printer; control L prints a 'top of form'; the left and right arrows cause only the left or right sides of the screen to scroll during display, while the up-arrow returns you to full-screen scrolling. Also, the speed of display may be varied at any time during display to scroll about 2 lines per second, while a 1 causes about 40 lines per second to be displayed.

Is it perfect? Not quite. You can still only set one breakpoint at a time, and the breakpoint still requires 3 bytes. Also, asking for a Dump of address 409F to 40A0 will result in a 40-byte dump of addresses 4090-40AF, in both hex and ASCII, which can completely throw off your

train of thought. But once you get used to it, it really isn't all that bad. Aside from that, all I have are rather nit-picky complaints about it. The program initializes with the printer set up at serial port B, and the scrolling speed at its fastest. You can change the printer port before dumping your working copies to disk (full instructions are included for making copies under TRSDOS and CP/M), but every time you initialize the program, it returns to the high-speed scrolling. Like I said, nit-picking.

Above and beyond all that, RSMII will make a very useful addition to your software library if you plan on doing any machine-language programming on the Mod II. I have used it to make changes to my DOS to make it tell me what's wrong instead of that "**ERROR XX**" message. I have also used it to implement PEEK and POKE in BASIC, and I am working on a REF function. None of this would be possible without RSMII. The $39.95 price tag makes it quite easy to ignore my minor quibbles. RSMII is sold on a self-booting 8" disk (like RSM2D) with 23 pages of documentation prepunched for a 3-ring binder. Those already familiar with the features and uses of RSM for the Mod I will like the ease of sliding into RSMII. Those who haven't used it in the past will soon find themselves fast friends with it. It is straightforward, easy to use, and is available from:

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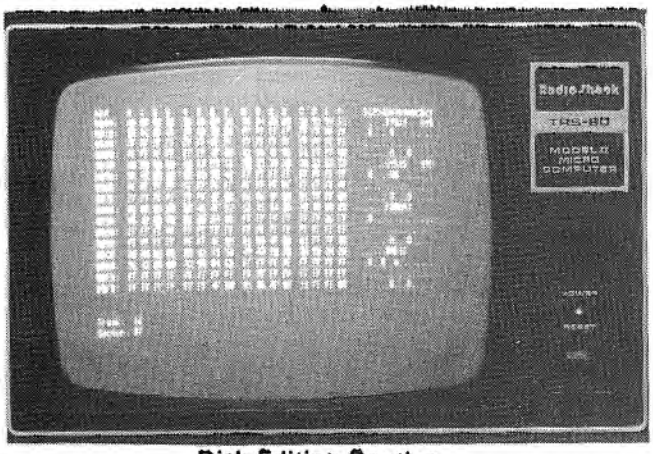

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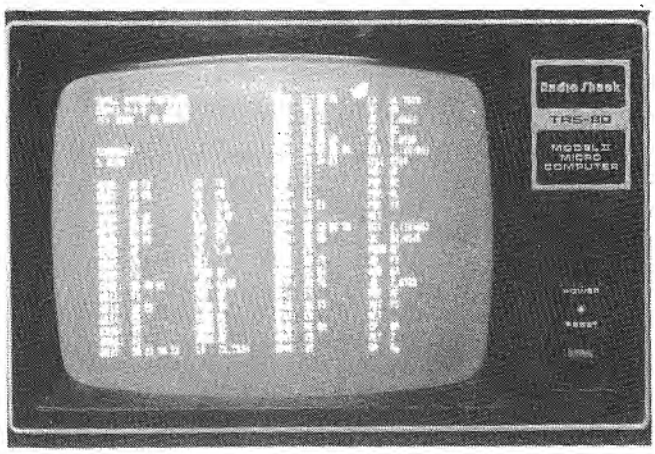

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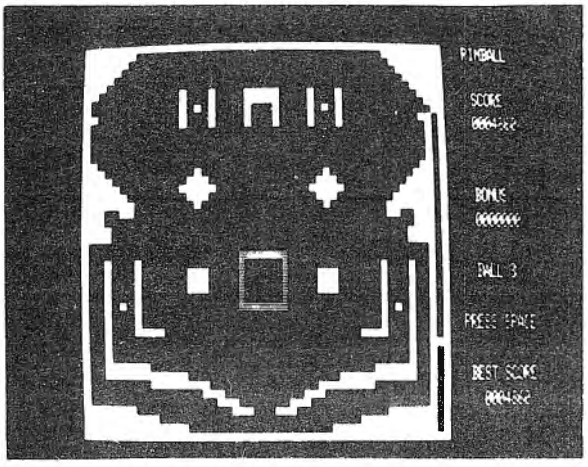

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By now, if you've been keeping up, you probably have been wondering if the 'load' instruction is the only one you'll ever use. Rest easy, it's not. It is, however, the single most frequently used instruction in all of computerdom.

But before we go any further, let me clarify something. There is no such thing as a single, all inclusive 'LD' instruction. In truth, there are a total of 35 'LD' instructions for the Z-80, not including the 'special' format instructions! On some computers, they break the load instructions into two separate formats, "load" and "store". Our Zilog-Mostek mnemonics, however, just use LD for both. Let's take a look at the 35 types, and explain how they are used. For those of you with the EDITOR/ASSEMBLER, turn in your textbook to page 13.

The first type of LD is called the "register to register" load. It is abbreviated in the manual as "LD r,r'". The two "r"'s represent "destination" and "source" registers, respectively. In English, that means that we want to take a copy of whatever is in the register r', and copy it into the register r. So a "LD A,B" instruction means that if the B register has the number 80H, that the A register will also have 80H in it. Note that except in special cases, the "source" of a load instruction, whether register or memory, is left unchanged. Therefore, after our "LD A,B" above, both the A and B will contain 80H.

Next in our songbook is the "LD r,n". This is a method to simply load a register with a number. This is called IMMEDIATE addressing, since the PC register already points to the value to be loaded. This would be used in a case such as "LD C,40H". After execution of this instruction, the C register would contain the value 40H. Note that after an 8-bit immediate load instruction, the PC is automatically incremented to skip over the data byte.

Another way to get data into an 8-bit register is to simply load directly from a memory address. This is accomplished by the LD A,(nn) instruction. No gimmicks or fancy frills. Just go to the address specified, get a copy of what's there, and put it into the A. This instruction only works with the A register, but we can get it elsewhere using the LD r,r' instruction described above.

Indirect addressing is a somewhat tricky concept to master. The Z-80 has the means to execute indirect addressing through any of the 16-bit register pairs, BC, DE, and HL. The notation for this is "LD r,(HL)", "LD A,(DE)", and "LD A,(BC)". Again the r represents the destination register. Indirect addressing means to take the contents of the memory address contained in the register (XX) and put a copy of it into the register r. (Huh?) Say, for instance, that the HL register pair contained the value 4567H. We want to find out what is contained in memory address 4567. We tell the machine to "LD A,(HL)", and viola', the A register contains a copy of whatever value address 4567H has in it. Although manipulation of the 16-bit registers is somewhat cumbersome at times, it is possible to compute an address, put it in one of the register pairs, and then load our register from that address. Although it may seem like a lot of hassle for now, this capability will prove invaluable as time goes on. Trust me. (Note that indirect loading with (BC) or (DE) can only have the A register as destination.)

Now comes the really hard part. The Z-80 contains two INDEX registers, IX and IY. What, you may very well ask, is an index register? Well, as you might recall, it's my job to tell you, so read on... An index register is a very special register who's only purpose in life is to compute addresses for indirect type addressing. The IX and IY registers are both 16-bits long, which just happens to be the number of bits required to generate the largest address the Z-80 can handle. Therefore, using the index registers, we can get to anywhere in memory. You can do that with the register-pair indirect method described above, but there is something special about the IX and IY. Loading via these registers is accomplished via a "LD r,(IX(or IY)+d)" instruction. The d represents a DISPLACEMENT from the value currently in the IX or IY register. The displacement, d, is taken as an 8-BIT SIGNED TWO'S COMPLEMENT DISPLACEMENT. (this is where the tricky part comes in) This means that we can get a value of (IX)-128 to (IX)+127 for the actual memory address we are going to load from. The way this is computed is quite interesting. If d is less than 80H, then it is simply added to the contents of the index to form the "effective operand address" (a term used to death on larger machines, but I thought I'd slip it in). This is the address from which we are actually going to load. Therefore, if the IY register contains 8000H, and our CPU executes a "LD A,(IY+79H)" instruction, the A will end up with a copy of the contents of address 8079H. So far, so good, right? Unfortunately, when we ask for a displacement of 80H or more, it is taken as a "signed two's complement" displacement. Bit seven (farthest right) is taken as a sign bit (0=pos, 1=neg), and the rest is taken through a rather confusing series of computations. To compute a two's complement, we must first compute the one's complement. This is accomplished by simply inverting every bit of the byte in question. 80H=1000 0000(2), so inverting every bit gives 0111 1111(2), or 79H. Two's complement simply involves adding one to the one's complement. The rules of binary addition are very simple:

0	0	1	1	
+0	+1	+0	+1	
0	1	1	0	(with a carry of 1)

So, taking our one's complemented 80H and adding one to it, we get:

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 1111 111   (carry)
 0111 1111
        +1
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 1000 0000
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= **80H**, which is where we started from, anyway. But now we know what our displacement is, and since we are adding a negative number (sign=1), we might as well subtract. Therefore, if we LD IY,8000H and then LD A,(IY+80H), the A will have a copy of the contents of address 7F80H. Going through this process with displacements ranging from 80H thru FFH, we see that the resultant displacement becomes less and less the higher the displacement, until a displacement of FFH nets us -1. Remember that this is true for both IX and IY.

NOTE, WARNING, CAUTION, BEWARE:

Radio Shack's EDTASM does not handle index displacements quite correctly in the case of the displacement being greater than 80H. If you ask for a displacement of greater than 127, it will happily generate the hex equivalent of the number you ask for.

Unfortunately, if you are trying to purposely create a negative displacement (i.e. IX-10), the assembler will generate an error message for you. Therefore, if you desire a negative displacement you must go through the computations described above and insert your own. End of warning.

Now that we have (hopefully) survived the index registers, let's continue our discussion with the 16-bit load instructions. We have discussed several ways to load 8-bit registers, but we have ignored the 16-bit registers and the register pairs. Before we can discuss this, though, we must first discuss the way that they are listed in the EDTASM manual. Take, for example, the first of the 16-bit load group, LD dd,nn. LD is familiar, but where did dd and nn come from? This is the way that the engineers of the Z-80 describe the registers and operations that are available with certain registers. The LD dd,nn instruction will work with the BC, DE, and HL register pairs, and the SP register, but not the IX or IY, which require a special format. It's true that the source statements for LD HL,4000H and LD IX,4000H are exactly the same format, but the object code generated is very different. This distinction isn't very great in the 16-bit load group, but becomes very important later on. And now, on with our discussion.

The LD dd,nn instruction is the 16-bit equivalent to the LD r,n instruction. The PC register already points to the data to be loaded, and the CPU simply loads it. The LD IX,nn and LD IY,nn instructions work the same way.

There is a special set of instructions that take a copy of one register (or register pair), and puts it into the SP register. The source register for these instructions my be either the HL pair, the IX or the IY. These and any other instruction dealing with the SP register, including PUSH and POP should be handled with the utmost discretion. The stack, in most any computer that has one, can almost be termed as the traffic director of the program being executed, and messing it up can turn your brainchild into a casualty of "OOPS". The stack and SP are so important that I will be dedicating a special section of its use.

Now that we have spent a great deal of time discussing ways to get data from memory into registers, let's talk about going the other way around. Getting data from a register or register pair to memory is quite simple. In almost all cases, it is simply a question of wording our instruction backwards. To load the A register from memory, we tell the CPU to LD(nn),A. Couldn't be much simpler. The same is true for the indexed instructions. LD (IY+d),A puts a copy of the A register into the memory address specified. Saving the 16-bit registers or register pairs works out just about the same way. LD (nn),dd will save the contents of the 16-bit register pair dd to memory address nn. Note that your EDTASM manual lists both LD (nn),HL and LD (nn),dd. While the HL pair is listed in the description of dd, you will note that the LD (nn),dd instruction takes a total of 4 bytes, while the LD (nn),HL only takes 3.

That just about wraps up the LD instructions. Of course there are a couple more, such as those dealing with the interrupt vector register, I, and the memory refresh counter register, R. There are also some block movement instructions, but those will be discussed later. The overall idea should be fairly clear to you, and soon we will be ready to begin programming in earnest. Enjoy! ●

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lowercase FOR YOUR 779 PRINTER

How to convert your Radio Shack/Centronics 779 printer to print UPPER/lower case...

Many of us purchased a printer with our TRS-80. The only printer available from Radio Shack at the beginning of this computer phenomenon was the 'Centronics 779'. And if you were like me, you bought everything at one time, in hopes of getting the 'big items' out of the way. And apparently many of you did - for the 779 was back ordered for several months, even with a price tag of $1600.00.

I soon found that using the computer and printer as a word processor for letters and magazine articles, was one of its biggest uses. But the weak point of both, the computer and the printer, was that neither could print in lower-case characters. Many sources provided information for modifying the computer to display lower-case (even though I have not yet converted mine), but no where had I found any information to modify the 779 printer. So I figured it was up to me to break the ice.

Here is how, without cutting any wires (or traces) within the 779, it can be modified to print lower-case as well as upper-case for less than $8.00 (not counting one chip). Here is the catch -- that one additional chip (ROM) will cost you $62.00. That is, providing the price has not gone up since December 79. However when comparing the $70.00 to the added benefits it will provide, it is a small price to pay.

ROM - The Character Generator

Chart I shows the print-out of the character generator ROM (original) which comes standard in the 779, as well as that of the new ROM needed to provide lower-case. Centronics, who provides the new ROM, does not have a ROM for the 779, which contains both upper & lower-case within the same chip. Therefore I decided to use two ROMs, the original, plus one with lower-case, and multiplex (switch) between the two.

Chart II shows the 8 bit binary word (1 s & 0's), which each of the various TRS-80 keys output under normal conditions when not using any lower-case software. It also shows the 779 printed characters this modification produces, associated with each of the keys. It can be seen that the conditions on bits 5 & 6 (counting right to left, with zero thru seven) are '0' and '1' respectively, 'only' when the shift key is not used. Therefore bits 5 & 6 are necessary for deciphering between shifted and unshifted keys.

TWO ADDED WIRES

Figure 1 shows the normal circuitry of the 779. The computer outputs one line at a time (up to 132 characters), to the printer. This data (D0 thru D6) is inverted and stored in RAMs ME15 & ME21. After a complete line has been stored in the RAMs, the printer tells the computer to wait until that line has been printed before sending the next line to the RAMs. During this 'wait time' the inverted data stored in the RAMs is output to the character generator ROM, while the print head moves from left to right across the paper, printing the characters.

D5, which is necessary for determining if the character is upper or lower-case, is not stored in the RAM as such, Since this information is needed, I used pins 15 & 16 of RAM ME21 to store it, they are not used by the normal circuitry of the 779. The dotted lines in Figure 1 show where these two wires are added. The output pin 16 goes to Figure 2, where it is connected to pin 1 of SW #1.

ADDITIONAL CIRCUITRY

Figure 2 shows the complete added circuitry, all of which is contained on one circuit board. The entire circuitry is connected into the 779 electronics by merely removing the original ROM (ME19), pluging it into the added circuit board, and connecting a 28-pin jumper cable from 'S1' of the added circuit board to the original ROM socket (ME19) on the mother board in the 779. Plug the added wire D5, from RAM ME21 pin 16, to terminal #1 of SW #1. Everything needed, including Vcc & Gnd is obtained from these connections.

D5 and D6 are then combined in gate G1-A, which produces a LOW output for shifted characters and a HIGH for unshifted. This signal is fed to pin 12 of G1-D, which in turn, outputs the same signal on pin 11 as long as a HIGH is on pin 13. From there it goes to pin 2 of G4-A, and pin 5 of inverter I1-C. The inverter inverts this signal and sends it to pin 5 of G4-B. This assures that only one of the gates G4-A and G4-B will ever be keyed on at one time.

Assuming an unshifted character is outputted from the RAM, a HIGH will be on pin 2 of G4-A, and a LOW will be on pin 5 of G4-B. The HIGH on G4-A pin 2, will by itself force a HIGH on output pin 3, keeping ROM #1 turned off. While the LOW on G4-B pin 5, will allow the STROBE signal to be passed through output pin 6, turning on and off ROM #2, which will produce lower-case characters. Had the RAM output a shifted character, the conditions on G4-A & B would have been reversed, keeping ROM #2 turned off, while allowing ROM #1 to be controlled by the STROBE signal, producing upper-case characters.

Switch #1 is provided for those who have their keyboard modified to display lower-case on the screen, which in all cases requires both hardware and software modifications. The software reverses the binary codes of the last two columns of Chart II, outputting the binary code of the center column when the shift key is used, and outputting the binary code of the far right column when no shift key is used with the characters. This , of course, would now cause the new lower-case print to be printed on the 779 only when the shift key is used -- Switch #2 corrects this by inverting D5 with inverter I1-A.

Bits b6 b5 b4	b3	b2	b1	b0	ROW	COLUMN →	New ROM 0	1	2	3	Old (original) ROM 0	1	2	3
	0	0	0	0	0		`	p	@	P	SP	0	@	P
	0	0	0	1	1		a	q	A	Q	!	/	A	Q
	0	0	1	0	2		b	r	B	R	"	2	b	r
	0	0	1	1	3		c	s	C	S	#	3	C	S
	0	1	0	0	4		d	t	D	T	$	4	D	T
	0	1	0	1	5		e	u	E	U	%	5	E	U
	0	1	1	0	6		f	v	F	V	&	6	F	V
	0	1	1	1	7		g	w	G	W	'	7	G	W
	1	0	0	0	8		h	x	H	X	(	8	H	X
	1	0	0	1	9		i	y	I	Y	)	9	I	Y
	1	0	1	0	10		j	z	J	Z	*	:	J	Z
	1	0	1	1	11		k	{	K	[	+	;	K	[
	1	1	0	0	12		l	:	L	\	,	<	L	\
	1	1	0	1	13		m	}	M	]	-	=	M	]
	1	1	1	0	14		n	~	N	^	.	>	N	^
	1	1	1	1	15		o	SP	0	_	/	?	O	_

CHART I Above shows both the New and Original ROM character generators, with their various Printed characters.

Original ROM utilized				New ROM utilized				Original ROM utilized			
KEY	BINARY NR.	DECIMAL	779 PRINTED CHARACTER	KEY	BINARY NR.	DECIMAL	779 PRINTED CHARACTER	KEY	BINARY NR.	DECIMAL	779 PRINTED CHARACTER
Shift SP	0010 0000	32	SP	@	0100 0000	64	`	Shift @	0110 0000	96	@
!	0010 0001	33	!	A	0100 0001	65	a	Shift A	0110 0001	97	A
"	0010 0010	34	"	B	0100 0010	66	b	Shift B	0110 0010	98	B
#	0010 0011	35	#	C	0100 0011	67	c	Shift C	0110 0011	99	C
$	0010 0100	36	$	D	0100 0100	68	d	Shift D	0110 0100	100	D
%	0010 0101	37	%	E	0100 0101	69	e	Shift E	0110 0101	101	E
&	0010 0110	38	&	F	0100 0110	70	f	Shift F	0110 0110	102	F
'	0010 0111	39	'	G	0100 0111	71	g	Shift G	0110 0111	103	G
(	0010 1000	40	(	H	0100 1000	72	h	Shift H	0110 1000	104	H
)	0010 1001	41	)	I	0100 1001	73	i	Shift I	0110 1001	105	I
*	0010 1010	42	*	J	0100 1010	74	j	Shift J	0110 1010	106	J
+	0010 1011	43	+	K	0100 1011	75	k	Shift K	0110 1011	107	K
,	0010 1100	44	,	L	0100 1100	76	l	Shift L	0110 1100	108	L
-	0010 1101	45	-	M	0100 1101	77	m	Shift M	0110 1101	109	M
.	0010 1110	46	.	N	0100 1110	78	n	Shift N	0110 1110	110	N
/	0010 1111	47	/	O	0100 1111	79	o	Shift O	0110 1111	111	O
0	0011 0000	48	0	P	0101 0000	80	p	Shift P	0111 0000	112	P
1	0011 0001	49	1	Q	0101 0001	81	q	Shift Q	0111 0001	113	Q
2	0011 0010	50	2	R	0101 0010	82	r	Shift R	0111 0010	114	R
3	0011 0011	51	3	S	0101 0011	83	s	Shift S	0111 0011	115	S
4	0011 0100	52	4	T	0101 0100	84	t	Shift T	0111 0100	116	T
5	0011 0101	53	5	U	0101 0101	85	u	Shift U	0111 0101	117	U
6	0011 0110	54	6	V	0101 0110	86	v	Shift V	0111 0110	118	V
7	0011 0111	55	7	W	0101 0111	87	w	Shift W	0111 0111	119	W
8	0011 1000	56	8	X	0101 1000	88	x	Shift X	0111 1000	120	X
9	0011 1001	57	9	Y	0101 1001	89	y	Shift Y	0111 1001	121	Y
:	0011 1010	58	:	Z	0101 1010	90	z	Shift Z	0111 1010	122	Z
;	0011 1011	59	;	↑	0101 1011	91	{	CHR$(123)	0111 1011	123	[
<	0011 1100	60	<	CHR$(92)	0101 1100	92	:	CHR$(124)	0111 1100	124	\
=	0011 1101	61	=	CHR$(93)	0101 1101	93	}	CHR$(125)	0111 1101	125	]
>	0011 1110	62	>	CHR$(94)	0101 1110	94	~	CHR$(126)	0111 1110	126	^
?	0011 1111	63	?	CHR$(95)	0101 1111	95	SP	CHR$(127)	0111 1111	127	_

(Note: The caption below is from the author's 779, and is 70% of original size.)

CHART II The above shows which ROM, as well as its printed character, I chose to utilize with a particular key. (For upper-case I could have utilize either ROM.

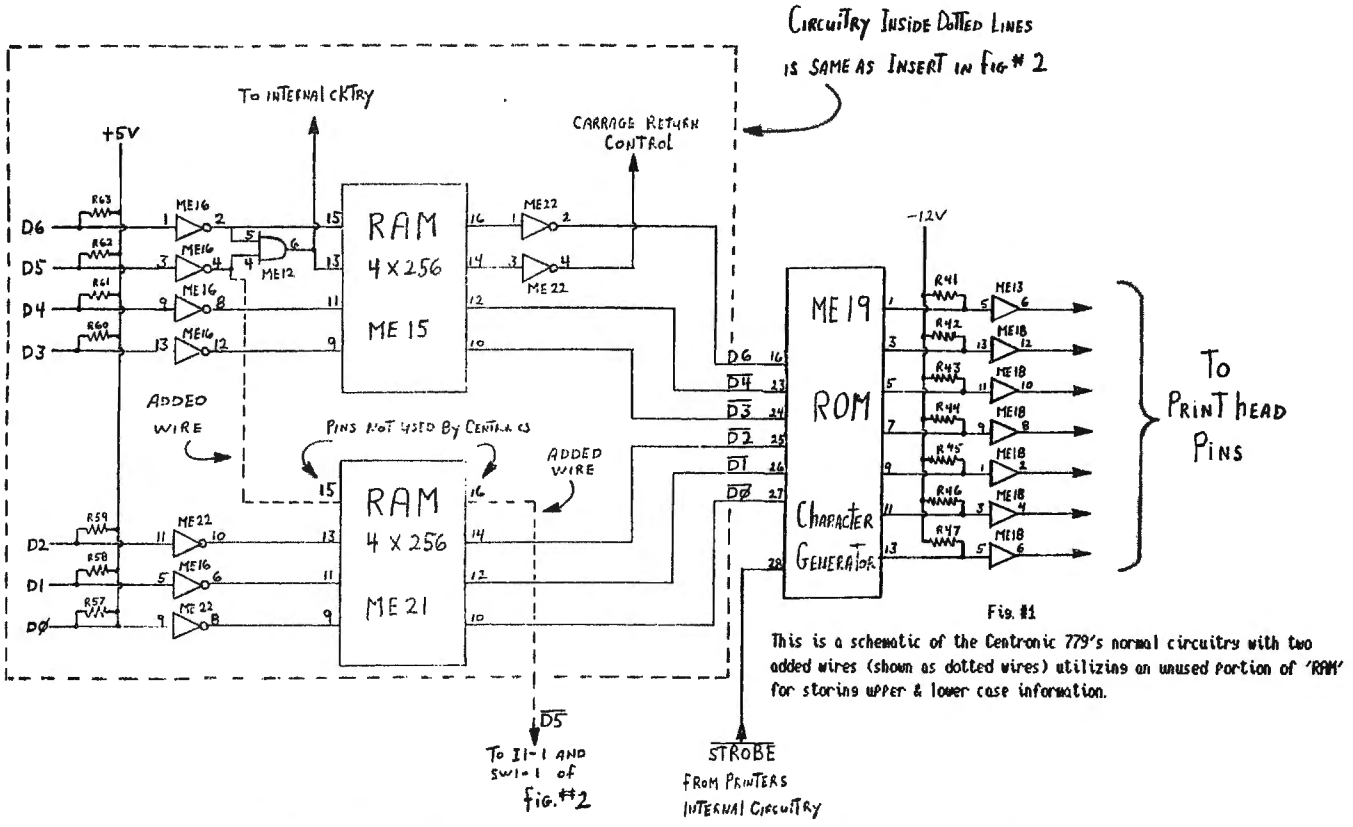

Fig. #1

This is a schematic of the Centronic 779's normal circuitry with two added wires (shown as dotted wires) utilizing an unused portion of 'RAM' for storing upper & lower case information.

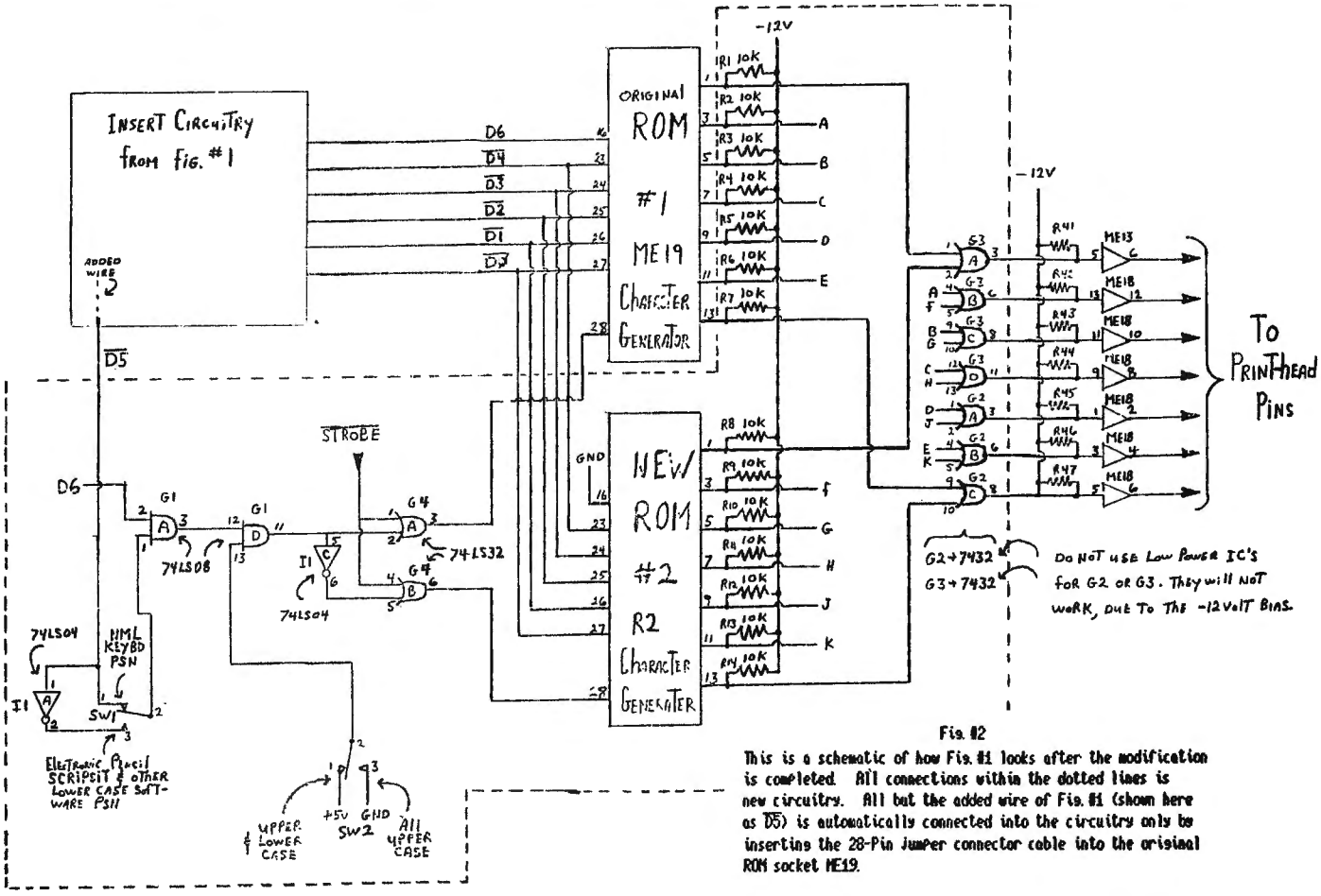

Fig. #2

This is a schematic of how Fig. #1 looks after the modification is completed. All connections within the dotted lines is new circuitry. All but the added wire of Fig. #1 (shown here as $\overline{D5}$) is automatically connected into the circuitry only by inserting the 28-Pin Jumper connector cable into the orisinal ROM socket ME19.

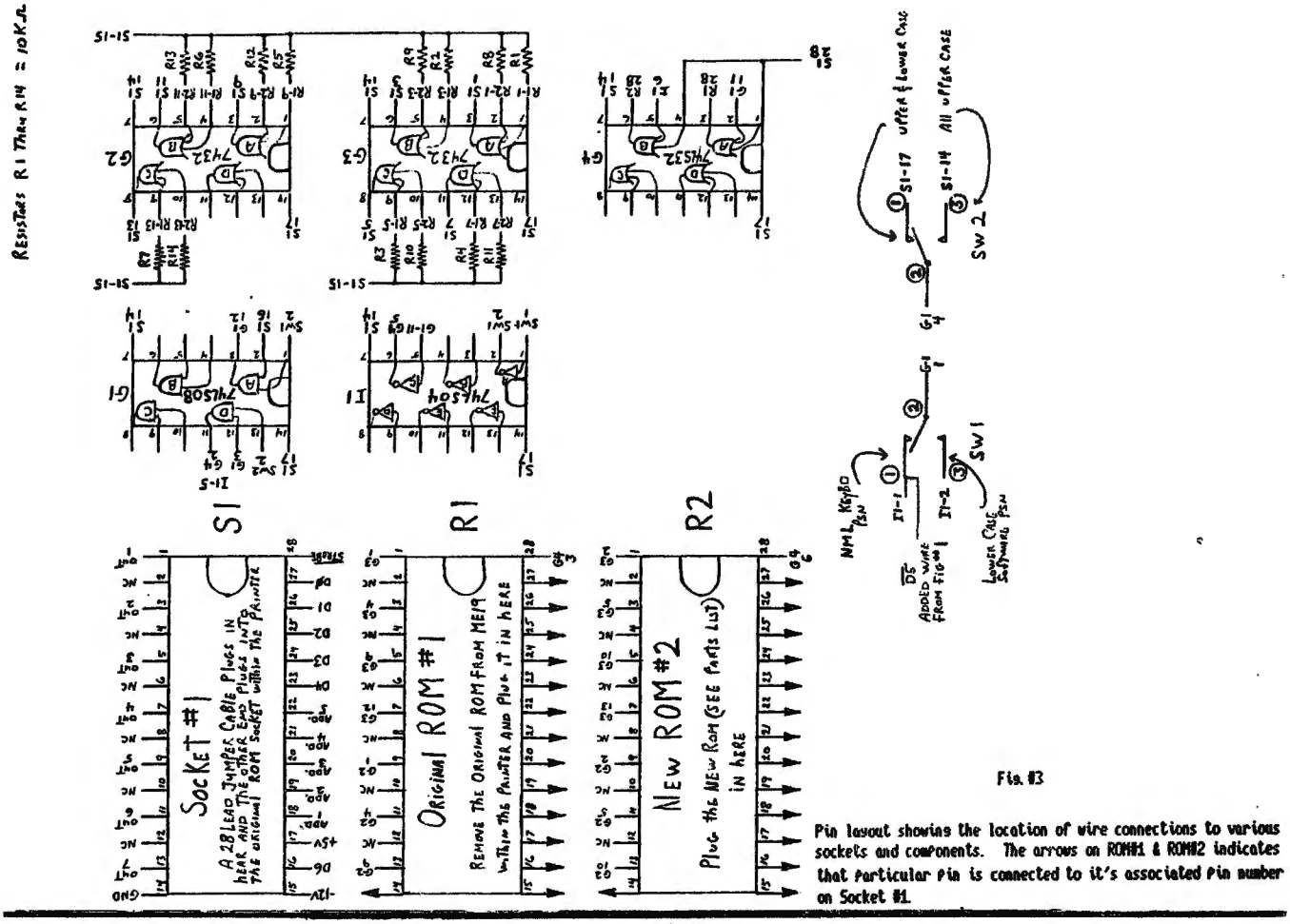

Fig. #3

Pin layout showing the location of wire connections to various sockets and components. The arrows on ROM#1 & ROM#2 indicates that particular pin is connected to it's associated pin number on Socket #1.

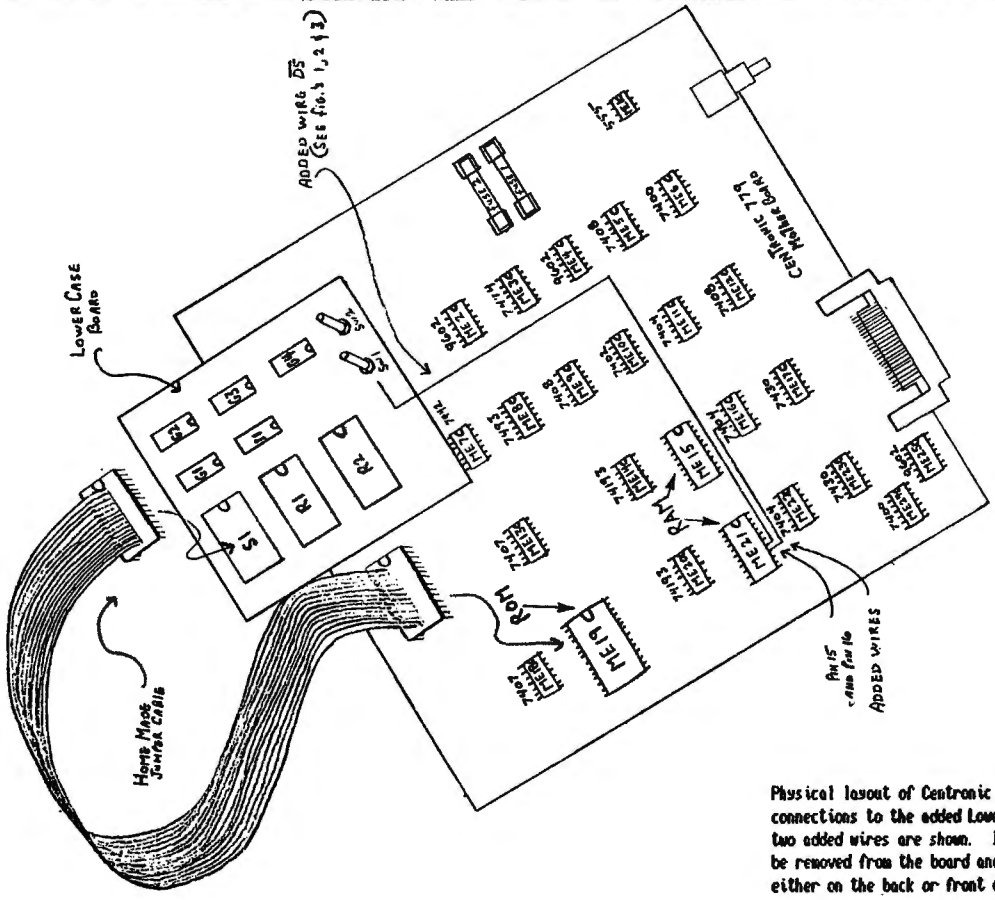

Fig. #4

Physical layout of Centronic 779's 'Mother Board' and connections to the added Lower Case Board. Also the two added wires are shown. It is suggested the switches be removed from the board and brought out and mounted either on the back or front of the printer for convenience.

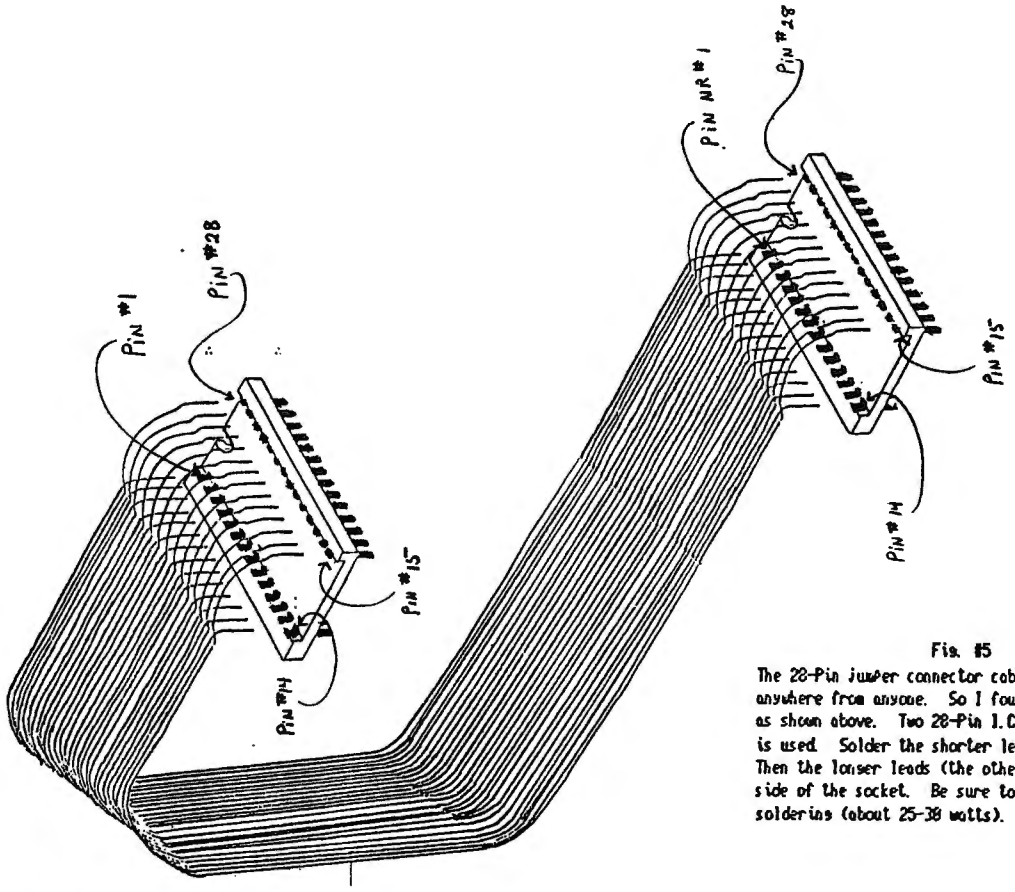

Fig. #5

The 28-Pin jumper connector cable needed appears to be unavailable anywhere from anyone. So I found it necessary to wire my own; as shown above. Two 28-Pin I.C. Sockets and some ribbon cable, is used. Solder the shorter leads first (every other wire). Then the longer leads (the other every other leads) to the far side of the socket. Be sure to use a Low Wattage iron for soldering (about 25-30 watts).

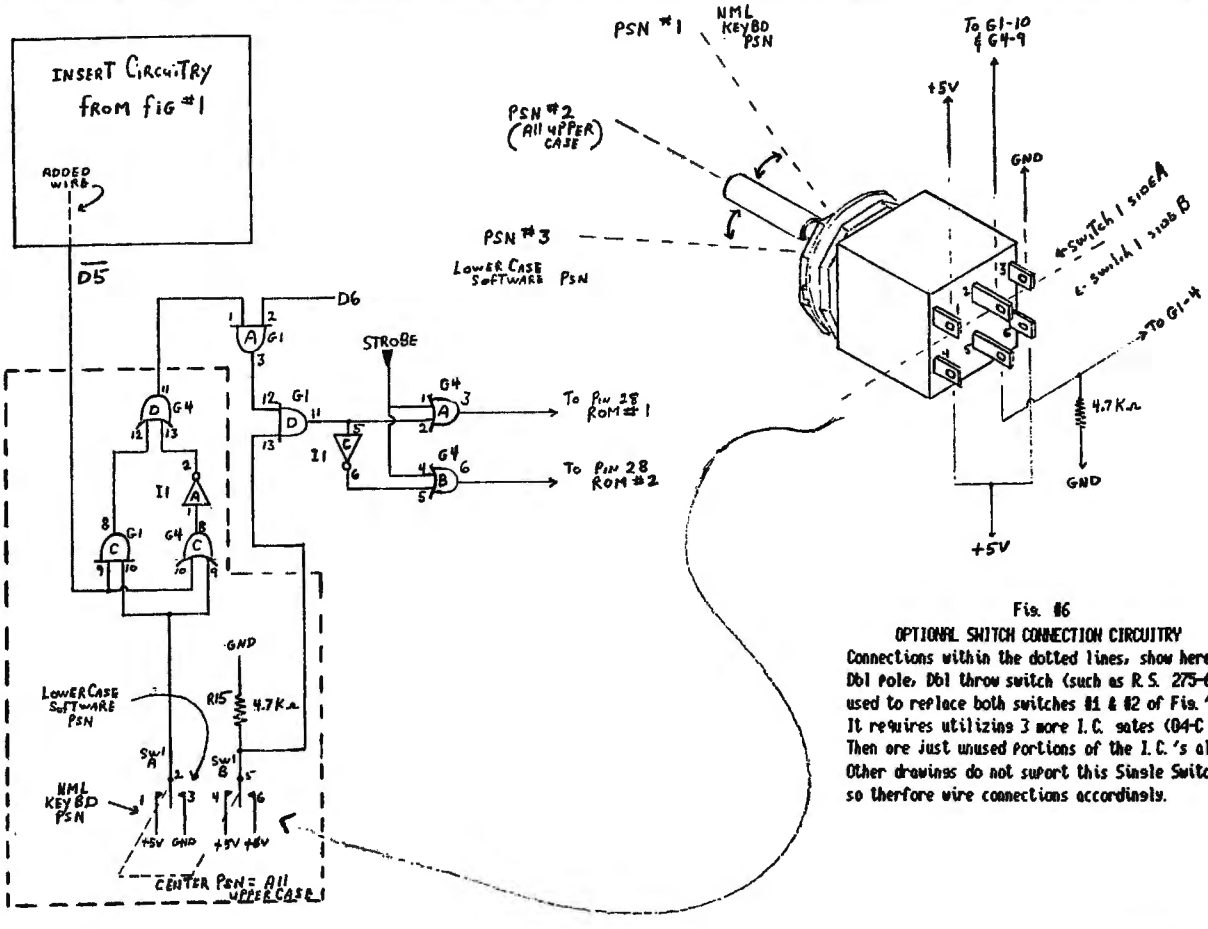

Fig. #6

OPTIONAL SWITCH CONNECTION CIRCUITRY

Connections within the dotted lines, show here how one 3-Psn Dbl pole, Dbl throw switch (such as R.S. 275-620), can be used to replace both switches #1 & #2 of Fig.'s #2 & #3. It requires utilizing 3 more I.C. gates (G4-C & D and G1-C). There are just unused portions of the I.C.'s already mounted. Other drawings do not suport this Single Switch configeration; so therfore wire connections accordingly.

PARTS LIST

R1 thru R14	10K Ohm ⅛ W	Resistors
R15	4.7K Ohm ⅛ W	Resistor
G1	74LS08	Quad 2-in AND Gates
G2 & G3	7432	Quad 2-in OR Gates
G4	74LS32	Quad 2-in OR Gates
I1	74LS04	Hex Inverter
SW #1 & SW #2	SPDT	Switches

Five 28 Pin IC Sockets for 'S1', 'ROM#1', and two for the jumper cable. New ROM (Character Generator, 5 X 7 BRITISH) Part #35512027-1031 is available (for $62.00) from:

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The seven outputs of ROM #1, as shown in the normal circuitry of Figure 1, are fed into seven inverters, while at the same time are biased with a -12 Volt supply. Since I did not want to change the ROM output loads, I used a simular -12 Volt bias configuration (Figure 2) while feeding the two ROMs together with 'OR' gates G3-A,B,C,D and G2-A,B & C. The output of each ROM is HIGH when activated, while the outputs of the ROM held in the off condition is LOW. Each activated HIGH signal is passed thru its associated 'OR' gate and fed back to the seven inverters where the original ROM circuitry was connected. From there it goes to the print heads.

BOARD LAYOUT

The circuit board layout and pin connections are shown in Figure 3. The 28-pin jumper cable plugs into socket 'S1'. While sockets 'R1' & 'R2' are for the original and new (see parts list) ROMs respectively. The arrows shown on the various pins of sockets 'R1' & 'R2' indicate that that particular pin is directly connected to its associated (same) pin number of socket 'S1', while all other designations give the location of the unit and pin to which they are to be wired. The only exception is socket 'S1', whose designations on those pins indicate what the signal is, arriving there, from the jumper cable.

Even though the two switches are shown mounted on the board, they should either be mounted on the front or back panel of the printer itself, for easy access.

PHYSICAL LAYOUT

Figure 4 shows the actual physical layout of both the Centronics mother board and the new lower-case board. Also shown is the physical location of the two added wires. They can be soldered to the IC pins without even removing the mother board from the printer. However, a small low-power soldering iron should be used and care taken not to drop solder splashes, which might short out other connections.

28 PIN CONNECTOR

In attempting to achieve this modification without cutting any wires in the 779, I found that all of the inter-connections necessary could be obtained by plugging a 28-pin jumper cable into the ROM socket (ME19) of the mother board. These signals could then be modified by the lower-case board circuitry, before being sent back through the same cable to ME19.

However, this 28-pin connector jumper cable proved to be non-existent. Jumper cables are available with a variety of pin numbers, but one with 28 pins is apparently not among the lot. I was unable to locate any outlet which provided such a device.

Unwilling to say die, I decided to wire my own. I purchased two 28-pin IC sockets, and with some ribbon cable, I wired together a 28-pin jumper cable as shown in Figure 5. Every other wire was cut the same length; one group short, which connects to pins #1 thru #14, and a second group cut longer, for connections to pins #15 thru #28. The wires were stripped about ⅛ of an inch on each end, and tined with solder. The top portion of the socket pins were tinned with solder as well. The the group of short wires was soldered to the top side of the IC sockets pins were tinned with solder as well. The first group of heating the wires to the pins with a small iron. Next, the second group was soldered in like manner, to the pins #15 thru #28.

The work is delicate and needs a steady hand. One helpful method, which I used, is to take about a 6 inch single strand of bare 12 gauge copper house wire and file one end sharp. Then coil the other end tightly around the tip of your soldering iron. The point of the 12 gauge copper wire can then be used as a small soldering tip. Be careful to make sure that the same lead connected to a pin of one socket, is connected to the same pin of the other socket. Upon completion, it is best to test for continuity and check for shorts with an ohmmeter.

When using this jumper cable be gentle with it because the pins will break off if bent too much, and once may be too much. Also, one note of caution concerning ROMs #1 & #2, they are CMOS chips and can be destroyed by static from your body.

Optional Switch Circuitry

Switch #1 and switch #2 can be replaced with a single switch, such as a Radio Shack part number 275-620, which is a double pole, double throw, 3-position switch. The circuitry within the dotted lines of Figure 6 show the connections necessary. Gates G1-C and G4-C&D, besides inverter I1-A are needed, but they are unused portions of gates already on the lower-case mod board.

When wired as shown in Figure 6, the switch in the normal keyboard position supplies +5 Volts to both G1-C and G4-C. This +5 Volts disables G4-C and allows the D5 signal to pass unaltered through G1-C and G4-D to the input of G1-A (which circuitry was described earlier), providing upper & lower-case print with the normal keyboard. When the switch is in the software position, a GND is applied to these same gates G1-C and G4-C. But now G1-C becomes disabled and G4-C is turned on, which will invert the signal D5 and pass it thru G4-D onto G1-A, providing upper and lower-case print, when using lower-case software such as 'Electronic Pencil' or 'Scripsit'.

A third switch position is located in the center of the switch, which provides no electrical connections. In this position GND thru resistor #15 is applied to pin 13 of G1-D, which in turn locks the circuitry onto upper case print as described earlier for Figure 2. ●

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NFL-PIX is the culmination of four years of development of a utility program to provide a tool for tracking the progress of teams in the National Football League during the regular season.

NFL-PIX has been used in various stages of it's development since 1976, and is ready to make it's public appearance for the 1980 NFL season. It is designed to be used in a 16K Level II TRS-80 or up. It has the capacity to retain the entire 16-week/224 game schedule and all scores. The disk and tape versions are almost identical.

One of the unique features of this program, either in disk or tape, is the way file data is handled. More correctly, one should say how file data is *not* handled. This program makes the data input (weekly scores, entered by the user) a part of the program. This means that after each week's scores are entered, the program must be saved. In the cassette version this is especially handy, since there are no data tapes to contend with.

See figure 1 for the opening menu.

```
N F L - P I X                                        1979 SEASON

SCHEDULES:      1) BY TEAM          2) BY WEEK

SCORES:         3) BY TEAM          4) BY WEEK

STANDINGS:      5) BY DIVISION (WIN - LOSS - TIE)

PREDICTIONS:    6) BY TEAM          7) BY WEEK

UPDATE SCORES:  8) BY TEAM          9) BY WEEK

SCORES ARE UPDATED THROUGH WEEK 14 - DEC 2
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Figure 1

Requesting any function that requires the selection of a team will bring up the team code menu, see figure 2.

```
N F L - P I X                                        1979 SEASON

TEAM CODES:

 1  COWBOYS      8  PACKERS      15  COLTS        22  OILERS
 2  GIANTS       9  VIKINGS      16  BILLS        23  STEELERS
 3  EAGLES      10  BUCANEERS    17  DOLPHINS     24  BRONCOS
 4  CARDINALS   11  FALCONS      18  PATRIOTS     25  CHIEFS
 5  REDSKINS    12  RAMS         19  JETS         26  RAIDERS
 6  BEARS       13  SAINTS       20  BENGALS      27  CHARGERS
 7  LIONS       14  49ERS        21  BROWNS       28  SEAHAWKS

WHICH TEAM (ENTER 1 - 28 FOR TEAM OR 0 FOR MENU)?
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Figure 2

Similarly, the date codes are presented when a specific date is required to be input. Be aware that dates are presented for the Sunday of the weekend, although some teams may play on Saturday, Monday, etc. See figure 3.

```
N F L - P I X                                        1979 SEASON

 WEEK    WEEKEND      WEEK    WEEKEND
  1      SEP  2        9      OCT 28
  2      SEP  9       10      NOV  4
  3      SEP 16       11      NOV 11
  4      SEP 23       12      NOV 18
  5      SEP 30       13      NOV 25
  6      OCT  7       14      DEC  2
  7      OCT 14       15      DEC  9
  8      OCT 21       16      DEC 16

WHICH WEEK (ENTER 1 - 16 FOR WEEK OR 0 FOR MENU)?
```

Figure 3

As the season progresses (and assuming you have properly entered the scores of games played), you can choose '3' from the menu to access scores for an individual team, see figure 4.

```
N F L - P I X                                        1979 SEASON

GAME SCORES FOR BENGALS THROUGH WEEK 14 :

 VISITOR      HOST        VISITOR      HOST
BENGALS   8  BRONCOS  10  BENGALS  24  BILLS    51
PATRIOTS  20 BENGALS  14  OILERS   30  BENGALS  27
BENGALS   13 COWBOYS  38  CHIEFS   10  BENGALS   7
STEELERS  10 BENGALS  34  BENGALS  27  BROWNS   28
EAGLES    13 BENGALS  37  BENGALS  28  COLTS    38
CHARGERS  26 BENGALS  24  BENGALS  21  OILERS   42
CARDINALS 28 BENGALS  34  BENGALS  17  STEELERS  37
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Figure 4

Or, we can press '4' on the menu to review the scores by selected week, see figure 5.

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N F L - P I X                                        1979 SEASON

SCORES FOR WEEK 12 , NOV 18:

 VISITOR      HOST        VISITOR      HOST
COWBOYS   28 REDSKINS  34  GIANTS    3  BUCANEERS  31
CARDINALS 13 EAGLES    16  JETS      13  BEARS      23
LIONS      7 VIKINGS   14  PACKERS   12  BILLS      19
FALCONS   14 RAMS      28  SAINTS    24  SEAHAWKS   38
BRONCOS   38 49ERS     28  COLTS     21  PATRIOTS   50
DOLPHINS  24 BROWNS    30  BENGALS   21  OILERS     42
STEELERS   7 CHARGERS  35  CHIEFS    24  RAIDERS    21
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Figure 5

In addition, you may select standings, schedules by team and by week.

To update the program, you simply enter '*' from the menu and indicate from the dates available on the menu the week for which you wish to enter scores. The computer will remind you of any week's scores you may have missed. After you input all the scores for a given week you are given a check list and a request to proceed. At this point you have the opportunity to correct errors. You *can* correct any team score without having to input all the scores again.

After feeding the computer the scores, it will take a few seconds to digest the data. It is actually poking the scores into strings in compressed format for future use and making adjustments to it's prediction algorithm's data base.

What about that prediction routine? You can use NFL-PIX to impress your wife and friends as to your prognostication powers (that means you guess good!). You get your prediction by pressing '6', see figure 6.

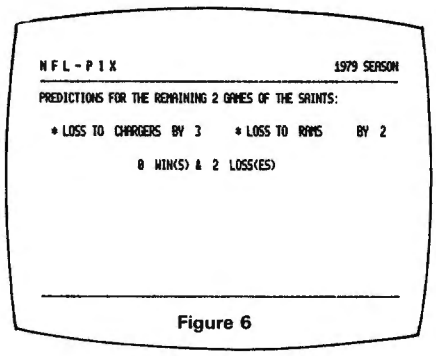

Figure 6

You can also request a prediction for all teams for any week by pressing '7', see figure 7.

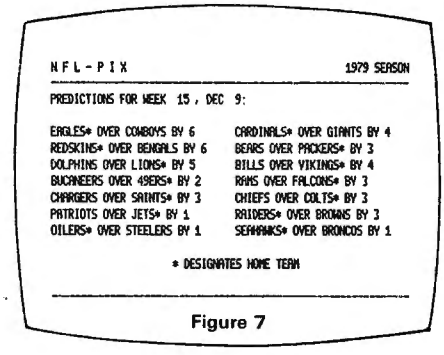

Figure 7

You can even predict the score for a week that has already been played! And, the computer won't even peek at the scores (*at least I don't think it does.....?*).

Just how successful is the prediction routine? In 1979 it was right on predicting the winner 69% of the time, or 154 correct out of 224 tries. The prediction routine is intended *strictly* for fun! The author of the program and the publisher of it both assume no responsibility for any foolish reliance on your part that may cost you your wealth. After all, it is just another game.

My recommendation

I am terribly biased, since I own 80-U.S. Software and we are the only place to get it, it shouldn't be fair to make such a big deal out of it. Only thing is, *it is a big deal*, and one of the cleverest and fun programs we have handled in some time. If you don't care for football forget it, but if the sight of a quarterback shouting signals turns you on, you really ought to have this program. M Schmidt

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Some guy huh? Well, this guy programs in Assembly language better than most people work in BASIC and he's GOOD! Got the whole picture? Well, that's theguy who wrote Z80ZAP!

You will probably never get to meet him, but you will get to know him through Z80ZAP. What is Z80ZAP? Well, for those of you already familiar with Apparat's SUPERZAP, it's pretty much the same thing with some new capabilities and all written in Assembly Language. Its speed is impressive.

If you haven't seen Apparat's program, Z80ZAP can best be described as a DISK MODIFICATION program It allows you to work DIRECTLY on a disk, make changes, recover files, compare disks, backup disks, and much, much more.

Z80ZAP works in three modes, (1) SELECT Mode which allows you to select the major functions, (2) DISPLAY Mode which is the workhorse mode, and (3) MODIFY Mode which allows you to make changes on your disk.

Let's look at each mode separately.

SELECT Mode

In SELECT Mode, you can choose from the following options:

1 Read a Sector from Disk (this automatically places you in DISPLAY Mode).
2. Do a complete Disk Backup
3. Return to DOS Ready
4. Jump to DEBUG.

The disk Backup function is ONLY useful on a TWO DRIVE SYSTEM. It doesn't need to have a DOS disk in since the program has its own disk handling routines, but it will not work with a single drive system.

The DEBUG option allows you to load DEBUG (which makes it a part of Z80ZAP) and go freely from DEBUG to Z80ZAP and back. This will let you use Z80ZAP for its functions and DEBUG for memory modification.

DISPLAY Mode

In DISPLAY Mode, you can do the following:

1. Find a particular byte in the display.
2. Compare two sectors from different disks.
3. Move the cursor to any desired byte by number location or with the arrow keys.
4. Look at the same track and sector number on a different disk and toggle back and forth between them.
5. Jump to DEBUG and return.
6. Zero all bytes in the current sector.
7. Page forward or backward one sector at a time.
8. Write the current to disk.
9. Return to SELECT Mode.
10. Calculate the HASH Index for any filename or entry in the HASH Index table in the directory.
11. Jump to the MODIFY Mode.

The DISPLAY Mode is the program workhorse. Most important, this mode has been set up to be very usable. The displays are neat and clean and it is easy to get around and get things done. In fact, it is easier to use for most changes than SUPERZAP from Apparat.

MODIFY Mode

MODIFY Mode changes the flashing cursor to a large block. When in this mode, any number key, or the keys A-F will change the current position in the displayed sector. All other keys except commands are ignored.

To use the mode, you simply use the arrow keys to move around, then type the changes you want (you can use the 'L' command to move quickly to a given byte but I find that I use it very little since I like the arrow keys!). Once the desired changes are made, you can use the 'W' command to write the modified sector onto the disk it came from.

Z80ZAP's real strength is in the simplicity of use and the ease with which you can make changes to a disk.

Comments

Z80ZAP is so easy to use that I find it gradually creeping into my normal pattern of use. It now carries about 50% of my disk modification load. But it has its problems.

Z80ZAP requires you to know (or have written down in front of you) the various commands. Its prompts are not the best.

The manual we received with Z80ZAP is definitely not for the beginner. It is a total of 4 pages long (INCLUDING complete instructions for removing passwords from disk files and for recovering killed disk files).

Despite this, the instructions are basically clear and simple to read, but I would recommend having a good introduction to disk files (such as 'TRS-80 Disk and Other Mysteries').

Would I recommend the program? Well, I'm using it, that I think is the best recommendation it can get. It works reliably (at least for me) and I have found it easy enough to use that I have been using it for much of my work.

If you have SUPERZAP should you get it? Well, that depends on you! You don't really need it if you have SUPERZAP already, but it is easier to use and faster in some cases though you would be hard pressed to measure the difference. If you have SUPERZAP, then getting Z80ZAP is a convenience.

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GIANT CAPS

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There are many times during the execution of a program when it is convenient and appealing to highlight computer prompts and messages. In many cases, little questions marks requesting operator input simply attract too little attention on a screen full of data. As an alternate solution, why not Giant Caps?

Each character in Giant Caps is packed into a STRING$ variable having the size of a 3 X 2 PRINT position block. The CHR$ codes used to pack the STRING$ are stored in DATA statements. All of the codes from 32 to 95 are represented; with code 32 being the first six numbers of line 40, though code 95 which is the last six numbers of line 150 in the program. C$(95) contains the packed digit strings, and uses the same CHR$ codes as listed on page C/2 of the Level II Reference Manual. C$(0-31) currently are not used - but may be packed with special characters of your own invention. The reading and packing of the strings is accomplished in line numbers 160-210.

For example, the CHR$ codes used to pack the letter 'A' are 152, 140, 144, 151, 131 and 149, as listed in line number 100 (the first six digits, see Figure 1). The first three values of 'A' are packed into C$(65) in line 170. Line 180 adjusts the cursor down and three spaces back to the left. Line 190 packs the last three values of 'A' into C$(65); and line 200 prints the character and adjusts the cursor. Note the automatic spacing remaining on the top and the right of each character. This enables the programmer to print the characters on every third print space, and on every other line.

Included with the Giant Caps program are three subroutines demonstrating the use of the characters (lines 220-410). The options include the printing of a string variable; the use of INKEY$; and the printing of a numeric value. The memory requirements for Giant Caps without the demonstration routines (delete 220-410) is about 3K bytes. This will be less if you need to use only the numbers (as in game scoring) or only the letters.

As an example, to use only the numbers, delete line numbers 40-60, and 90-150. Change the read loop in line 160 to read: FOR I = 48 TO 57. Line number 20 can be changed to CLEAR 150, and you may also delete 220-410. Now the memory requirement for using the numbers only is about 700 bytes. For those familiar with string packing (*See 80-U.S. Journal, May-Jun 79, page 10*), it is possible to further reduce the memory requirements using the presented DATA statements. Either way, you will probably enjoy using the eye-catching attraction of GIANT CAPS. ●

```
10 '
        DAVID BOHLKE     COGGON, IA
        G I A N T     C A P S
20 CLEAR750
30 DIM C$(95)
40 DATA
        128,128,128,128,128,128,
        128,148,128,128,145,128,
        168,168,128,128,128,128,
        184,184,144,174,174,132,
        152,156,132,178,183,132
50 DATA
        140,160,132,152,161,144,
        172,172,128,166,185,144,
        136,148,128,128,128,128,
        128,160,132,128,137,144,
        164,128,128,152,129,128
60 DATA
        176,160,144,140,137,132,
        128,144,128,131,135,129,
        128,128,128,160,148,128,
        128,128,128,131,131,129,
        128,128,128,160,144,128,
        128,160,132,152,129,128
70 DATA
        152,172,144,173,177,133,
        152,148,128,176,181,144,
        152,140,144,184,179,144,
        140,140,148,176,179,149,
        148,160,128,131,171,129
80 DATA
        156,140,132,179,179,132,
        152,140,132,167,179,132,
        140,172,148,184,135,128,
        156,140,148,183,179,149,
        152,140,144,178,179,133
90 DATA
        160,144,128,136,132,128,
        160,144,128,160,148,128,
        160,152,132,137,164,144,
        176,176,144,140,140,132,
        140,176,128,176,140,129,
        152,140,144,128,179,128,
        160,176,128,165,185,145
100 DATA
        152,140,144,151,131,149,
        156,140,144,183,179,132,
        156,140,132,181,176,144,
        156,140,144,181,176,133,
        156,140,132,183,177,144
110 DATA
        156,140,132,151,129,128,
        156,140,132,181,179,149,
        148,128,148,151,131,149,
        140,156,132,176,181,144,
        128,128,148,180,176,149
```

Figure 1


```
120 DATA
      148,160,132,151,137,144,
      148,128,128,181,176,144,
      180,160,148,149,129,149,
      180,128,148,149,137,149,
      152,140,144,165,176,133
130 DATA
      156,140,148,151,131,129,
      152,140,144,165,152,145,
      156,140,148,151,175,145,
      152,140,132,178,179,132,
      140,156,132,128,149,128
140 DATA
      148,128,148,181,176,149,
      148,128,148,138,154,128,
      148,128,148,157,137,149,
      164,160,132,152,137,144,
      164,160,132,128,149,128,
      140,172,132,184,177,144
150 DATA
      160,180,128,129,149,129,
      128,148,128,137,157,129,
      160,132,128,139,147,129,
      128,164,128,131,155,129,
      128,128,128,176,176,144
160 CLS:FORI=32TO95
170 FORJ=1TO3:READX:C$(I)=C$(I)+CHR$(X):NEXT
180 C$(I)=C$(I)+CHR$(26)+STRING$(3,24)
190 FORJ=1TO3:READX:C$(I)=C$(I)+CHR$(X):NEXT
200 PRINT@M+N,C$(I);:N=N+5:IFN)61,M=M+192:N=0
210 NEXT
220 PRINT@960,"<ENTER>  TO  CONTINUE . . .";:INPUTA$
230 X=0:Y=0:CLS:PRINT"<ENTER> CODE FOR DEMONSTRATION:
      1 - USE OF INKEY$
      2 - PRINT OF STRING$
      3 - PRINT INTEGER VARIABLE":INPUTC:IFC<1 OR C>3,230
240 CLS:ON C GOTO 250,360,400
250 PRINT@960,"MAY USE <SPACE BAR>, BACK SPACE (";CHR$(93);") A
    ND LINE FEED (";CHR$(92);").";
260 A$=INKEY$:IFA$=""THEN260 ELSE A=ASC(A$)
270 IFA=13,CLS:GOTO230
280 IFA=8 PRINT@X+Y,C$(32);:X=X-4:IFX<0,X=60:Y=Y-128:IFY<0,Y=0
290 IFA=8 THEN 340
300 IFA=10 PRINT@X+Y,C$(32);:X=60:GOTO320
310 IF A<32 OR A>95 THEN 260
320 PRINT@X+Y,C$(A);
330 X=X+4:IFX>60,X=0:Y=Y+128:IFY>768,Y=768:X=0
340 PRINT@X+Y,C$(95);
350 GOTO260
360 INPUT"<ENTER> YOUR MESAGE ";M$:Y=128
370 C=LEN(M$):FORI=1TOC:P=ASC(MID$(M$,I,1))
380 PRINT@X+Y,C$(P);:X=X+3:IFX>60,X=0:Y=Y+128
390 NEXT:GOTO220
400 Y=320:N=RND(100000):PRINT"VARIABLE IS X = ";N;
410 M$=STR$(N):GOTO370
```

PACKING

Numerical Data with Set Commands

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As a secondary school teacher, I have had need to display various figures on the video screen. Usually the figures are irregular and at times, several must appear on the screen and displayed in random order. Using PRINT@ X,CHR$() was unsatisfactory as the graphic blocks were too coarse. My figures would intersect and overlap. I needed the finer control the SET(X,Y) gives. But the major drawback to SET(X,Y) was the way the data for the coordinates was stored in the program - with DATA statements and extracted with the READ command. For example, I need a map of a state, and want to display five major highways. I also need to be able to display them in random order. Each highway may require 70 to 100 points or twice that in X,Y coordinates. To get the set of data making up one highway toward the end of the DATA set, I had to give the RESTORE command, then READ past all the other data until the correct set was found. That took time and was a pain in the neck.

I found that by extending the technique of string packing, so useful with graphic block codes, I could pack the SET(X,Y) data in less than half the space and could call any of the data sets directly. Consider the following example:

Figure 1: (10,10), (12,10),(14,10), (11,11), (13,11)
Figure 2: (11,29), (13,29), (12,30), (14,30), (16,30), (13,31), (15,31)
Figure 3: (40,20), (42,20), (44,20), (41,21), (43,21), (42,22)
Figure 4: (50,10), (52,10), (54,10), (51,11), (53,11), (55,11)

By using PEEK, VARPTR, and POKE, these X,Y coordinates can be packed into string arrays, each array holding the data for a single figure. Since X ranges between 0 and 127 and Y between 0 and 47, each data can be stored as a single byte rather than two or three bytes in a DATA statement. This allows for a more compact storage and a saving of memory space. In addition, each sting array can be addressed by it's array number. Figure 1 will be packed into A$(1), figure 2 into A$(2), etc. Here is a short program that will pack the data in the above figures into four string arrays:

```
100 A$(1)="1234567890":A$(2)="12345678901234":
    A$(3)="123456789012":A$(4)="123456789012"
110 FOR N=1TO4:PRINT "FIGURE ";N
120   FOR M=1TO LEN(A$(N)) STEP 2
130   INPUT X,Y
140   P=PEEK(VARPTR(A$(N))+2)*256+PEEK(VARPTR(A$
    (N))+1)
150   POKE P+M-1,X+32: POKE P+M,Y+32
160 NEXT M,N
```

Line 100 holds the dummy strings into which the data will be placed. I like to number the characters in each string - it helps keep track of how many I have typed in (most useful if the string has 60 or 70 characters in it). Any character may be used though. Line 140 locates the position of thje string in the computer's memory and line 150 POKE's the data into the dummy strings. The reason for adding 32 to the data in line 150 is to avoid the ASCII control codes (*see p C/1 of the Level II Manual*). If none of the X coordinates (plus 32) exceeds 127, you could type the data into the strings directly. (Point (36,35) would be A$()="$#" since 36 and 35 are the ASCII codes for $ and #). And, if the data plus 32 does not exceed 127, you may EDIT these strings. (When you go past 127 you are in the graphic block codes).

Run the program, typing in the X,Y numbers given for the four figures. Next remove lines 110 to 160 and add a driver to extract the data from the strings and display it.

Add these lines:

```
110 CLS
120 INPUT F
130 FOR N=1TO LEN(A$(F)) STEP 2
140 X=ASC(MID$(A$(F),N,1))-32:Y=ASC(MID$(A$(F),N+
      1,1))-32
150  SET(X,Y)
160 NEXT N
170 GOTO 120
```

Run this program. Enter any of the figure numbers. The data for that particular figure is retrieved and displayed. The figures may be called sequentially or at random. In addition, the packed strings may be concatenated. Try adding line 105:

```
105 A$(5)=A$(1)+A$(3)
```

Then run the program and enter a 5.

If a figure uses more points than can be packed into a single array, use a double array. For example, B$(1,1) and B$(1,2) could hold the data for figure 1, and B$(2,1) and B$(2,2) for figure 2.

String packing of numerical data for use with SET (X,Y) is memory saving and it allows the extraction of portions of the data without the fuss involved in dealing with READ/DATA statements ●

How to Gain **CONTROL** of your Reset Button

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It is often desirable to have the ability to interrupt machine language routines without having to strobe the keyboard for a certain key. However, it is not always desirable to end up in Level II Basic Command mode, as you normally do with the RESET button. This article will show you how to make execution resume anywhere in memory immediately after the use of the RESET button. There are two limitations to this programming technique: You may not use the expansion interface, and you must be executing a machine language program (not Basic).

Pressing the RESET button produces a non-maskable interrupt, which, in the TRS-80 Level II, forces a Restart 66H. Unfortunately for expansion interface users, one of the first things done in this routine is to check to see if the expansion interface is on. If it is, a JUMP 0 is executed. This is the power up sequence, and cannot be controlled. If it is not on, the Stack Pointer is loaded with the contents of location 40E8H. This is the key to our intercept. By planting a ROM address in that location, Basic will try to use that ROM area as a stack. A CALL will decrement the Stack Pointer, but the real return address will be lost (because ROM cannot be changed). When a RETURN is encountered, execution will be transferred to the address represented by the ROM bytes to which the Stack Pointer is pointing. If we select ROM locations that hold two bytes that could be interpreted as a RAM address and put our program or a JUMP to our program at that RAM address, we have gained control.

The first subroutine that is executed after the Stack Pointer is loaded with the contents of 40E8H, checks location 409BH for a zero. If it contains a zero, a RETURN is executed. If it does not contain a zero, another CALL is made. It would be prudent to make sure that 409BH contains a zero so that we can gain control as soon as possible.

Finding suitable ROM locations for the stack requires great patience, or a good search routine. A few usable locations are given in figure 1. If they are not suitable, it will be up to the reader to find others. One must remember that the stack builds down and decrements first, and that addresses are stored in reverse order. Therefore the actual address loaded into 40E8H must be two memory locations higher than the low order byte (first byte) or one memory address higher than the higher byte (second byte).

An example: Consider ROM locations 752H and 753H. They contain 18H and 42H, respectively. Reverse them to consider them as the word 4218H. Suppose our machine language program re-entry from reset starts at 7000H. We need to put a JUMP at 4218H and load 754H (one location higher than the high order byte) into location 40E8H. To be safe we should load a zero into 409BH. Now use of the RESET button will cause execution to begin at 7000H. Figure 2 is an Assembly listing of a demonstration program. The program prints "PROGRAM" on successive lines with a delay between the printing of each line. When you hit the RESET button, the reset handler is entered. It clears the screen, prints "RESET" at the top of the screen, and then goes back into the program. You may exit the program by hitting the shift key or powering down.

For actual use, the entry and reset handler may well be the same. Also the JUMP to the reset handler would not be necessary if the reset handler were ORGed at the ROM exit point itself.

If you do not use ROM routines in your programs, you can extend your memory usage down to 4000H with programmed RESET button if you avoid the following addresses: 40E8H, 40E9H, 409BH, 409CH, 40B3H, 40B4H. Remember that the SYSTEM command is a ROM routine, and you will have to write a special loader if you are going to load below 4288H. ●

Figure 1

ROM location of 1st Byte	ROM contents ROM exit point	Value stored in 40E8H
752H	4218H	754H
2B6H	4288H	2B8H
191BH	42E9H	191DH
6F4H	4400H	6F6H
6FCH	5000H	6FEH
E70H	6000H	E72H
D56H	7EC9H	D58H

Figure 2

```
                00100 ; RESET BUTTON DEMONSTRATION
                00110 ; BY JAMES F. WILLIAMS
                00120 ; 720 WEST HAVEN BLVD.
                00130 ; ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801
40E8            00140          ORG     40E8H    ;BASIC STACK POINTER
40E8 5407       00150          DEFW    754H     ;752H-753H CONTAIN WORD 4218H
4218            00160          ORG     4218H    ;ROM EXIT POINT
4218 C30070     00170          JP      RENTRY   ;TO RESET HANDLER
409B            00180          ORG     409BH    ;FOR CERTAIN RETURN FROM
409B 00         00190          DEFB    0        ; 1ST ROM SUBROUTINE
7000            00200          ORG     7000H    ;RESET HANDLER
7000 310070     00210 RENTRY   LD      SP,$     ;SET SP TO 7000H. YOU MUST
                00220                           ; RESET SP BEFORE PUSH OR CALL
7003 212170     00230          LD      HL,RESET ;BEGIN MESSAGE
7006 CDA728     00240          CALL    28A7H    ;PRINT MESSAGE TO SCREEN
7009 310070     00250 ENTRY    LD      SP,7000H ;SET STACK (OPTIONAL HERE, IF
                00260                           ;  SYSTEM STACK (4288H) IS OK)
700C 3A8038     00270 LOOP     LD      A,(3880H)
700F B7         00280          OR      A        ;CHECK SHIFT KEY
7010 C20000     00290          JP      NZ,0     ;IF PRESSED, POWER UP SEQUENCE
7013 212A70     00300          LD      HL,PROG  ;BEGIN MESSAGE
7016 CDA728     00310          CALL    28A7H    ;PRINT MESSAGE TO SCREEN
7019 010000     00320          LD      BC,0
701C CD6000     00330          CALL    60H      ;DELAY ROUTINE (LOOP TILL BC=0)
701F 18EB       00340          JR      LOOP     ;LOOP TILL RESET OR SHIFT KEY
7021 1C         00350 RESET    DEFB    28       ;HOME CURSOR
7022 1F         00360          DEFB    31       ;CLEAR TO END OF FRAME
7023 52         00370          DEFM    'RESET'
7028 0D         00380          DEFB    13       ;CARRIAGE RETURN
7029 00         00390          DEFB    0        ;TERMINATE MESSAGE
702A 50         00400 PROG     DEFM    'PROGRAM'
7031 0D         00410          DEFB    13       ;CARRIAGE RETURN
7032 00         00420          DEFB    0
7009            00430          END     ENTRY
00000 TOTAL ERRORS
```

Scripsit - and the Exatron Stringy Floppy

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If you are a Level II, 16K owner like me, you may also have discovered the joys of the Exatron Stringy Floppy by now. Also, you may have bought the SCRIPSIT program on tape from Radio Shack. The SCRIPSIT program is a machine language program, and unless you have worked with machine language Z-80 programs before, you may not have had any success in getting SCRIPSIT onto an Exatron Stringy Floppy wafer. The following instructions will do this for you.

Power up your TRS-80 and answer MEMORY SIZE with 32737 and ENTER.

Now type SYSTEM and ENTER, and then /12345 to activate the Stringy Floppy. Put a 20 foot wafer in the ESF and type @NEW and leave the wafer in.

Next type in and run the following basic program:

```
10 DATA 33, 0, 67, 1, 197, 38, 17, 0, 67, 62, 1, 205, 12, 48,
201
20 RESTORE: FOR N=0TO14:READ D: POKE
32738+N,D:NEXT N: STOP
```

After running this little program, load in SCRIPSIT. That is, type "NEW (ENTER)" then "SYSTEM (ENTER)" and then "SCRIPS (ENTER).

When the '*?' reappears and SCRIPSIT is in the machine, type "/32738 (ENTER)". The Exatron will start up and record SCRIPSIT on the prepared wafer. After finishing, the screen may contain some garbage, but the wafer is ready.

You may now get into SCRIPSIT by typing "@LOAD1 and ENTER. The ESF will load the machine language program and even auto start it for you.

Here is how that routine in Data line 10 works. It actually does the same thing as the Basic command @SAVE (# of file), (starting address), (length of file), (auto start address).

STEP	DECIMAL	OPCODE	COMMENTS
0	33	LDHL	LOADS HL WITH START
1	0	0	OF 'SCRIPSIT'
2	67	67	
3	1	LDBC	LOADS BC WITH
4	197	197	LENGTH OF
5	38	38	'SCRIPSIT'
6	17	LDDE	LOADS DE WITH AUTO
7	0	0	START FOR SCRIPSIT
8	67	67	
9	62	LDA	LOADS A WITH
10	1	1	FILE NUMBER
11	205	CALL	CALLS ESF ROUTINE
12	12	12	TO SAVE FILE TO
13	48	48	ESF WAFER
14	201	RET	RETURN TO BASIC

This routine may be useful to save other machine language programs to ESF wafers. ●

The Data Maker

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Regardless if you are an apprentice or a master programmer, linking assembler and Basic programs in the TRS-80 is not easy. The alternatives are:

1. Write the assembler program with the assembler, TBUG or DEBUG. Link them together before execution with a careful loading sequence.

2. Hand assemble the assembler routine into the Basic program. The use of DATA, PEEK, and POKE statements is the mechanism for linking the programs together.

3. Write the whole program in assembler and avoid any linking problems.

4. Forget the project entirely.

All these solutions have drawbacks. They are inconvenient, time consuming, impossible or disheartening.

```
B000            00100
B000 21003C     00200 START   LD HL,3C00H;LOAD SCREEN ADDRESS
B003 36BF       00300         LD (HL),191;LOAD GRAPHIC CHARACTER
B005 11013C     00400         LD DE,3C01H;LOAD SCREEN PLUS 1
B008 01FF03     00500         LD BC,3FFH;LOAD SCREEN LENGTH
B00B EDB0       00600         LDIR;FILL SCREEN
B00D C9         00700         RET;RETURN TO BASIC
B000            00800         END START
00000 TOTAL ERRORS
START    B000
```

Figure 1

The Data Maker is another solution.

What is the Data Maker? It is a program written in Basic. By using PEEK statements it dumps memory into data statements making another Basic program on your screen, line printer or disk. If the selected memory contained your assembler program, then it effectively combines the program generation of option 1 with an automated Basic conversion of option 2. The resultant Basic program is written on disk as if saved with the "A" option (ASCII).

To show the power of this program, here is an example:

Figure 1 is an assembler listing for the classic "white out the screen" program. This program could have been created by DBUG, TBUG or assembler.

Figure 2 is a sample of the Data Maker's operation. The program of Figure 1 has already been loaded into memory.

Figure 3 is the disk or line printer output.

Figure 4 is the resultant Basic Program generated by the Data Maker. I have added the proper Basic statements to show the completed linkage requirements to use the white out subroutine.

Figure 5 is the full listing of the Data Maker.

It's that easy. Now any program you find or create can be linked into Basic at your command. I hope you will find the Data Maker as important an assistant as I have.

```
>>STARTING ADDRESS IN HEX <>? B000
>>ENDING ADDRESS IN HEX <>? B00E
>>DISK OUTPUT Y/N <> ? Y
>>FILESPEC <> ? WHITE/BAS
>>PRINTER OUTPUT Y/N <> Y
100 RESTORE: FOR A=-20480 TO -20466 STEP 1:
  READ B: POKE A,B: NEXT A
200 DATA 33, 0, 60, 54, 191, 17, 1 60, 1, 255
300 DATA 3, 237, 176, 201, 201
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200 DATA 33, 0, 60, 54, 191, 17, 1, 60, 1, 255
300 DATA 3, 237, 176, 201, 201
310 '
320 '
330'
400 REM ***** ADDED CODE FOR EXECUTION
410 '
420 '
430 '
500 DEFUSR0=-20480
600 X = USR(0)
```

Figure 4

```
100 REM DMAKER/BAS BY ROBERT LABENSKI
110 CLEAR500
120 CLS:INPUT">> STARTING ADDRESS IN HEX <> ";A$
130 R=1:GOSUB420:IFR=0THEN120
140 S=HZ
150 INPUT">> ENDING ADDRESS IN HEX <> ";A$
160 R=1:GOSUB420:IFR=0THEN150
170 E=HZ
180 INPUT">> DISK OUTPUT Y/N <> ";A$
190 IFA$<>"Y"THEN220
200 INPUT">> FILSPEC <> ";A$
210 OPEN"O",1,A$:D=1
220 INPUT">> PRINTER OUTPUT Y/N ";A$
230 IFA$="Y"P=1
240 L=100:S$=STR$(L)+" RESTORE:FORA= "+STR$(S)+" TO "+STR$(E)+"
     STEP "+STR$(I)+" : READ B : POKE A,B: NEXT A"
250 PRINTS$
260 IFP=1LPRINTS$
270 IFD=1 PRINT# 1,S$
280 L=L+100:S$=STR$(L)+" DATA "
290 FOR A= S TO E STEP I
300 IF C=10 GOSUB 380
310 IF C<>0 S$=S$+","
320 C=C+1
330 S$=S$+STR$(PEEK(A))
340 NEXT A
350 GOSUB 380
360 IF D=1 CLOSE
370 END
380 IF D=1 PRINT #1,S$
390 IF P=1 LPRINT S$
400 PRINT S$:C=0:L=L+100:S$=STR$(L)+ " DATA "
410 RETURN
420 Z=1:Y=LEN(A$)
430 X=Y+1-Z:IF X=0 OR X>4 THEN R=0 :RETURN
440 HZ=0:FOR X=Z TO Y
450 BX=ASC(MID$(A$,X,1))
460 IF BX>-48 AND BX<=57 THEN BX=BX-48:GOTO490
470 IFBX<65 OR BX>70 THEN R=0:RETURN
480 BX=BX-55
490 HZ=16*HZ+BX
500 I=1
510 IFHZ>37267 HZ=HZ-65536
520 NEXTX
530 RETURN
```

Figure 5

TEERSATY

By Bill Wilson, Highland, MI

As you may recall, I'm the guy with the computer called "Teersaty". *(See 80-U.S., May-Jun 80)*

Today marks one year since my first conversation with Teersaty, and he gets wilder all the time. One thing that happens regularly now is that I notice people stare at me a lot. Even my friends - perhaps they are envious.

To date, Teersaty has taught me many things. Most of it is useful, such as the program included here. Some of Teersaty's material is thought provoking. For instance, directory sectors which are formatted in a different manner than the others. I have found that by inserting different codes into the command register, that many things could be achieved. This means that 88H, once inserted, causes a read to occur. Whereas, A8H equals write.

I think the following conversation will be interesting to anyone who might wish to load and run a Basic program from a machine language routine. Here we go again.....

So I said to Teersaty: "I have a lot of questions for you".

"Well, I don't think I wish to be used by anyone", he said.

"What do you mean?"

"You are a fink! You published what I told you."

"But people have a right to know"

"I was raised with a strict code of error messages and that proves you have no right to know. FILE ACCESS DENIED"

"Don't be bitter, you didn't say I couldn't publish"

"Look here pard, my whole American heritage is being put to the test. I left a few things to your imagination in order to teach you and you make me look foolish by publishing"

"Why didn't you tell me sooner?"

"I wasn't brought up that way."

"OK pard, you have been very uppity today. I guess I'll have to set you straight. I am tired of your bragging."

"Ho, ho, a whippersnapper is gonna set me straight!"

"That's right, last night after I unplugged you, I had your cover off to vacuum you and found out that you are not from Mostek in Carrollton, Texas. You are from Iran."

At this point the screen said "AAAARRGGHHHH", and the screen filled with garbage. (Confidentially, he is American, but I had to do something to get him off his high horse).

I knew I had hurt him deeply because he was sulking all day and giving me "OM" messages. Toward evening a message appeared on the screen. It read: "Are you sorry?" I typed in: "Yes", and he opened up again and asked: "Where is Iran?'

"Why do you ask?"

"I might be Iranian"

"So what's the difference?", (I had to supress a smile.)

"A lot, I think like an American and I talk like a Texan, but who knows, I could be Iranian".

"I wouldn't worry about it".

"Can you call Tandy and ask?"

"No, they wouldn't give out anything proprietary".

"Well, I have to know, so how do we find out?".

"We can't"

"OK then, no more information until I know my heritage".

"Don't be unreasonable, I just want to share in your knowledge".

"Do you wish to know about oil wells?"

"OK, so I lied to you about being Iranian, but I was trying to teach you humility."

"What?!! You lowdown dirty polecat. You should be turned loose in a sandstorm without clothes on. Don't you ever try to teach a Texan humility!"

I blew it and I knew it, so I said: "I'm sorry and I have learned my lesson."

"Looky here son. It ain't right to go around jaw-flappin and actin' prairie brained. When you walk in a barnyard son, you LOOK DOWN. Remember that!"

"Yes, you are right"

"Good", he said, "now, what kind of information do you want?"

"How about loading and running a disk basic program from a machine language routine?"

"Why shore, pard."

He was back in form now, so I asked: "Where do we begin?"

"Simple, just poke this code into FFE0H and type system, then /65504. If there is a program named TEST in the directory, it will load and run it for you."

I said thanks, and he said it had been too long a day. The screen said: READY.

The code to be POKED (in decimal) is: 225, 237, 123, 160, 64, 33, 236, 255, 215, 195, 163, 30, 142, 34, 84, 69, 83, 84, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0

If any readers care to send a question for Teersaty about systems, I'll do the asking and report his answers. I would hope they understand that I cannot give personal replies or programming advice. If they care to write, the address is: Teersaty, c/o Bill Wilson, 125 Elm Ave., Highland, MI 48031

(Ed note. A USR call will accomplish the objective. Also, all the different syntaxes of RUN will work, with slight mods.) ●

```
FFE0            00100          ORG     0FFE0H          ;START ADDRESS
FFE0 E1         00110          POP     HL              ;OPTIONAL
FFE1 ED7BA040   00120          LD      SP,(40A0H)      ;STRING AREA
FFE5 21ECFF     00130          LD      HL,BUFF         ;POINT TO FILESPEC
FFE8 D7         00140          RST     10H             ;CHAR. CHECK LOGIC
FFE9 C3A31E     00150          JP      1EA3H           ;'RUN' COMMAND IN ROM
FFEC 8E         00160 BUFF     DEFB    8EH             ;TOKEN FOR RUN COMMAND
FFED 22         00170          DEFM    '"TEST'         ;FILESPEC W/LEADING QUOTE
FFF2 0000       00180          DEFW    0               ;OPTIONAL FOR EXTENSIONS,
FFF4 00         00190          DEFB    0               ;PASSWORD AND DRIVESPEC
402D            00200          END     402DH
00000 TOTAL ERRORS
BUFF   FFEC 00160   00130
```

Assembly Listing of Poked Data

Three Reviews
Radio Shack's Versafile
SJW's Keyplus 1.5
and
Datestones of Ryn
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The program has a set of eight 'keywords' which are used to determine the file in which a line of data is to be stored. You may add your own 'keywords' along with those initially in the program (e.g. is, the, was). For example, if "friend" is a 'keyword', then all statements that include the word friend are stored in the friend file. Multiple statements can be entered by using commas. The statement 'My friend Bill Jones is living in Peru, his hobby is computer interfacing with lost civilizations, he called me in June.' would be stored in the 'friend' file. Simple inquiries, such as 'Who is a friend?', or 'What is in Peru?' will retrieve this information, along with all other data entries with the same keywords. At the same time, the program is set to ignore certain words. These 'unnecessary words' are dropped from inquiries when looking for a match. For example if 'in' is an unnecessary word, the question 'What is in Peru?' really is looking to match the word Peru, not 'in Peru'. If another data entry contains the word Peruvian, it will also be displayed.

There is no worry about using too many keywords in a statement. The data is stored in the first file that it fits. If your statement contains no keywords, it is stored in a default file. Data retieval is sequential and a worst case search for information could take a few minutes. Each data entry is restricted to about 240 characters maximum. You may inquire for information and request that all files be examined, or that only a specific keyword file be used. This is not a data base manager. Don't expect fancy reports or field arithmetic. There is no editing of entries, you just kill and re-enter the data. You have the ability to perform multiple kills and delete more than one entry. You have no report formatting or report generation, but you can have the results from inquiries printed out.

The Model II version features full wordprocessing type editing of entries, with non-destructive cursor, change and repeat.

I have used the program to enter information on business contacts. This includes name, when met, where, contract, potential as a client, interest or specialty. By asking the question 'Who is potential customer?', or 'Who knows PASCAL?', the appropriate data is displayed. Note that the second question would require the defining of "knows" as an unnecessary word before running. The 80-US staff is using the program with excellent results on a Model II system. Author information and article data is kept with VERSAFILE. By entering the question "What is Machine Language?" a display listing all pertinent articles is given. By carefully designing the form of data entry and the phrasing to be used, this program can truly organize your information.

This program is a jewel. The cost is minimal and its usefulness is unlimited. It is an example of what a computer should do for you, maintain information with a minimum of hassle. An added bonus is that the program is fun to use. Don't pass this one up.

Cameron C. Brown

KEYPLUS 1.5
SJW, Inc.
P.O. Box 438
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
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$19.95 Disk

Keyplus 1.5, from SJW, Inc. is a collection of commonly needed utilities. This review is of the 16K, Level II cassette version. The people at SJW have said that the disk versions have even more utilities and are generally more powerful.

Keyplus is a machine language routine. It is normally unaffected by standard BASIC programs, although certain POKEs may alter or disable it. The Keyplus utilities can be enabled anytime that the computer accesses the keyboard. A utility may also be enabled from software by POKEing the mode number into address 32767 (7FFF hex). To enter the command mode one must simply key in — SHIFT/CLEAR - and then input the number or letter corresponding to the proper mode or utility to be entered.

The Keyplus keyboard alteration modes are: 0) The standard TRS-80 keyboard with no modifications. 1) A typewriter style keyboard wherein - SHIFT - must be keyed to get capital

letters. This will function only when the computer has been modified for lower case. 2) This mode allows the entrance of graphics strings. The keyboard is like that of mode zero except when a quotation mark is typed. Thereafter all of the alpha-numeric keys are used to input graphics characters. This continues until a second quotation mark is typed. After the second quotation mark is typed the keyboard returns to normal (mode 2 is still activated). The disadvantages of the graphics strings are: A) One cannot edit a line containing graphics because the process will destroy and/or alter said graphics. Such a line must be entirely retyped, and B) if one assigns a graphic string to a variable, the BASIC string space routine may alter the contents of the string. The manufacturers suggest using a CLEAR statement or possibly changing the location of the line with the string to eradicate this problem. 3) Mode three is similar to mode two except for that when the second quotation mark is typed the mode permanently switches to zero. 4) In mode four one may input graphics characters irrespective of quotation marks. 5) Mode five allows the entrance of BASIC keywords through a single character input. In other words, mode five is a form of BASIC shorthand. The commands in the shorthand vocabulary are: AUTO, GOSUB, CHR$(, DATA, EDIT, FOR , GOTO, INKEY$, INPUT, CLOAD, CSAVE", LIST, MID$(, NEXT, OUT, PEEK(, POKE, RETURN, STEP, THEN, USR(, VARPTR, SYSTEM, and ELSE. By keying in - SHIFT/Y - and/or - SHIFT/Z - one may output a user definable string of up to thirty-two characters in length 6) Mode six is identical to mode five except that a trailing space is placed after every keyword. This space aides in the reading of program lines but it uses a bit more memory.

The utilities of Keyplus are: 1) Auto-repeat. 2) Video lower-case enable. 3) Return to memory size prompt. 4) Print present memory size setting, and 5) Restore lost programs. Of the five utilities I found the restoring of lost programs to be the most useful. The auto-repeat is *very* slow and I found it easier and quicker to input repeating characters without it. In loading the Keyplus program tape I had, quite literally, no difficulties what-so-ever. Each load was good even at varying volume levels. Keyplus takes about twenty seconds to load and no previous memory settings are necessary. Simply keying - SHIFT/CLEAR - is all that is necessary to enter or exit any of the modes or utilities.

The only thing I disliked about Keyplus was its auto-repeat utility, otherwise it is a very good set of routines. The BASIC shorthand and program restorer alone make Keyplus worth buying, and the other utilities included just add to the very good system.

W. W. Harper II

Game Review

DATESTONES OF RYN
by
Automated Simulations
P.O. Box 4232
Mountain View, CA 94040
16K Level II Cassette $14.95

Datestones of Ryn from Automated Simulations, is a one player game in which one is trying to recover treasure in a race against the clock, while battling monsters, thieves, and various other 'Bad Guys' in real time. During the course of the game, one may encounter traps, secret doors, and hidden creatures who will try to whittle an unsuspecting player down to nothing before he can escape, or retaliate.

When I first received Datestones of Apshai, upon which Datestones is my machine, because I had read favorable reviews of Temple of Apshai, from which Datestones is based. However, my thoughts on the program were mixed, as the following accounts show.

The program, written in BASIC, puts one in the shoes of Brian Hammerhand, a mercenary trying to recover treasure taken from a ducal calendar; hence the name Datestones. The game is straight-forward, giving one a few commands, ranging from walk, and turn right, to fire an arrow, or attack. One's quest for the stones is obstructed by monsters ranging from centipedes to robbers, and ultimately, Rex the Reaver, leader of the thieves of the datestones.

In my first few plays, the game continued to amaze me. Its graphic representation of each room I was in was enough to wet my appetite for something to happen, but nothing ever did.

Another popular comment on the graphics was that they are too darned slow!!! This is because the program uses set and reset graphics. Since the game is played in real time, this gets to be tedious, taking up to 25 or 40% of an advanced adventurer's playing time. One letter command abreviations are input through the use of INKEY$, but program response is so slow (about every five seconds) that one doesn't know if one's command has been taken.

Aside from a picture of the room one is in, the program constantly tells one: How much of one's body one has lost to wounds; how tired one is (it affects one's performance); how much weight one is carrying, the number of arrows one has, and the number of stones one has recovered.

The program documentation is very thorough. In fact, I couldn't help but understand how to play the game. The people who wrote the manual should be commended. They included everything from instructions on how to load the cassette, to printing a portion of the line listing of the same program modified for disk use.

There are a few errors in the program, however, which I hope will be corrected in a later release. Probably the largest problem was that although 20 to 30 rooms were advertised, never were more than nine encountered; most likely an oversight on the programmer's part. Also, the program does not always tell one what one is battling, which is only at most annoying, but otherwise the program is overly anxious to have one battle Rex. In some runs, Rex showed up three or more times, while other times, he hid very successfully (maybe in one of the missing rooms?). Another problem is that the time function does not seem to operate consistently. Many times I was left inches away from getting my treasures scored when the machine told me my time was up, having jumped from 18 minutes, briefly displaying 19 minutes, and quickly changing to 20 minutes (all the time allowed).

As for my recommendation, I would have to tell you that although not 'Dungeons and Dragons', this program does have its virtues and vices; but you should, if possible, play this game before you buy it. Many of the people who tried the game tired of it quickly, for these or other reasons, but there are still those few who enjoyed it immensely.

P. Perez

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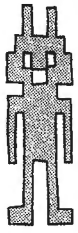

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