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Last month introduced assembly language and explained why it is important to learn. An assembler is a program that writes machine language codes. These codes or instructions do not need translation and allow the computer to operate at its fastest rate. An assembler allows us to write instructions In a way that 15 easy for us. We write source code and it is translated or compiled into machine codes. Then the machine language program can be executed from basic.

All of us have loaded a machine language game or program using the (C)LOADM command from the keyboard. This command places a compiled program into memory so it can be executed. After the program is loaded we run it by typing EXEC and pressing the enter key.

## COMMENTS

Comments are needed to allow us to keep up with what each section does. In basic we include remarks to tell what is happening. In assembly language we can include comments in our source file. An assembled program is difficult to troubleshoot because comments are not included to show what each section does. For example in basic we can write $A=15$. In assembly language we say load $A$ with the value 15. In basic the value of $A$ is placed in memory somewhere and the software keeps up with where it is located. In assembly language the programmer has to keep track of where the information $1 s$ located.

There are two working registers which are the $A$ and $B$ registers. Each can contain a variable, but if we want more than two variables then they
will have to be placed in memory somewhere and we will have to keep up with the variables and their memory locations.

## POINTERS

A pointer or vector tells us where to put information. We have the $X$ and $Y$ registers which are normally used for this purpose. Suppose we want to move a block of data from one memorv location to another. The $x$ register can point to the memorv to get the data and the $r$ register can point to the location to store the data. une way to accomplish this is to load the register $A$ with the value in memory indicated by $x$ and then store the value in register $A$ in memory indicated by $Y$. rhere are many operations that we can use on the $x$ and $y$ registers. Increment allows us to increase the pointers value after an operation and decrement allows us to decrease its value after an operation.

## GO TO \& GO SUB

In assembly language we may wish to go to a subroutine to do a task. We use the terms BRANCH or JUMP to go to another memory location. We also have subroutines and logic tests similar to those in basic. We branch or jump to a subroutine. The branch instruction requires less memory for the instructions and $1 s$ used for branches less than 127 bytes from our location. The jump command can take us anywhere in the memory map.

## ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS

There are 3 arithmetic operations that we can use in assembly language. They are add, sub-
tract. and multiply. Some microprocessors do not have the multiply option, but we are fortunate in that it is included with the 6809 set of instructions.

## ADDRESSING MODES

This was one of the hardest things for me to grasp when I started writing machine language programs so $I$ want to expond on it a little. Let's consider the "A" register and look at ways that we can place a byte into the register.

## IMMEDIATE MODE

In this mode the number we want to place into the register is contained in the next one or two bytes following the opcode. The term "opcode" means the operation code or instruction. If we want to load $A$ with the value 137 then we would write the following:

## LDA \#137

This is similar to the basic statement $A=137$. The LDA means to load register A. The "\#" means to use the immediate mode and the 137 is the decimal value to place into register A. This instruction only takes two bytes of memory. The first byte is for the opcode and the second byte is for the value. The $A$ and $B$ registers are 8 bit registers which can hold one byte.

To load the $x$ register with 50000 we would enter the following:

## LDX \#50000

This would take 3 bytes with the first containing the opcode for LDX and the next two containing the value of 50000 in decimal.

Let's look at how a number this big can be placed into two bytes. A pointer or vector can point to any memory location
from 0 to 65533. The $X$ and $r$ registers are generally used as pointers. $\quad$ o do this it is broked into a most significant (MS) byte and a least sionificant (LS) byte. Ine following basic program will do this conversion if we assume $X$ is the value of the number.

$$
M S=I N T(X / 256): L S=X-256 * M S
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The lower memory contains the MS and the upper memory contains the LS.

## EXTENDED MODE

If we want to load register $B$ with the value in memory location 31255 then we would enter the following assembly lanquage command:

## LDB 31255 or LDB >31255

The $>$ is the operator sign but can be omitted with most assemblers.

## EXTENDED INDIRECT

This is used when the address of a byte is stored in memory. Suppose memory 350 contains the address of a byte we want to place into the $A$ register. Then we would enter

## LDA [350]

The shift down arrow gives the left bracket and the shift right arrow gives the right bracket.

## INDEXED MODE

This is the instruction that allows us to load the $A$ register with the value in memory that the $X$ register contains. To do this we would enter the following instruction:

> LDA , X

If we want to load $A$ with the
value in memory $x+5$ we would enter

## LDA 5,X

The offset is first and then the register.

If we want to increment or decrement a register after the operation then we can do the following:

| LDA $5, x+$ | Increase $x$ | by | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| LDA $5, x+t$ | Increase $x$ | by | 2 |
| LDA 5, $x$ | Decrease $x$ | by | 1 |
| LDA $5,--x$ | Decrease $x$ | by 2 |  |

For each of the preceeding operations, the value of the $x$ register is changed after the operation.

## DIRECT ADDRESSING

Two bytes are required to cover the entire memory range. In direct addressing a register
called the direct page register is used to contain the MS byte. This means that we can use direct addressing by just changing the LS byte over a range of 256 memory locations. The direct page register is 0 unless set to a different value. To use direct addressing, the direct page register will be loaded with the MS byte. Then the LS byte is changed with the command

## SSET DP=K

where $K$ can be any number from 0 to 255.

## HEXADECIMAL

Most assemblers use hex or hexadecimal numbers. These are to base of 16 instead of a base of 10 for decimal numbers. To indicate a hex number precede the number with a "\$" sign. \$FF $1 s$ the same value as 255 but only requires two characters.

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The following basic commands will do conversions so you can get a feel for hex numbers.
$A=\& H$ HEX NUMBER
$B \$=H E X \$(D E C I M A L$ NUMBER)
C=\&HFF 5
C\$ = HEX $\$(45352)$
The letters $A$ through $F$ correspond to decimal numbers from 10 through 15. Hex and decimal numbers from 0 to 9 are the same.

## EXAMPLE PROGRAM

I have always liked to include examples with my editorials. This month $I$ want to use the LDDA and STA commands. With these $I$ will load a value into the $A$ register and store it in memory. We will write a simple basic program to load the values into memory. This program will reside in memory starting at 30000 and will write the word ~NEW ~ on the top left hand corner of the screen. The program is 21 bytes long and can be executed from basic by typing EXEC 30000. The chart below shows the assembly commands and values poked into memory:

| MEMORY | COMMAND | VALUE |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  |  |  |
| 30000 | LDA\# 78 | 134 |
| 30001 |  | 78 |
| 30002 | STA 1024 | 183 |
| 30003 |  | 4 |
| 30004 |  | 0 |
| 30005 | LDA\# 69 | 134 |
| 30006 |  | 78 |
| 30007 | STA 1025 | 183 |
| 30008 |  |  |
| 30009 |  | 4 |
| 30010 | LDA\# 87 | 134 |
| 30011 |  |  |
| 30012 | STA 1026 | 183 |
| 30013 |  |  |
| 30014 |  | 4 |
| 30015 | LDA\# 96 | 134 |
| 30016 |  |  |
| 30017 | STA 1024 | 183 |

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## BASIC ML LOADER

The following basic program will load the values into memorv starting at 30000 . I used the READ- DATA method. The program can be run by typing EXEC 30000. Notice the word "NEW~ at the top left of the screen when the machine language subroutine is executed.

```
10 ?*ML LOADER PROGRAM TO
15 ?~PRINT NEW ON THE SCREEN
20 FOR J=0 TO 30
30 READ A:POKE 30000+J,A
35 NEXT J
40 ?~ML PROGRAM IS LOADED*
50 ?~TYPE EXEC 30000%
60 DATA 134,78,183,4,0,134
70 DATA 69,183,4,1,134.87,183
80 DATA 4,2,134,96,183,4,3
90 DATA 57
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While the new hi-resolution text modes allows us to display characters on a graphic screen. it doesn't let us mix characters and graphics on the same screen. Here is where the Basic HPRINT command comes into play. With this command we can draw graphics pictures and label them on a hi-res screen. The format for the HPRINT command is as follows:

HPRINT 5,10 ), "DYNAMIC
COLOR
NEWS~
This will place the words DYNAMIC COLOR NEWS on the tenth line starting at the fifth position. You can even change the color of the letters using the HCOLOR command, depending upon which HSCREEN mode you are in. The HSCREEN2 or 1 mode gives you a $40 \times 24$ screen while, the HSCREEN 3 or 4 will give you a $80 \times 24$ text screen. One drawback of this HPRINT command is that when you print a character in one position on the screen. and then print another at the same position, the characters "merge" together leaving you with an unrecognizable character. After some disassembly of the HPRINT routine I discovered that doing the following poke will fix this.

POKE \&HFOOC.\&H12
This pokes a NOP code into a spot in the Basic ROM that for some unknown reason mixes the old and new character information together. One good feature about the HPRINT command is that the character set is in
memory starting at $\$ F 090$ and can be altered if you wish. For example, try this short Basic program.

```
    10 FOR X=&HF09D TO &HF09D+7
    15 POKE X.255:NEXT
    20 HSCREEN2:HPRINT" A S P A C E
":
30 GOTO 30
```

Notice that the spaces will now be printed as solid squares. The HPRINT command can print characters from character 32 the space bar to character 128. Each character is 8 bytes long and is displayed differently depending upon the HSCREEN mode you are using. Try and write a program that can change and edit the characters. you should be able to come up with all sorts of interesting things.

Now let's look at a very new feature on the COCO III, the capacity to scroll the screen. This computer can change the horizontal or vertical size of a graphics screen. This means we can define a screen that is larger then the normal screen and then scroll the screen to display the unseen rest of the display. There are two registers that control this scrolling.

```
VERTICAL SCROLL REGISTER: \$FF9C
```

HORIZONTAL SCROLL REGISTER: \$FF9F

The vertical scroll register also uses the vertical offset registers located at \$FFF9D and \$FF9E as we shall soon see.

Normally, a graphic or text screen has a horizontal width of 160 or shorter. If we enable the horizontal scroll feature the screen is expanded to 256 bytes across. To turn on the horizontal scroll, bit 7 of the horizontal scroll register must be set, when it is cleared the horizontal size of the screen corresponds to the graphic or text mode that you are in.

The following is a table of the normal widths of the text and graphic modes available in Basic:

## TEXT MODES

| WIDTH | HORIZONTAL SIZE |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| 32 | 64 |  |
| 40 | 80 |  |
| 80 | 160 |  |

## HSCREEN

| 1 | 80 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 160 |
| 3 | 80 |
| 4 | 160 |

Once we have set the horizontal scrolling, we can move the screen right or left by placing values in bits 0-6 of the horizontal scroll register. A zero results in no movement. I wrote a Basic program that shows how to obtain this horizontal scrolling. This routine scrolls the words "DYNAMIC COLOR NEWS" across the screen. Notice how the letters move. The number of pixels that are scrolled depends on the mode you are in, 16 for a 2 color mode, 8 for a four and 4 for a 16 color mode such as we are using in the example below.

```
10 HSCREEN2
20 HPRINT(8,10). NDYNAMIC COLOR
    NEWS":
30 S=128:POKE&HFF9F.S 'TURN
    ON HOR SCROLL
40 I$=INKEY$:IF I$=~~THEN4O
50 IF I $=CHR$(8) THEN IF S<180
    THEN S=S+1
60 IF I$=CHR$(9) THEN IF S>128
    THEN S=S-1
70 POKE &HFF9F.S:GOTO4O
```

Use the right and left arrow keys to scroll the letters back and forth across the screen. Vertical scrolling is done a little differently. As we have seen the horizontal scroll can move at best 4 pixels per scroll. We can scroll more smoothly vertically at a rate of one line per scroll increment. We have seen a form of coarse vertical scrolling when letters on a low resolution text screen move up the screen. Now we can make the information on the screen move up or down one scan line at a time. This vertical scrolling is enabled by clearing bit 3 of the vertical scrolling register at \$FF9C. Each line in a text mode can be scrolled by storing a value from 0-7 in bits 0-2 in this same register. This allows moving up or down one video screen scan line at a time. When the scroll value has reached 7, the process is completed.

To continue to scroll the screen up we must set the scroll register back to zero and then increment the value held in the Screen Offset Registers at \$FF9D and \$FF9E. We do the inverse of this procedure to scroll vertically down. Here is a Basic example of this fine text screen vertical scrolling:

```
10 WIDTH4O
20 LOCATEO,O:PRINT"VERTICAL
    SCROLL":
30 POKE &HFF9C.O 'TURN ON
    VER SCROLL
40 I$=INKEY$:IF I$=""THEN4O
50 IF I$="U" THEN V=V+1:IF V>7
    THEN V=0
60 IF I$=~D* THEN V=V-1:IF V <0
    THEN V=7
70 GOTO 30
```

Vertical scrolling on a hires screen is done by adding the screen's length to the vertical screen position for each line scrolled up. Hers's an example.

## 1 HSCREEN2

2 P=PEEK (\&HFF 9D) *256+PEEK (\&HFF9E)
20 POKE\&HFF9C.O TURN ON VER SCROLL
30 HPRINT(10,10)."HI SCROLL":
40 IF INKEY\$=~~THEN4O
50 POKE\&HFF9D.P/256
$55 \mathrm{I}=\mathrm{INT}(\mathrm{P} / 256) * 256$
60 I=P-I: POKE\&HFF9E, I
70 P=P+40 UP ONE LINE
80 GOT040
Experiment with these routines, try and put them together or have the joystick control there movement. In the next part of this series we will take a look at the COCO III's colors and other interesting features of this powerful new computer.

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## AIR ATTACK


#### Abstract

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The following basic program will load the program. To use it. upper memory must be reserved to load the program. Do the following:


POKE 25,80:POKE 80*256,0: NEW
Then load the program and make the machine language save to a cassette or disk.

2 CLS
6 PRINT
8 PRINT:PRINT~STANDBY WHILE MACH INE LANGUAGE PROGRAM IS BEIN G GENERATED~: PRINT
$10 \mathrm{BE}=7935: \mathrm{M}=\mathrm{BE}$
12 READ $X \$$
14 IF $X \$=\sim$ THEN 40
$16 \mathrm{~L}=\mathrm{LEN}(X \$)$
18 FOR J=1 TO L STEP 2
20 A $\$=M I D \$(X \$, J, 2): B=\operatorname{PEEK}(M)$
$22 \mathrm{C} \$=\mathrm{LEFT} \$(A \$, 1): D \$=$ RIGHT $\$(A \$, 1$ )
$24 X=A S C(C \$): Y=A S C(D \$): X=X-48: Y=$ $Y-48$
26 IF $X>9$ THEN $X=X-7$
28 IF $Y>9$ THEN $Y=Y-7$
$30 \mathrm{~V}=16 * X+Y:$ POKE M, V
$32 M=M+1$ : IF $M=E N$ THEN 40
34 NEXT J
36 PRINTM
38 GOTO12
40 PRINT"DATA IS TRANSFERRED
42 PRINT*1 SAVE ML PGM TO DISK
44 PRINT ${ }^{\infty} 2$ SAVE ML PGM TO CASSET TE

46 INPUT $X$
48 - PUT PGM NAME HERE $X \$$
$49 E N=M: E X=B E$
50 IF $X=1$ THEN SAVEM X $\$$, BE,EN,EX
52 IF $X=2$ THEN CSAVEM $X \$$, BE,EN,E X
60 END
100 DATA 86FFB7FFC7B7FFC8B7FFCD1 7005D17003886C8B7FF22B7FFC517 $00851700 E 3$ AD9FA00027FA20D9347 6108E0008ECC1ED81A6COA7803088 1D313F26F13576393476108E0004E CC1ED81ECC1ED8130881C313F26F1 3576393476108 E0008ECC1ED81308 81 E
110 DATA 313F26F53576398600B7FF2 2B7FFC48E120086A0C6AOED808C 14 0025F9CE2BCEAEC1ECC11083FFFF2 704ED8120F4EC401083FFFF26EAAD 9FA00027FA394F5F8E1200ED818C1 E0225F9CE28B88E1684C604F 72782 17FF6C34403005CE2B2A17FF62354 030
120 DATA 89017B33C8607A278226E58 E1690CE2A3817FF4B8E1810CE2A98 17FF428E1695CE2B4217FF398E181 517FF 338 EFFFF 301 F26FCAD9FA000 27FA394F5FFD272EFD2730B727328 604B7276B8619B7278F8E1200CC00 00ED818C1CC025F9CC5555ED818C1 E02
130 DATA 25F9CCFFFF8E12AOED818C1 2C025F98E1823BF276D860CB7277D 8631B7277E4FB7276FCE287817FEE A8E120CB6276B4A270817FEDE301C 4A26F88601B72770B72777B727878 627B727738E2824BF27717F27758E 27904F5FED818C280A25F9C607F72 782
140 DATA 8E121E108E272CA6AOC6053 DCE2AF833CBC605A6COA 700308820 5A26F63089FF5F7A278226E1FE277 17A27752C2C8603B727757A277026 18A6C0B7277AE6COF 727701183287 42503CE2824FF2771200AB62773BB 277A4AB72773F62773862003D8E17E 030
150 DATA 8B108E281CB62775BB27753 1A6C620F02770F727828627BB2773 B72774F62770B6277A271B8101272 91F98BB2774B72774A621A7003088 215A26F83088E02013A620A700308

8E17A27745A26F530882020013AFE 2771 A6COE GCOF 127822506 F 62782 F 727
160 DATA 77F727768100271B8101272 $91 F 98$ BB 2774 B 72774 A621A 7003088 215A26F83088E02013A620A7007A2 $7743088 E 15 A 26 F 530882020013$ AF 6 2782F02776F7278226B1BF2778FF2 785AD9FA00ABE276DB6015A811025 2C81302549B6277D4C814B271EB72 770
170 DATA 7C276FB6276F810425114FB 7276F A 700 A 78820 A 78840 A 7886030 012021 B6277D4A271BB7277D7A276 F2C138603B7276F5FE703E78823E7 884 3E 78863301 F B6015B811025128 130251 C4F 5F EDOOED023088207C27 7E200E 7A2 77E4F 5F ED8860ED88623 088
180 DATA EOCE2878B6276FC6103D33C B17FD10BF 276 DB6276FC6043DCE 28 OC33CBEC88E0A4402629E4412625E C88E2A442261EE443261AEC890080 A4402612E441260EEC890082A4422 606E443260220058601B72789B6FF 0184 F 7B7FF01B6FF0384F7B7FF03B 6FF
190 DATA 238 AO8B7FF23BE2778FE278 5A65E8101102600D4B62777810410 $2500 C B 7 A 2783102600 C 48610 B 7278$ 3B627842740810127707F2784C603 108E27906D20270831265A26F7160 OA17A27872C058603B72787B62787 C66030CE 28 B83 3CBEF 218674 A 7203 089
200 DATA FEFDAF238603A725207A860 1B72784C603108E27A2A620270731 285A26F720648601A7208674A721B 62774 A $7223089 F E F D A F 238603 A 725$ CC2A38ED262046B6278A810325057 F278420058602B7278470278A2730 108E27BA6D20270E31286D2027083 128
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220 DATA F72782A620102700636A212 60C6F 20 AE 2 3CE 2 7F 21 1F B6020536A 252 COAAE $23301 F A F 238603$ A 725 A62 081022716 A622B0277EB72781A621 B0277DB127812E1F8602A7206A22A 6228106220C6F20AE23CE27F217FB 222015 AE $233088 E 0$ AF 23 AE 2 3EE26A 625

230 DATA C6183D33CB17FBOB31287A2 $7821026 F F 8 E C 603 F 72782108 E 27 B A$ 6D20274C6A21260C6F 20CE27F2AE2 $317 F A E 7203 C A 6208101270 F A E 2330$ 88E06A22A622810A22116A20AE233 088206C22A622812F25026C206A25 2C068603A725301FAF23C618A6253 DEE
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250 DATA 8900A3AF22B6277D8B0CA72 0B6277E8B05A721C604F72782108E 27E2CE27D26D402730AE424FA700A 6012711A640B72780A641B7277F6F 4017011 C20163001AF 42 A6408B048 17 C 25046 F 402006 A 7408603 A7006D 202741 AE 226F006D8840272CA6882 184
260 DATA OF $3404 E 6882158585858 E 78$ 820AA88203504A78820A620B72780 A6214C4CB7277F $1700 C F 6 F 20200 C 3$ 08820AF 226 C2186F0A78820312433 447 A2 7821026 FF 7CB6278B274C810 1272BF6278D54F72782C614CE2BBA A6C0B7FF205A26F8C61C1212125A2 6FA
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## BASIC PROGRAmming

In this series we are showing how to write basic programs. For the past few months we have been concentrating on disk files and commands. This month we want to look at loading machine language programs from basic.

## STRING $\$$

This is a new command that we will be using. Our procedure will be to build a basic program that will contain the data for the machine language program. This will be "merged" with a basic loader program. The STRING\$ command converts a number to a string. We will use this for line numbers for the file that we will be building. Our data will start at line number 100 and increase in increments of 10 until all of the data has been converted. STRING\$ is used as follows:

$$
L S=S T R I N G S(100)
$$

After basic executes this command then $\mathrm{L} \$={ }^{\circ} 100^{*}$.

## DATA STATEMENTS

If we let $X$ contain the line number, then we can create the first part of a data statement with the following:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 16 \quad X=100: M=B E \\
& 20 \\
& 25 \\
& 25 \\
& \hline
\end{aligned} \$=X T R \$+\cdots \text { DATA }
$$

Notice that $P \$$ will be the line number plus the word " DATA".

Our procedure will be to construct a file consisting of DATA statements for the machine language program. All machine language programs require a begin-
ning ( $B E$ ), ending (EN), and execution address. These will have to be included in our program. The variables $B E$ and $E N$ will be used to designate the beginning and ending of the machine language data.

## HEXADECIMAL

Our program will carry the data as HEX characters which have a base of 16 . The following command converts decimal to HEX characters.

## $A S=H E X S(A)$

The program will use two HEX characters for one decimal number. The $A \Phi$ from the previous equation can have one or two characters. We want to make the programming easy so our program will add the extra character for values less than 16. We can check the length of a string by using the LEN(A\$) command. If it is 1 then we will add a "0" to the left of the string and create a new string. The following line does this:

$$
44 \text { IF } L=1 \text { THEN } A \$=" 0 ״+A \$
$$

## ASCII DISK FILE

As stated earlier, we will create a new disk file that will contain the data in ASCII form. Then each piece of data can be printed to the disk file as it is generated. For example the line number and word DATA can be printed to the disk as it is created. Also the strings for each data element can be printed to the disk as they are created. If the file is \#1 then to print to it we use the following:

52 PRINT \#1,A\$:

Notice the semicolon is used to print the data next to the previous data.

## FOR-NEXT LOOP

These powerful loops allow us to complete our data statements. If we want each statement to contain 100 bytes then a FOR-NEXT loop can do this for us:

```
36 FOR J=0 TO 99
40 A = PEEK (M+J):A$=HEX$(A):
    L=LEN(A$)
44 IF L=1 THEN AS=* O"+A$
52 PRINT #1.A$;
5 6 ~ N E X T ~ J ~
```

Notice how simple the programming is with the FOR-NEXT loop. Lines 36-56 complete a data statement on disk. A carriage return will be required at the end of the line. The statement number needs to be increased by 10. and the memory increased by 100 before starting the next line. The following statements do this:

```
60 PRINT #1,CHR$(13)
64 }X=X+10:M=M+100: IF M>=E
    THEN }7
68 GOTO 20
```

The conditional statement in line 64 causes the program to go to 72 if all of the data has been processed. Line 72 will close the file and end the program. Line 68 returns to line 20 to start a new data statement.

## data generator program

The following program generates a disk basic program that contains the data for the machine language program.

[^0]ON DISK.
3 INPUT"ENTER BEGINNING (16128 FOR MUSIC*:BE
4 INPUT"ENDING";EN
8 INPUT"ENTER NAME":N\$
12 OPEN "O".\#1,N\$
$16 X=100: M=B E$
$20 X \$=S T R \$(X)$
$24 \mathrm{P} \$=X \$+\infty$ DATA
28 A $\$=\cdots \cdots: B \$=\infty$
32 PRINT\#1.P\$;
36 FOR J=0 TO 99
40 A $=\operatorname{PEEK}(J+M): A \$=\operatorname{HEX} \$(A):$
$L=L E N(A \$)$
44 IF $L=1$ THEN $A \$=0^{0} 0^{\circ}+A \$$
48 PRINTJ+M:A:A\$
52 PRINT\#1.A\$:
56 NEXT J
60 PRINT\#1,CHR\$(13):
$64 X=X+10: M=M+100:$ IF $M>=E N$
THEN 72
68 GOTO20
72 CLOSE \#1:PRINT"END OF DATA*:END

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## THE LOADER PROGRAM

The previous program just allowed us to convert the machine language data into DATA statements. Next we need to write a loader program and MERGE the dacta program with it. The "MERGE" command allows two programs to be combined. The program that is to be merged must be saved in ASCII format. The data we created in the previous program saves the results in ASCII.

## HEX-DECIMAL

Remermber that we created data statements using 2 HEX characters for each byte. We need a procedure to convert this back to decimal so we can poke the value into memory. The following routine will do this for us:

```
\(22 \mathrm{C} \$=\mathrm{LEF}\) T \(\$(\mathrm{~A} \$, 1): D \$=\mathrm{RIGHT} \$\)
    ( \(\mathrm{A} \$, 1\) )
\(24 X=A S C(C \$): Y=A S C(D \$): X=X-48:\)
    \(Y=Y-48\)
26 IF \(X>9\) THEN \(X=X-7\)
28 IF \(Y>9\) THEN \(Y=Y-7\)
\(30 \mathrm{~V}=16 * X+Y\)
```

The ASCII for numbers starts at 48 for a 0. Therefore the 48 is subtracted in line 24. Letters start at 65 with an A. An A represents 10 in HEX so a 7 has to be subtracted in lines 26 and 28 for values greater than 9. Line 30 calculates the value to be poked into memory.

The program of course must not occupy the area that the machine language program uses. The PCLEAR commands can be used to move the program up or down in memory. Locations 25.26 and 27.28 shown the beginning and ending of basic. The following formulas can be used to determine these.

EE=256*PEEK (25) + PEEK (26)
EN=256*PEEK (27) +PEEK (28)

Put the beginning of the data in line 10. This is the memory in wrich the first byte is to be
poked. Next MERGE the data program. If the data program is called "DATA" then type MERGE DATA. After the merge, the program will be the desired machine language loader.

## ML LOADER

2 PCLEAR 4:CLS
3 PRINT~ML LOADER COPYRIGHT (C) 1988
4 PRINT"BY DYNAMIC ELECTRONICS INC
5 - PCLEAR IN LINE 2 MAY NEED TO BE CHANGED TO LOCATE PROGRAM IN DIFFERENT MEMORY FROM THIS PGM.
6 PRINT
7 - DATA SHOULD BE MERGED WITH THIS PROGRAM AND START IN LINES 100. AN MEANS END OF OATA
8 PRINT:PRINT~STANDBY WHILE MACHINE LANGUAGE PROGRAM IS BEING GENERATED":PRINT
10 'LIST MEMORY FOR START OF DATA HERE: EXAMPLE BE $=30000$ 11 M=BE
12 READ $X \$$
14 IF $X \$="$ THEN 40
16 L=LEN(X\$)
18 FOR J=1 TO L STEP 2
20 A $\$=M I D \$(X \$, J, 2): B=P E E K(M)$
$22 C \$=L E F T \$(A \$, 1):$ $D \$=R I G H T \$(A \$ .1)$
$24 X=A S C(C \$): Y=A S C(D \$): X=X-48:$ $Y=Y-48$
26 IF $X>9$ THEN $X=X-7$
28 IF $Y>9$ THEN $Y=Y-7$
$30 \mathrm{~V}=16 * X+Y:$ POKE M,V
$32 M=M+1$ : IF $M=E N$ THEN 40
34 NEXT J
36 PRINTM
38 GOTO12
40 PRINT"DATA IS TRANSFERRED
42 PRINT* 1 SAVE ML PGM TO DISK
44 PRINT~2 SAVE ML PGM TO CASSETTE
46 INPUT $X$
48 -PUT PGM NAME HERE $X \$$
$49 E N=M: E X=B E$
50 IF $X=1$ TEN SAVEM $X \$, B E, E N, E X$
52 IF $X=2$ THEN CSAVEM $X \$, B E, E N, E X$
60 END
50000 DATA



FANTASY2 MUS 283 GRENGRAS MUS 2 B 4 HUMOR MUS 2 日 4 INCROW MUS 2 B 3 STARWARS MUS 2 B 2 SUITEGM MUS 2 B 6 SUPERMAN MUS 2 B 2 WHENIMG4 MUS 2 B 4 ROOTBEER MUS 2 B 7 WAYUARE MUS 2 B 3 AXELF MUS 2 B 2 TOCATTA MUS 2 B 3

- PD-26 LAST WILL

LOAN BAS O B 1 LASTWILL BAS 0 B 6 IMEGA BAS O B 3 AWARI BAS 0 B 1 BACARAT BAS 0 B 2 BAGELS BAS 0 B 1 BLACKJAC BAS 0 B 1 CHUCK BAS 0 B 1 CONCENTR BAS 0 B 1 CUBES BAS 0 B 2

- PD-27 GAMES

DEFUZE BAS O B 1 DR ZEE BAS 0 B 1

|  | BAS 0 B |
| :---: | :---: |
| ISH | BAS 0 |
| ANGMAN | BAS |
| HIGHLOW | BAS |
| JACKPOT | BAS |
| KEYS | BAS |
| L EM | BAS 0 |
| LUNARLD | BAS 0 |
| NUMBERS | BAS 0 |
| STACLE | BAS |
| POOLGAME | BAS |
| RETURN | BAS |
| REVERSI | BAS |
| STARTREK | BAS |
| TTREK | BAS 0 B |
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GOSTSHIP BAS O E 8 INT RATE BAS O B 2 INVSTANL PC 0 B 4 MENU BAS 0 B 4 MOTOJUMP BAS O B 3 SCREEN MAX 2 B 6 SCREEN1 BIN 2 B 3 SCREEN2 BIN 2 B 3 SCREEN2 MAX 2 B 6 $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { STRINGIU BAS } & 0 & \text { B } \\ \text { TIERM } & \text { DSK } 2 & \text { B } 4\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { TTHELP } & \text { DAT } & 1 & \text { A } & 4 \\ \text { USING } & \text { BAS } & 0 & \text { B } & 3\end{array}$ WF-DOC JP 0 B 2 $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { WORDFILE JP } & 0 & \text { B } & 4 \\ \text { PARM1 } & \text { DAT } & 1 & \text { A } & 1\end{array}$

| PD-30 CHE | CHECK BOOK. UTILITIES |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CHECKBOK | BAS | 0 | B |
| CHECK BOK | DOC | 1 | A |
| DIRR | CMD | 2 | B |
| DVIEW | BAS | 0 | B 1 |
| FILEMAID | BAS | 0 | B |
| LISTER | BAS | 0 | B |
| PAINTPOT | BAS | 0 | B 4 |
| SCREEN | MAX | 2 | B |
| SCREEN1 | BIN | 2 | B |
| SCREEN2 | BIN | 2 | B |
| SCREEN2 | MAX | 2 | B |
| SPECZAP | BAS | 0 | B |
| TAPETYPE | BIN | 2 | B |
| TTERM | DSK | 2 | B |
| DVIEW | DSK | 0 | B |
| MENU | BAS | 0 | B |

## PD-31

PIRATES TREASURE.AE you explore the cave looking for the treasure, a picture appears on the
screen as you go
from room to room.



| - PD-61 P | Pictures |  |  |  | SLOTS TROLL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BAS } \\ & \text { BAS } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} 0 & B & 2 \\ 0 & B & 6 \end{array}$ |  |  | CASSDIR CONTOUR | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BAS } \\ & \text { BAS } \end{aligned}$ |  | B |  | PD-60 $\mathrm{D}_{1}$ | 成Utilitite |  |  |  | JETI MOONLIT | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BIN } \\ & \text { BAS } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
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| HAGAR | PIC | 2 | B | 3 |  |  |  |  |  | CONVERGE |  |  | 0 B |  |  |  |  | B | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| SHIPS | BAS | 0 | B | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | CONVERT | BAS | 0 | 0 B |  | DISKLOOK | Bas | 0 | B |  | LOOKLOVE | BIN |  | 2 B |  |
| SIGNS | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | PD-64 | Basic |  | Pree |  | COUNT | BAS | 0 | 0 B | 1 | DKTODK | BAS | 0 | B | 3 | MENU | BIN |  | 2 |  |
| SPACE | BAS | 0 | B | 8 |  |  |  |  |  | CVERT | BAS | 0 | 0 B |  | DSK2TP | BAS | 0 | B | 2 | WE | BAS | 0 |  |  |
| 3GUYS | MAX | 2 | B | 3 | OHMSLAW | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | DEC: ${ }^{\text {HEX }}$ | - BAS | 0 | 0 B | 1 | DSKLIERY | EAS | 0 | B | 3 | MESSACE | BAS | 0 |  |  |
| AIRPORT | BIN | 2 | B | 6 | POWER UP | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | FUELCOST | T BAS | 0 | B |  | DSKMSTER | bas | 0 | B | 4 | OBJECTS | BIN | 2 | 2 |  |
| BIGCAT | max | 2 | B | 3 | ROMPACK | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | HEXLOAD | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | DSKSPEED | BaS | 0 | B | 1 | ODIE | PIX | 2 | B |  |
| CUBE | BIN | 2 | B | 3 | ROMRAM | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | HEXTODEC | C BAS | 0 | B | 1 | DTOD | bas | 0 | B | 2 | TANK | EIN | 2 | B |  |
| DOCPICT | BAS | 0 | B | 2 | SCRDUMP | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | IN-OUT | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | D UTIL | Eas | 0 | B | 2 | TRIANGLE | E BIN | 2 | B |  |
| EARTH | max | 2 | B | 3 | SLOSKROL | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | HOMONYMS | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | DDCOPY | BAS | 0 | B | 2 | WORLDMAP | P EIN | 2 | B |  |
| GARFIELD | D PIX | 2 | B | 3 | SORT | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | JOYPAINT | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | DIRCET | Bas | 0 | B | 1 | PAINT | BAS | 0 | B |  |
| CIRL | MAX | 2 | B | 3 | SPEDMATH | BAS | 0 | B | 3 | Kalvos | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | DIRLIST | Bas | 0 | B | 2 | SCRDATA | BIN | 2 | B |  |
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| OLIVER | MaX | 2 | B | 3 | UPPER32K | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | MACDATA | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | DISK FIX | bas | 0 | B | 1 | SCAN | BAS |  | B |  |
| OWL | max | 2 | B | 3 | STRIKE | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | MISSLETT | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | DISKDIRE | bas | 0 | B | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| PEANUTS | PIX | 2 | B | 3 | SHIPS | BAS |  | B | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | DISKDUMP | Eas | 0 | B | 1 | - PD 72 | Bas 1 |  | nd |  |
| SHUTTLE | MaX | 2 | B | 3 | HILLSADV | BAS | 0 | B | 5 |  |  |  |  |  | DISKEDIT | BAS | 0 | B | 4 | Machin | Lan |  |  |  |
| SR-71 | MaX | 2 | B | 3 | RACEWAY | BAS | 0 | B | 4 | PD-67 | Basic |  | glı |  | DISKLIST | BaS | 0 | B |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2EBCHESS | $S$ MAX | 2 | B | 3 | TREK | BAS | 0 | B | 4 |  |  |  |  |  | DISKSOFT | EAS | 0 | B |  | FIND | AS | 0 | B |  |
| ZIGGY | PIX | 2 | B | 3 | TXTCNVRT | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | LOAN | BAS | 0 | B | 3 | DISKTEST | BaS | 0 | B |  | LOCFIND | BaS |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | LOANAMOR | BAS | 0 | H | 1 | DISKIIME | EAS | 0 | B |  | ML ADDR | BAS | 0 | B |  |
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| - 62 | 2 Bas |  |  |  | - PD-6 | usic |  |  |  | ASSEMBLR | BAS | 0 | H | 3 | MASTRDSK | bas | 0 | B | 4 | MLTTD | BAS |  | B |  |
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| ALARM | BAS | 0 | B | 2 | MUSIC | BIN | 2 | B | 7 | FINANCE | BAS | 0 | B | 8 |  |  |  |  |  | RELOCAT | BAS |  | B |  |
| BIBLE | BAS | 0 | B | 2 | MUSICI | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | ROMDUMP | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | - PD-70 | Basi |  | gme |  | CHKBOOK | BAS |  |  |  |
| BINGOCD | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | SOUND | ASM | 1 | A | 1 | HEREHAND | BAS | 0 | B | 5 |  |  |  |  |  | FINANAD | BAS |  |  |  |
| CHECKS | BAS | 0 | B | 3 | SOUNDDEM | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | CHECKS | BAS | 0 | B | 4 | MLADFND | BAS | 0 | B |  | GRAPHICS | BAS | 0 | B |  |
| ClOCK | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | SOUNDS | BAS | 0 | B | 3 | MONEYHLP | BAS | 0 | B | 4 | BIGHILL | BAS | 0 | B |  | HOMEUTIL | BAS | 0 | B |  |
| DATA3 | BAS | 0 | B | 3 | SOUNDS2 | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | CHKBOOK | BAS | 0 | B | 3 | BLACKJK | BAS | 0 | B |  | LIFE | BAS |  | B |  |
| DATES | BAS | 0 | B | 2 | SWAN | BIN | 2 | B | 1 | STAT-LOC | BAS | 0 | B | 3 | CIA | BAS | 0 | B |  | MCONVERT | BAS | 0 | B |  |
| DECIDE | Bas | 0 | B | 3 | SYNMUSIC | BIN | 2 | B | 4 | HORDPRC | BAS | 0 | B | 5 | CIPHER | bas | 0 | B |  | METCONV | BAS | 0 | B |  |
| EXREF | BAS | 0 | B | 3 | DEEPPURP | BIN | 2 | B | 5 | WORDSCAR | BAS | 0 | B | 2 | CUBES | Bas | 0 | B |  | JOYLIST | BAS | 0 | B |  |
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| ELIPPAGE | BAS | 0 | B | 3 | BACH | BIN | 2 | B | 4 |  |  |  |  |  | FISH | bas | 0 | B |  | CAMELOT | BIN |  | B |  |
| LABELPRT | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | BUMBLE | BIN | 2 | B | 3 |  |  |  |  |  | FLIP | BAS | 0 | B |  | FIRE | BIN |  | B |  |
| MESSAGE | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | CANON | BIN | 2 | B | 3 | - PD-68 B | Basic |  | as |  | FOOTBALL | BAS | 0 | B |  | CLOCK | DAT |  |  |  |
| OFFSET | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | DI AMOND | BIN | 2 | B | 3 |  |  |  |  |  | COLDMINE | bas | 0 | B |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PHONE | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | ENTAIN | BIN | 2 | B | 1 | ART | BAS |  | B | 1 | hangman | Bas | 0 |  |  | - PD 73 | Basic | Pg | \% 5 |  |
| PHONEDIR | BAS | 0 | B | 2 | FUNERAL | BIN | 2 | B | 3 | BARORAPH | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | HILOW | BAS | 0 | B 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PILOT | BAS | 0 | B | 2 | GRENGRSS | BIN | 2 | B | 4 | BEGIN | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | HOBBIT | BAS | 0 | B |  | CARTEL | BAS |  | B |  |
| PROJEVAL | BAS | 0 | B | 4 | HILLST | BIN | 2 | B | 4 | BWDUMP | BIN | 2 | B | 1 | HUSTLE | BAS | 0 | B 1 |  | DODGE-EM | BAS |  | B |  |
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| VALENCE | BAS | 0 | B | 2 |  |  |  |  |  | COM | BAS | 0 | B | 2 | MEMORY | BAS | 0 | B |  | DOORS | BAS |  | B |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | - PD-66 B | Babic |  | ges |  | DISMON | BAS | 0 | B | 7 | PROTECT | BAS | 0 | B 2 |  | PINGPONG | BAS | 0 | B |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | DOT | BAS | 0 | B | 1 | OUEST | BAS | 0 | B |  | CACAPHON | BAS |  | B |  |
| - PD-63 B | Basic |  | \%88 |  | 64 KMEMT | BAS | 0 |  | 2 | EDITOR | BAS | 0 | - | 3 | SLITHER | BAS | 0 | - |  | SUB | BAS | 0 - | B |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | AUTODIAL | BAS | 0 |  | 2 | EXTNDKYB | BAS | 0 | B | 4 | STOCK | BAS |  | B 3 |  | SURVIVAL | Bas |  | B |  |
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| BALOONS | BAS | 0 | B | 3 | FLASHCRD | BAS | 0 | B | 2 | FREE | BAS | 0 | B | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | TYCOON | BAS | 0 B | B |  |
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| GEOGAME KINGDOM | BAS | 0 | B | 4 | BOWLSUM | BAS | 0 | B | 2 | THOLINER | BAS | 0 |  | 1 | STATCAP | BAS | 0 |  |  | CHBASIC | BAS |  | B 1 |  |
| KINGDOM MAZE3 | BAS | 0 | B 6 | 6 | BOXLABEL | BAS | 0 | B |  | ATOMS | BAS | 0 | B | 2 | TEMPCONV | EAS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | Car calc | Bas |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FUGUE | BIN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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NEW SERIES

## by

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January always brings about thoughts of New Year's Resolutions. This year a good resolution may be to learn a new computer language. How about C? C is quite popular on mainframe systems especially those operating with Unix. Since 0S-9 and Unix share many of the same characteristics $C$ should be a natural for an 0S-9 based Color Computer.

One of the nice things about $C$ is that it doesn't change much from one computer to another. I have programmed $C$ on an $H-P$ minicomputer, an Intel mainframe, IBM-PC compatibles and of course the Color Computer. The language is the same from one to the next. If you write a program for one in $C$, the same program can be typed into one of the others, be compiled and executed.

If we decide to learn $C$, what will we need? We will need a Color Computer I, II or III. OS-9 level I or II, and 2 disk drives. On top of that we will need Radio Shack's C-Compiler for the CoCo. Not exactly a cheap beginning.

The first thing to do once we have gathered all our equipment in one place is make a backup of both your $C$ compiler disk and your C library disk. Put the originals away for safe keeping. One other thing needs to be done to the compiler disk. It needs an editor. There is nothing wrong with using the text editor that comes with 0s-9. It's handy and it's already paid for and we should be somewhat familiar with it. Put the 0S-9 system disk in drive 0 and the
backup compiler disk in drive 1 and type in the following command.

OS9:

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copy /d0/cmds/edit /di/
            cmds/edit
```

Now insert the backup compiler disk in drive 0 and the backup library disk in drive 1. At the $0 S-9$ prompt type in the following:

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0S9:chx /d0/cmds
0S9:chd /d1/sources
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Whether you use upper or lower case is not critical, but the proper use of the space is. There must be a space between chx and /d0/cmds and one between chd and /di/sources. At this point we whould be ready to try and write a $C$ program. The first rule to remember about $C$ is that when you send a file to the $C$ compiler to be compiled it must have a .c extension on it. If the C compiler doesn't see the format filename.c it will refuse to compile the program. Should you forget in naming your file to use the .c extension don't worry you have the 0S-9 rename command.

For our first program lets try a little input/output of text with C. We will call the program file greet.c remembering to use the . c extension. Type in this line at the 0S-9 prompt:
edit greet.c
This should get you into the text editor you transferred onto the compiler disk. Now type in
the following listing, taking care to duplicate the spacing of the first two lines of the program. Also remember when using the 0S-9 editor that you must make the first character of a line a space, otherwise the editor will think you are giving it a command. The spacing of the other lines is not critical. Also whether you use upper or lower case letters is not critical on the Color Computer.

The braces on the line after main() and on the last line can be created by holding the clear key and pressing the < or > keys, on a level $I$ system and the ctrl and < or > keys on a level II system. Which way the braces are facing is important. To get the brackets in the line char name[25]; hold the clear or ctrl key, depending on level. and press the ( or ) keys. Again the direction the brackets are facing is important. The slash such as the one in the first printf lines can be had by holding the clear or ctrl key, again level dependent, and pressing the backslash key.

That should about take care of the special characters. Now type in the listing below, being careful to include all the punctuation you see in the program. The semicolons and commas are a necessary part of the program.
\#include <stdio.h>
main()
/* A simple computer greeting program. */
char name[25]:
printf("What is your name? n"): scanf("\%s", name):
printf(~Hello \%s it is nice to meet you. $n^{\circ}$, name):

Lets go over each line and try to see just what is going on here. The first line \#include <stdio.h> includes the routines for standard input and output in
your program. While this is not needed in every program you write it's, a good habit to put it them in all of your programs anyway.

The second line main() will be found in every $C$ program you will ever write or see. It tells the compiler that this is the main part of the program (we'll discuss subprograms at a later date), and the compiler won't compile without it. The left brace tells the compiler where the program starts. Its counterpart the right brace signifies the end of the program. They will also be used later to enclose parts of a program.

The line /* A simple computer greeting program. */ is just a comment. The next line (the blank line is optional) char name[25]: defines the variable name as a character and the [25] specifies the length of the character string. All variables must be defined in C. Also note the : at the end of the line. All statements in $C$ must end with a semi-colon, the compiler needs them.

The next line printf("What is your name? $n^{*}$ ): is the equivalent of a BASIC print statement. Don't forget the $f$ when doing the printf line. the $n$ in the string tells the compiler to perform a carriage return. Without it the next line to be printed would appear on the same line as this one. As far as C is concerned the $n$ is one character, so it is important that both halves be present.

The following line scanf("\%s", name): is the same as a BASIC input line. The computer will wait for a response from you at this point before continuing. The \%s tells the compiler that the response will be a string. Even if you type in a number it will be treated like a string. The second printf line, printf("Hello \%s it is nice to meet you. $n^{\sim}$, name): simply prints the computer's
response after you tell it your name. The $x$ in this case holds open a space for the string name in the line. If you were to eliminate the spaces before and after the $x s$ in the line, then the print out would look like this ... Hellonameit is..... with out the periods of course.

The last line is the right *race to show where the program ends. Now that we have the program in a file we are ready to complle it. Once out of the ecitor and back at the 0S-9 prompt type the following.
cc1 greet.c
The compiler will start to work on the program. If all goes well a level $I$ system will take about 7 minutes to compile and a level II system will take about 3.5 minutes. If things do not go well check to make sure your File is exactly like the example in puncuation and spacing. Now that your file is compiled you can run it. To do this type the following at the OS-9 prompt.

## greet

The disk drive should start up, and after the program is loaded it will execute. The file greet will not be a text file. If you want to make changes to the program you will have to go back to the file greet.c. The greet.c file will remain on your /di/sources directory. Greet will be in you /dO/cmds directory. Also greet is a machine language program now, this means you can move it to any disk and it will still execute when called on or it can be loaded into memory and executed from there, just like any OS-9 module can.

That's quite a bit to get started with. Try the program. get used to your system and next time we'll try another example.

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AND EARLY TO RISE
MAKES A MAN
HEALTHY, WEALTHY AND WISE

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Third is another new game by Paravati, BLACK GRID. This is a computer adaptation of PARKER BROS. BLACK BOX game. The computer hides from 2 to 9 blocks inside the black grid. The player must locate them by shooting "rays" into the grid. After each shot graphic symbols appear on the outer edges of the grid representing what the rays hit, if anylthing. It's quite a puzzle. Three different play modes are available. Retail is $\$ 21.00$. Requires a COCO 3 128K disk or tape.

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Try your addition and multiplication ability out with this game. It is a one player game that gives you the choice of adding or multiplying. Two cards are displayed on the screen with blocks on them. If you chose add, then you add the bocks for the answer. If you chose multiply, then you multiply the blocks. The computer keeps the score along with the number of problems you want. This program is provided by Bill Bernico Software and is used by permission.

10 'MATH DICE by Bill Bernico (C) 1988 BILL BERNICO SOFT WARE
20 CLS:PRINTP99, ~ADDITION OR MUL TIPLICATION": PRINT@140, ~ (A / M)

30 C\$=INKEY\$:IF C\$=~~THEN30
40 IF C $\$=\sim A^{\sim}$ THEN D $\$={ }^{\sim}+\sim: B \$=\sim$ ADD DICE AND INPUT TOTAL~:GOT 070
50 IF C $\$=\sim M^{\sim}$ THEN $D \$=" X ": B \$=\sim$ MU LTIPLY DICE AND INPUT TOTAL~: GOTO70
60 GOTO 20
70 PRINTQ326, ~NUMBER OF PROBLEMS ~: : INPUT C
80 CLS:FOR H=1 TO C:PRINTPO,B\$
$90 \mathrm{E} \$=\mathrm{CHR} \$(128): \mathrm{D}=\mathrm{RND}(6):$ PRINTP6 8, STRING\$(9.207):: PRINTQ100.S TRING\$(9.207): : PRINTP132.STRI NG $\$(9,207)$ : : PRINTQ164,STRING\$ (9.207): : PRINTQ196.STRING\$(9. 207): : PRINTQ228, STRING\$(9.207 ): :PRINTQ260,STRING\$(9.207):
100 PRINTQ82.STRING\$(9.207)::PRI NTP114, STRING\$ $(9,207)$ : : PRINTP 146.STRING\$(9.207): : PRINTP178 , STRING\$ $(9,207)$ : : PRINTQ210.ST RING $\$(9,207)$ : : PRINTQ 242 , STRIN G\$(9.207): : PRINTQ274.STRING\$( 9.207):

110 PRINTP175,D\$::ON D GOSUB 230 .240 .250 .260 .270 .280
120 E=RND(6):ON E GOSUB 290.300. $310,320,330,340$

130 IF C $\$=" A " T H E N$ I $=A+B$
140 IF C $\$=$ "M~THEN I=A*B
150 GOSUB350:PRINT@352.STRING\$(2 2.143):PRINTP362.".": INPUT"TO TAL": J
160 IF J<>I THEN PRINT 352 , STRIN G\$(22.143): PRINT@360,"wrong t ry again": POKE1389.45: POKE139 3.32: FORX=1TO1000: NEXT: PLAY~O 4 T60BAGFEDC": PRINTP328,"": G=G +1:GOSUB350:GOTO130
170 PRINTQ352.STRING\$(22.143):PR INTE364, ~correct": FORX=1TO100 $0: N E X T: P L A Y " 05 T 60 C D E F G A B ": F=F$ +1:GOSUB 350:NEXT H
180 PRINTQ328."TRY AGAIN (Y/N)
190 A $\$=$ INKEYS:IF AS =~~THEN 190
200 IF AS $=$ "Y~THEN RUN
210 IF AS=~N~THEN CLS:END
220 GOTO 190
230 PRINTQ168,E\$::A=1:RETURN
240 PRINTP101,E\$;:PRINT@235,E\$: A=2: RETURN
250 PRINTQ101,E\$::PRINTC168,E\$: PRINTQ235,E\$: A = 3: RETURN
260 PRINTP101,E\$: PRINTP107,E\$: PRINTP229,E\$: : PRINTP235,E\$: A =4: RETURN
270 PRINTP101,E\$;:PRINTP107,E\$;: PRINTQ168,E\$: PRINTP229,E\$;:P RINTP235.E\$: : $A=5$ :RETURN
280 PRINTQ101,E\$::PRINTP107.E\$;: PRINTQ165,E\$: PRINTP171,E\$;:P RINTP229,E\$: : PRINTO235,E\$: : A = 6: RETURN
290 PRINTP182,E\$::B=1:RETURN
300 PRINTP115,E\$::PRINTP249,E\$:: $B=2$ : RETURN
310 PRINTP115,E\$::PRINTP182,E\$: PRINTQ249,E\$: : $=3$ : RETURN
320 PRINTQ115.E\$: PRINTQ121,E\$: : PRINTQ243,E\$: PRINTC249,E\$: B =4:RETURN
330 PRINTQ115,E\$::PRINTP121,E\$: PRINTQ182,E\$: PRINTO243.E\$: P RINTQ249.E\$:: B=5:RETURN
340 PRINTQ115,E\$::PRINTP121,E\$;: PRINTQ179,E\$;:PRINT185,E\$;:P RINTQ243.E\$: :PRINTP249,E\$: B= 6: RETURN
350 PRINTQ 420 ."RIGHT ANSWERS:~; $F$ : PRINTP452,"WRONG ANSWERS:~:G :PRINTQ484,"\# OF PROBLEMS:~: C : : RETURN

## A MAZING WORLD OF MALCOM MORTAR

> for the color computer 3
> Roviow by Norm Hatice

A Mazing World of Malcom Mortar is an arcade type game on ROM pack for the Color Computer III. As the title suggest the game has something to do with mazes. In the game you are B. Rick an apprentice bricklayer. According to the introduction B. Rick winds up in the maze due to an on the job accident. Instead of getting workman's compensation B. Rick must battle his way through the mazes and over come the evil Malcom Mortar. The way he does that is by picking up bricks and dynamite.

There are two types of bricks. regular grey bricks and gold bricks. The grey bricks are used to build walls to trap fuzzies and boreheads in the maze. A fuzzie is a poison quill shooting creature that can harm B. Rick. a borenead is a mechanical minion that can drill through temporary walls. The temporary walls that B. Rick lays can be torn down with dynamite or by a borehead. Then can be made permenant by pressing the $F 2$ key on the keyboard.

The gold bricks are used to imprision Malcom Mortar, whose very touch is fatal to B. Rick. Trapping Malcom Mortar is not an easy task. If you are successful though. B. Rick will be allowed to leave the maze.

So far I have been unable to get B. Rick out. Although the game sounds simple enough it does provide quite a challenge. My only complaint is sometimes B. Rick goes beyond where you want to construct a wall and the fast reaction of the joystick makes it hard to position him
back where you need him. Small movements of the character are hard to do.

The game is fast paced and the graphics and color scheme blend very well together. It is a very eye appealing game. It can be played on 128 K CoCo III and the use of joysticks is optional, but suggested. A Mazing World of Maicom Mortar is available at Radio Shack stores and cost $\$ 29.95$.

ROGUE<br>Reviewed by Norm Natice<br>Color Computer 3 Game

Rogue is a Fantasy Role Playing (FRP) game. In the game you are the Rogue. Your job is to fight your way through the Dungeons of Doom, get the fabled Amulet of Yendor and get back out. While you are doing this you also try to stay alive.

The Dungeons of Doom consist of a multi-layer series of rooms. Each layer has 7 to 10 rooms on it. In the rooms you will find various things to help you on your quest. There are potions, enchanted scrolls and weapons. In addition to that some rooms contain pieces of gold. It is the pieces of gold that constitute your score should you not make it out of your quest alive.

Certainly if there are weapons in the rooms for you to pick up there must be an element of danger involved. Where did the weapons come from? Are they left over from other adventures who will never make it back from the Dungeons of Doom? Yes indeed, there are monsters galore in there with you. Everything from bats and emus to orges and ice monsters.

To play Rogue you will need a Color Computer III with at least one disk drive and 128 K . On the 128 K CoCo III the Dungeons of Doom and all its contents are represented with keyboard characters, such as $\$$ for some gold and 8 for you. If you happen to have a 512 K CoCo III you can use a utility named MAKEGW included on the disk. This will open a high resolution graphics window. Playing the game on this window, gives you graphic depictions for most of the characters in the game. In the graphic window your man on the screen is a man drawn on the screen instead of a number representing you. The monsters remain letters.

As with any game where so much is going on there are a large number of command options. Fortunately they don't all have to be learned at once to start to enjoy the game. Movement can be done by using the arrow keys. This makes starting easy. Picking items up is accomplished simply by passing across the spot in the room where they lay. Of course picking something up doesn't always insure everything is all right. The potions are color-coded. It is up to you to figure out that color-code. Some of the potions will strengthen you, warm you, or put you to sleep. Some can even poison you so be careful. The scrolls are encrypted in a language you will not be able to understand. There is however a scroll of identity which will translate for you. The catch here is that the identity scroll is also encrypted. so you will have to use trial and error to find out which of the scrolls it is. After using a scroll or potion it is gone, but there is usually more than one of any particular item in the maze.

Of course the weapons consist of conventional items, such as swords, armor, maces and assorted other medieval weapontry. In addition to that there are magic items. such as magic wands. rings and staffs. These too. need a bit of experimentation to find out which situation they can best be used in.

If you like a challenge and a game that will keep you occupied for more than a few minutes at a
time then Rogue is the game for you. It is an engrossing game that could keep you tied up for hours. It is available at Radio Shack stores and sells for \$29.95

## PUBLIC DOMAIN SOFTWARE

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ceviewed by Bill Chapple
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Public Domain Software is software that is available for everyone at a minimum cost. DungeonMaster Software has put together a disk of programs that should be of interest to color computer users. It is impossible for me to review each program, but $I$ can give you an idea as to what is on the disk. Programs are on both sides and the first side contains:

KINGTUT, SURVIVAL. LLISTER CASTLE, CHESS, SILLY, SIOCKS, JOUST, TICTACTO, CIPHER, STATECAP, FREEWAY, SATAN, GERMS, OLDHOUSE, REFLEX, SUB, TANKS, WATOR

The second side contains the following:

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I looked at several of the programs. There are some very good educational programs on the disk that would be helpful for school students. There are also many games and disk utilities. I played a couple of the games and ran a few of the utility programs. They all seemed to work with minimum or no problems. One of the problems with public domain programs is the lack of instructions. However, $I$ did not have any problem figuring out how to run the programs. The cost of the disk is only $\$ 3.00$ including shipping and handling.

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DungeonMaster Software
P. O. Box 1142
Marshall, NC 28753.
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MORSE - This program allows a key to be pressed and then sounds the Morse equivalent. It also will send random characters. This is an excellent tool for developing code speed for the the Novice. Technician. or General class licenses. DX - Type in a prefix for a foreign country and have the country displayed.

ANTENNA - An antenna design program that calculates the dimensions for a wide spaced Yagl antenna of up to 4 elements. Order HR-1 (3 programs) $\$ 11.95$

## MORSE TERMINAL

When used with an interface this converts your color computer Into a Morse Terminal. To transmit just type the Morse characters and the computer keys your transmitter. In the recelve mode the computer decodes and displays the Morse characters on the screen. Instructions are included for building an interface with off the shelf parts. HR-2 \$12.95

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Keep a record of your contacts. Just enter the information as it is requested. Items that are the same such as date. frequency, and type of emission need only be entered once and changed as needed. Save and load records to tape or disk. Add to the $\log$ and quickly find stations. Print the 10 to a printer.HR-3 \$9.95

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## HAM RADIO \& COMPUTERS by bill chapple w4gqc

I have really been enjoying my new antenna system. The day before Thanksgiving I put up a Tri-Band antenna for 20, 15, and 10 meters. This is mounted on top of my house and is only about 20 to 25 feet above the ground. However it really performs well and $I$ have enjoyed operating it. I am sure it would work better if it were a little higher, but $I$ am pleased with its performance.

Last month I presented a program that would calculate power and standing wave ratio (SWR). If the antenna is properly matched to the transmission line then all of the transmitter's power is transferred to the antenna and is radiated. SWR is a measure of the amount of mismatch between the antenna and transmission line. It is actually the quotient of the two impedances. If we let $Z A$ be the antenna's impedance and $Z L$ be the transmission line's impedance then

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S W R=Z A / Z L \text { or } Z L / Z A \text {. }
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SWR is always greater than or equal to 1.

On the same mast as my triband beam antenna, I mounted a 4 element 2-meter beam for operating on 146 MHZ . This is a small antenna compared to my triband antenna with a driven element having a length of about 3 feet as compared to 33 feet for the tri-band beam. I have enjoyed talking to people through re-
peaters and also directly. I have a new AZDEN PC-6000 FM transceiver and it is very nice and easy to use. Since antennas for 144, 220, and 440 MHZ are small I thought that an antenna program for these frequencies would be of interest. An antenna could be built inside and put up later when the weather is good.

An antenna with wide spaced elements can be built without any critical adjustments being required. The design $I$ have increases the director spacing as more directors are added. In case you are not familiar with a "beam" or "Yagi" antenna, let me give you the basics.

A dipole is used for the driven element. A boom is a rod or pole onto which the elements are parallel mounted. A reflector is mounted parallel to the dipole. Directors are then mounted on the boom on the opposite side of the reflector. The director nearest to the driven element (dipole) is called the first director. The remaining directors are numbered second, third, etc.

The program gives the results in inches and will also print them to a printer. I suggest you refer to an antenna handbook for construction details. Try different numbers of elements and you can see how the size changes.

I have other subjects that I am working on for this series. Next month I will have something
different. $I$ hope you enjoy designing your own VHF antennas.

## VHF ANTENNA DESIGN PROGRAM

1 CC=PEEK (33021)
2 IF CC=50 THEN GOSUB 1200
5 CLS
10 PRINT ~VHF YAGI ANTENNA DESIGN
20 PRINT~BY BILL CHAPPLE W4GQC
22 PRINT* COPYRIGHT (c) 1989
25 PRINT"DYNAMIC ELECTRONICS INC
30 PRINT"THIS DESIGN ALLOWS EACH
40 PRINT"ELEMENT TO BE SHORTENED BY
50 PRINT"5\% OF THE PREVIOUS ELEM ENT.
60 PRINT~ALSO THE SPACING INCREA SES
70 PRINT"BY 10\% AS ELEMENTS ARE ADDED.
80 PRINT"DIMENSIONS ARE GIVEN IN INCHES.
100 INPUT "PRESS ENTER TO CONTIN UE~: $X X$
110 CLS
111 PRINT"ELEMENTS ARE ARRANGED AS FOLLOWS
112 PRINT~1 REFLECTOR~:PRINT~2 D RIVEN ELEMENT
113 PRINT"3 FIRST DIRECTOR": PRIN T~4 SECOND DIRECTOR
114 PRINT~5 THIRD DIRECTOR": PRIN T"6 FOURTH DIRECTOR
115 PRINT"MORE DIRECTORS CAN BE ADDED.
120 PRINT"PRESS P TO PRINT RESUL TS
130 PRINT~TO A PRINTER~
$140 \mathrm{P} \$=\mathrm{INKEY} \$:$ IF $P \$=\sim$ THEN 140
150 IF $P \$=" P "$ THEN PRINT "PRINTE $R$ ON" ELSE PRINT "PRINTER OFF $\sim$

152 IF $P \$=\sim P \sim$ THEN PRINT\#-2, ~VHF ANTENNA DESIGN PROGRAM BY BI LL CHAPPLE W4GQC
160 INPUT"ENTER FREQUENCY IN MHZ ~; FR
165 IF $P \$=" P{ }^{\circ}$ THEN PRINT\#-2, "FRE QUENCY="FR
170 INPUT "ENTER NUMBER OF ELEMEN TS~:EL
175 IF $P \$=" P "$ THEN PRINT\#-2, ~NUM BER OF ELEMENTS="EL
180 WL $=11808 / F R \cdot$ CALCULATE WAVEL ENGTH
190 DR=5600/FR 'DRIVEN ELEMENTH IN INCHES
$195 \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{DR}: \mathrm{X} \$=$ "DRIVEN ELEMENT LENG

TH~: GOSUB 900
200 RF=DR* 1.05 •REFLECTOR LENGTH 205 X=RF: $\mathrm{X} \$=$ = REFLECTOR LENGTH": G OSUB 900
210 SP=WL*. 2 'REFLECTOR SPACING
$212 X=S P: X \$=" R E F L E C T O R$ SPACING": GOSUB 900
220 PL(1)=DR*. $95{ }^{\text {'FIRST DIRECTOR }}$ LENGTH
225 X=PL(1):X\$=~FIRST DIRECTOR L ENGTH~:GOSUB 900
230 SP(1)=WL*. 2 'FIRST DIRECTOR SPACING
$235 x=$ SP (1): $\mathrm{X} \$=\sim$ FIRST DIR SPACIN G": GOSUB 900
240 'CALCULATE REMAINING DIRECTOR S
$245 \mathrm{LN}=\mathrm{RF}+\mathrm{SP}$ (1)+SP(1)
249
250 FOR I=2 TO (EL-2)
260 PRINT:IF $P \$={ }^{\circ} P$ " THEN PRINT\#2 。~"
262 PRINT~DIRECTOR NUMBER"; I
265 IF $P \$=\sim P "$ THEN PRINT\#-2,"DIR ECTOR NUMBER~; I
270 SP(I) $=\mathrm{SP}(\mathrm{I}-1)$ * $1.1{ }^{\circ}$ DIRECTOR SPACING
277 X=SP(I): X\$ = ${ }^{\sim}$ DIRECTOR SPACING $\because: G O S U B 900$
$280 \mathrm{PL}(\mathrm{I})=\mathrm{DR} \mathrm{R}^{*}(100-(4+\mathrm{I}))^{*} .01$ •DI RECTOR LENGTH
287 X=PL(I): X\$ ="DIRECTOR LENGTH * GOSUB 900

290 LN=LN+SP(I)
300 NEXT I
$310 \times \$=$ "BOOM LENGTH~: $X=L N: G O S U B$ 900
320 PRINT"PRESS $Y$ TO RERUN THE P ROGRAM"
330 P\$=INKEY $\$$ :IF $P \$=\infty$ THEN 330
340 IF $P \$={ }^{\circ} Y^{\circ}$ THEN RUN
350 END
899
900 -PRINT SUBROUTINE
$905 \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{INT}(10 * X+5) / 10$
910 PRINTX\$:X
920 IF $P \$=" P \sim$ THEN PRINT\#-2, $X \$ ; X$
950 RETURN
1200 PALETTE 12.63:PALETTE 13.0: PALETTE 8,63:PALETTE 0,0:CLS 1
1210 PRINT"1 32 CHARACTER WIDTH
1220 PRINT"2 40 CHARACTER WIDTH
1230 PRINT~3 80 CHARACTER WIDTH
1240 INPUT~ENTER NUMBER FOR WIDT
$H^{\prime \prime}: N$
1260 IF $N=2$ THEN WIDTH 40
1270 IF $N=3$ THEN WIDTH 80
1275 CLS 1
1280 RETURN

## editor's comments

This issue marks the end of five years of continuous putlishing of Dynamic Color News. There have been gradually changes since our first issue. For one thing we started out with a newsletter of only a few pages. Now we have a magazine in the 40 to 50 page range.

Computers have changed since our first issue. For example Radio Shack was selling a $4 k$ color computer for $\$ 399$. These could be upgraded to 16K. Another set of 16 K chips could be soldered on top of these to give 32 K . Most programs would run with this amount of memory. In fact most programs today do not require over 32 K except special ones for the color computer 3.

In the earlier days printers ard disk drives were expensive. There were numerous programs on tape and a number of people still use tape as their storage medium. I have found the tape software to be reliable and good. However you should never use the cheap tapes as your programs will be lost as the tapes deteriorate with time. I remember loosing a number of programs on tapes before $I$ purchased my first disk drive. I had saved the programs on the $\$ 3 / 1$ tapes. So if you use tapes use high quality audio or computer tapes. The shorter tapes seem to work the best.

There have been tremendous improvements in printers over the past few years. My first printer was an Epson $M X-80$ and cost about $\$ 450$. It developed a problem with one of the print
striker drivers and burned out a print head. I bought a replacement and it too failed. With the cost of print heads near $\$ 100$. it was cheaper to buy a new printer than try to repair the Epson. Now for around $\$ 200$ a printer can be purchased that outperformes my MX-80 and has near letter quality print.

Disk drives have become very popular for saving programs. I remember when a pair would cost about $\$ 500$. Two half height 51/2 inch drives can now be purchased for $\$ 300$ or Jess. The trend is towards hard drives. These are a little expensive for the color computer but are coming down in price.

Most computer products have decreased in price over the past few years. Memory chips are an exception and began a constant upward slope until they peaked out last Summer in the $\$ 14$ range. They have come down some now but still cost \$10-\$12 depending upon the speed required. This was because of a United States tariff against Japanese semiconductors.

As I look back over last year's accomplishments. I am pleased with the progress that has been made with computers and our production of Dynamic Color News. We still have the same objectives that we had with our first issue and have some very good supporters. Dean and I want to thank each of you for your support and we appreciate any comments or suggestions you give. We want to wish each of you a happy and successful new year.

## QUESTIONS \& ANSWERS

These are questions that have been asked us. If you have a question about a computer subject, or if you have an answer to a question, we would like to hear from you

Gentlemen:

I have just purchased a 2400 baud modem along with your Dyterm-2M (M-2400) and according to the instructions $I$ will need some type of word processing program to 'clean up' any programs that $I$ may download in ASCII from a bulletin board.

Do you have any such programs available for purchase or can you recommend any that wold be useful for this purpose? I am using a CoCo II with tape storage. Thanks

## John Fulton

John we will present a program in our February 1989 issue that will allow you to clean up ASCII basic files. Basic programs require numbers at the start of each line. If a line does not have a number at the start then the program will not load and an error will be printed on the screen. Telewriter and VIP word processors will work and of course there are others. In the article we will show how to do this with the program we present and with a word processor. Thanks for your letter.

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Dean.
Not too long ago $I$ wrote inquiring about converting graphic programs from one form. or another, to usable form for the

Cocomax III programs.
Since that letter was written. I have determined that I DO have a system which will do the job, fairly close to what I want to do.

The route $I$ follow is as follows: First. $I$ have a conversion program called "RENAME". I load and run this program. The procedure calls for then loading any machine language graphics ("/BIN") and then follow the menu in the rename program. (Rename the "BIN suffix to the MAX suffix, which in turn will allow the pix to be run on either Cocomax or Cocomax III.) One step which I added was to add lines enabling the conversion from BIN to CM3, which were not in the original program. This however results in a Mexican standoff as the pix which turn out lock up the Coco III. Use the BIN to MAX section?

The next step calls for the loading and running of a program built into the Cocomax III program --Run" Translat". This, in turn will allow the transposition of a M/t program into a useful form for "CM3" which is usable on Cocomax III. A graphic example of a converted pix to a Cocomax III picture is enclosed.

I find that there is room to slightly modify the ensuing program a bit, to possibly correct a minor flaw in it-- for the Cocomax III portion, but it works fine on the Coco II, as is. I have two Coco III machines so $I$ know that the procedure works for me. One added improvement would be the ability to include BASIC graphics in this program, which it will not do as yet. (At least I haven't been able to convert them.)

Since there is a flaw in the
graphic conversion, even though the system works as $I$ have it, maybe someone will experiment further and will have a better idea, or maybe a solution easier to follow or even an improvement on what I have.

The Christmas Season is a wonderful time of the year but it does have its limitations, especially on a limited income! Recently I became very, very much acquainted with with Static Electricity on my two Coco III machines. I tried just about everything $I$ know to clear it up, even having both units sent back to the Service Center for checking over--NOTHING wrong. As a last resort. I found out one thing. In trying to protect my rigs from dust and/or other unwanted pollution, I had used. as a dust over, parts of an old air conditioner cover (made of a grey cloth-like material and with a backing on it, cut into squares of the appropriate size to cover the machines, printer and RGB. The moment $I$ did two things--get rid of the covers, first, and then spray some antistatic spray on my desk--VOILA. success!

## Lou Braun

Lou thanks for the information on graphics conversion and your solution to the static problem. Your letter is very informative and I am sure our readers will appreciate your writing. We all have trouble with Christmas bills.

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Dear Bill.
I like yoyur magazine very much. I enjoy the Ham section the best. besides using my Coco 3. I like to listen to my shortwave receiver. I use the RTTY program and really get a kick out of it. My question is. can I purchase the Morse Termi-
nal all ready assembled? I do not have any electronic experience. This is something I have been wanting since $I$ first read the article. I have showed the diagrams to the members of my Coco Club but there is no one who can do the assembly for me.

Before using the Coco I had a Timex-!000 computer. There was a M.L. Program that I had that decoded Morse code from the radio. It worked O.K. but not that great. Do you know of any such program for the Coco 3

Thanks
Donald Nelson
Donald thanks for your letter. We have the Morse keyer interface with software which is half of the Morse terminal. We have also had other people inquire about purchasing it wired from us. I am working on a simple interface for receiving Morse code and would like to have a plug in assembly like we have for the Morse keyer. I hope to have this completed soon and then we will come out with a new Morse terminal with an interface that we can easily build.

There are commercial units that you can purchase that convert Morse code to ASCII. These are relatively expensive and there may be a software problem since most software for them are for MSDOS and Commodore computers. A terminal program may be required for use with them. I am going to try to complete our unit soon as we have had many request for this.

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If you have not written and have a problem I would like to hear from you. Or if you had rather call, $I$ can usually be reached in the evenings and on weekends. - Bill

## AUTO - EXEC

## Make ML Programs Execute After Loading

by

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One desire that we have probably all felt, and that a reader addressed in the last issue, was the ability to load in a machine language program, and not have to type "EXEC". I have a few programs that do that, and so after digging into them to see how it was accomplished, I decided to write a program to convert any macine language program to make it auto-executing.

The secret of an autoexecute is to not only load your program's code into its place in memory, but also to load some code into the memory that is normally used by the BASIC operating system in your computer. You can trick the computer into jumping into your program, instead of processing its own normal needs.

There are probably several places into which this "trick" code can be loaded but the most convenient place that $I$ have found occurs at locations 360 and 361 (Hex \&H168 and \&H169) in lower memory. After the computer faithfully completes your "LOADM" instruction, it looks to this place in memory to find the location of the code it needs to help print the familiar "OK" on your screen. If we cause this location to steer it to the begginning of our program that it has just loaded in, then guess what it does instead?

If you are writing your own machine language programs with an assembler (such as DISK EDTASM), then there is nothing simpler. You only need something like the following:

| 100 | ORG | $\$ 168$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 110 | FBD | $\$ X X X X$ |

WHERE "\$XXXX" is the hexadecimal loaction at which your program begins execution. You must also include, at the beginning of your program something similar to the following:

| 140 | CLR | $\$ F F 40$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 150 | LDD | $\# \$ C C 1 C$ |
| 160 | STD | $\$ 168$ |

Line 140 turns off the disk drive, (which will still be spinning), and you need lines 150 and 160 if you intend to use the ROM routine in memory to print text on the screen. This is what \&H168 and \&H169 contain initially.

But we're probably not using an assembler, and this won't help us with the programs that we already have anyway. As the assembler would normally write the correct codes on the disk. AOTOEXEC must do all these things instead.

AUTOEXEC actually causes the computer to load code into two additional places in memory. We don't want to jump directly into the program from \&H168 since it might use \&H168 itself, and would would keep jumping to its own beggining if we didn't restore \&H168,\&H169 to their proper values. We need to jump to another short routine that will fix \&H168,\&H169, turn off the disk drive, and then jump into the desired program.

If you look at line 470 in the AUTOEXEC program you will see that $N \$$ reprsents the exact code that we want to put on the
disk. The first 14 characters are the code to tell the computer to load hexadecimal \$0152 into locations \&H168. \&H169. \&H152 is where we will put our short program to accomplish the little routine outlined in lines 140-160 above. This code is contained in the next 34 characters of $N \$$. XEQ $\$$ represents the location in memory where the program that we are auto-executing starts. The last 10 characters are what the computer expects to see at the end of a machine-language program. It contains the execution address of the program.

The code at \&H168,\&H169 makes the computer jump to the code at \&H152-\&H15D which makes the computer jump into the final program. AUTOEXEC also patches up the directory so that the computer knows to load in the additional code we are placing on the disk.

There are three possibile errors which AUTOEXEC might generate. The first, a "FILE STRUCTURE ERROR" means you are using a garbled up disk. The second and third, "BYTE UNDERFLOW" and "BYTE OVERFLOW". means that all the information that we need to put on the disk cannot be contained on only one sector. This is a remote possibility, so I did not write AUTOEXEC to accommodate it.

Should you get one of these last two errors, there is still hope! You must 1) know the begginning, ending and execution addresses of your program. (See DEC. 1988 DCN. Pg. 16 for a program which finds them) -- and you must 2) have a program which only loads into only ONE place in memory. (Most games seem to.)

To solve your problem, load your program in using the "LOADM" command, and then resave it using:

SAVEM~FILENAME",BEG-30.END,EXEC

Where BEG is the normal program beginning address. END is the normal ending, and EXEC is the execution address.

If you have any commemnts. suggestions, or --errors. I would much appreciate your letting me know.

## AUTOEXEC PROGRAM



240 NEXT SCTR
$245{ }^{\circ}$ GIVE MESSAGE THAT FILE WASN - T FOUND

250 IF $\mathrm{XT} \$=\cdots \cdots$ THEN $\times T \$=\cdots * * * \cdots$
260 CLS: PRINT: PRINT" $\cdots ; F \$$; ".":XT\$:". NOT FOUND"
270 PRINT: PRINT" PRESS ANY K EY TO CONTINUE"
280 IF INKEY $\$=\cdots$ THEN 280
290 GOTO 20
300 CLS: PRINT 197."USING: " $\quad$ :N AM\$; . $\because$ :EXT\$;"."
305 - GRAN (FOR NOW) $=$ THE GRANULE THAT THE FILE STARTS AT.
310 GRAN=ASC (MID\$(C\$,PLC+13,1))
$315{ }^{\circ}$ BYTES = THE NUMBER OF BYTES IN THE LAST SECTOR OF THE FIL E
320 BYTES $=256$ * ASC (MID\$ (C\$, PLC+14 , 1) ) + ASC (MID\$(C\$, PLC+15,1))
$325^{\circ}$ IF OUR ROUTINE WON'T FIT ON THE LAST SECTOR THEN...
330 IF BYTES+24>256 THEN PRINT"B YTE OVERFLOW": END
335 - IF ALL THE INFO. WE NEED IS NOT ON THE LAST SECTOR THEN.

340 IF BYTES<5 THEN PRINT"BYTE U NDERFLOW": END
$345{ }^{\circ}$ GET THE FILE ALLOCATION TABLE
350 DSKI $\$ 0,17,2, X \$, Y \$$
$355^{\circ}$ FIND THE TRACK AND SECTOR AT THE END OF THE FILE.
360 LAST = ASC (MID\$ (X\$,GRAN+1,1))
370 IF LAST<69 THEN GRAN=LAST: G OTO 360
380 IF LAST>\&HCO AND LAST<\&HCA T HEN 390 ELSE PRINT" FILE STRU CTURE ERROR!! SORRY.": END
390 LAST $=$ L-AST $-\& H C O$
400 IF GRAN/2 = INT (GRAN/2) THEN T RACK=GRAN/2:START=0 ELSE TRAC $K=(G R A N-1) / 2: S T A R T=9$
410 LAST=LAST+START
420 IF TRACK>16 THEN TRACK=TRACK $+1$
$425^{\circ}$ GET THE SECTOR WE JUST FOUND.
430 DSKI $\$ 0, T R A C K, L A S T, Q \$, R \$$
440 S\$=Q\$+LEFT\$(R\$,127)
$445{ }^{\circ} \times \mathrm{XEQ} \$=T H E$ EXECUTION ADDRESS OF THE FILE
450 XEQ $\$=H E X \$(256 * A S C(M I D \$(S \$, B Y$ TES-1,1))+ASC(MID\$(S\$,BYTES,1 )) )
455 - XEQ\$ MUST BE 4 CHARS LONG. 460 IF LEN (XEQ\$) <4 THEN XEQ\$ $={ }^{\circ} 0^{\circ}$
+XEQ\$: GOTO 460
465 - THIS IS OUR ROUTINE, IN HEXADECIMAL, THAT WE WILL TACK ON THE END OF THE FILE. $470 \mathrm{~N} \$=" 0000020168015200000 \mathrm{CO} 152$ 7FFF40CCCC1CFD01687E" + XEQ\$ + "F F0000" + XEQ\$
$475{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{T} \$=$ OUR ROUTINE IN A FORMAT THAT THE DISK NEEDS
$480 \mathrm{~T} \$=\cdots: F O R \quad X=1$ TO LEN (N\$) STE P 2
$490 \mathrm{~T} \$=\mathrm{T} \$+\mathrm{CHR} \$\left(V A L\left({ }^{\circ} \& H^{\infty}+(M I D \$(N \$\right.\right.$ , X (2)) )
500 NEXT $X$
$505{ }^{\text {• BYTE }}$ =THE NEW NUMBER OF BYT ES THAT WILL BE ON THE LAST S ECTOR OF THE FILE (OUR ROUTIN E ADDS 24). $Q \$$ AND $R \$=T H E$ IN FORMATION THAT WAS IN THE LAS T SECTOR, WITH OUR NEW ROUTIN E TACKED ON THE END.
506 'WE MUST APPROACH THE CREATI ON OF $\mathbf{Q} \$$ AND $R \$$ DIFFERENTLY I $F$ WE NEED ALL 256 BYTES THAT CAN FIT ON A SECTOR.
510 IF BYTES+24<256 THEN BYTE $\$=C$ HR\$(0)+CHR\$(BYTES+24): S\$=LEF T\$(S\$,BYTES-5)+T\$: Q\$=LEFT\$(S \$, 128): IF LEN (S\$)<129 THEN 5 40 ELSER\$=MID\$(S\$,129.LEN(S\$) -128): GOTO 540
$520 \mathrm{BYTE} \$=\mathrm{CHR} \$(1)+\mathrm{CHR} \$(0)$
530 Q $\$=L E F T \$(S \$, 128): R \$=M I D \$(S \$$ . 129, BYTES-133) + T\$
$535^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \$=\mathrm{THE}$ THE DIRECTORY SECTOR WE ARE USING.
$540 \mathrm{C} \$=\mathrm{LEFT} \$(\mathrm{C} \$, \mathrm{PLC}+13)+\mathrm{BYTE} \$+\mathrm{RI}$ GHT\$(C\$, 255-(PLC+15))
550 A\$=LEFT\$(C\$,128): B\$=RIGHT\$( C $\$ 127$ )
560 PRINT: PRINT ${ }^{\infty}$ REWRITE: ${ }^{\infty}$; N AM\$:".";EXT\$;"? $(Y / N) \cdots: P R I N$ $T$
$570 \times \$=I N K E Y \$:$ IF $X \$=\cdots$ THEN 570

580 IF $X \$<>{ }^{\circ} Y$ THEN PRINT TAB(9) "**ABANDONED**": GOTO 620
585 - THESE TWO LINES PUT OUR FINISHED PRODUCT ON THE DISK
590 DSKO\$ 0,TRACK,LAST,Q\$,R\$
600 DSKO\$ 0.17,SCTR,A\$,B\$
610 PRINT ${ }^{\circ} \quad-=F I L E$ REWRITTE $N=-$
620 PRINT: PRINT TAB(7)"DO ANOTH ER? ( $Y / N$ )"
$630 X \$=I N K E Y \$$ : IF $X \$=\cdots$ THEN 630 640 IF $X \$<\gg^{\circ} Y$ THEN END ELSE 20


## MORE MULTITASKING

As $I$ promised last month, we will look at ways to set the priority of a process. If for example you wished to speed up your computer and slow down your terminalwe can change the amount of cpu time that both of them get. This will work with other processes as well. If you have a program in one window that needs more CPU time than something happening in another window, or if you have a task running in the background you may want to alter the CPU times for those processes.

Editors Comment: The microprocessor is the central processing unit (CPU). It can only do one task at a time so it has to share its time between the computer and terminal. Also when you are doing multitasking the time has to be shared among the tasks.

The first thing to do is to find out how much time each process is allocated and what its process id number is. The command to do this is the PROCS command. Type PROCS at the $0 S-9$ prompt and it will return the following information on the currently running processes, Id, PId, User Number, Pty, Age, Signal. Mem Size, Stack Ptr. Primary Module. If you have just entered the command you should have gotten back reports on at least the SHELL you are using and the PROCS command itself.

The items we are most interested in are Pty and Id. It is these two parameters we will need to change to set the CPU time allotted to a process. As you can see on your screen 0S-9 gives each process a pty (priority) of 128 . The range goes from 1 (being the lowest priority) to 255 (being the highest priority). Why the numbers 1 to 255? Those are the numerical values that can be represented with an eight bit byte (and 0 ). So if you want one process to have the highest priority available you would assign it a value of 255. The other thing we need to know (besides the range) to set this priority is the process Id number. This is what is in the first column of the PROCS output. If you look in the column labeled User Number you will see a column of zeros. This represents the superuser, which is you unless your logged on a terminal as a different user.

If you are the superuser of a system and you want to run the PROCS command on
every process being used at that time you would use the command PROCS E. Now that you have a list of everybody's processes, their Ids and their priorities. we can now set new priorities. To do this we will use the SETPR command. The syntax is SETPR Id Pty. As an example if we wanted to change the amount of CPU time our main shell got in a multitasking environment, such as with a terminal connected, we would enter SETPR 2255 (on my computer 2 is the Id for the shell). This would insure that my shell had the highest priority and thereby speed up the processing on my screen.

We could also use SETPR to lessen the priority of the shell running in the terminal. SETPR 7 1. would give the terminal shell the lowest priority, therefore less CPU time is required. Doing this helps to offset the faster terminal we encountered last month when hooking a terminal on level II. Just remember to use PROCS to get your Id numbers because they may not coincide with the ones in my example.

## MERGE COMMAND

Lets continue on with a look at the MERGE command. MERGE does as its name implies, it merges seperate files into one bigger file. To see this in action lets build a couple of smaller files and then merge them together. In the first file we will put half of a Ben Franklin quotation and the other half we will put in the second file. We will then MERGE the files and see if we get a whole quotation. Build the following two files:

FILE 1
? EARLY TO BED
? AND EARLY TO RISE
?
FILE2
? MAKES A MAN
? HEALTHY, WEALTHY, AND WISE.
?

Now to get these two files into a combined file we simply need to redirect the output of the MERGE command to the new file. The following command will do the job.

MERGE FILEI FILEZ >QUOTE
If you list the file QUOTE you will see that the two files do indeed make up the new file. Also note that the order in which we do our merging is important. If we try the following command

## MERGE FILE2 FILE1 >REV

and then list REV, we will see that the files are inserted in the reverse order of what we wanted.

The use of the redirection symbol in this commands means that we are not limited to just merging files into bigger files. We can also merge files to different locations, such as the printer. Instead of $>R E V$ above we could have used $>/ P$ to send the output to a printer, or $>/ T 1$ for a terminal we might have hooked up.

One other thing to note is that even though we merged our two small files into one larger file, we still have our two original files in the directory. The two small files were copied into the larger file and were therefore not destroyed in the process. If after merging files the original files can be delete them to free up disk space, or they can be retained as backup files. Its sort of like having a backup copy. You are free to select the way that sults your needs.

## BASICOS

## COMPARING BASIC 09 \& ECB

For some time now we have been looking at the differences between Extended Color BASIC and BASICO9. We have seen some of the new programing commands that BASICO9 offers us over Extended BASIC. I think we are now ready to test drive BASIC09 and check out the added horsepower of this version of BASIC.

One of the main complaints about higher level languages such as BASIC is that they are slow, when compared to an assembly language program. This is because most versions of BASIC (including Extended BASIC) are interpreted languages. What this means is that each time the program is run, the BASIC language is translated into a set of assembly langauge commands for the computer, much the same as an interpreter does with a foreign language.

It is obvious that a conversation goes much quicker if two people are speaking the same language, than if a third party has to repeat everything that is said. The same is true of your computer. Unfortunately the computer's language is a little harder than most. The other scheme for high level language translation for your computer is the use of a compiler.

A compiler translate your code into assembly language commands once and leaves them in that form. Now instead of translating your program each time you run it, it's already in a language the computer will be able to understand and act on quickly. Compiling is the scheme that

BASICO9 uses on your procedures. As you enter the procedure it is compiled.

Lets try two similar programs and check out the speed difference between the two types of program translation. The first listing below is in Extended Color BASIC. Type it in and run it before you boot up OS-9. Our main interest in the program is lines 90 and 100. These two lines have a simple loop that counts from 1 to 10000. This program takes about 22 seconds from the time the message is started until the word BASIC appears to complete it.
listing 2 is a similar program in BASIC09. I used the WHILE/DO/ENDWHILE in the first loop just for variety's sake. The section we use as a judge of execution speed is the same. When we run the BASIC09 proce- dure, the time between when the message first appears and when it finishes is less than one and one half seconds. Quite a nice improvement over Extended BASIC.

Now all those application programs, arcade games or adventures that you'd have written in BASIC, but thought were too slow, have a second chance. That doesn't mean BASICO9 is perfect though. It is still slower than assembly language and even with its extra features it still lacks some of the niceties of Extended BASIC. If you look at the listings you'll notice that the placement of text on the screen would have been easier with the use of the PRINT@ command. BASICO9 doesn't have that feature, unless you are in a graphic window.

Still it is certainly a more powerful, faster language than Extended BASIC. Besides as you get used to using it you won't notice the few things it doesn't have and come to appreciate the many things it does.

LISTING 1:
10 CLS
$20 x=0$
30 FOR $X=1$ TO 6
40 PRINT
50 NEXT $X$
60 PRINT TAB(15):~HOW~
70 PRINT TAB(13):"SPEEDY~
80 PRINT TAB(15):~IS~
90 FOR $Y=1$ TO 10000
100 NEXT Y
110 PRINT TAB(14):~BASIC~
120 END

LISTING 2:
PROCEDURE SPEEDTEST
SHELL ~DISPLAY C~
DIM X,Y:INTEGER
$x=0$
WHILE $\mathrm{X}<6$ DO
PRINT
$x=x+1$
ENOWHILE
PRINT TAB(15): *HOW~
PRINT TAB(13): ~SPEEDY~
PRINT TAB(15): ~IS"
FOR Y=1 TO 10000.
NEXT Y
PRINT TAB(13): ~BASICO9~
END
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