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70 X = X + 1: Z = Z + 1
80 FOR W = 1 TO 50:NEXT W
90 NEXT AZ
100 IF Z=91 THEN Z=193:X=0:Y=2:GOTO 30
110 IF Z=219 THEN Z=225:X=0:Y=4:GOTO 30
120 IF Z = 219 THEN Z = 225:X = 0:Y = 6:GOTO 30
130 FOR W = 1 TO 500:NEXT W
140 POSITION 2,9:PRINT #6; "COLOR
STATEMENT"
150 PRINT #6; "GRAPHICS!"
160 FOR W = 1 TO 1000:NEXT W

If you are trying to figure out how we got all those alphabet characters using PLOT and COLOR statements, read on.

As any intermediate programmer can tell you, one cannot plot points in modes 1 and 2. you get absolutely nothing displayed if you try it. Of course the stumbling beginner might think the reason one gets nothing is that one did not enter a COLOR statement. Sandwiching COLOR 1 between the lines and trying again, he discovers that he has plotted an "!" instead of a point. "Pixel-head!" he chides himself. "You can't use PLOT in modes 1 and 2!" He notes this in his reference manual and ranks himself a step closer to intermediate programmer, missing the opportunity to discover more hidden graphics.

The Atari will plot a *character* in modes 1 and 2 at whatever position the programmer commands. The nature and color of that character are determined by a single COLOR statement. Using the COLOR Statement Graphics Chart, you can display any Atari keyboard character (POKE 756 for lower case) by using the associated COLOR statement, then plotting X,Y coordinates to place it at the desired position on the screen.

Once again, SETCOLOR 0 to 3 or POKE 709 to 711 can be used to color each individual character, *including* lower case characters which are normally limited to only two colors. (Note: these SETCOLOR's and POKE's work only when using GR. 1 or 2 + 16.) Again, redefined characters may be used and this time manipulated arithmetically. Game-writers, rejoice!

While the PRINT #6; approach displays numbers, punctuation and arithmetic signs, the COLOR/PLOT technique allows access to upper and lower case letters as well. Preference for one method over the other will vary from user to user and application to application, as you will see once you have tried them a few times.

#### Table A. "HIDDEN GRAPHICS" CHART

To Get Character	Press CTRL + Kev	Character	(Default)	SE.	POKE
0	P	normal	yellow	0	708
1	Q	"hidden"	green	1	709
2	R	inverse,			

3	S	normal	blue	2	710
4	T	inverse,			
5	U	"hidden"	red	3	711
4 5 56	v				
7	W				
8 9	X				
9	Y				
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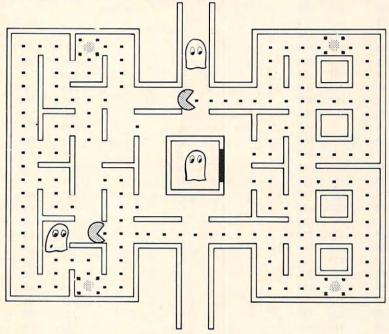
Other	Color*	Press Keys
^	green	ESC then DELETE · BACK S
	red	ESC then CTRL + DELETE · BACK S
<	green	ESC then CTRL +   -
	red	ESC then SHIFT + DELETE · BACK S
>	green	ESC then CTRL + —
	red	ESC then CLR · SET · TAB
=	green	ESC then CTRL +   ≐
	red	ESC then SHIFT + INSERT ->
?	green	ESC then CTRL + —*
	red	ESC then SHIFT + CLR · SET · TAB
_	green	ESC then CLR · SET · TAB
	red	ESC then CTRL + INSERT ->
;	green	ESC then ESC
1	red	ESC then CTRL + ".2

<sup>\*</sup> greens manipulated by SE.1 and POKE 709 reds manipulated by SE.3 and POKE 711

#### Table B. COLOR STATEMENT GRAPHICS CHART

				Use	Color Number
To Get	SE.	0	1	2	3
Character	POKE	708	709	710	711
		green	yellow	red	blue
1		1	33	129	161
		2	34	130	162
#		3	35	131	163
1		4	36	132	164
%		5	37	133	165
8c		6	38	134	166
,		7	39	135	167
(		8	40	136	168
)		9	41	137	169
*		10	42	138	170
+		11	43	139	171
,		12	44	140	172
_		13	45	141	173
		14	46	142	174
1		15	47	143	175
0		16	48	144	176

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17	49	145	177
18	50	146	178
19	51	147	179
20	52	148	180
21	53	149	181
22	54	150	182
23	55	151	183
24	56	152	184
25	57	153	185
26	58	154	186
27	59	*	187
28	60	*	188
29	61	157	189
30	62	158	190
31	63	159	191
96	224	*	192
91	123	219	251
93	*	221	253
92	124	220	252
94	126	222	254
95	127	223	255
97	65	225	193
98	66	226	194
99	67	227	195
100	68	228	196
101	69	229	197
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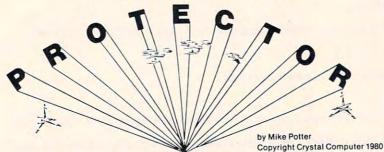
### Table C. COLOR STATEMENT GRAPHICS CHART (Cont.)

Character				Color Number
	green	yellow	red	blue
F	102	70	230	198
G	103	71	231	199
H	104	72	232	200
I	105	73	233	201
J	106	74	234	202
K	107	75	235	203
L	108	76	236	204
M	109	77	237	205
N	110	78	238	206
0	111	79	239	207
P	112	80	240	208
Q	113	81	241	209
R	114	82	242	210
S	115	83	243	211
T	116	84	244	212
U	117	85	245	213
v	118	86	246	214
W	119	87	247	215
X	120	88	248	216
Y	121	89	249	217
Z	122	90	250	218

\*Writing color statements that would logically appear in these positions displays nothing on the screen.



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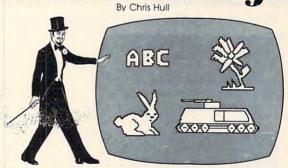
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Here are some numbers to generate nice patterns:

FREQUENCY RATIO: 1,1 PHASE: 40 **TWIST: 135** DISPLACEMENT: 0 **FREQUENCY RATIO: 2,1** PHASE: 0 TWIST: 60 DISPLACEMENT: 0 FREQUENCY RATIO: 1,2 PHASE: 45 TWIST: 120 **DISPLACEMENT: 70** 

#### Hints

- 1. Good numbers for the FREQUENCY RATIO are various combinations of 1,2, and 3. Higher numbers tend to make messy pictures.
- 2. For PHASE, 0 and 90 are good numbers, but try numbers in between also.
- 3. The TWIST can be varied from -180 to 180. Try them all if you want.
- 4. DISPLACEMENT can vary between 0 and 95. When you get near 90 all the pictures start looking the same. For starters, I would recommend using 0 then try 20, 30, etc.

Now to reveal the secrets of the program:

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20-40	Screen initialization (Put String in inverse
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50-80	Prompts for input (Put these in inverse video)
90	Tests for illegal displacement
130-140	Initializes screen for GRAPHICS 8
160-170	generates first lissajous
180-190	generates second lissajous
200	plots and connects the 2 lissajous
210-220	tests for key touch

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10 REM STRING ART ! BY CRAIG MAIMAN, JUL
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20 GRAPHICS 0:SETCOLOR 1,3,10:SETCOLOR 2
,3,0
30 SETCOLOR 4,6,0:H=95:POKE 752,1
40 7 "
              I STRING ART PROGRAM I"
50 ? :? :? "[
                 IMPUT FREQUENCY RATIO I"
:: INPUT A,B
69 7 : 7 : 7 "
                 INPUT PHASE I":: INPUT PH
70 ? :? :? "1
                 INPUT TWIST I":: INPUT TW
80 7 : 7 : 7 "1
                 INPUT DISPLACEMENT (";:I
NPUT DI
90 IF DI>95 THEN 80
100 7 : 7 : 7 "1
                  WHEN PICTURE IS DONE HI
T |"
110 ? "1
           AMY KEY TO CONTINUE
120 FOR D=0 TO 680:NEXT D
130 DEG : GRAPHICS 24: SETCOLOR 1,3,10
140 SETCOLOR 2,3,0:SETCOLOR 4,6,0:COLOR
150 FOR ANG=0 TO 360 STEP 5
160 X1=HXSIN(AXANG)+159
170 Y1=(H-DI) xCDS(BxANG+PH)+96-DI
180 X2=H%SIN(A%(ANG+TW))+159
190 Y2=(H-DI)*COS(B*(ANG+PH+TM))+96+DI
200 PLOT X1, Y1: DRAWTO X2, Y2: NEXT ANG
210 IF PEEK(764)()255 THEN POKE 764,255:
GOTO 20
220 GOTO 210
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# Billiard Bounce

Kevin and Priscilla Laws Carlisle, PA

This program was written initially to provide a graphic demonstration of two lessons on Billiard Ball Mathematics presented by Harold Jacobs in his delightful book entitled *Mathematics: A Human Endeavor* (Freeman, San Francisco, 1970). Once the program was entered, we discovered that we could spend hours watching wonderful patterns unfold before us. Floor designs, Navajo rugs, smooth and nubby fabrics can all be designed with a simple change of two inputs.

In the program, the path of a "billiard ball" is traced on a "table" with a horizontal length of 160 pixels and a vertical width of 96 pixels. The user inputs the horizontal and vertical distance the ball moves during each program step. (These inputs determine the angle at which the ball moves.) A background color and trace color are chosen at random during each run to prevent viewers from becoming tired of the color scheme.

When the program is run the Atari prints:

#### Angle Horizontal, Vertical?

The user then enters two numbers separated by a comma, such as 1,2 and presses the return key. Users will quickly discover that integers lead to fairly smooth patterns, large numbers to rapidly unfolding patterns, and decimal fractions to jagged lines. Some entries a novice user might like to try:

3.14159, 3.14159	(leads eventually to a waffle iron)
3.3, 7.7	(looks like a woven curtain)
6.2, 6.3	(a folksy looking fabric)
4.5, 6.3	(an indian rug)
3.4, 5.5	(a greek design)
2.9	(bedsprings!)

If a particularly interesting pattern appears before the design is complete it can be studied by pressing the "CNTRL" key and the "1" key simultaneously. Hitting these two keys again will allow the design process to continue.

The use of the GRAPHICS 7 + 16 mode allows the program to fit easily in an 8K Atari.

10 PRINT "Ansle Horizontal, Vertical":IN PUT X1,Y1
20 GRAPHICS 7+16
30 COLR1=INT(RMD(0)*15)+1:SETCOLOR 4,COL R1,10
40 COLR2=INT(RND(0)*15)+1:SETCOLOR 0,COL
R2,5
50 IF COLR1=COLR2 THEN 40
60 X=X-X1:Y=Y-Y1
70 IF ABS(Y)>95 THEN Y=95
80 IF ABS(X)>159 THEN X=159:GOTO 100
90 GOTO 60
100 COLOR 1:PLOT ABS(X),ABS(Y)
110 DRAWTO ABS(X), ABS(Y)
120 X=X-X1:Y=Y-Y1
130 IF ABS(X)>159 THEN X=159
140 IF ABS(Y))95 THEN Y=95
150 GOTO 110



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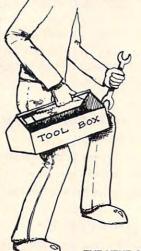
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With this information we can write a program that will produce blinking characters on the screen. (Program 1). The trouble with this approach is that our BASIC program is completely preoccupied with timing loops and toggling bit 0 of CHACT. If we try to incorporate this method in a program that does anything else, the timing problem gets very difficult, if not downright impossible. What we really want is a routine that will sit in the background and toggle bit 0 of CHACT on a regular basis without interfering with any BASIC program that might be running at the time. Fortunately the Atari has in it the resources we need to do just this.

The Atari operating system maintains five separate timers which are incremented or decremented during every vertical blank period (the period between successive TV picture frames during which the screen is dark). One of these, called CDTMV2 (Hex21A) is a two byte down counter that can be set to any value between 1 and 65535. Every 60th of a second, during vertical blank, the operating system reduces this number by one and, when it counts to zero, initiates a subroutine jump to the address that it finds in the two byte vector CDTMA2 and returns to the operating system, waiting for the next time the counter counts down to zero.

Program 2 achieves this result by poking a machine language program into memory starting at page 6 (Dec1536,Hex 0600) and transferring control to it via the USR function. Since the operation of this program is obvious, we will spend no time discussing it. Rather, we will turn our attention to the assembly language version of the program that does all of the work, Program 3.

Lines 20-30: Identifies the hex locations of the names times and registers.

Line 50: Starts the program assembly at location hex 0600 (decimal 1536).

Lines 60-130: Initialize jump vector and start timer.

Line 60: Pops one number off the stack. This is required by the USR function; the routine will work without this step, but you will get an Error-9 on return to BASIC.

Lines 70-100: Stores the address of the routine that begins on line 140 in the subroutine jump vector CDTMA2.

Line 110-120: Stores a number in the timer, CDTMV2, to get it going; the number itself is arbitrary.

Line 130: Return from initializing subroutine.

**Line 140:** Start of subroutine that does the blinking; load the register CHACT into the accumulator.

Line 150: AND the accumulator with the number one, turns off all bits except bit 0.

Line 160: EOR — exclusive OR the accumulator with the number one; reverses the state (toggles) of bit zero.

**Line 170:** Stores the result back into the register CHACT.

**Line 180-190:** Resets the timer CDTMV2 at  $30 (\frac{1}{2} \text{ sec.})$ .

Line 200: Return from blink subroutine.

This program, in machine language, is contained in the string of numbers in the DATA statement, line 50, of the BASIC in Program 2. A few of the numbers are readily identified and can be changed by the user to obtain different effects. First of all, the last #30 in the list (the 29th number) is the number that is loaded into the countdown timer each cycle. It determines the delay time between each jump to the toggling routine and hence the blink frequency. Since the counter is decremented every 1/60 of a second, loading 30 in the timer causes the characters to be on for ½ second and blank for another ½ second. This



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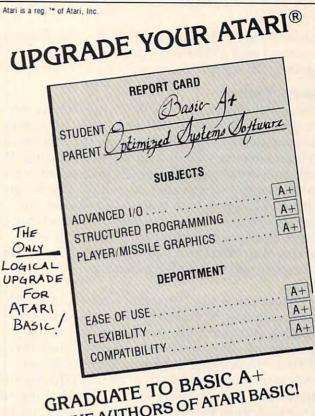
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number may be changed by the user to be anything between 1 and 255 to make the blink frequency anything between 1/30 of a second to 8½ seconds.

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The two ones in the list, the 22nd and 24th numbers are the ones that are AND'ed and EOR'ed against the contents of CHACT. Changing the first one to 23 leaves inverse video on during the blanking. If both ones are changed to threes, inverse video is on when the characters are on, but the blanks are normal. Changing both ones to twos causes the characters to alternate between normal and inverse video. Finally putting fours in place of the ones produces an effect that you will just have to see for yourself; I still haven't figured out a use for this one.

Once the BASIC program has been entered and run, it may be erased by typing NEW, (RETURN), and entering a new program and the flashing will continue (the flashing will stop during I/O to or from a disk or cassette since stage two vertical blank processes are suspended during I/O operations). System Reset will stop the flashing and bring back inverse video; however, merely typing A = USR(1536) (RETURN) will reinstate the flashing characters without having to reload and run the BASIC program.

This program may be added on to almost any other BASIC program to produce the flashing characters and should add some new twists to your special effects.

#### Program 1.

10 CHACT=755

20 DELAY=200

30 PRINT "IHELLOI"

40 FOR I=1 TO DELAY: NEXT I

50 POKE CHACT/0

60 FOR I=1 TO DELAY: NEXT I

70 POKE CHACT, 1

80 GOTO 40

90 END

#### Program 2.

10 FOR I=1536 TO 1536+32

20 READ B:POKE I,B:NEXT I

30 A=USR(1536)

40 END

50 DATA 104,169,17,141,40,2,169,6,141,41,2,169,30,141,26,2,96,173,243,2,41,1,73,

1,141,243,2,169,30,141,26,2,96

#### Program 3.

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0601 A911 FF	1 70		LDA #6	3LINK&\$00
0603 8D28	802 80		STA C	OTMA2
0606 A906	5 90		LDA #I	BLINK/256
	902 0100			OTMA2+1
060B A918	E 0110		The second secon	30
060D 8D16	402 0120		STA C	OTMU2
0610 60	0130		RTS	
0611 ADF:	302 0140	BLINK	LDA C	HACT
0614 290			AND #	1
0616 490			EOR #	1
0618 8DF			STA C	HACT
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Although I do use assembly language to tame the Atari down a bit, don't worry if you don't know a thing about programming in assembly because I've included a version of my code written in BASIC. And for those of you who are old pros at tickling the insides of your machines, you'll find a listing of the original source code with notes on how it works.

This code does two main things. First, it speeds up the initial delay you encounter while waiting for the auto-repeat to engage. Normally there is a pause of about 3/4 of a second after pressing a key before it starts to repeat. This seems a bit too long to me. It gets to be aggravating, especially when moving the cursor around the screen for editing. You can adjust this speed to suit yourself, or even shut the auto-repeat off altogether if you like.

#### The Right Pinkie's Burden

The second main thing this code does is to give you an audible signal when you press the inverse video key, the clearscreen key, caps/lower key, or the shift-delete key. The burden of finding all these keys plus a number of others is dumped completely on the right hand's little pinky, making it all too easy to make a mistake. For example, when typing a long mathematical formula, it has been quite frustrating to me when, instead of hitting the final right parenthesis, I'd accidentally press the clearscreen, leaving me to start all over. This happened to me so many times that I decided to do something about it. Now, instead of the screen going blank, I get the sound of five quick keyclicks letting me know my little pinky is off target. If I really want the screen cleared, I just hold the key down a bit longer than usual for the key to be activated. This short wait seems a small price to pay compared to

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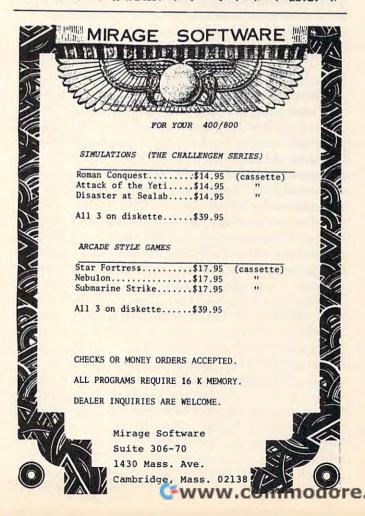
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the time that can be lost in correcting mistakes.

Whether you know assembly or not, if you have a disk drive and DOS 2, you can create an "AUTORUN" file so that, when you turn your computer on, the keyboard will behave itself automatically. If you're using DOS 1 or a cassette only system, you'll have to run the BASIC program each time you power up. Of course, those of you without DOS 2 running the assembler cartridge will have to load in the necessary object code after powering up.

# It is possible to "tap the computer on the shoulder"...

#### Cassette Users

A special note to anyone using a cassette, with or without disk drives: If you want to use your cassette in addition to taming your keyboard down, you'll have to switch the two values at the beginning of the BASIC version of the program. I'll try to

explain:

There are 256 bytes of memory (referred to as Page 6) available for use any way you see fit located at address 600 hex, or 1536 decimal. The computer's operating system doesn't use them, nor does any typical BASIC program. Still, many BASIC programs, with a need for high-speed assembly language subroutines, do use Page 6. In my own programming, I frequently make use of this area of memory and wanted to put the keyboard code someplace else which was safe from unfriendly programs. There are 131 bytes of memory similar to Page 6, located at address 3FD hex, 1021 decimal, unused for anything but conversations between the computer and the cassette. Since I rarely use my cassette, I appropriated this area of memory to hold the new keyboard code. Since this forfeits your ability to use the cassette, you may wish to forfeit use of Page 6 instead by switching the two previously mentioned values at the beginning of the program. The initialization code can pretty much go anywhere, since it's only used once when the program is run, but the keyboard code has to have a permanent place to reside. If neither Page 6 nor the cassette buffer will work for you, you'll have to find some other place for the code. But when you do, you'll only have to change the values at lines 190 and 200 to the new addresses where

you want the code placed since it is position independent.

**Setting Up** 

For those of you using a cassette only, or those of you with DOS 1, just run the BASIC program that follows. I suggest first saving a copy of the program before running it though, since, as with any assembly program, if you make a mistake, your computer may very well "lock-up," requiring you to turn it off and back on. Hopefully you will find this program useful and a timesaver. Once it has been run, it is no longer needed in memory and is transparent

to normal operations of the computer.

This paragraph is for those of you using DOS 2. Run the BASIC program that follows and see how your keyboard acts afterwards. Then, call up the DOS menu and type "K" for the binary save option. If you already have an AUTORUN file on your disk, respond with "D1: AUTORUN, SYS/A, 3FD, 47F". If you don't already have an AUTO-RUN file on the disk leave the "/A" off the filename. This will save or append the cassette buffer area containing the new keyboard instructions. Again type "K", and now respond with "D1: AUTORUN-.SYS/A, 600, 60B, 601". Don't forget the "/A". This will append the initialization code along with the proper initialization address. That's it Now, whenever you turn the computer on with this AUTO-RUN file present, your keyboard will be ready to go automatically.

#### Changing The Auto-repeat Speed

As I mentioned before, the delay before the auto-repeat engages can be changed, and I've shortened it to suit my typing habits. Decreasing the second number in the data list at line 520, which is now 15, will decrease the length of time before the auto-repeat starts. I doubt you will want to decrease it, but increasing this number will slow the repeat down if you end up typing things like "LLISSTT." You can turn the auto-repeat off altogether by changing this number to a zero. If you should want to disable the new keyboard characteristics (to use the cassette for example) just press the System Reset key. It'll restore the keyboard to normal.

After careful study of the operating system source code, I regret to report that two desirable changes are not feasible. It does not look possible to change the speed of the auto-repeat once it has begun. Nor does it look feasible to shut off the keyclick with software. The keyclick got on my nerves when I first got my computer and, for what it's worth, I dicsovered that the bottom cover of the computer is easily removed (at the expense of voiding your warrenty) and the speaker can be unplugged. However, you lose use of the warning bell or buzzer, so I chose to solder a 200 ohm resister

in series with the speaker to soften the volume of the keyclick without losing the bell.

#### **How It Works**

At the heart of the Atari computer is a 6502 microprocessor chip. It's always running some kind of program and always in the only language it understands, 6502 machine code. Whenever you use the BASIC cartridge, you're really running a machine language program called "BASIC," which waits for you to tell it to do something, such as to run a program you've typed into memory with its assistance. This program then "interprets" your instructions and sends the 6502 off to execute various machine code subroutines which collectively, and in the proper sequence, accomplish what you told the BASIC "interpreter" you wanted to have done. So, any time your computer is on, the 6502 is always executing machine code instructions.

#### Interruptions

It is possible to "tap the computer on the shoulder," asking it to stop what it's doing and take care of something else. This is called an interrupt. Regardless of whether the computer was busy drawing on the screen, trying to figure out a BASIC program, or whatever, it'll take note of what it was doing so that it can pick up again where it left off after it finishes taking care of the interruption.

There are all kinds of things that can cause an interrupt. One of them is pressing a key on the keyboard. Whenever a key is pressed, the 6502 gets "tapped on the shoulder," and it goes to a subroutine located in the operating system ROM. This subroutine does some checking around and finds out that a key was pressed. Then it looks at memory location 208 hex, which is called VKEYBD, short for Keyboard Vector. Now, vector is just a fancy word for pointer and normally, this memory location contains the starting address of another subroutine in ROM which takes care of saving information about the particular key that was pressed so that, at some time later on, yet another subroutine can do something with it (like print the letter on the screen). The initialization code at the end of the assembly language listing changes the value contained in the keyboard vector VKEYBD so that the 6502 will follow our instructions on what to do when a key is pressed. In fact, we'll tell the 6502 to figure out if the key pressed is one of those that our little pinky hits by mistake so often.

Most of the assembly code is fairly self-explanatory, but a few things are worth discussing. At line 500 of the assembly language listing a check is done first to make sure that the computer wasn't interrupted while it was in the middle of doing something where timing is critical, such as talking to the disk drive. Lines 610-650 take care of key-

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bounce, caused by the vibration of the switch con-

tacts inside the keys.

It is also worth noting that this whole routine is executed only in response to a key being pressed. Holding a key down for the auto-repeat does not generate any further interrupts, and repetition of the key is accomplished at a later time during another type of interrupt, the Vertical Blank period. This interrupt occurs sixty times a second during

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the time between pictures on your TV screen. The instructions executed during this interrupt are located in an area of the operating system that does not appear to be bypassable. This is also where the keyclicks are generated, making it impossible to shut them off or change the auto-repeat speed itself.

Although it is possible to intercept the vertical blank interrupt, it does not look feasible to replace the operating system ROM routines which take care of these things. If anyone has information to the contrary I'd be very interested in hearing from you. The reason the initial repeat speed can be altered is that the auto-repeat timer, SRTIMR, is initialized during the key-pressed interrupt.

At line 810 bits 6 and 7 of the key code are set to zero since these bits indicate the shift or control key was pressed which is no importance in the case of these two keys. The keycodes themselves have no relation to the ASCII or ATASCII codes. Only the engineers who designed the keyboard could tell you why they created it the way they did, (like why the little pinky got stuck with so many keys to deal with). Anyway, if you want to alter the program to warn you about your own problem keys, you can easily determine their codes with the following one-line BASIC program:

#### 10 PRINT PEEK(53769): GOTO 10

At lines 1210-1260 you may notice a slightly curious bit of code. VCOUNT is a hardware register which can be read to determine the current scan line being drawn on the TV screen. This value will be zero, sixty times each second, and provides a quick and easy way to obtain a do-nothing loop without tying up any memory locations for counting. Of course, you might wonder why I didn't just use

one of the system timers. There are two big reasons why not. One is that I wanted my routine to be as transparent to normal computer operations as possible and tying up a timer could conflict with another program. But a bigger reason is that the system timers are themselves maintained during an interrupt cycle, the old vertical blank period.

Thus, whenever pressing a key causes an interrupt, all other low priority interrupts are temporarily ignored, meaning that the system timers stop. They remain frozen during the time that this program code is being executed and resume counting afterwards. If having the timers lose accuracy is a problem for your application, I suggest adding a little more code which would make an appropriate correction to the timer values. I didn't do this because there is no way the extra code would fit into the cassette buffer. It is being packed to the very last byte already.

Finally, at lines 1400-1430 of the assembly listing, bit 3 of the memory-mapped hardware register named SKSTAT (Serial Port/Keyboard Status) is selected with a logical AND command. This bit indicates whether the last key pressed is still depressed, and is the determining factor as to whether one of those problem keys is actually wanted. May you never know the agony of delete (or clearscreen) again!

#### Program 1.

```
100 REM . MAKE YOUR KEYBOARD FRIENDLIER
110 REM .
               BASIC Program Version
120 REM .
130 REM .
                 Ric Mears 8/15/81
140 REM
150 REM If you still want to use your
160 REM cassette, switch these two values:
170 REM (but you'll lose use of Page 6)
180 REM
190 CODE=1021
200 INIT=1536
210 REM
220 REM Poke the new code into place:
230 REM
240 FOR I=CODE TO I+130
250 READ OPCODE: POKE I, OPCODE
260 NEXT I
270 REM
280 REM Poke the init code into place:
290 REM
300 FOR I=INIT TO I+11
310 READ OPCODE: POKE I, OPCODE
320 NEXT I
330 REM
340 REM Fix the absolute address in case
350 REM the user has selected different
360 REM locations for the code.
370 REM
380 HIGH=INT(CODE/256)
390 LOW=CODE-HIGH*256
400 POKE INIT+2,LOW
410 POKE INIT+7,HIGH
```

```
420 REM
430 REM Now reset the the keyboard vector:
440 RFM
450 INIT=USR(INIT)
460 PRINT :PRINT "ALL DONE"
470 REM
480 REM Here's the assembled program
490 REM as data:
500 REM
510 DATA 165, 66, 208, 81, 138, 72, 152, 72
520 DATA 160, 15, 173, 9, 210, 205, 242, 2
530 DATA 208, 5, 173, 241, 2, 208, 55, 173
540 DATA 9, 210, 201, 159, 208, 10, 173, 255
550 DATA 2, 73, 255, 141, 255, 2, 176, 38
560 DATA 201, 116, 240, 43, 201, 118, 240, 39
570 DATA 201, 182, 240, 35, 41, 63, 201, 39
580 DATA 240, 29, 201, 60, 240, 25, 173, 9
590 DATA 210, 141, 252, 2, 141, 242, 2, 169
600 DATA 3, 141, 241, 2, 133, 77, 140, 43
610 DATA 2, 104, 168, 104, 170, 104, 64, 160
620 DATA 5, 32, 216, 252, 162, 8, 142, 31
630 DATA 208, 162, 75, 173, 11, 212, 208, 251 640 DATA 202, 208, 248, 136, 208, 235, 160, 255
650 DATA 173, 11, 212, 208, 251, 136, 208, 248
660 DATA 160, 40, 173, 15, 210, 41, 4, 240
670 DATA 189, 208, 203
ARD REM
690 REM Here's the initialization
700 REM code as data:
710 REM
720 DATA 104, 169, 253, 141, 8, 2, 169, 3
730 DATA 141, 9, 2, 96
740 END
750 REM End of BASIC program listing
```

#### Program 2.

```
0100 ; MAKE YOUR KEYBOARD FRIENDLIER
0110 ;
           Assembler Source Code
0120 ;
0130 ;
             Ric Mears 8/15/81
0140 ;
    ; EQUATES
0150
0160
0170 VKEYBD
              = $208
                        ;Keyboard vector
0180 KBCODE
              = $D209
                        :Pokey register
0190 CONSOL
              = $D01F
                        ;Speaker
0200 VCOUNT
              = $D40B
                        :Scan-line counter
0210 SKSTAT
              = $D20F
                        ;Keyboard status
0220 CLICK
              = $FCD8
                        :OS keyclick routine
0230 CH
              = $2FC
                        ;Current key pressed
                        :Last key pressed
0240 CH1
              = $2F2
0250 KEYDEL
              = $2F1
                        ;Keybounce counter
                        ;Cntrl-1 start-stop
0260 SSFLAG
              = $2FF
0270 ATTRACT
              = $4D
                        ;Attract mode flag
0280 CRITIC
              = $42
                        Critical code flag
0290 SRTIMR
              = $22B
                        ;Auto-Repeat timer
0300 CNTRL1
              = $9F
              = 118
0310 CLEAR1
                        ;Internal
                        ; codes
0320 CLEAR2
              = 182
0330 INVERSE
              = 39
                           for these
0340 CAPSLWR
              = 60
                            problem
0350 DELETE
              = 116
                             keys
0360 ;
0370
0380 ; ENTRY POINT
0390
0400 ; Whenever a key is pressed, an
0410 ; interrupt sends the 6502 here:
0420 ;
0430
                      Or any safe place
0440 ;
```

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```
0450 ; If the computer was executing
0460 ; critical code, then forget
0470 : about the keyboard interrupt:
0480
0490 NEWPROCEDURE
0500 LDA CRITIC
     BNE EXIT
0510
0520 ;
      TXA
                     ;OS has already
0530
0540
     PHA
                     ; saved register A,
0550
     TYA
                     ; must also
                       save X & Y
0560
     PHA
0570 :
0580 ;
      LDY #$F
                     :Set new Auto-
0590
0600 ;
                     ; repeat speed
0610
      LDA KBCODE
      CMP CH1
                     ;Same as last key?
0620
      BNE NEWKEY
0.630
                     ; If KEYDEL > 0
0640
     LDA KEYDEL
0650
                     ; ignore as bounce
     BNE OUT
0990 NEMKEA
     LDA KBCODE
0670
                      ; Take care of
0880
      CMP #CNTRL1
      BNE NOTCTRL1
                      ; Control-1
0690
0700
     LDA SSFLAG
                      ; stall flag
     EOR #$FF
0710
0720
      STA SSFLAG
      BCS OUT
0730
0740 NOTCTRL1
      CMP #DELETE
0750
                      ;Check for
      BEQ ALERT
0760
                      ; aggravating
      CMP #CLEAR1
0770
                           keys
      BEQ ALERT
0780
0790
      CMP #CLEAR2
0800
      BEQ ALERT
0810
      AND #$3F
                      ;Strip off shift
      CMP #INVERSE
0820
                      ; & cntl bits
0830
      BEQ ALERT
                         since these
0840
      CMP #CAPSLWR
                          keys are
0850
      BEQ ALERT
                           unique
0880
0870
0880; This point reached if a regular key
0890
     ; or the typist wants the special key
0900
0910 NOCHANGE
      LDA KBCODE
0920
                      ;Pass the
 0930
       STA CH
 0940
      STA CH1
                       ; letter on
0950
      LDA #3
 0960
      STA KEYDEL
                      ;Set debounce
                      ;Reset Attract flag
 0970
      STA ATTRACT
 0980 OUT
                       ;Set auto-repeat
 0990
      STY SRTIMR
 1000 ;
                       ; speed
 1010
       PLA
 1020
       TAY
                       :Restore
 1030
       PLA
                       ; registers
 1040
      TAX
 1050 EXIT
                       :And return from
 1060
       PLA
                       ; the interrupt.
 1070
      RTI
 1080 :
 1090 ; ALERT ROUTINE
 1100
 1110 : A problem key has been pressed
      ; so do the special signal.
 1120
 1130
 1140 ALERT
 1150
                        For 5 clicks
      LDY #5
 1160 LOOP5
      JSR CLICK
 1170
                        ;Turn speaker
       LDX #8
 1180
 1190 STX CONSOL
                        ; back off
```

```
1200 ;
     LDX #75
                       ;For stall length
1210
1220 WAIT
      LDA VCOUNT
1230
                       ;Scan line count
1240
      BNE WAIT
                       ; (extra delay)
1250
      DEX
1260
      BNE WAIT
1270
      DEY
1280
      BNE LOOPS
                       ;5 clicks yet?
1290 ;
1300
      LDY #255
1310 WAITAGAIN
1320
      LDA VCOUNT
                       ;Stall a moment
1330
      BNE WAITAGAIN
                       ; after sounding
1340
      DEY
                         the alert
1350
      ENE WAITAGAIN
1360 ;
1370
      LDY #40
                       ;Slower initial
1380
                       ; repeat for these
1390
     LDA SKSTAT
1400
                       ; Are they still
1410
      AND #4
                       ; holding the
1420
      BEQ NOCHANGE
                       ; key down?
1430
      BNE OUT
1440 ;
1450 ;
1460
          x= $600
1470 ;
1480 ; INIT FOINT
1490 ;
1500 ; Resets keyboard vector so that
     ; whenever a key-pressed interrupt
1510
1520
     ; occurs, the 6502 will go the new
     ; routine.
1530
1540
1550 INIT
1560
      LDA #NEWPROCEDURE & $00FF
1570
      STA VKEYBD
1580
      LDA #NEWPROCEDURE / 256
1590
      STA VKEYBD+1
1600
1610 RTS
1620 ;
          End of Assembly Program Listing
```

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# Adding High Speed Vertical Positioning To P/M Graphics

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By now many of you have been playing the "Aliens from Outer Space" program I described in COMPUTE! #11, and have been able to experiment with an actual game program incorporating the advanced player/missile graphics of the Atari computer. As you may have observed, player images can be moved horizontally across the playfield quite easily just by placing the player's horizontal coordinate (0-120) into its associated horizontal position register. Vertical positioning with the P/M graphics however is somewhat more difficult. Since the player's vertical position on the playfield inversely corresponds to its position within the image buffer, it is necessary to relocate each byte of the image up or down within the buffer to produce vertical movement. For example, if we move the player's image to higher address locations within the image buffer, the player will appear to move downward on the playfield.

A BASIC routine can be written using PEEKs and POKEs to move the player within the image buffer, but for most applications this method is too slow. An alternative, however, is to use a small, general purpose vertical positioning routine written in 6502 assembly code which can be called by

BASIC's USR instruction.

The vertical positioning routine shown in Program 1 is relatively simple, but provides the user with a flexible and easy method of handling P/M graphics within a BASIC program. This program not only provides a valuable tool to use with player missile graphics, but for those of you who have not used assembly language routines with BASIC, it will provide some insight into this area as well. The routine is called by a BASIC statement similar to below:

DUMMY = USR(VP,IMAGE,LAST LOCATION, NEW LOCATION)

The variable to the left of the equal sign called "DUMMY" is used by some machine language subroutines as a target for a value returned by the

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Before either step can be executed, the routine must first look at the image's data structure and get the image size parameter.

the way, is also required for any USR routine called by BASIC) are three arguments which are passed to the VP routine.

These arguments are the address of the image's data structure, the address of the image's current position in the P/M image buffers, and the address of its new position. Each image requires a small data structure which provides the VP routine with a pattern of the actual image which it will vertically reposition. An example of a typical image data structure is shown in Figure 1. The first byte of data provides the VP routine with the image's size in bytes. The second and following bytes are used to form a bit map pattern of the image as it would appear in the P/M image buffers.

The next two arguments contained in the USR command tell the VP routine the image's current and new positions. These arguments are actual memory addresses into the image buffers, therefore care must be taken to assure that they do not access

another area of memory by mistake.

#### **Routine Operation**

The program operation begins with an initialization step in which the three arguments passed to it by the USR command are removed from the processor's stack and placed into an area in page zero where they can be more easily used. You may have noticed that a total of seven bytes are popped off the stack during this operation. This is because the USR command always places a one byte argument count onto the stack followed by the arguments themselves. The arguments are always two bytes in length.

Once the initialization task is complete, the routine is ready to begin its intended task of moving

the player image. Basically the operation is performed in two steps. The image data is first removed from its current location and then copied to its new location. Before either step can be executed, the routine must first look at the image's data structure and get the image size parameter. This value tells the routine how large an image it must handle and thus determines the number of bytes it must remove and restore. To remove an image from its current location, the routine simply goes to the current location address and writes zeroes into an X number of memory locations indicated by the size parameter. Replacement of the image is done by copying from the image's data structure an X number of bytes, also determined by the size parameter, to the image buffer starting at the address specified by the new position argument.

In some cases it may not be desirable to have the VP routine perform both the delete and restore functions. One example would be if the player image is to be removed from the viewing field and not restored at a new location. This can be handled

by using the following routine call:

#### DUMMY = USR(VP,IMAGE,CURRENT LOCATION,0)

The zero in the new location field tells the VP routine not to attempt to restore the image. Likewise, the delete function can be disabled by placing a zero in the current location field.

#### Let's Have Some Fun

Now that we have looked at the Player/Missile Vertical Positioner routine, let's put it to work. The following game will show you how to load the player images and VP routine into memory and how to use the routine in other ways besides vertical

positioning.

This game which I call "Island Jumper" involves the cooperation of two characters named Crash Coleman and Deadeye Dan. Crash is the pilot of a reliable (but not so stable) airplane, the "Leaping Lucy." Crach has only had one flying lesson, but has courageously volunteered to make this flight so that you can see the VP routine in action. Although he has successfully managed to get the Leaping Lucy off the ground, he seems to be having some trouble keeping her in level flight. Our other daredevil of the sky, Deadeye Dan, will attempt, with your help, to jump out of Crash's airplane and land on Target Island. Since the ground seems to be a bit unstable from Dan's point of view, he is having difficulty figuring out when to jump and asks that you help him by pulling back on your joystick controller when you think he's on target.

Dan will make a total of five jumps each time you play the game. He will try to land on top of a

sand dune located on the left side of the island. If he makes the jump on Crash's first pass over the island and lands on the dune with both feet, you get 30 points. If you don't give Dan the signal to jump during the first pass, Crash will continue to fly over the island until a jump is made. Each additional pass will deduct eight points from Dan's maximum obtainable score.

Dan can also land in the area between the sand dune and the palm tree, but you will only receive a maximum of 15 points for the jump. At the completion of the game, the computer will give you both a final score the last game played and the highest score for all games played since the last RUN command was entered. To play another game, press the button on the joystick controller.

The data for the VP routine and the player data structures is read from data statements and POKEd into memory by lines 110 thru 310 of the program. It is loaded into memory page 6 (starting at address 1536) which is a 256 byte area in memory that Atari has reserved for user binary data and machine language routines. Once the data structures and VP routine are loaded into memory, they are referenced in the BASIC program by variable names whose values have been set to the starting address of the data structure or VP routine they represent.

#### Program 1.

```
10 REM VERTICAL POSITIONER EXAMPLE
20 REM ISLAND JUMPER
30 REM COPYRIGHT (c) 1981
40 REM BY DAVID H. MARKLEY
50 GRAPHICS 2: POKE 752, 1
60 SETCOLOR 4,9,4
70 ? #6:? #6:? #6:? #6;"
                                ISLAND"
89 ? #6:? #6;"
                     JUMPER"
90 ? ,"
             BY"
100 ? :? , "DAVID MARKLEY"
110 UP=1536
120 FOR G=0 TO 93
125 READ D
130 POKE UP+G,D
135 NEXT G
140 REM VERTICAL POSITIONER CODE
150 DATA 104,162,5,104,149,220,202,16,25
0, 198, 220, 198, 222, 160, 0, 177, 224, 170
160 DATA 168,165,223,240,9,169,0,145,222
,136,208,249,138,168,165,221,240,7,177,2
24, 145, 220, 136, 208, 249, 96
170 REM AIRPLANE DATA
180 APIMG=UP+44
190 DATA 6,142,132,255,255,4,14
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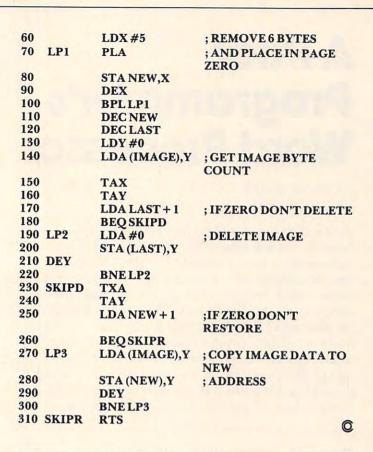
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200 REM JUMPER DATA 640 I=-1 210 JPIMG=APIMG+7 650 JUMP=5 660 SCORE=0 220 DATA 9,189,189,90,60,24,24,36,66,129 670 PNTS=30 680 JMP=0 230 REM JUMPER AND CHUTE DATA 690 SOUND 0,31,4,4 240 JSIMG=JPIMG+10 250 DATA 15,60,126,126,255,255,129,189,1 700 POKE 623,4 710 JSTOP=J+219 89,90,60,24,24,36,66,195 720 FOR G=20 TO 245 STEP 3 260 REM WAVING JUMPER 270 JWIMG=JSIMG+16 730 POKE 53248, G 280 DATA 15,0,0,0,0,0,128,188,188,88,60, 740 D=USR(UP,APIMG,LAPOS,APOS) 26, 25, 37, 66, 195 750 IF JMP=0 AND GK180 AND STICK(0)X>15 290 REM DATA USED TO CLEAR MEMORY THEN JMP=APOS+132:POKE 53249,G+4:IMG=JPI 300 CLEAR=JWIMG+16 MG: D=USR(UP, IMG, 0, JMP) 310 DATA 255 760 LJMP=JMP 770 IF JMP=0 THEN 880 320 FOR D=1 TO 300:NEXT D 780 JMP=JMP+3 330 GRAPHICS 5 340 SETCOLOR 2,9,2 790 IF JMP<J+200 THEN HJMP=G+4:POKE 5324 350 SETCOLOR 4,8,6 9, HUMP: SOUND 1, G, 10, 8: GOTO 860 360 I=PEEK(106) 800 IMG=JSIMG 365 X=1\*256-1172 804 JMP=JMP-2 370 POKE X,112 371 POKE X+1,71 808 SOUND 1,0,0,0 810 IF HUMP>=122 AND HUMP<=126 THEN USTO 372 POKE X+2,96 P=J+208:G0T0 860 373 POKE X+3, I-1 374 POKE X+4, 112 820 IF HJMP<120 OR HJMP>134 THEN 860 830 JSTOP=J+210 375 POKE X+5,74 840 POKE 623,1 376 POKE X+6,160 377 POKE X+7,1-5 850 IF PNTS>15 THEN PNTS=15 860 IF JMP>JSTOP THEN 940 870 D=USR(UP, IMG, LJMP, JMP) 380 I=I-8 880 LAPOS=APOS 390 POKE 54279, I 890 APOS=APOS+I 400 J=I\*256+513 410 POKE 559,46 420 POKE 53256,1 900 D=USR(UP,APING,LAPOS,APOS) 910 IF APOS>BOT THEN I=-SLOPE 920 IF APOSKTOP THEN I=SLOPE 430 POKE 53277,3 440 POKE 704,56 450 POKE 705,12 930 NEXT G 940 IF JMP(J AND PNTS)9 THEN PNTS=PNTS-8 :GOTO 1220 460 D=USR(UP,CLEAR,J,0) 950 IF JMPKJ THEN 1220 465 SLOPE=2 470 TOP=J+17 970 IF HUMP<120 OR HUMP>134 THEN TONE=8: GOTO 1010 480 BOT=J+55 980 SCORE=SCORE+PNTS 490 SETCOLOR 0,12,8 985 TONE=12 500 SETCOLOR 1,1,2 990 D=USR(UP,JWIMG,0,JMP-1) 510 COLOR 2 1000 ? "SCORE ";SCORE:? :? 520 PLOT 37,34:DRAWTO 42,34 530 PLOT 36,35:DRAWTO 49,35 1010 FOR D=15 TO 0 STEP -1 1020 SOUND 1,12,TONE,D 540 PLOT 47,29: DRAWTO 47,34 1030 FOR I=1 TO 10:NEXT I 550 COLOR 1 1040 NEXT D 560 FLOT 43,30: DRAWTO 47,27 1050 SOUND 0,0,0,0 570 PLOT 51,30: DRAWTO 47,27 1055 SOUND 1,0,0,0 580 PLOT 47,27: DRAWTO 49,30 1060 JUMP=JUMP-1 590 PLOT 47,27: DRAWTO 45,30 1070 IF JUMP<>0 THEN 1170 600 PLOT 46,27 1080 IF SCORE > HSCORE THEN HSCORE = SCORE 610 HSCORE=0 1090 FOR I=1 TO 120 620 LAPOS=0 1100 IF I=1 THEN ? "HIGH SCORE "; HSCORE: 630 APOS=J+70

Figure 1: Image Data Structure for the Player/Missile Vertical Positioner Routine.

Image	Byte	Byte
Pattern	Number	Value
	П,	co
and the second second	1	60
	2 3	126
	3	126
	4	255
A MARKET	5	255
	6	129
<b>三一宝车</b> 。	7	189
	8	189
	9	90
	10	60
	11	24
	12	24
	13	36
	14	66
	15	195

DATA 15,60,126,126,255,255,129,189,189,90,60,24,24, 36,66;195



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- 30 CURRENT = 222
- 40 IMAGE = 224
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# A Poor Programmer's Word Processor

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A few days ago I walked into a local computer store for new software for my Atari 800. I was informed — just as expected — that there wasn't much available yet, "but a lot was expected real soon." Well, being impatient, low on cash and desperately wanting something besides Star Raiders to play with I decided to tackle one of those "soon-to-be-available" projects myself. After all, didn't I really buy my Atari to have fun with? The following program is a primitive (but workable) method of justifying left and right margins for letters and texts — sort of a poor man's word processor.

#### Program 1.

```
1 REM **** PSEUDO WORD PROCESSOR (D: WRI
TE.LET)
5 GRAPHICS 0
10 DIM A$(100),B$(100)
20 REM
30 ? :? "HOW MUCH MARGIN "; : INPUT MARGIN
40 ? :? "ENTER TEXT (IN DOUBLE LINES) "
50 ? :? "WHEN FINISHED, ENTER '999'"
60 ? :? "TO BEGIN, HIT RETURN ";: INPUT A
70 WIDTH=INT(80-(2*MARGIN)):POKE 83, INT(
WIDTH)/2+2
80 POKE 201, MARGIN-1
90 INPUT A$: IF A$="999" THEN 140
95 IF LEN(A$)=0 THEN 120
100 IF LENKA$ >=WIDTH+1 THEN B$=A$:GOTO 1
20
110 GOSUB 1000
120 LPRINT " ", B$: B$="": PRINT
130 GOTO 90
140 END
1000 REM *****SUBROUTINE: JUSTIFY RIGHT
MARGIN
1010 C=0
1020 FOR J=1 TO LEN(A$)
1030 IF LEN(B$)=WIDTH+1 THEN 1070
1040 C=C+1:B$(C)=A$(J)
1050 IF A$(J,J)=" " THEN C=C+1:B$(C,C)="
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1060 NEXT J 1070 RETURN

#### Program 2.

20 OPEN #1,8,0,"D:FILE.LET"
50 ? :? "DO YOU WANT PRINTOUNT NOW ";:IN
PUT A\$
80 PRINT #1;MARGIN
120 PRINT #1;B\$:B\$="":PRINT
160 IF A\$="NO" THEN END
170 RUN "D:TYPE.LET"

#### Program 3.

1 REM \*\*\* FETCH TEXT AND PRINT (D:TYPE.L ET) 10 DIM A\$(100) 20 ? :? "WHEN READY, HIT RETURN ";:INPUT A\$ 30 OPEN #1,4,0,"D:FILE.LET" 40 TRAP 80 50 INPUT #1,MARGIN:POKE 201,MARGIN 60 INPUT #1,A\$:LPRINT " ",A\$ 70 GOTO 60 80 CLOSE #1 90 ? :? "DESTROY FILE NOW (Y-N) ";:INPUT A\$ 100 IF A\$(1,1)="N" THEN END 110 XIO 33,#1,0,0,"D:FILE.LET"

#### **How It Works**

Line 70 calculates the parameters of the text string according to the MARGIN selected and POKEs the right margin of the screen monitor to one-half the width. The latter is necessary to accomodate one full line of typing for each A\$ to be printed (the screen is only 40 columns wide). The user enters two lines for each single line of text and types as close to the right margin as possible without hyphenating the last word in the middle of a syllable. The subroutine beginning at LINE 1000 counts the characters within each line of text and adjusts the length of the text by inserting the proper number of spaces into the string.

The program is designed to print directly to an AXIOM II printer, but with the following modifications (Program 2) a temporary file (D:FILE.LET) can be made which will allow storage of the text for future printout or multiple copy.

There is also a file retrieval program (Program 3; LINE 110 automatically deletes the unwanted file without going to DOS).

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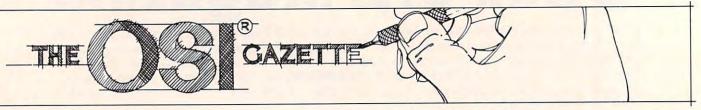
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# Super Cursor V1.3

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My biggest complaint about Ohio Scientific's Superboard II has been about the awful video output. It's almost ironic noting all the good things the Superboard has going for it: a nice keyboard; a powerful Microsoft BASIC in ROM; a dependable cassette interface; 8K of RAM; and many other functions. The irony comes into play when you turn on the Superboard and take a look at the 24 by 24 video. And it gets worse as you start to use BASIC to list programs the effective display size becomes 23 by 20.

In reading through *The First Book of OSI*, from Elcomp Publishing, I found that a company names Silver Spur Electronics, in Chino, California, sells detailed instructions to double the display size by adding several jumpers and a couple of I.C.'s to the board. The modified display yields an effective display size of about 26 lines of 48 characters (which can be enlarged if you don't want a border around the display).

After making the modifications, though, the BASIC in ROM still thinks the memory map of the video display is the same, and so it only uses half the screen. Included with the modification instructions is a software patch which will allow BASIC to utilize the whole display. However, that, too, gives you only a very simple cursor. Using other computers I

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SUPER CURSOR VI. 3
                                                        ;Written by Frank Cohen
                                                       ;Cursor Routine for OSI Superboard II
;to suppliment Microsoft's Basic-in-ROM
                                                        ; cursor functions.
                                                       ;Note: This program works with Steven
;Chalfin's video modifications and needs
;to be changed to work with a Superboard's
;normal 24 by 24 video. At the end of this
;listing are the changes for 24 by 24 video.
                                                       ;This program loads into 1E40-1FE7 hex;which is the top of memory on an 8K;Superboard II. It may be reassembled for other;addresses if desired.
                                                        Directions: Once loaded the following must
                                                       ;Directions: Once loaded the following must; be done to start Super Cursor-; l. Set the Zero page locations; 2. Cold start BASIC limiting the memory size; to 7624 (dec.). MEM SIZ? 7624; 3. Poke the following-
; POKE 538,64:POKE539,30; At this point a solid white cursor should; appear at the home position (upper left corner). If this happens you have successfully loaded
                                                        ; If this happens you have successfully loaded ; Super Cursor Vl.3. If not, try it again.
                                                           To turn off the scrolling function-
POKE 7861,128:POKE 7862,30
To turn on the scrolling function-
POKE 7861,105:POKE 7862,31
                                                           To change the cursor symbol-
                                                               POKE 8033,X (where x is a graphics number)
                                                        ; HOME LOCATION = DOCC (hex); Horizontal Boundary = 44; Verticle Boundary = 26
                                                                                                         (2C hex)
                                                         BASIC Commands-
                                                          Clear Screen = PRINT CHR$(1)
Home Cursor = PRINT CHR$(2)
                                                        ; Zero Page Usage
                          >33 80 06
:>MR 1 80
OOEO CC
                                     CURSLOC LOW; Cursor Location Low byte
00E1 DO
                                     CURSLOC HI ; Cursor Location High byte
                                                        Stores byte from cursor location
00E2 20
                                     TEMP
                                                        ;Horizontal Location of Cursor
00E3 00
                                     HL
00E4 00
                                                        ; Verticle Location of Cursor
                                     SCURS LOW
                                                        ;16 Bit scratch pad register
00E5 00
00E6 00
                                     SCURS HI
                                                         ;Start of Program
                                                                      ; Save all register onto the
                                          STA 0202
1E40 8D 02 02
                            Start
                                                                      ; the stack
1E43 48
1E44 8A
                                          PHA
                                          TXA
                                          PHA
1E46 98
1E47 48
                                          TYA
                                          PHA
1E48 AD 02 02
                                           LDA 0202
1E4B C9 5F
                                           CMP $5F
                                                                       ;Check key pressed for cursor
1E4D D0 03
                                          BNE NDE
                                                                       :function
1E4F 20 BE 1F
1E52 C9 02
                                          JSR Left
                            NDE
                                           CMP
                                           BNE NHO
1E56 20 80 1E
1E59 C9 0D
                                           JSR Home
                            NHO
                                           CMP
                                                 $0D
1E5B D0 03
                                           BNE NCR
1E5D 20 95 1E
1E60 C9 0A
1E62 D0 03
                                          JSR CR
CMP $0A
                            NCR
                                           BNE NLF
1E64 20 AB 1E
1E67 C9 01
                                           JSR LF
                                          CMP $01
BNE NCL
                            NLF
1E69 DO 03
1E6B 20 C2 1E
                                           JSR CLS
1E6E C9 00
                             NCL
                                           CMP $00
1E70 F0 03
1E72 20 E8 1E
                                           BEO Exit
                                           JSR Dispc
 1E75 68
                             Exit
                                                                       ;Restore all the resisters from
1E76 A8
                                                                       ; the stack
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found that I really liked being able to Home, or Clear Screen, or Line Feed, or Backspace the cursor. All these are not possible with the cursor program in the ROM.

Super Cursor solved my needs for an advanced cursor program. In addition to the above functions, it can actually Backspace the cursor (the BASIC in ROM version prints another underline), you can define what the cursor looks like by picking any of the graphics characters available, you can also scroll at the bottom of the display or wrap around to the top. All these functions are available in BASIC or you can use Super Cursor from a machine language program.

If you have not installed the video modifications for the larger display size you will need to modify several locations in Super Cursor. These modifications can be found in the listing after Super Cursor's machine language listing.

In operating Super Cursor, some steps must be taken to tell BASIC to use Super Cursor rather than its old cursor. First load Super Cursor into memory. If you have an assembler, you can reassemble it to fit anywhere in memory. It occupies approximately 425 bytes of memory. If you don't have an assembler, I would not advise trying to move Super Cursor as almost everything uses subroutines which need absolute addresses (you would have to renumber everything). Super Cursor, as it is listed, fits into the top portion of an 8K Superboard II.

Once loaded, it is necessary to set up the page zero memory vectors. There are seven bytes in all which must be set as follows:

#### 00E0 CC D0 20 00 00 00 00

After you have completed this, you can cold-start BASIC. Be sure to limit BASIC's memory size to only 7624 bytes or else you will wipe out Super Cursor. To limit BASIC's memory, enter:

1E77 68		PLA	
1E78 AA 1E79 68		TAX PLA	
1E7A 4C 6C FF 1E7D EA EA EA		JMP FF6C	;Jump back to BASIC ;For future expansion
1E80 20 53 1F	Home	JSR TC LDA SDO	;Home routine ;Set Cursloc to DOCC ;Set HL and VL to 00
1E85 85 E1		STA Cursloc Hi	****
1E87 A9 CC 1E89 85 E0		STA Cursloc Lo	
1E8B A9 00		LDA \$00	;Set HL and VL to 00
1E8F 85 E3		STA HL	
1E91 20 60 1F		JSR SC	
1294 00		KID	1
1E95 20 53 1F	CR	JSR TC LDA \$00 STA SCURS HI	;Carrage Return ;Subtract HL from Cursloc
1E9A 85 E6		STA SCURS, HI	
1E9C A5 E3 1E9E 85 E5 1EA0 20 B0 1F 1EA3 A9 00		STA SCURS LO	
1EA0 20 B0 1F		JSR SBCC	
1EA5 85 E3		STA HL	
1EA5 85 E3 1EA7 20 5A 1F 1EAA 60		JSR CT RTS	
			Trian Book
1EAB A5 E4 1EAD C9 -19	LF	LDA VL CMP \$19 BNE LFA JSR TC	;Line Feed ;Check for Scroll
		BNE LFA	
1EB1 20 53 1F 1EB4 20 69 1F			;Carrage return and Scroll
1EB7 20 95 1E 1EBA 60		JSR CR RTS	
1EBB 20 95 1E	LFA	TSP CP	;No scroll
1EBE 20 27 1F 1EC1 60		JSR DOWN RTS	
	Service -		1
1 FC4 AQ 20	CLS	IDA \$20	;Clear Screen ;Set up
1EC6 9D 00 D0 1EC9 9D 00 D1 1ECC 9D 00 D2	CLA	STA DOOD,X	
1ECC 9D 00 D1		STA D100,X	
1ECF 9D 00 D3 1ED2 9D 00 D4		STA D300,X	
1ED5 9D 00 D5		STA D500,X STA D600,X	
1ED5 9D 00 D5 1ED8 9D 00 D6 1EDB 9D 00 D7		STA D/UU.X	
1EDE CA		DEX BEQ CLSE	
1EDF F0 03 1EE1 4C C6 1E		JMP CLA	
1EE4 20 5A 1F 1EE7 60		JSR CT RTS	
			1
1EE8 85 E2 1EEA A5 E3	DISPC	LDA HL	;Display a character
1EEC C9 2C 1EEE F0 04		CMP \$2C BEQ DISA	;Check for a line overflow
1EFO 20 FB 1E		JSR Right	, check for a fine overflow
1EF3 60 1EF4 20 95 1E		RTS JSR CR	;Carrage return and line feed
1EF7 20 AB 1E		JSR LF	
1EFA 60		RTS	1
1EFB 20 53 1F 1EFE A5 E3 1F00 C9 2C	RIGHT	JSR TC	;Cursor Right ;Check for overflow
1F00 C9 2C		CMP \$2C	Total Control
1F02 F0 10 1F04 E6 E3		BEQ RA	;Increment Cursor
1F06 A9 00			
1F08 85 E6 1F0A A9 01		LDA \$01	
1FOC 85 E5		STA SCURS LO	
1F0E 20 A2 1F 1F11 4C 23 1F 1F14 A9 00		JMP FRI	;Subtract 2C from Cursor
1F16 85 E3	RA	STA HL	;Subtract 2C from Cursor
1F18 A9 00		LDA \$00	
1F1A 85 E6 1F1C A9 2C		STA SCURS HI LDA \$2C STA SCURS LO	
1F1E 85 E5 1F20 20 B0 1F		STA SCURS LO JSR SBCC	
1F20 20 B0 1F 1F23 20 5A 1F	FRI	JSR CT	
1F26 60			;
1F27 20 53 1F 1F2A A5 E4	DOWN	JSR TC	;Cursor Down ;Check for overflow
1F2C C9 1A		CMP \$1A	Jones Tot Overliow
1F2E F0 10 1F30 E6 E4		BEQ DDN INC VL	;Add 40 to Cursor
1F32 A9 00		LDA \$00	,
1F34 85 E6 1F36 A9 40		STA SCURS HI LDA \$40	
1F38 85 E5		STA SCURS LO	
1F3A 20 A2 1F		JSR ADDC	

7624, in response to the cold-start question: Mem Siz?

Now that you are running BASIC, all you have to do is to type POKE 538,64:POKE 539,30 and press ENTER. You should see the solid white cursor in the upper left (HOME) position of the display. If you hit the space bar, it should move. If it doesn't behave properly then go back into the Monitor Program and check to see if you entered Super Cursor correctly. It is quite easy to make a typing mistake with machine language programs.

If you don't want the cursor to scroll when it reaches the bottom of the screen, you can turn off the scroll function by typing: POKE 7861,128:POKE 7862,30. You can also turn on the scroll function by typing POKE 7861,105:POKE 7862,31. If you want to change the cursor symbol to some other graphics character, all you have to do is to type POKE 8033,x (where x is the graphics

1F3D 4C 4F 1F	JMP	FDN	
1F40 A9 00	DDN LDA	\$00	:Subtract 0640 from Cursor
1F42 85 E4		VL	***************************************
1F44 A9 06		\$06	
1F46 85 E6		SCURS HI	
1F48 A9 40		\$40	
1F4A 85 E5		SCURS LO	
1F4C 20 B0 1F			
		SBCC	
1F4F 20 5A 1F	FDN JSR	CT	
1F52 60	RTS		
1852 15 80			
1F53 A5 E2		TEMPREG	;Temp reg. goes to Cursor location
1F55 A0 00		\$00	
1F57 91 E0		(CURSLOC),Y	
1F59 60	RTS		
		4000	
1F5A A0 00		\$00	;Cursor location goes to Temp reg.
1F5C B1 E0	LDA	(CURSLOC),Y	
1F5E 85 E2	STA	TEMPREG	
			t and the same of
1F60 A9 A1	SC LDA	\$A1	;Cursor symbol goes to Cursor location
1F62 A0 00	LDY	\$00	and the state of t
1F64 91 E0	STA	(CURSLOC),Y	
1F66 A9 00	LDA	\$00	
1F68 60	RTS		
			* Committee of the Comm
1F69 20 53 1F	SCROLL JSR	TC	;Scroll display one
1F6C A9 20			;Set up SCURS
1F6E 85 E2		TEMPREG	7
1E70 A9 00		\$00	
1E72 85 E5		SCURS LO	
1E74 A9 D0		\$D0	
1E76 85 E6		SCURS HI	
1F78 A2 00			;Scroll it
1F7A AO 40			SCIOIL IT
		\$40	
1F7C B1 E5		(SCURS),Y	
1F7E 81 E5		(SCURS),X	
1F80 A5 E5		SCURS LO	
1F82 18	CLC		
1F83 69 01		\$01	
1F85 85 E5		SCURS LO	
1F87 90 02		SCAT	
1F89 E6 E6	INC	SCURS HI	
1F8B A5 E6	SCAT LDA	SCURS HI	
1F8D C9 D8	CMP	\$D8	
1F8F F0 03	BEO	SCON	

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number). Normally, the cursor is equal to 161, which is a white box. If you want to Home the cursor type, PRINT CHR\$(2). If you want to Clear the screen type PRINT CHR\$(1).

Until I began to use the Home and Clear functions, I didn't realize what could be accomplished in a BASIC program. The following is a short program which tests the Random Number Generator of the Superboard's Microsoft BASIC. By running this program, you will see the screen being updated as though the program POKEs the display with the correct information. Actually, the use of the HOME function is all that is being utilized.

#### 10 REM RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR TEST

Remarks 20 DIM A(9)

30 PRINT CHR\$(1),CHR\$(2)

Clear and Home

40 POKE 8033,32

Change the cursor to a space

50 FOR I=1 TO 1000

60 X = INT(RND(1)\*10)

70 A(X) = A(X) + 1

80 PRINT CHR\$(2)

Home the cursor

90 FOR J=0 TO 9

100 PRINT J;"=";A(J)

100 PKINI J

110 NEXT J

120 PRINT"SAMPLE=";X 130 PRINT"I=";I

140 NEXT I

150 POKE 8033,161

Restore cursor

**160 END** 

As you can see by running this program, working with the Superboard II gets easier and easier with the help of an advanced cursor program like Super Cursor V1.3.

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1F98 9D	CO	D7		STA	D7C0	formula de como antico
1F9B CA		2.		DEY	D. 00	
1F9C D0					CCA	
	FB			BNE	SCA	
1F9E 60				RTS		Anna Carlo de Arrago de Salar
1F9F EA	EA	EA		NOP		;for future expansion
						1
1FA2 A5	EO		ADDC	LDA	CURSLOC LO	;Add SCURS to CURSLOC
1FA4 18				CLC		- Name of the state of the stat
1PAS 65	PS				SCURS LO	
1FA5 65 1FA7 85	EO				CURSLOC LO	
TEM! 05	20			STA	CURSLUC LU	
1FA9 A5	EI			LDA	CURSLOC HI	
1FAB 65	E6			ADC	SCURS HI CURSLOC HI	
1FAD 85	El			STA	CURSLOC HI	
1FAF 60				RTS		
1FBO A5	EO		SBCC	LDA	CURSLOC LO	;Subtract CURSLOC from SCURS
1FB2 38				SEC	00110200 20	/ B
1FB3 E5				CDC	COURC TO	
1000 00	20			SBC	SCURS LO CURSLOC LO CURSLOC HI SCURS HI	
1FB5 85				STA	CURSLOC LO	
1FB7 A5	El			LDA	CURSLOC HI	
1FB9 E5	E6			SBC	SCURS HI	
1FB7 A5 1FB9 E5 1FBB 85	El			STA	CURSLOC HI	
1FBD 60				RTS		
						9
1FRF 20	53	18	LEFT	TCD	TC HL	;Cursor Left
IPCI AS	P3	-		IDA	ur	;Check for overflow
1002 00	10			LDA	ur	CHECK TOT OVERLIOW
1FC3 F0 1FC5 C6	10			BEG	LLE	and the second second
1FC5 C6	E3			DEC	HL	;Add 01 to CURSLOC
1FC7 A9	00			LDA	\$00	
1FC9 85	E6			STA	HL \$00 SCURS HI \$01 SCURS LO SBCC LEFY \$2C HL	
1FCB A9	01			LDA	\$01	
1FCD 85	E5			STA	SCURS LO	
1FCF 20	BO	10		JSR	SBCC	
1802 40	D4	10		THE	TPPU	
1702 40	20	11		UMP	COC	. 244 20 to Ourses
IFD5 A9	20		LLE	LDA	\$20	;Add 2C to Cursor
1FD/ 85	E3			STA	HL \$00	
1FD9 A9	00			LDA	\$00	
1FDB 85	P6					
1 PDD 80	LU			STA	SCURS HI	
TEDD WA	2C			STA	\$2C	
1FDF 85	2C E5			STA LDA STA	\$2C SCURS LO	
1FDF 85	2C E5 A2	1F		STA LDA STA JSR	\$2C SCURS LO ADDC	
1FDF 85 1FE1 20	2C E5 A2	1F	I.PFV	STA LDA STA JSR JSR	\$2C SCURS LO ADDC	
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1FDF 85 1FE1 20 1FE4 20 1FE7 60	2C E5 A2 5A	1F 1F	LEFY	STA LDA STA JSR JSR RTS	\$2C SCURS LO ADDC CT	; ;Routines ;Start of Program
1FDF 85 1FE1 20 1FE4 20 1FE7 60	2C E5 A2 5A	1F 1F	LEFY	STA LDA STA JSR JSR RTS	SCURS HI \$2C SCURS LO ADDC CT	; ;Routines ;Start of Program ;Home cursor
1FDF 85 1FE1 20 1FE4 20 1FE7 60	2C E5 A2 5A	1F 1F	LEFY	STA LDA STA JSR JSR RTS	SCURS HI \$2C SCURS LO ADDC CT	; ;Routines ;Start of Program
1FDF 85 1FE1 20 1FE4 20 1FE7 60 1E40 1E80	2C E5 A2 5A	1F 1F	LEFY START HOME	LDA STA JSR JSR RTS		; ;Routines ;Start of Program ;Home cursor
1FDF 85 1FE1 20 1FE4 20 1FE7 60 1E40 1E80 1EFB 1F27	2C E5 A2 5A	1F 1F	START HOME RIGHT DOWN	LDA STA JSR JSR RTS		; Routines ;Start of Program ;Home cursor ;Cursor Right ;Cursor Down
1FDF 85 1FE1 20 1FE4 20 1FE7 60 1E40 1E80 1EFB 1F27 1E95	2C E5 A2 5A	1F 1F	START HOME RIGHT DOWN CR	LDA STA JSR JSR RTS	SCURS HI \$2C SCURS LO ADDC CT	; ;Routines ;Start of Program ;Home cursor ;Cursor Right ;Cursor Down ;Carriage Return
1FDF 85 1FE1 20 1FE4 20 1FE7 60 1E40 1E80 1E78 1F27 1E95 1EAB	2C E5 A2 5A	1F 1F	START HOME RIGHT DOWN CR LF	LDA STA JSR JSR RTS		; Routines ;Start of Program ;Home cursor ;Cursor Right ;Cursor Down ;Carriage Return ;Line Feed
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#### Modifications to Super Cursor V1.3 for 24 by 24 Video

Zero page locations must be changed as below:

00E0 85 Cursloc LO 00E1 D0 Cursloc HI

; End

Make the following changes to the main program:

1E88	85	LDA	\$85
1EAE	17	CMP	\$19
1EED	17	CMP	\$17
1F01	17	CMP	\$17
1F1D	17	CMP	\$17
1F2D	17	CMP	\$17
1F45	0E	LDA	\$0E
1F49	02	LDA	\$20
1F7B	20	LDY	\$20
1F8E	D4	CMP	\$D4
1F95	20	LDY	\$20
1FD6	17	LDA	\$17
1FDE	17	LDA	\$17

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# Memory Recall Test V. Nasser Birmingham, England

If a human subject is exposed to a set of random numbers or letters for a short span of time, the number of items recalled is generally about 7 ± 2 items. Theories abound as to the capacity for immediate memory. Obviously words/letters/numbers that are meaningful will be more likely to be remembered than meaningless items. Also, if numbers can be organized in a meaningful way, then the probability of accurate recall is greater. It is possible, with training, to increase one's immediate memory span by a considerable amount. Let me give a typical example. Exposed to the numbers: 162536496481 (and providing one recognizes that each pair of digits is the square of consecutive natural numbers from 4 to 9) then one only has to remember six "chunks," but will nevertheless seem to remember 12 numbers.

However, if the numbers are random, obviously one may not always be able to organize the digits in a meaningful way. My program works in the following way: it asks the subject how many numbers he or she wants to recall. When the subject enters the required items, the program will display the appropriate number of random numbers for a certain time. This exposure time incidentally, is a function of the number of numbers chosen. So that three numbers will be exposed for a much shorter time than ten numbers. After the exposure of random numbers, the screen is automatically cleared and the subject is asked to input the numbers in the sequence originally shown. The program will terminate upon the first erroneous digit input and give the correct answers.

So, having explained a bit about the psychology of immediate memory and presented a program to test your memory span, what use can this program be put to?

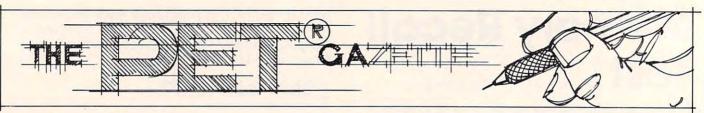
Under the influence of alcohol or sedative drugs the memory span drops in proportion to the amount consumed. Further, in certain conditions of brain damage it is not possible to remember more than two or three digits. Thus it has diagnostic possibilities. But more interesting, in my opinion, is the way the program encourages you to remember. If one starts at a low level, the initial successes create the automatic reinforcements necessary to increase one's memory span. This is remarkable since the numbers displayed are random and there is very little chance of organizing them in any meaningful way.

It can be used for any age group from nine

years onwards. The program is both simple and absorbing. It can be adapted for any computer using BASIC, but was specifically written for the Superboard II.

```
1 FOR T=1 TO 32:PRINT:NEXT
2 PRINT " MEMORY RECALL TEST"
3 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
8 CLEAR
9 PRINT " TYPE NUMBER OF NUMBERS TO BE -
       ¬RECALLED"
10 INPUT P
15 DIM A(P)
16 FOR I=1 TO 32:PRINT: NEXT
20 FOR N=1. TO P
25 A(N)=INT(RND(1)*10)
   PRINT TAB(2);
30 PRINT A(N);: IF POS(1)>18 THEN PRINT:
       PRINT
50 NEXT
55 FOR X=1 TO 500*N:NEXT X
56 FOR T=1 TO 32:PRINT:NEXT
60 FOR N=1 TO P
   INPUT Y
80 IF Y<>A(N) THEN 100
85 NEXT N
90 PRINT " WELL DONE "
95 GOTO 8
100 PRINT " INCORRECT"
JIØ PRINT "
             THE CORRECT ANSWERS ARE
  .0 FOR N=1 TC 2
125 PRINT TAB(2);
130 PRINT A(N);: IF POS(1)>18 THEN PRINT:
       PRINT
135 NEXT N
136 PRINT: PRINT: PRINT
140 GOTO 8
READY.
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# A Look At Superpet

The SuperPET looks about the same as an 8032 PET which is not surprising — it is an 8032 with two additional boards inside, 64K more RAM (necessary to hold the new, disk-based languages), and a new I/O system. Externally, it resembles an 8032 except for three things: 1. the logo reads "SuperPET" and, below, "SP9000"; 2. there is a set of stick-on key overlays for APL special characters; and 3. there are two, three-position switches attached to the side of the black base, below the numeric keypad.

SuperPET comes with four high-level languages, "Waterloo micro-" versions of: BASIC (40.5K), PASCAL (40.5K), FORTRAN (52.5K), and APL (64.75K). COBOL is expected soon. In addition, there is an extensive development system (nearly a high-level language) for work in 6809 machine language (an Assembler, Monitor, Linker,

and Editor).

#### Availability

Program 3.

According to Commodore, a SuperPET (\$1995) ordered today would arrive in about 45 days. Owners of 8032's could install a single-board upgrade for approximately \$500. This upgrade is expected to be available early in 1982.

All the languages are on a single 8050 disk. This does not mean, though, that the SuperPET cannot be used with a 2040 disk system. Program 1 will redefine an 8050 as device #9. It should be linked to a power-off 2040. Turning on the 2040 leaves it as device #8. Program 2 will move the languages from an 8050 to a 2040. The value of F\$ must be added to the program when transferring the final two programs (a library of utilities) on the disk, "&00,)".%80" and "7!4,)".%80". The internal quotes cannot, of course, be part of a filename — what's more, the characters are not what they seem and must be defined using CHR\$ as shown in

#### Program 1.

10 OPEN 15,8,15

- 20 PRINT #15,"M-W" CHR\$(12)CHR\$(00) )CHR\$(2)CHR\$(9+32)CHR\$(9+6 4)
- 30 REM THE LAST TWO 9'S DEFINE DEV
- 40 REM FOR THE 2031 (SINGLE DRIVE)
  , USE 119 INSTEAD OF 12.

#### Program 2.

- 5 PRINT"{CLEAR}":CATALOGDØONU9:IN PUT"{DOWN}FILE NAME";F\$
- 7 SCRATCH(F\$):POKE59464,0
- 10 OPEN1,9,8,"0:"+F\$+",P,R":K=1:SO =59464
- 2Ø OPEN2,8,8,"Ø:"+F\$+",P,W":B=255:
- 30 GET#1,A\$:S=ST:B=B+K:IFB>254THEN
  B=Z:NB=NB+K:PRINT"{UP}{ERA
  ERASE END}BLOCK:";NB
- 35 IFA\$=""THENA\$=CHR\$(Z)
- 40 PRINT#2,A\$;:IFS=ZTHEN30
- 60 CLOSE1:CLOSE2:POKE 59467,0
- 70 PRINT" {CLEAR} TRANSFER COMPLETE {
  DOWN} ": CATALOGDØ

#### Program 3.

- 1 REM CREATES FILENAME FOR NON-ST ANDARD CHARACTERS IN SYSTE M LIBRARY FILENAME
- 3 F\$=CHR\$(102)+CHR\$(112)+CHR\$(112) +CHR\$(108)
- 4 F\$=F\$+CHR\$(105)+CHR\$(98)+CHR\$(4 6)+CHR\$(101)+CHR\$(120)+CHR \$(112)
- 5 REM ELIMINATE LINE FIVE

#### Program 3a.

- 1 REM FILENAME 7!4,) ". \$80
- 3 F\$=CHR\$(119)+CHR\$(97)+CHR\$(116) +CHR\$(108)
- 4 F\$=F\$+CHR\$(105)+CHR\$(98)+CHR\$(4 6)+CHR\$(101)+CHR\$(120)+CHR \$(112)

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#### Manuals

The computer comes with six manuals, one for each language plus the *System Overview: Commodore SuperPET*. They are large (the BASIC manual is 221 pages) and contain numerous example programs (a second disk includes some of them). The manuals may be purchased separately from Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc., 4300 West 62nd St., P.O. Box 7092, Indianapolis, IN 46206. A minor annoyance in this otherwise carefully planned documentation is the fact that the number *1* and the lowercase *l* are identical in the Assembler handbook. In general, however, great care has obviously been taken to thoroughly explain each language. The BASIC book, for example, could easily serve as a textbook for learning this version of the language.

#### The Software Philosophy

Perhaps one of the first questions which comes to the mind of a microcomputerist is: what is a 40 K BASIC? Personal computers contain versions of BASIC which are usually 4 to 12 K large. An advanced BASIC might reach 18 K. What is added when BASIC is 40.5 K?

The authors of *System Overview*: "These language interpreters have been designed specifically for educational use in the teaching of computer programming. The design of the interpreters features good error diagnosis and debugging capabilities which are useful in educational and other program-development environments." There are explicit, lengthy error messages, search and replace (from the Editor), a trace facility, and *structured programming*.

Briefly, structured programming is a kind of tightening up of the rules of a language. It eliminates programming shortcuts in an effort to make programs more readable and to make languages more easily learned. Loops, for example, are supposed to be indented so they can be *seen*:

10 LOOP 20 X=X+1 30 Y\$=VALUE\$(X) 40 IF X=5000 THEN QUIT 50 ENDLOOP

Multiple statements per line are discouraged, spaces are required between the IF and X in IF X THEN..., the keyword VALUE must be spelled out (it replaces STR\$ and VAL), LOAD "FILE-NAME" must have the second quote, NEXT must have a variable, dir "disk/1" replaces cAd1, and so on. This elimination of shortcuts makes programs more easily debugged, more easily read, but it also makes them larger, slows typing them in, and slows execution times. Comparing the run time of the above with the non-structured equivalent: (FOR I=1 TO 5000: Y\$ = STR\$(I): NEXT) takes 54 seconds, the structured version takes 119 seconds.

Some abbreviations are permitted: l for LIST, ? for PRINT. Also, the language contains a DEL function for deleting lines, RENUM for renumbering, and A for automatic line numbering.

#### The BASIC

As might be expected, there are significant additions and some changes to the Microsoft BASIC which is standard on other PET/CBM computers. NEW becomes CLEAR. TI becomes TIME.! can mean REM. Structured control statements (IF, ELSE, etc.) must not be followed with anything else on a line.

A number of new functions are implemented: CURSOR (i%) sets the cursor to the position on the screen defined by the argument. DATE\$ holds the current date. EPS gives the smallest number that the computer can represent. INF gives the largest. FP(x) returns the fractional part of x. IP(x) gives the integer part of x. HEX(x\$) will give the hexadecimal equivalent of the decimal argument (up to a value of 32737) and HEX\$(x) goes the other way. IDX(a\$,b\$) returns the position at which b\$ first occurs within a\$. IO STATUS replaces ST. MOD(x,y) provides the modulus of x for the range y. ORD(s\$) returns the position of the one-character s\$ in the system's set of characters. PI is pi. RPT\$(s\$,n) gives a string which is s\$ concatenated n times. STR\$(a\$,s,1) is MID\$.

Changes or additions to BASIC statements include: CHAIN provides program overlaying with parameter passing (USE, like DATA, contains the list to be passed). FNEND permits multiple-line function definitions. GUESS...ADMIT...ENDGUESS establish a structure similar to: 10 INPUT A\$ <> "YES and A\$ <> "NO" THEN PRINT "ANSWER YES OR NO": GOTO 10. (The ADMIT statement replaces an IF THEN.)

ELSEIF, ENDIF, LOOP, ENDLOOP, UNTIL, ELSE, WHILE, UNTIL, and QUIT are all statements which replace various IF THEN and FOR NEXT loop types. They are aspects of "structured programming." An ON-RESUME/IGNORE-ENDON structure permits control over some error conditions from within a program. Zero division, EOF, pressing the STOP key, under- and overflow are among the conditions which can be trapped.

This brief summary merely hints at the wealth of software and hardware to be explored in the SuperPET. When asked what impresses them most about this machine, each industry expert answers differently. Some say that the introduction of a serious version of APL is the most significant aspect of the computer. Some say it is the built-in RS-232 interface. Some mention the multiple languages or the inherent ability to speak directly to mainframe computers or the massive bank-switched RAM. All seem to agree, however, that the new PET is super. ©

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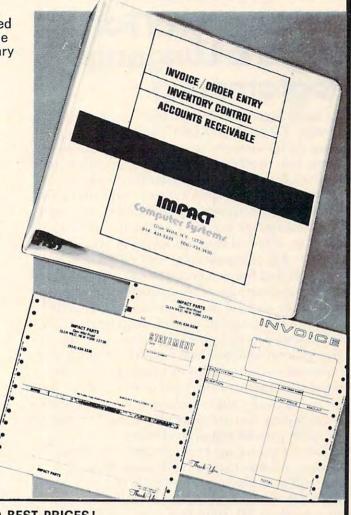
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Many ML programmers with PET/CBM machines feel that Supermon is the essential tool for developing programs of short to medium length. All Upgrade and 4.0 machines have a "resident" monitor; a program within the computer's ROM which allows you to type SYS 1024 and see the registers, load and save and run ML programs, or see a memory dump (a list of numbers from the computer's memory cells.) But to program or analyze ML easily, disassembler, assembler, hunt, and single-step functions are all practical necessities. Supermon provides these and more.

Even if you've never assembled a single instruction and don't know NOP from ROL, this article will lead you step-by-step through the entry and SAVE of Supermon. And even if you do not plan to explore ML right now, you might consider putting this program into your library. If you ever decide to work a bit in ML, Supermon will prove invaluable.

#### **How To Enter Supermon**

- 1. Type in the BASIC program (Program 1). It is the same for all versions. Then save it normally by typing SAVE "CONTROL". This program will be used later to automatically find your memory size, transfer Supermon to the top, and report to you the SYS address you use to activate it.
- 2. Now the hard part: type SYS 1024 which enters you into the machine language monitor. You will see something like the following:

#### Figure 1.

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PC IRQ SR AC XR YR SP .; Ø4Ø1 E455 32 Ø4 5E ØØ EE Then type: M 0600 0648 and you will see something similar to (the numbers will be different, but we are going to type over them which, after hitting RETURN on each line, will enter the new numbers into the computer's memory.):

#### Figure 2.

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.: 0600 28 58 FF FF 00 0B 06 AD .: 0608 FF FC 00 21 06 03 AD A9

.: Ø61Ø CB 85 1F A9 ØC 85 2Ø A5

.: 0618 34 85 21 A5 35 85 22 A0

.: 0620 00 93 06 06 D0 16 20 38 .: 0628 06 F0 11 85 23 20 38 06

: Ø63Ø 18 65 34 AA A5 23 65 35

.: Ø638 2Ø 43 Ø6 8A 2Ø 43 Ø6 2Ø

.: 0640 50 06 90 DB 60 EA EA A5

.: Ø648 1F DØ Ø2 C6 2Ø C6 1F B1

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We have divided Supermon into 21 blocks with 80 hexadecimal numbers per block to make typing easier. There is a final, shorter block with 64 numbers. Type right over the numbers on the screen so that line 0600 looks like it does in Program 2. Then hit RETURN and cursor over to the A5 on line 0608. (Set a TAB to this position if your keyboard has a TAB key.) Then type over the numbers in this line and so on. When you have finished typing your RETURN on line 0648, type in: M 0650 0698 and the next block will appear for you to type over. Continue this way until you finish entering the new version of line 0CC8 at the end. (Hope that no lightning or fuses blow.)

- 3. If you have Upgrade ROMs, you will need to correct the lines listed in Program 3 at this point. To change line 06D0, simply type M 06D0 06D0 and it will appear so that you can type over it and RETURN as in step 2.
- **4.** Now Supermon is in your memory and you must SAVE it. Hit RETURN so that you are on a new line and type: S "SUPER-MON", 01,0600, 0CCC (to SAVE to tape) or type: S "0:SUPERMON",08,0600,0CCC (to SAVE to disk drive 0).
- 5. Finally, you will want to use the Checksum program to see if you made any errors during the marathon. You probably did, but to make it as painless as possible, the Checksum program will flash through your Supermon and let you know which blocks need to be corrected. So, type in Program 4 (or if you have Upgrade ROMs, use the first three lines from Program 5). SAVE Checksum just in case. Then LOAD "SUPERMON" (an ordinary LOAD as with a BASIC program will slide it in starting at



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address 1536, above the end of Checksum). Then RUN. Incorrect blocks will be announced. When you know where the errors are, type SYS 1024 and then M XXXX XXXX for the starting and ending addresses of the bad block. Check the numbers against Program 2 (or Program 3) and in all corrections. If, despite everything, you cannot find an error within a block, make sure that the corresponding number within the DATA statement of the Checksum program is correct. Then SAVE the good version "SUPERMON1" as in step 4. "SUPERMON1" as in step 4.

**6.** Your reward is near. LOAD "CONTROL" and then LOAD SUPERMON1. Then type RUN and hold your breath. If all goes well, you should see:

### Figure 3.

SUPERMON4!

DISSASSEMBLER BY WOZNIAK/BAUM SINGLE STEP

BY JIM RUSSO MOST OTHER STUFF , BY BILL SEILER

TIDIED & WRAPPED BY JIM BUTTERFIELD

LINK TO MONITOR -- SYS 31283

SAVE WITH MLM:
S "SUPERMON", Ø1, 7A33, 8000
READY.

And you should be able to use all the commands listed in the Supermon Summary. If some, or all, of the commands fail to function, check the last, short block of code to see if there are any errors.

After Supermon is relocated to the top of your memory, use a ML SAVE to save it in its final form. Instructions are on screen after RUN.

### **SUPERMON SUMMARY**

COMMODORE MONITOR INSTRUCTIONS:

G GO RUN

L LOAD FROM TAPE OR DISK

M MEMORY DISPLAY

R REGISTER DISPLAY

S SAVE TO TAPE OR DISK

X EXIT TO BASIC

SUPERMON ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:

A SIMPLE ASSEMBLER

D DISASSEMBLER

F FILL MEMORY

H HUNT MEMORY

I SINGLE INSTRUCTION

P PRINTING DISASSEMBLER

T TRANSFER MEMORY

SUPERMON WILL LOAD ITSELF INTO THE TOP OF MEMORY .. WHEREVER THAT HAPPENS

TO BE ON YOUR MACHINE.

YOU MAY THEN SAVE THE MACHINE CODE FOR FASTER LOADING IN THE FUTURE. BE SURE TO NOTE THE SYS COMMAND WHICH LINKS SUPERMON TO THE COMMODORE MONITOR.

SIMPLE ASSEMBLER

.A 2000 LDA #\$12

.A 2002 STA \$8000,X

.A 2005 (RETURN)

IN THE ABOVE EXAMPLE THE USER STARTED ASSEMBLY AT 1000 HEX. THE FIRST INSTRUCTION WAS LOAD A REGISTER WITH IMMEDIATE 12 HEX. IN THE SECOND LINE THE USER DID NOT NEED TO TYPE THE A AND ADDRESS. THE SIMPLE ASSEMBLER PROMPTS WITH THE NEXT ADDRESS. TO EXIT THE ASSEMBLER TYPE A RETURN AFTER THE THE ADDRESS PROMPT. SYNTAX IS THE SAME AS THE DISASSEMBLER OUTPUT.

DISASSEMBLER

.D 2000

(SCREEN CLEARS)

., 2000 A9 12 LDA #\$12 ., 2002 9D 00 80 STA \$8000,X

., 2002 9D 00 80 STA ., 2005 AA TAX

., 2006 AA TAX (FULL PAGE OF INSTRUCTIONS)

DISASSEMBLES 22 INSTRUCTIONS
STARTING AT 1000 HEX. THE THREE BYTES
FOLLOWING THE ADDRESS MAY BE MODIFIED.
USE THE CRSR KEYS TO MOVE TO AND MODIFY
THE BYTES. HIT RETURN AND THE BYTES
IN MEMORY WILL BE CHANGED. SUPERMON
WILL THEN DISASSEMBLE THAT PAGE AGAIN.

PRINTING DISASSEMBLER

.P 2000,2040

2000 A9 12

LDA #\$12

2002 9D 00 80 STA \$8000, XY.

2005 AA TAX

203F A2 00 LDX #\$00

TO ENGAGE PRINTER, SET UP BEFOREHAND:

OPEN 4,4:CMD4

ON 4.0, ACCESS THE MONITOR VIA A CALL SYS 54386 (\*NOT\* A BREAK) COMMAND

SINGLE STEP

. I

ALLOWS A MACHINE LANGUAGE PROGRAM TO BE RUN STEP BY STEP.

CALL REGISTER DISPLAY WITH .R AND SET

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< FOR SINGLE STEP;
RVS FOR SLOW STEP;
SPACE FOR FAST STEPPING;
STOP TO RETURN TO MONITOR.

[ON BUSINESS KEYBOARDS—
USE 8, 6 AND STOP].</pre>

FILL MEMORY

.F 1000 1100 FF

FILLS THE MEMORY FROM 1000 HEX TO 1100 HEX WITH THE BYTE FF HEX.

GO RUN

.G

GO TO THE ADDRESS IN THE PC REGISTER DISPLAY AND BEGIN RUN CODE. ALL THE REGISTERS WILL BE REPLACED WITH THE DISPLAYED VALUES. .G 1000

GO TO ADDRESS 1000 HEX AND BEGIN RUNNING CODE.

HUNT MEMORY

. H CØØØ DØØØ 'READ

HUNT THRU MEMORY FROM C000 HEX TO D000 HEX FOR THE ASCII STRING READ AND PRINT THE ADDRESS WHERE IT IS FOUND. A MAXIMUM OF 32 CHARACTERS MAY BE USED.

H C000 D000 20 D2 FF

HUNT MEMORY FROM CØØØ HEX TO DØØØ HEX FOR THE SEQUENCE OF BYTES 2Ø D2 FF AND PRINT THE ADDRESS. A MAXIMUM OF 32 BYTES MAY BE USED.

LOAD

. L

LOAD ANY PROGRAM FROM CASSETTE #1.

.L "RAM TEST"

LOAD FROM CASSETTE #1 THE PROGRAM NAMED RAM TEST.

.L "RAM TEST", Ø8

LOAD FROM DISK (DEVICE 8) THE PROGRAM NAMED RAM TEST.

THIS COMMAND LEAVES BASIC POINTERS UNCHANGED.

MEMORY DISPLAY

.м 0000 0080

- .: .0000 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07
- .: ØØØ8 Ø8 Ø9 ØA ØB ØC ØD ØE ØF

DISPLAY MEMORY FROM 0000 HEX TO 0080 HEX. THE BYTES FOLLOWING THE .: CAN BE ALTERED BY TYPING OVER THEM THEN TYPING A RETURN.

REGISTER DISPLAY

.R

PC IRQ SR AC XR YR SP 0000 E62E 01 02 03 04 05

DISPLAYS THE REGISTER VALUES SAVED WHEN SUPERMON WAS ENTERED. THE VALUES MAY BE CHANGED WITH THE EDIT FOLLOWED BY A RETURN.

USE THIS INSTRUCTION TO SET UP THE PC VALUE BEFORE SINGLE STEPPING WITH

SAVE

.S "PROGRAM NAME",01,0800,0C80
SAVE TO CASSETTE #1 MEMORY FROM
0800 HEX UP TO BUT NOT INCLUDING 0C80
HEX AND NAME IT PROGRAM NAME.
.S "0:PROGRAM NAME",08,1200,1F50

SAVE TO DISK DRIVE #0 MEMORY FROM 1200 HEX UP TO BUT NOT INCLUDING 1F50 HEX AND NAME IT PROGRAM NAME.

TRANSFER MEMORY

.T 1000 1100 5000

TRANSFER MEMORY IN THE RANGE 1000 HEX TO 1100 HEX AND START STORING IT AT ADDRESS 5000 HEX.

EXIT TO BASIC

. X

RETURN TO BASIC READY MODE.
THE STACK VALUE SAVED WHEN ENTERED WILL
BE RESTORED. CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN THAT
THIS VALUE IS THE SAME AS WHEN THE
MONITOR WAS ENTERED. A CLR IN
BASIC WILL FIX ANY STACK PROBLEMS.

Program 1.

- 100 PRINT" {CLEAR} {02 DOWN} {REV} SUP ERMON!!"
- 110 PRINT"{DOWN} DISSASSEMBLER ~ {REV}D{OFF} BY WOZNIAK/BAU
- 120 PRINT" SINGLE STEP {REV}I {OFF} BY JIM RUSSO
- 130 PRINT"MOST OTHER STUFF {REV}, HA LT{OFF} BY BILL SEILER
- 150 PRINT" {DOWN}TIDIED & WRAPPED BY JIM BUTTERFIELD"
- 170 L=PEEK (52) +PEEK (53) \*256:SYS1536 :M=PEEK (33):N=PEEK (34)
- 180 POKE52, M:POKE53, N:POKE48, M:POKE 49, N:N=M+N\*256
- 210 PRINT" {02 DOWN}LINK TO MONITOR ~ -- SYS"; N
- 220 PRINT: PRINT"SAVE WITH MLM:"
- 230 PRINT".S "; CHR\$ (34); "SUPERMON"; CHR\$ (34); ",01"; :X=N/4096:G OSUB250

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    ØCCØ 55 FD 7F FD ØØ 4A FA
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### **SUPERMON Program 4.**

100 REM SUPERMON 4 CHECKSUM

110 DATA7331,12186,10071,10387,1082 9,9175,10314,9823,9715,871 4,8852

120 DATA8850,9748,7754,10247,10423, 10948,10075,6093,5492,7805 :S=1536

130 FORB=1TO21:READX:FORI=STOS+79:N =PEEK(I):Y=Y+N

140 NEXTI:IFY<>XTHENPRINT"ERROR IN ~ BLOCK #"B:GOTO160

150 PRINT"BLOCK #"B" IS CORRECT"

160 S=I:Y=0:NEXTB:PRINT"CHECK THE F INAL, SHORT BLOCK BY HAND"

### **SUPERMON Program 5.**

100 REM SUPERMON 3 CHECKSUM

110 DATA7331,12186,10467,10880,1112 4,10005,10906,10196,9951,8 813

120 DATA8852,9329,10239,8457,10334, 10423,11047,10311,6093,549 2,7805:S=1536

0

# PET To PET Communication Over The User Port

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If you (or you and a friend) have access to two PETs, you may have wanted to connect the two together and transfer data from one to the other. The built-in IEEE bus is not suitable, since each PET is a bus controller and the rules allow only one controller on the bus. You could buy any of a number of attachments for serial, parallel or modem input/output, but the simplest method is to interconnect the PET's through the built-in parallel user port. Here's how it's done, using fairly simple BASIC and twelve wires.

First, what hardware is required? The user port connections are on the bottom row of the PC output edge connector. Looking at the rear of the PET, these are labelled A through N with keying slots sawed between A and B and between L and M. A and N are ground connections. C through L are the eight parallel data lines. Each will correspond, in effect, to one of the eight bits in a memory byte. Connection B is called "CA1"; it will be used to signal the presence of data to be read by the receiving PET. Connection M, called "CB2," will control (signal) CA1 on the other PET. (How this is done will be clearer later on.) To connect the two ports together, use two edge connector plugs, wiring A to A, N to N, C through L to C through L, but wire B on one connector to M on the other and vice versa (i.e. CA1 on one to CB2 on the other). The total length of the cable should not be more than about 20 feet. (Longer distances would require external "line drivers" to keep the signal from degrading.)

To control these dozen wires, various PEEKs and POKEs are used. One PET will transmit, and the other will receive at any one time, although each can do both. To send one byte, the transmitter will first activate the eight data lines. Then it will signal the receiver that the byte is set to be read. The receiver will read the byte and signal back to the transmitter that it has done so and is ready for the next.

Suppose we want to send one character from one PET to the other. Program 1 gives the program for the transmitter and Program 2, for the receiver. Line 20 in each program shows how the direction of data transfer is controlled. Line 40 of the transmitter program shows how one byte (ASC(A\$)) is placed on the data lines. Meanwhile, the receiver is stuck on its line 40, waiting for bit two of memory location 59469 to be a one instead of a zero. This transition will signal the receiver that it can read the data lines. The signal is sent (from CB2 of the transmitter to CA1 of the receiver) by lines 60 and 70 of the transmitter program. Line 60 forces the three most significant bits of memory location 59468 to be ones. (The other bits are unchanged.) Line 70 forces the third most significant bit back to zero, forcing the first two to be ones and leaving the low order five bits (which are used for other things) as they were. This sequence turns CB2 on, then off.

stuck on line 90 waiting for the receiver to signal back that it has read the data. The receiver signals with lines 70 and 80. It then prints the received character on its screen and goes after another byte. The transmitter will get the signal and ask for another character to send, and the process will repeat.

Most applications will involve the transfer of more than just one character. Transmitting a whole string of many characters or a floating point number requires more elaborate programs, but they will be based on these simple versions. To send a string, the length of the string must be sent first, and then the string can be sent character by character. To send a floating point number, the simplest technique seems to be to use one BASIC variable at a known location in memory as an intermediary buffer, as is done in the programs described below.

### You Could WAIT

Two other concerns arise. The first is the initial synchronization of the data transfer. This is perhaps best taken care of by a one byte "preamble" sent at the beginning of the program just to clean out any unsuspected data or transfer signals. The second concern is the ability to interrupt the transmission gracefully should something go wrong. (Along this same line, it is worth pointing out that line 90 of Program 1 and line 40 of Program 2 could be written using WAIT statements. But, since WAITs are not interruptable, except by pulling the plug, this is a bit dangerous.) The easiest way to interrupt a program without stopping it directly is to use the SHIFT key in the way described below.

Programs 3 and 4 give more elaborate pro-

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The floating point buffer variable, called QQ in each program, *must* be the first defined variable of the program. This is so its location in memory can be found easily. At the beginning of variable data storage, one finds two bytes for the two character name of the first variable followed by five. bytes representing the floating point number itself. Variables start at memory location 256\*PEEK(43) + PEEK(42) in Upgrade ROM's (256\*PEEK(125) + PEEK(124) in Original ROM's); hence, variable SQ in each program gives the location, two bytes along from the start, for QQ's five data bytes.

Data are transmitted (or received) in subroutines 1000 and 2000. Starting at 1000 is the subroutine for transmitting or receiving the five bytes of QQ. Transmitting or receiving only one byte (variable D in the program) is done by the subroutine starting at line 2000. Note that this subroutine is called by the first one.

Interruption requires that you hold down the SHIFT key until the program can branch to line 3000. Both the transmitter and the receiver have to be interrupted separately, but either can be interrupted first.

These programs illustrate the main techniques needed for more useful and interesting applications. For many games ("Battleship" comes to mind), the transfer rate of the BASIC code is fast enough, around 10 bytes per second or so.

### **ML For Fast Transfer**

For much greater speed, machine language code is needed. Program 5 is a machine language version of the BASIC code in Programs 3 and 4, implemented in a slightly different way. Line 10 sets up a variable, D%, for receiving single bytes. It must be the first variable defined in the program, and the PEEKs must be changed to 125 and 124 for Original ROM's. The POKE 2,3 statement sets part of the linkage for the USR function. Line 20 POKEs the machine language code into the second cassette buffer. Line 30 puts the address of the low-order byte of D% into this code and sets D% back to zero. (Note: POKEX, PEEK(Y) does not work on Original ROM's. That's why line 30 is written the way it is.) The DATA statements contain the machine language for Upgrade ROM's. For Original ROM's, change the two occurrences (lines 1035 and 1057) of 94 both to 176. They locate the floating point

accumulator used by USR.

To set the program into the transmit mode (line 100), POKE 1,91 first to complete the USR linkage for transmission. Next, send a one byte preamble ("%" is used here again) to insure synchronization. To send individual bytes (line 200), POKE them into location 832 and call SYS826. To transmit a floating point number (line 300), pass the number (or variable) as the argument of USR. Since USR has to be set equal to something, it can safely be set equal to the variable being passed or to any other variable which you want to equate to the variable being passed.

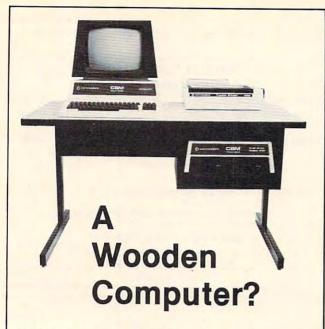
Of course, when one program is set up to transmit, the other must be set up to receive. First, (line 400), POKE 1,139 to complete the USR linkage for reception. Next, look for the preamble and warn yourself (line 440) if it was not received as expected. The FOR-NEXT loop in 420–430 should never go past I=2. To receive individual bytes (line 500), call SYS873, and find the byte in the variable D%. To receive a floating point number (line 600), equate the variable you wish to input to USR. The argument to USR is not important here, nor is it disturbed if a variable is used.

In most programs, lines 100–120 and 400–440 would best be made subroutines which could be called to switch the program from one mode to the other at will. The main disadvantage of this program is that it cannot be easily interrupted. Data synchronization between the two PETs must be exact or one will finish first, leaving the other hung up. One or more direct SYS826 or SYS873 commands from the un-hung PET will, eventually, clear the other. (Which SYS you use will depend on the state– transmitter or receiver– of the hungup PET.

### **Transmission Rate**

The data rate is quite good. Sending 2000 numbers in a command FOR I=1 TO 2000: X=USR(I): NEXT takes about 8.6 seconds. That works out to (2000x6)/8.6 = 1400 bytes per second. In this test, the receiver just read the numbers, but did nothing with them. When the receiver stuck the numbers into an array, the time went up to 12.5 seconds.

Finally, if you want to locate the machine language somewhere other than 826 to 917 (or \$033A to \$0395), the only six numbers in DATA which change are the thirty-ninth (64), fortieth (3), forty-second (58), forty-third (3), eighty-fifth (69), and eighty-sixth (3). These, in pairs, are low and high order absolute address bytes (i.e. 64 + 3\*256 = 832). They will have to be changed along with the various POKE locations in BASIC (and the numbers POKEd into locations 1 and 2) if the program is relocated. [It is suggested that 4.0 users move the routine to avoid DOS usage of the bottom of this buffer. — Ed.]



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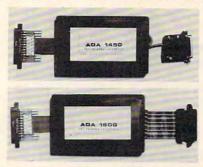
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### Program 1.

10 REM	****	SIMPLE	TRANSMI	TTER
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20 POKE59459,255 :REM SET DATA LINES FOR OUTPUT

30 INPUT"ENTER A CHARACTER"; A\$

40 POKE59457, ASC(A\$) : REM OUTPUT

CHARACTER

50 REM NEXT 2 LINES SIGNAL THE RECEIVER
TO READ DATA

60 POKE59468, PEEK (59468) OR 224

70 POKE59468, PEEK (59468) AND 31 OR 192

80 REM WAIT FOR RECEIVER TO SIGNAL BACK

90 IF(PEEK(59469) AND 2)<>2 THEN 90

100 GOTO30

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- 10 REM \*\*\* ELABORATE TRANSMITTER (UPGRADE ROM VERSION)
- 20 QQ=0 : REM QQ MUST BE FIRST VHRIABLE
- 30 SQ=PEEK(42)+256\*PEEK(43)+2 :REM ADDRESS OF FIRST QU DATA BYTE
- 40 SH=152 REM ADDRESS OF 'SHIFT' KEY FLAG
- 50 POKE59459,255 REM SET DATA LINES FOR OUTPUT
- 60 REM SEND SYNCHRONIZATION PREAMBLE
- 70 D=ASC("%") : GOSUB2000
- 80 PRINT"READY TO TRANSMIT": PRINT"USE 'SHIFT' KEY TO INTERRUPT"
- 90 INPUT"ENTER A STRING"; A\$
- 100 QQ=LEN(A\$) : GOSUB1000 :REM TRANSMIT LEN(A\$)
- 110 FORI=1TOQQ
- 120 D=ASC(MID\$(A\$,I,1))
- 130 GOSUB2000 : REM SEND STRING 1 CHARACTER AT A TIME
- 140 NEXT
- 150 INPUT"HOW MANY RANDOM NUMBERS"; N
- 160 QQ=N : GOSUB1000 : REM TRANSMIT N
- 170 FORI=1TON
- 180 QQ=RND(1)
- 190 GOSUB1000 : REM TRANSMIT EACH RANDOM NUMBER
- 200 NEXT
- 999 END
- 1000 REM SUBROUTINE FOR FLOATING POINT TRANSMISSION
- 1010 FORIJ=0T04
- 1020 D=PEEK(SQ+IJ)
- 1030 GOSUB2000 : REM SEND QQ BYTE BY BYTE
- 1040 NEXT
- 1050 RETURN
- 2000 REM SUBROUTINE FOR BYTE TRANSMISSION
- 2010 POKE59459, D : REM OUTPUT BYTE
- 2020 REM SIGNAL 'DATA READY'
- 2030 POKE59468, PEEK (59468) OR 224
- 2040 POKE59468, PEEK (59468) AND 31 OR 192
- 2050 REM WAIT FOR RECEPTION AND ALLOW INTERRUPT
- 2060 IF((PEEK(59469) AND 2)<>2) AND (PEEK(SH)<>1) THEN2060
- 2070 IFPEEK(SH)=1THEN3000 : REM INTERRUPT
- 2080 RETURN
- 3000 PRINT"INTERRUPTED"
- 3010 GOTO999 : REM END IF INTERRUPTED READY.

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Program 2.

10 REM \*\*\*\* SIMPLE RECEIVER

20 POKE59459,0 : REM SET DATA

LINES FOR INPUT

30 REM WAIT FOR DATA TO BE SENT

40 IF(PEEK(59469) AND 2)()2 THEN40

50 D=PEEK(59457) : REM READ DATA

60 REM NEXT 2 LINES SIGNAL

THE TRANSMITTER "DATA READ"

70 POKE59468, PEEK (59468) OR 224

80 POKE59468, PEEK (59468) AND 31 OR 192

90 PRINT CHR\$(D) : REM PRINT THE

RECEIVED CHARACTER

100 GOTO30 READY.

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- 30 SQ=PEEK(42)+256\*PEEK(43)+2 :REM ADDRESS OF FIRST QQ DATA BYTE
- 40 SH=152 : REM ADDRESS OF 'SHIFT' KEY FLAG
- 50 POKE59459,0 : REM SET DATA LINES FOR INPUT
- 60 REM LOOK FOR SYNCHRONIZATION PREAMBLE
- 70 FORI=1TO3 : GOSUB2000 : IFD=ASC("%")THEN80
- 72 NEXT
- 74 PRINT"EXPECTED PREAMBLE NOT RECEIVED" : END
- 80 PRINT"READY TO RECEIVE":PRINT"USE 'SHIFT' KEY TO INTERRUPT"
- 90 GOSUB1000 :REM READ LENGTH OF TRANSMITTED STRING
- 100 A\$="" : FORI=1TOQQ : GOSUB2000 : REM INPUT ONE BYTE
- 110 As=As+CHRs(D) : REM BUILD UP STRING
- 120 NEXT
- 130 PRINT"RECEIVED ";A\$
- 140 REM READ NUMBER OF RANDOM INPUTS TO EXPECT
- 150 GOSUB1000 : N=QQ
- 160 FORI=1TON
- 170 GOSUB1000 : PRINT QQ : REM READ RANDOM NUMBERS
- 180 NEXT
- 999 END
- 1000 REM SUBROUTINE FOR FLOATING POINT RECEPTION
- 1010 FORIJ=0T04
- 1020 GOSUB2000 : REM READ QQ BYTE BY BYTE
- 1030 POKESQ+IJ,D :REM BUILD NEW QQ
- 1040 NEXT
- 1050 RETURN
- 2000 REM SUBROUTINE FOR BYTE RECEPTION
- 2010 REM WAIT FOR DATA TO BE SENT AND ALLOW INTERRUPTION
- 2020 IF((PEEK(59469) AND 2)<>2) AND (PEEK(SH)<>1) THEN2020
- 2030 IFPEEK(SH)=1THEN3000 :REM INTERRUPT
- 2040 D=PEEK(59457) : REM READ DATA BYTE
- 2050 REM SIGNAL 'DATA RECEIVED'
- 2060 POKE59468, PEEK (59468) OR 224
- 2070 POKE59468, PEEK (59468) AND 31 OR 192
- 2080 RETURN
- 3000 PRINT"INTERRUPTED"
- 3010 GOTO999 : REM END IF INTERRUPTED READY.

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### Program 5.

```
10 DM=256*PEEK(43)+PEEK(42)+3:POKE2,3
 20 FORI=826T0917:READJ:POKEI, J:NEXT
 30 I=PEEK(DX):POKE889,I:I=PEEK(DX-1):
    POKE890, I: DX=0
 100 REM ***** TRANSMIT
 110 POKE1,91:REM SET USR FOR TRANSMISSION
 120 POKE832, ASC("%"): SYS826: REM SEND
     PREAMBLE
 200 REM TRANSMIT A BYTE ("A")
 210 POKE832, ASC("A"): SYS826
 300 REM TRANSMIT THE NUMBER 1.23
 310 X=1.23:X=USR(X)
 400 REM ***** RECEIVE
 410 POKE1, 139: REM SET USR FOR RECEPTION
 420 FORI=1T03:SYS873:IFD%=ASC("%")THEN500
 430 NEXT: REM LOOK FOR PREAMBLE
 440 PRINT"PREAMBLE NOT RECEIVED":STOP
 500 REM RECEIVE A BYTE
 510 SYS873:A$=CHR$(D%):PRINTA$
 600 REM RECEIVE A NUMBER
 610 X=USR(0):PRINTX
 1000 REM DATA & CORRESPONDING MNEMONICS
 1010 REM
 1020 DATA 169,255
                     : TBYTE
                               LDA #$FF
 1021 DATA 141,67,232:
                               STA $E843
 1022 DATA 169,0
                               LDA #***
 1023 DATA 141,65,232:
                               STA $E841
 1024 DATA 173,76,232:
                               LDA $E84C
 1025 DATA 9,224
                               ORA #$EØ
 1026 DATA 141,76,232:
                               STA $E84C
 1027 DATA 41,31
                               AND #$1F
 1028 DATA 9,192
                               ORA #$CØ
                               STA $E840
 1029 DATA 141,76,232:
 1030 DATA 173,77,232: TWAIT
                               LDA $E84D
 1031 DATA 41,2
                               AND #$02
 1032 DATA 240,249
                               BEQ TWAIT
 1033 DATA 96
                               RTS
 1034 DATA 162,5
                               LDX #$05
 1035 DATA 181,94:<--: TFLPT
                               LDA $5E,X
 1036 DATA 141,64,3 :
                               STA $0340
 1037 DATA 32,58,3
                               JSR TBYTE
 1038 DATA 202
                               DEX
 1039 DATA 16,245
                               BPL TFLPT
 1040 DATA 96
                               RTS
 1041 DATA 169,0
                        RBYTE
                               LDA #$00
     DATA 141,67,232:
 1042
                               STR $E843
 1043
     DATA 173,77,232:
                        RWAIT
                               LDA $E84D
 1044 DATA 41,2
                               AND #$02
 1045 DATA 240,249
                               BEQ RWAIT
 1046 DATA 174,65,232:
                               LDY $E84C
 1047
      DATA 142,0,0
                               STY $***
 1048 DATA 173,76,232:
                               LDA $E84C
 1049 DATA 9,224
                               ORA #$EØ
 1050 DATA 141,76,232:
                               STA $E84C
 1051 DATA 41,31
                               AND #$1F
 1052 DATA 9,192
                               ORA #$CØ
 1053 DATA 141,76,232:
                               STA $E84C
 1054 DATA 96
                               RTS
 1055 DATA 162,5
                               LDX #$05
 1056 DATA 32,69,3
                     : RFLPT
                               JSR RBYTE
 1057 DATA 148,94: <--:
                               STY $5E,X
 1058 DATA 202
                               DEX
 1059 DATA 16,248
                               BPL RFLPT
 1060 DATA 96
                               RTS
READY.
                                          0
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# Replacing The INPUT# Command

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At last you have your PET and now you can keep track of all those magazine articles, recipes, addresses or whatever else you promised your spouse! At least that's how I felt, and I immediately sat

down to write the programs.

If you have tried to write a program that uses the INPUT command, then you know the problems I encountered. The INPUT command will not accept commas, quotes, or colons and using the GET command to construct a string is very slow. Since a proper bibliography of magazine articles must contain quote marks, I was stuck with the GET command. There had to be a better way.

There is! Nothing says that all programs must be written in BASIC. I could write a machine language routine to replace the INPUT# command. The new routine would accept all characters. Replacing the INPUT# command would also solve the same problems I encountered when reading from the tape or disk.

There are three items that we need to know in order to write a new version of the INPUT# command: how strings are stored, where the string is located, and how to input characters. The PET/CBM Personal Computer Guide by Adam Osborne and Carroll S. Donahue provided the information on string storage. Raymond Diedrichs explained how to input from a file in his article "Pet File I/O in

Machine Language" COMPUTE! #11.

Strings are stored at the top of the available memory. As each string is entered, it is added to the bottom of the list. In order to identify a particular string we must know where it begins and how long it is. The PET uses one byte to represent the length of the string, and two bytes to identify the address where the string begins. The particular format that identifies a string depends on whether the string is an element of an array or a simple variable.

A simple variable has the form shown in Figure 1. If the string is an element of an array, it would be identified as shown in Figure 2. We can disregard the information in the header of an array.

This is only part of the information we need to

locate a string in memory. The location of the pointer to the string is still unknown. Must our routine search for the name of the particular string we wish to input? Well, it could, but there is an easier way. Locations \$44 and \$45 point to the last variable referenced. If that last variable were the string we wish to input, then these locations will point to the length of the string, and the next two locations will be the address where the string is stored. Figure 3 shows the relationship between locations \$44, \$45, variables, and strings.

Reading characters from a file is even easier than dealing with strings. If a file has been opened by a BASIC statement, the subroutine at \$FFC6 will set the file up so we can read from it. Then the subroutine at \$FFCF will input a character from that file. When we have all the characters we want, the default I/O devices should be restored.

Armed with this knowledge, I wrote two routines. The two routines are named READString and INPUTLine. They are located in the second cassette buffer. Both use locations \$44 and \$45 to locate the variable, so the last variable you reference before calling these routines must be a string.

READS inputs a fixed number of characters from file #1. The number of characters is determined by the length of the string referenced by locations \$44, 45. As the characters are read in, they replace the characters that are already in the string. This routine will cause strange problems if locations \$44, \$45 point to a string with zero length. To prevent this occurrence, I use the following commands to call READS:

### 10 IF LEN(A\$) THEN SYS(826)

If A\$ has a zero length, READS will never be called. As you can see, the starting address of READS is 826 (\$033A).

The version of READS shown in Program 1 reads one additional character after it has filled the referenced string. The file has a carriage return at the end of each string. To remove this extra character input, place NOP's (\$EA) in locations \$0361 through \$0363.

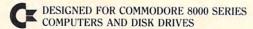
INPUTL also uses file #1. A carriage return must mark the end of a string just like the INPUT# command. INPUTL will accept any character other than a carriage return. Up to 80 characters can be input. If more than 80 characters are input, the ST variable will be set to a value of -1.

INPUTL works more like INPUT# than READS does. As the individual characters of a string are input, they are placed in an input buffer. Only after the string has been terminated with a carriage return is it transferred to the string storage area and assigned to the variable pointed to by \$44, \$45. The string is copied from the input buffer to

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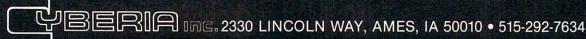
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just below the string storage area. Then the pointer to the beginning of the string storage area is adjusted to account for the new string.

I use the following line to call INPUTL, but you can use any function that leaves locations \$44, \$45 pointing to the variable you wish to input.

### 10 A\$="": SYS(872)

As you can see, the starting address for INPUTL is 872. As with READS, if the last variable you referenced were not a string then the results are almost unpredictable and certainly bad.

You can change the file number used by these programs to suit your needs. Simply POKE the number of a file you have opened into location 827 for READLINE and 873 for INPUTSTRING.

INPUTL and READS will work with BASIC 3.0 or BASIC 4.0. If you need to use them with BASIC 1.0 then you will have to adjust all of the references to memory locations less than \$0400 (1024 decimal).

INPUT# is still the fastest way to input a string. However, both INPUTL and READS are at least three to four times faster than using GET# commands. If you are short on memory, using the GET# command will be exceedingly slow since it will cause the garbage collection routine to execute more often than any of the other methods.

800 FOR ADRES=826T0949:READ DATTA:P

### Program 1.

OKEADRES, DATTA 805 NEXT 826 DATA 162, 1, 32, 198, 255, 160 832 DATA 0, 177, 68, 133, 96, 200 838 DATA 177, 68, 133, 94, 200, 177 844 DATA 68, 133, 95, 169, Ø, 133 850 DATA 97, 32, 207, 255, 164, 97 856 DATA 145, 94, 200, 132, 97, 198 862 DATA 96, 208, 242, 32, 207, 255 868 DATA 32, 204, 255, 96, 162, 1 874 DATA 32, 198, 255, 169, Ø, 133 880 DATA 5, 32, 207, 255, 201, 13 886 DATA 240, 15, 166, 5, 232, 224 892 DATA 81, 240, 47, 157, 0, 2 898 DATA 134, 5, 76, 113, 3, 166 904 DATA 5, 160, 0, 198, 48, 165 910 DATA 48, 201, 255, 208, 2, 198 916 DATA 49, 189, Ø, 2, 145, 48 922 DATA 202, 208, 238, 165, 5, 145 928 DATA 68, 165, 48, 200, 145,

934 DATA 165, 49, 200, 145, 68, 76 940 DATA 178, 3, 169, 255, 133, 150

946 DATA 32, 204, 255, 96

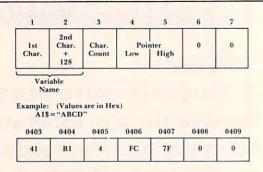


Figure 1. Simple String Variable Storage

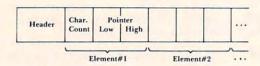


Figure 2. Array String Storage

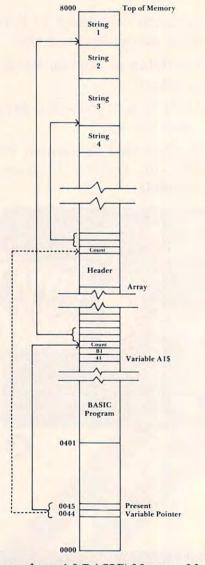


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# Typing Foreign Language Text With The Commodore Printer

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Most languages, unlike English, use different kinds of marks or accents above some of the vowels or even above or below some consonants. The French has the "accent aigu" ('), "accent grave" (') and the "accent circonflexe" (') placed in many words above vowels e,a,o,u and they have also the "cédille" placed below C (as ç) in some words. English typewriters and printers generally do not have the facility for printing these orthographic signs. However, with the CBM series 2022 and 2023 printers one can create special characters, thereby printing any of the wanted letters.

We could create the complete special character (letter + accent) for each vowel. However, for 4 vowels and 3 accents we would need 4x3 = 12 special characters. It is simpler to program only the 3 accents and, any time one needs the accent on the vowel, one goes to a subroutine to print the accent in the proper position. After the accent is printed, one has a carriage return without line feed, and the standard characters are printed after a line was

typed.

At first, I made a program according to this plan. However, as each accent needs a full printer head scan, the printing time was slowed down very much if the number of accents in a line were great. Therefore, I modified the program so that the accents are printed after the full line has been printed, and any number of accents of one kind is printed in one printer head movement. This improved the speed to a practically acceptable level.

This paper and program will not handle the printing of special symbols below the letters as the cédille in French. This problem is the same as printing descenders on letters g,j,q,p,y. According to the same principles as described above for the accents, one can create these special characters. However, the printing can be done only with the

tractor feed printer (2022 series). A paper and program on this problem will be published elsewhere.

In writing this program, I started with the "TYPEWRITER 1.5" program of Warren D. Swan, published in THE PAPER (pages 11-15, Vol. II, Issue 10, January 1980), modified for the new CBM/PET (ROM 3) and the new printer ROM (4). It is a very simple, but powerful, mini-word-

processor.

Listing 1 is the accent printing program. There, first we have to design the special character strings A\$(I), where I = 0 TO 2. They are defined in statement 240, using the DATA in statements 150 to 170 for the three above mentioned French accents. (See instructions in the Printer User manual or in Swan's article). Second, one has to decide which keys to sacrifice for calling the subroutine for the special accents. We used the "and" key (&) for the accent aigu (') as specified in statement 410, the "shift and" for accent grave (') — statement 420 and the "shift apostrophe" key for accent circonflexe (\*) — statement 430. For the printing of the accents in the proper place, the strings S\$(I) are created, one for each accent type. For tape recording and reprinting the text from tape the string T\$ is created.

Swan gives the instructions for how to use the original program. I will tell you shortly what to do and how to do it in the modified program.

For Input one can choose:

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2. The tape recorder (device #1 or #2)

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1. Tapes 1 or 2.

2. Screen (device #3)

3. Printer (device #4)

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When using the DEL command in or after an enhanced text, the following rule has to be applied:

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not yet pressed.

If you want to go back to the enhanced characters after an exit from them, use the DEL until you delete the exit character. Here press the enhanced command (SHIFT-BACKSLASH) and continue with DEL. Do not again use the SHIFT-

BACKSLASH when you type the corrected text, but use the SHIFT-( key when you want to continue with standard characters.

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НОМЕ	19	330	Sends a cursor-home character to the output device only.
DEL	20	340	Deletes the last character.
SHIFT BACKSLASH	220	350	Enhanced print
SHIFT(	168	360	Unenhanced print for stopping enhanced
INST	148	370	Deletes entire line
BACKSLASH	92	380	TAB for next 8 spaces
SHIFT#	163	400	Prints programmable character defined previously.
RETURN SHIFT RETURN	13 141	310	Brings the printer to the print subroutine.
&c	38	410	Accent aigu
SHIFT &	166	420	Accent grave
SHIFT APOSTROPHE	167	430	Accent circonflexe
CURSOR LEFT	157	390	Program goes to the special command mode, where one can ask:  1. A programmable character  2. Change the # of lines/inch  3. End the program.

Table 1. List of operations for the TYPEWRITER ACCENT program.

two times. For achieving this, do the following:

After the line you want to print bold face, do not press RETURN, but use SHIFT-RETURN. For the next line press SHIFT-BACKSLASH and RETURN.

If the language you want to print has other accents than the ones given in this program, just construct their forms according to the instructions of the printer and substitute the resulting six numbers into the data statements 150-170. E.g.: the German text needs only the "Umlaut," which could be printed by the following data:

### 0,0,64,0,64,0

Since more accents are not used in the German, the other 2 accents can be deleted in the program. Since there will be just a single A\$ and S\$, statements 240,270,280,500,510,2090,2510 could be modified accordingly and statements 160,170,420,430,1110,1120,1220,1230 could be deleted.

In the Hungarian, beside the accent grave and the Umlaut, one needs an accent similar to the quotation mark. The following data would define this:

### 0,32,64,32,64,0

In several other languages one uses a waveshaped accent. The previous Hungarian accent could be acceptable for this accent too.

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10 REM TYPE ACCENT PROGRAM BY Z.SZEPESI
      ¬(COPYRIGHT REGISTRATION APPLIED)
20 REM MODIFIED FROM TYPEWRITER1.5 BY ¬
      -W.D.SWAN(THE PAPER VOL.II.ISSUE -
      \neg 10)
30 REM
                   INITIALIZATION
35 REM
  POKE 59468,14:OU=4:IN=1:Q=205:
      -CO=59467:TØ=59466:R=59464
  K=0:H=2:PRINT"WHAT IS THE INPUT -
      DEVICE # (Ø TO 2)?";:GOSUB3ØØØ
  K=1:H=4:C=D:IFC=1ORC=2THENINPUT"FILE ¬
      ¬TITLE:";TL$:GOTO8Ø
70 OPENIN, C
80 PRINT"WHAT IS THE OUTPUT DEVICE # (1 -
      ¬TO 4)?";:GOSUB3000
90 IFC=DGOTO80
100 IFD=10RD=2THENINPUT"FILE TITLE";TL$
105 IFC$=""GOTO100
110 S=-(D<4):IFC=1ORC=2THENOPENIN, C, 0,
      ¬TL$
120 IFD=1ORD=2THENOPENOU, D, S, TL$:GOTO140
130 OPENOU, D, S
140 PRINT" n": OPEN5, OU, 5: DIM A$(2), S$(2)
150 DATA 0,0,0,32,64,0:REM ACCENT AIGU
160 DATA 0,64,32,0,0,0:REM ACC. GRAVE
170 DATA 0,32,64,32,0,0:REM ACC. CIRC.
240 FORI=0TO2:A$(I)="":FORJ=1TO6:READA:
      \neg A$(I) = A$(I) + CHR$(A) : NEXTJ : NEXTI
250 REM
                  MAIN PROGRAM LOOP
255 REM
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260 OPEN7, 4, 7: PRINT#7: CLOSE7: OPEN6, 4, 6:
                                               1230 IFA2=1THENPRINT#5, A$(2):PRINT#OU,
                                                     ¬S$(2); CHR$(141);
270 POKEQ, 0: PRINT"h ** ** ** : P=1:L$="":
                                               1240 RETURN
       -G$="":T$="":FORI=ØTO2:S$(I)="":
                                              1998 REM
                                                                  DELETE A CHAR.
       ¬NEXT
                                              1999 REM
280 AA=0:A0=0:A1=0:A2=0:E=0
                                              2000 IFLEN(L$) = OORLEN(T$) = OTHENRETURN
290 GET#IN, C$: IF64ANDSTGOTO7000
                                              2010 PRINTCHR$(20);:IFE=1THENPRINTCHR$(2
300 IFC$=""GOTO290
310 IFC$=CHR$(13)ORC$=CHR$(141)GOTO1000:
                                               2020 F$=RIGHT$(G$,1):G$=MID$(G$,1,
       REM TO PRINT LINE
                                                     ¬LEN(G$)-1):IFE=1THENG$=LEFT$(G$,
320 IFC$="n"THENPRINT#OU, "n":GOTO290
330 IFC$="h"THENPRINT#OU, "h":GOTO290
                                                     \negLEN(G$)-1)
                                               2030 F1$=RIGHT$(T$,1):T$=LEFT$(T$,
340 IFC$=CHR$(20)THENGOSUB2000:GOTO290
                                                     ¬LEN(T$)-1)
350 IFC$="\"THENC$=CHR$(1):E=1:IFD=1ORD=
                                              2040 IF F1$="&"ORF1$="&"ORF1$="\_"THENT$=
       -2THENT$=T$+"\":GOTO290
                                                     \negLEFT$(T$,LEN(T$)-1)
360 IFC$="("THENC$=CHR$(129):E=0:
                                              2050 IFF$<>"<"GOTO2080
       ¬IFD=1ORD=2THENT$=T$+"_(":GOTO290
                                              2060 O$=RIGHT$(L$,1):L$=MID$(L$,1,
370 IFC$=CHR$(148)THENFORK=1TOLEN(L$):
                                                     \negLEN(L$)-1):IFO$<>"<"ORF$<>"<"GOTO2
       -GOSUB2000: NEXT: GOTO270
                                                     ¯5Ø
380 IFC$="\"GOTO2500
                                              2070 RETURN
390 IFC$="<"GOTO4000
                                              2080 L$=MID$(L$,1,LEN(L$)-1):P=P+((ASC(F
400 IF C$="#"THENC$=CHR$(254)
                                                     \neg$) AND127) > 31) + (F$=">"): IFE=1THENP=
410 IFC$="&"THENT$=T$+C$:GOSUB1100:AA=1:
       ¬AØ=1:GOTO29Ø
                                              2090 FORI=0TO2:S$(I)=LEFT$(S$(I),P-1):
420 IFC$="&"THENT$=T$+C$:GOSUB1110:AA=1:
                                                     ¬NEXT
      ¬A1=1:GOTO290
                                              2100 IFD=10RD=2GOTO2120
430 IFC$="!"THENT$=T$+C$:GOSUB1120:AA=1:
                                              2110 RETURN
      ¬A2=1:GOTO290
                                              2120 IF F1$="&"ORF1$="&"ORF1$="!"THENT$=
500 FORI=0TO2:S$(I)=S$(I)+" ":NEXTI:
                                                     ¬LEFT$(T$,P-1)
      ¬IF E=ØGOTO52Ø
                                              2130 IFE=1THEN T$=LEFT$(T$,LEN(T$)+1)
510 FORJ=0TO2:S$(J)=S$(J)+" ":NEXTJ
                                              2140 RETURN
520 C=ASC(C$) AND127
                                              2498 REM
                                                                TAB TO NEXT STOP
530 L$=L$+C$:T$=T$+C$
                                              2499 REM
540 IFC>31ORC$=">"THENP=P+1:IFE=1THENP=P
                                              2500 T=8-(PAND7):P=P+T:FORK=1TOT:
      7+1
                                                     ~L$=L$+" ":G$=G$+" ":T$=T$+" ":
550 IFP=72THENGOSUB2600
                                                     ¬PRINT" ";
560 POKEQ,1:G$=G$+C$:IFE=1THENG$=G$+" "
                                              2510 FORI=0TO2:S$(I)=S$(I)+" ":NEXTI
570 PRINTC$;:IFE=1THENPRINT" ";
                                              2520 NEXTK: PRINT"$<";
580 POKEQ, 0: PRINT "S<";: GOTO290
                                              2530 IFP>=72THENGOSUB2600
998 REM
                   PRINT THE LINE
                                              254Ø GOTO29Ø
999 REM
                                              2598 REM
                                                                END OF LINE BEEP
1000 IFL$="rA"THENL$=M$:G$=H$
                                              2599 REM
1010 PRINT: IFD=4THENPRINT#OU, L$; CHR$ (141
                                              2600 POKER, 0: POKECO, 16: POKET0, 15:
      7);
                                                     ¬POKER, 150: FORK=1TO2E2: NEXT
1020 IFD=1ORD=2THENPRINT#OU, T$; CHR$(141)
                                              2610 POKER, 0: POKETO, 0: POKECO, 0:: RETURN
                                              2998 REM
                                                                  GET A DEVICE
1030 PRINT" ?: FORK=1TOLEN(G$): POKEQ, 1:
                                              2999 REM
      ¬PRINTMID$(G$,K,1);:NEXT:M$=L$:
                                              3000 GETC$: IFC$=""GOTO3000
      ¬H$=G$
                                              3010 D=ASC(C$)-48:IFD<KORD>HGOTO3000
1040 POKEQ, 0: IF AA=1 THENGOSUB1200
                                              3020 PRINTD: RETURN
1060 PRINT#OU, CHR$(13);:GOTO270
                                              3998 REM
                                                                 EXTRA COMMANDS
1100 PRINT#5, A$(0):S$(0)=LEFT$(S$(0),
                                              3999 REM
      \neg P-2) + CHR$ (254)
                                              4000 PRINT"ENTER COMMAND:"
1105 RETURN
                                              4010 PRINT" ♦1. DEFINE A PROGRAMMABLE ¬
1110 PRINT#5, A$(1):S$(1)=LEFT$(S$(1),
                                                     ¬CHARACTER."
      \neg P-2) + CHR$ (254)
                                              4020 PRINT" $\dagger*2. SET LINES/INCH.":
1115 RETURN
                                                     ¬PRINT"♦3. END PROGRAM"
1120 PRINT#5, A$(2):S$(2)=LEFT$(S$(2),
                                              4030 GET#IN, F$: IF64ANDSTGOTO7000
      \neg P-2) + CHR$ (254)
                                              4040 IFF$<"1"ORF$>"3"GOTO4030
1125 RETURN
                                              4050 IFD=1ORD=2THENL$=L$+"<"+F$:
1200 IFD<>4THENRETURN
                                                     ¬G$=G$+"<"
1210 IFAØ=1THENPRINT#5, A$(Ø):PRINT#OU,
                                              4060 IF F$="3"GOTO7000
      ¬S$(Ø); CHR$(141);
                                              4070 IF F$="2"GOTO6000
1220 IFA1=1THENPRINT#5,A$(1):PRINT#OU,
                                              4998 REM
                                                                DEFINE CHARACTER
      ¬S$(1); CHR$(141);
                                              4999 REM
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5000	PG\$="":PRINT"RENTER 6 NUMBERS TO ¬ ¬DEFINE THE CHARACTER:
5010	PRINT" (ONE AT A TIME FOLLOWED BY ¬ ¬RETURN)
5020	
5030	FORK=1TO6:PRINTK;:INPUT#IN,F\$:
	¬IF64ANDSTGOTO7000
5040	C=VAL(F\$):PRINTC:IFD=1ORD=2THENL\$=L
	¬\$+F\$+CHR\$(13)
5050	PG\$=PG\$+CHR\$(C):NEXT:IFD=4THENPRINT
	¬#5,PG\$
5060	PRINT" h";: FORK=1TOLEN(H\$): POKEQ,1:
	¬PRINTMID\$(H\$,K,1);:NEXT
5070	POKEQ, Ø: PRINT"h + + + + ": FORK=1 TOLEN (G\$
	-):POKEQ,1:PRINTMID\$(G\$,K,1);:NEXT
5080	POKEQ, Ø: PRINT"\$<";:GOTO290
5998	REM SET LINES/INCH
5999	
6000	PRINT"ANUMBER OF LINES PER INCH? ";
6010	IFD=4THENCLOSE6:OPEN6,OU,6
6020	INPUT#IN, F\$: IF64ANDSTGOTO7000
6030	M=VAL(F\$):PRINTM:IFD=1ORD=2THENL\$=L
	¬\$+F\$+CHR\$(13)
6040	IFD=4THENPRINT#6, CHR\$(144/M)
6050	GOTO5060
6998	REM END OF PROGRAM
6999	REM ""
7000	PRINT: IFD=1ORD=2THENCLOSEOU
7010	END: IFD>2GOTO5060
7020	PRINT"?CAN'T CONTINUE ERROR": END:
	¬RUN Q

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### Three Reviews:

# Superchip, Spacemaker, Sort

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### The Petmaster Superchip

Some of us may have envied the tricks one can play with the new 80 column PETs using BASIC 4.0. For example, one can define a window which is seemingly immune from scrolling. SUPERCHIP, firmware from our English cousins, is intended to provide some of these screen handling functions and additional goodies also. It is available for all the current PET ROMs and does not conflict with the TOOLKIT.

The first feature I made use of (and liked) is called single key BASIC. That is, G stands for GO, N stands for NEXT, R stands for RETURN, etc. The full word appears, as if by magic, when a control key is pressed simultaneously with a letter. Another function that caught my fancy is called escape. This allows you to toggle back and forth between quote and direct modes of cursor control. If you ever get stuck in the wrong mode you know how useful that could be. I also made frequent use of the hold function which suspends execution until RETURN is pressed.

SUPERCHIP has a total of 18 functions:

erase end erase begin scroll down scroll up retrace escape message functions single key movit insert line delete line scroll window graphics toggle stop hold shrink reverse

Most functions can be accessed either in immediate mode or from a BASIC program. A concise reference chart on the rear cover of the 26 page user manual summarizes the functions and states any exceptions or limitations. The manual is, for the most part, easy to understand by a first time user. However, I did have trouble with the scroll window section and I was confused by the use of the word "bracket" for "open parenthesis."

SUPERCHIP will appeal, I think, to many people and, if the reader is in this group, by all means buy it. You will have added quite a few useful functions to your repertoire which are not available elsewhere. Programs which use these features will be able to generate displays which ordinary PETs cannot do without great difficulty. As for me, I am not convinced that it is a good buy. Even with the recent drop in the pound exchange rate, SUPERCHIP still costs more than comparable firmware such as the TOOLKIT. In its favor, however, is that it offers some desirable features of BASIC 4.0 without losing the use of previously developed machine language software, which may be ROM-dependent.

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### Spacemaker II

New Commodore CBM/PETs have empty ROM sockets on the main logic board which allow users to install special software packages. These include the CBM word processors, VISICALC, and the TOOL-KIT. Recently I received for review two firmware (EPROM) programs which, alas, required installation in the same empty ROM socket. This meant that I could not switch back and forth between the two programs without risk of permanent damage to the IC pins (or to my psyche). My problem was solved when I received the SPACEMAKER II for review. This nicely crafted piece of hardware is capable of switching between as many as four different ROMs when plugged into a single socket on the PET logic board.

I had no trouble working with SPACEMAKER II. The hardest part is insertion of the ROMs, but this time everything went smoothly. Jumpers which depend on ROM type, are placed on posts and no soldering is required. SPACEMAKER II is particularly easy to plug into a socket on the PET as you can get a grip on it more easily than a much smaller ROM. The four page instruction leaflet had quite explicit directions and I noticed only one typo (figure 2 instead of figure 3). The version I received employed manual switching with a switch mounted on the side of the PET (no drilling necessary). It is also possible to switch using software, with control by the User Port or with optional hardware (ROMDRIVER).

I have no hesitation about recommending this hardware to PET users who require software on ROM, but have addressing conflicts. SPACE-MAKER II is professionally done and is reasonably priced. My only gripe is that they did not include a circuit diagram in the unlikely event that service is

needed. In a way I'm glad they didn't as I was hard pressed to find any negative comments.

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### SORT

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If you do much computing you will eventually need a good sort routine. I started to write a program recently which sorted and printed the names of up to 256 programs on PEDISK I diskettes. To my horror, I realized that I did not have, in my "junk box" of programs, a fast sort routine.

COMPUTE! came to my rescue. An early issue compared sort routines and I was able to adapt one of the BASIC listings in the article. However, not everyone has the ability or inclination to fit published programs to their own use. Matrix software offers a SORT program (on EPROM) for people who need a fast machine language sort that can be used with a minimum of effort even by novice programmers.

I had little trouble writing my first simple sort program. Their seven pages of instructions were quite helpful. I was able to do a four character sort on 1000 items in under seven seconds (average). Try doing that in BASIC sometime and you will be as impressed as I was. The program is executed with a SYS call after a few required POKEs. For example,

POKE 905,a — which dimensioned array POKE 906,b — number of keys POKE 907,c — dimension of array POKE 927,d — number of characters to evaluate POKE 947,e — what character to begin sort at SYS 36864 — for EPROM at \$9000 (specify when ordering)

For review purposes only, the company included a demonstration program. I believe they should include a listing of this program with each order. Otherwise, I have no complaints about this package. The sort is fast. It works with integers, real numbers, or strings. And, as a bonus, they include a printer screen dump in the unused space on the ROM. Check this program out if you do lots of sorts and you need a fast routine resident at all times. You should find it very useful.

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# Machine Language: Jumbo Numbers

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A single byte will hold an unsigned number whose value may be from 0 to 255. Most of us, sooner or later, want to handle larger numbers. The tech-

niques are fairly straightforward.

A number may occupy several bytes of storage. The usual convention is for the higher order bytes to contain powers of 256. In simple terms, this means that one byte counts in "ones"; another byte counts in "256-s"; the next byte, if used, counts in "4096-s" and so on. It's easier than it sounds if you convert the number to hexadecimal. One million, which in hexadecimal is 0F4240, fits nicely into three bytes: from high order to low order these bytes contain 0F, 42, and 40 hexadecimal.

It is possible to hold numbers in a decimal type of format. This makes input and output easy, since no conversion is needed to convert the decimal digits, and addition and subtraction can be quite easily accomplished. More complex arithmetic is difficult—even multiplication and division requires an effort—so that we choose binary if any real math crunching is needed. Decimal numbers can be held two ways: packed, with two digits to a byte; and unpacked, with one digit to a byte.

### Sizing

We must make room for the largest possible numbers we expect to handle. The following table may be halpful:

	Unsigned	Signed	<b>Packed Decimal</b>
1 Byte:	0 to 255	-128  to  + 127	0 to 99
2 Bytes:	0 to 65535	-32768 to +32767	0 to 9999
3 Bytes:	0 to 1677215	-8388608 to +8388607	0 to 999999

The table grows proportionately; if a count of over sixteen million in three bytes won't do, four bytes reaches to over four billion (after taxes, that's four thousand million in Great Britain). Enough for most applications, but you can continue to add bytes as you wish.

What about fractions? The most common method is to use an assumed decimal point. In other words, count in pennies instead of in dollars and you won't need fractions. There are more exacting methods, but most of us sidestep them if

we can.

### **Memory Arrangement**

There's really no special law regarding how you arrange these bytes in memory. You can have high order values at the higher addresses, or turn it around and have high order values at the low end. I like to have low order at the low address end, etc.: it's easier to remember and is more consistent with address modes. On the other hand, storing the bytes the other way around (high order at the low address) makes it a little easier to handle a number with indexing. Why? Well, if we have to test an index register for the end of its range with CPX or CPY, we'll affect the Carry flag ... and we often need that flag to link information between the various bytes. A fine point; the choice is really up to you.

You can even scatter the values through memory rather than having them consecutive. Often it's better to keep them together so that you can "walk through" a number using indexing. But

there are exceptions to every rule.

### **Some Simple Operations**

We can manipulate multi-byte numbers just as readily as single bytes. All we need is some new rules.

For the following sample code, let's assume a two-byte value stored in locations 0300 low-order

and 0301 high-order.

Moving: move both bytes instead of one. To move 0300/0301 to 0320/0321 we might code: LDX #\$01; LOOP: LDA \$0300,X; STA \$0320,X; DEX; BPL LOOP. We have moved the high order

byte first, but this makes no difference.

Addition and subtraction: start at the low end; fix up the Carry flag before you start, and then let the Carry link the bytes together. To add the contents of \$0300/0301 to \$0320/0321 and place the result at \$0320/0321, we might code: CLC; LDA \$0300; ADC \$0320; STA \$0320; LDA \$0301; ADC \$0321; STA \$0321. Note that it's vital that we start at the low end of the numbers, in this case the low addresses. We might wish to check to insure that the result hasn't overflowed (overflew?) the space available. For unsigned numbers, we do this by checking that the Carry flag is clear.

Subtraction goes the same way, except we give SEC and use the SBC command. A valid subtraction will complete with the Carry flag set; otherwise there's an unsigned number overflow.

### Comparisons

Comparison is a little different from the single-byte compare. We need to decide in advance if we're testing for equality or for greater-than; it's hard to check for both in a single sequence.



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Equality tests are quite straightforward: test each of the pairs of bytes, and if any are not the same, the two values are unequal. We might code: LDX #\$01; LOOP: LDA \$0300,X; CMP \$0320,X; BNE UNEOUAL; DEX; BPL LOOP; EQUAL: ... The code is fairly self-evident.

To compare for greater-than, we might do a full subtraction. We won't need to keep the result; the flags will tell us the answer. We might code: SEC; LDA \$0300; SBC \$0320; LDA \$0301; SBC \$0321. At this point, the Carry flag will be set if the value in \$0300/0301 is greater than or equal to that in \$0320/0321.

It's possible to compare from the high-order end down, on the theory that if the first byte is. different, you don't need to look at the rest. Additionally, such a comparison can more easily test both equal and greater-than conditions. There's often not much difference; speed is likely to depend on whether or not the numbers are likely to be close or far apart.

### **Shifts And Rotates**

Shifts and Rotates propogate readily through the

Carry bit. The first operation must start at the proper end of the number: Right shifts start from the high end, Left shifts from the low. The remaining operations, which work their way through the number, must always be Rotates, regardless of whether the overall operation is Shift or Rotate.

To shift the two-byte number at \$0300/0301 left, we might code: ASL \$0300; ROL \$0301. To rotate the same number, we would give ROL \$0300; ROL \$0301.

To shift the same number right, we would code; LSR \$0301; ROR \$0300. Finally we would rotate the number right with ROR \$0301; ROR \$0300.

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# **File Recovery**

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If you have inadvertently scratched a file (and who hasn't?) on the 2040 (DOS 1.0) or the 8050 disk drive you can easily recover the information if you avoid saving additional files on the disk. (For really bad (slipped?) disk problems, see Cones' more sophisticated file recovery program; **COMPUTE!** #10.) The task is easier on the 8050, so let's start there.

### On The 8050

When a program file is scratched, the file identifier, located in byte #0 of the 30-byte file entry in the directory, is changed from 130 to 0. Also, the blocks in which the file was written are recovered by DOS for subsequent reuse. Program 1 does the following. It searches the directory for scratched files and presents them on the screen one at a time. Press key "N" if the scratched file is not the one you want. (Also press "N" if all zeros appear as the file name, but don't respond to the directory track and sector numbers, which are provided for your information.) When the desired file appears on the screen, press "Y." This results in changing the file label from 0 to 130 and depositing this value on the disk. If the directory is then accessed, the name of the scratched file will appear in the displayed directory, and the file can be loaded into memory.

It is essential that the file be reSAVEd or it will be again lost when DOS assigns one or more of its blocks to a subsequently saved file. Therefore, after recovering the file and loading it into memory you should (a) SCRATCH the file (to remove it from the directory) and (b) SAVE the file under its original or a new name. That's all there is to it.

### And the 2040

The task is a bit more difficult on the 2040 with DOS 1.0 because the track number of the first data block is, like the file identifier, also set to 0. However, it is usually possible to infer the number of the initial track by examining the starting track numbers of the neighboring files in the directory. Program 2, which lists a block of data on the screen, is meant to help in this task. When prompted for track and sector, enter 18,1, the first directory block. If your scratched file is in this directory block, it can be identified by its name, which appears in ASCII format. The first two bytes of the block give the track and sector of the next directory block (18,4). The 30 bytes of the first file entry follow.

As already noted, byte 0 holds the file type.

The track and sector of the first data block are located in bytes one and two, followed by a file name in bytes 3-18, padded with shifted spaces (160's). A total of eight file entries (separated by two zero bytes) can be contained within a directory block. If your scratched file is not in the first directory block, access the next directory block by running Program 2 and entering 18, 4, continuing the process as necessary.

After locating the lost file, compare the track and sector number of the first data block in the preceding and the following file entries. These values will often immediately suggest the number of the first track of the scratched file. Having inferred the initial track of the scratched file, add lines 145, 414, and 416 to Program 1, change T in line 170 to 18 and run the program. It's a good idea to work with a duplicate disk, just in case you have the wrong track number and cause DOS some confusion.

Sequential files can also be recovered by changing the CHR\$ (130) in line 410 of Program 1 to CHR\$ (129). As with program files, once the sequential file is recovered, the name of the original file should be scratched from the directory and the recovered file saved.

The omission of a disk-error handling routine in the program is a concession to simplicity. It seemed just as easy to rerun the program if anything went wrong, but it's simple enough to include an error routine if needed.

The 8050 recovery program also works for files generated by the Wordpro 4 word processor, which stores text as program files. In fact, it was the humiliation of having mindlessly scratched a couple of such files that led to the development of the present program.

### **Murky BAM**

For those of you who might want to poke around in murky BAM (block availability map), Programs 3 and 4 will illuminate things a bit by highlighting, in reverse field, the BAM bytes associated with a particular track (four on the 2040 disk and five on the 8050). In both cases, the first byte reveals the number of free blocks in the specified track and the subsequent bytes indicate their identity. Block zero is represented by byte zero of the second byte, block eight is represented by byte zero of the third byte, and so on. Not a very intuitive layout, but computers have little concern for such matters.

Because the DOS support program ("wedge") jumps into action when it sees the ASCII of >, /, † or @, it's best not to have the wedge concurrently in memory when using Programs 1-3 on the 2040 with DOS 1.0. This is not a problem on the 8050 and may be on the 2040 with versions of DOS >

1.0. As if in compensation, the 8050 (but not the 2040) may give a "70, no channels" error if the disk holding the scratched program is not accessed with a load or a directory command after initialization. If this occurs, simply display the directory and rerun the program.

100 REM \*\*\*RESTORE SCRATCHED PROGRA

### Program 1.

M FILE\*\*\*\*\*\*\* 110 REM \*\*\*ON 8050 DISK DRIVE\*\*\* M. R. D'AMATO \*\*\*\* 120 OPEN15,8,15 130 OPEN1,8,3,"#" 140 PRINT"DRIVE NUMBER 0 OR 1?": INP UT D 150 PRINT"PRESS Y IF FILE IS FOUND, PRESS N IF NOT" 160 REM \*\*\*FIND AND PRINT SCRATCHED FILES\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* 17Ø T=39:S=1 180 PRINT#15, "B-R: "3; D; T; S 190 PRINT#15, "B-P: "3; 2+32\*R 200 GET#1, A\$: IFA\$=""THENA\$=CHR\$(0) 21Ø IFASC(A\$)>128THEN3ØØ 220 FOR K=5+32\*R TO 20+32\*R 230 PRINT#15, "B-P: "3; K 240 GET#1, A\$: IFA\$=""THENPRINT"0"; :G OT0260 250 PRINTAS; 260 NEXT 270 PRINT 280 GETA\$: IFA\$=""THEN280 29Ø IFA\$="Y"THEN4ØØ 300 R=R+1:IFR<8THEN180 310 REM \*\*\*GET NEXT DIRECTORY TRACK & SECTOR\*\*\*\*\* 320 PRINT#15, "B-P: "3;0 330 GET#1, A\$: IFA\$=""THENA\$=CHR\$(0) 340 T=ASC(A\$):IFT=0THENPRINT"FILE N OT FOUND":GOTO430

### Program 2.

100 REM \*\*READ A BLOCK ON 2050 OR 8 050\*\*

360 GET#1, A\$: IFA\$=""THENA\$=CHR\$ (0)

390 REM \*\*\*RESTORE PROGRAM FILE LAB

- 110 OPEN15,8,15
- 120 OPEN1,8,3,"#"

350 PRINT#15, "B-P: "3;1

370 S=ASC(A\$):PRINT T,S

EL (130) \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

420 PRINT#15, "U2: "3; D; T; S

410 PRINT#1, CHR\$ (130);

430 CLOSE1:CLOSE15

400 PRINT#15,"B-P:"3;5+32\*R-3

380 R=0:GOTO180

130 PRINT"ENTER TRACK AND SECTOR (B

- 135 INPUT T,S:D=1:REM D=DRIVE NUMBE R
- 140 PRINT: PRINTT"-"S":";
- 150 PRINT#15, "B-R: "3; D; T; S
- 160 FORK=0T0255
- 170 PRINT#15, "B-P: "3; K
- 180 GET#1,A\$
- 190 IFAS=""THENPRINT"0"::GOTO210
- 200 PRINTASC(A\$);
- 210 NEXTK
- 220 CLOSE1:CLOSE15

### Program 3.

- 100 REM \*\*BAM HIGHLIGHT PROGRAM 204
- 105 REM \*\*\*\*\*\* M. R. D'AMATO \*\*\*\*
- 110 OPEN15,8,15
- 120 OPEN1,8,3,"#"
- 130 PRINT"ENTER TRACK FOR WANTED BA
- 135 INPUT T:D=1:REM D=DRIVE NUMBER
- 140 PRINT: PRINT18"-"0":";
- 150 PRINT#15, "B-R: "3; D; 18; 0
- 160 FORK=0T0255
- 170 PRINT#15, "B-P: "3; K
- 18Ø GET#1,A\$
- 182 IFK=> (4\*T) ANDK < 4\* (T+1) THENPRINT " { REV } ";
- 190 IFA\$=""THENPRINT"0";:GOTO210
- 200 PRINTASC(A\$);
- 210 PRINT" {OFF}"; : NEXTK
- 220 CLOSE1:CLOSE15

### Program 4.

- 100 REM \*\*BAM HIGHLIGHT PROGRAM 805
- 105 REM \*\*\*\*\*\* M. R. D'AMATO \*\*\*\*
- 110 OPEN15,8,15
- 120 OPEN1,8,3,"#"
- 130 PRINT"ENTER TRACK FOR WANTED BA
- 135 INPUT T:D=1:REM D=DRIVE NUMBER
- 137 IF T>50THENS=3:T=T-50:GOTO140
- 138 S=Ø
- 140 PRINT: PRINT38"-"S":";
- 150 PRINT#15, "B-R: "3; D; 38; S
- 160 FORK=0T0255
- 170 PRINT#15,"B-P:"3;K
- 180 GET#1,A\$
- 182 IFK=>5\*T+1ANDK<5\*T+6THENPRINT"{
   REV}";</pre>
- 190 IFA\$=""THENPRINT"0";:GOTO210
- 200 PRINTASC(A\$);
- 210 PRINT" {OFF}"; :NEXTK
- 220 CLOSE1: CLOSE15

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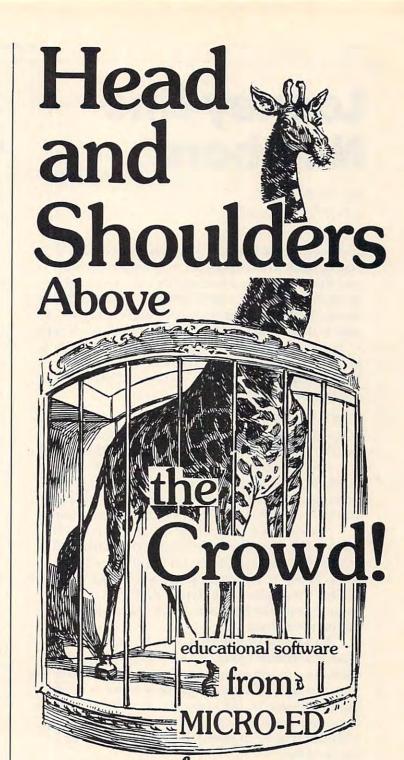
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# **Looney Line Numbers**

Jim Butterfield Toronto, Canada

It should never happen. You have a program that you've been working on for hours (days? weeks?) and then suddenly a line number goes wrong. In between lines 6340 and 6360 the line number that should be 6350 has suddenly changed to 2254. Not only is that wrong — the GOTO's won't work right — but you can't get rid of it! The line seems stuck in your program forever. How does it happen? More to the point, how do you get rid of it without completely reentering the program?

### **How It Happens**

It won't happen under normal circumstances. BASIC guards carefully against this kind of error.

An unwise POKE instruction or a SYS to a machine language program that's not completely debugged can get you into all sorts of trouble. If you're lucky, all you'll get is a looney line number.

Sometimes a bad LOAD will do the trick. In theory, the computer should guard against load errors; but it doesn't always tell you the whole story. If you're loading tape on a CBM/PET, always ask for the Status value (type PRINT ST): if the value is zero, the load is reliable; otherwise, you're taking your chances.

Bad RAM (Random Access Memory) can plague you with faults. It's not always obvious. Memory can sometimes fail erratically: perhaps the power supply voltage drops for a moment, and a bit disappears; or the malfunction only starts after the computer's innards get hot. If you're plagued with this type of problem, have your machine checked out.

All of the above may cause goofy line numbers; but they also may randomly cause other errors. Some are fatal, and some cause your program to look weird. Try to pin down the cause; it's worth the effort.

### Fixing Numbers That Are Too High

There are two cases: high line numbers (out of proper order) and very high line numbers.

If an out-of-sequence line number is too high, but less than 64000, the trick is easy: delete the bad line and reenter it with the proper line number.

If the line number is 64000 or more, we must go to the next section and run the program there. You're not allowed to enter a line number of 64000 or more, even to delete the line concerned. Try typing 64000 followed by RETURN; you'll get a ?SYNTAX ERROR.

### Fixing Low And Super-high Numbers

Type in the following lines at the front of your program. If your program happens to have lines numbered in the range from 0 to 8, take them out and put them back later.

- 1 A = 1025: V = 256: X = -1
- 2 B = A:A = PEEK(B) + PEEK(B+1)\*V
- 3 PRINT: IF A = 0 THEN END
- 4 Z = PEEK(B+2):Y = Z + PEEK(B+3)\*V
- 5 PRINT CHR\$(145);Y;:IF Y>X AND Z<250 GOTO 8
- 6 Y = X + 1 : Y% = Y/V : PRINT"TO"; Y
- 7 POKE B+2,Y-Y%\*V:POKE B+3,Y%
- 8 X=Y:GOTO 2

The above coding is for the PET/CBM; you can adapt it to other computers by changing the value 1025 in line 1 to the Start-of-BASIC address in your machine. The CHR\$(145) can be changed to match your machine's Cursor-Up character.

Meaning of the variables: B is the address of the current line of BASIC being examined; A is the address of the next line. X is the previous line number and Y is the new line number. Z is the "high byte" of the new line number; it's used to test for a super-high number. V is a constant of 256.

The program goes through each line of BASIC including itself and checks that each line number is higher than the previous one and not over 63999. If the line number fails the test, it is set to one higher than the previous line number.

Note the logic: can you see why the program must not be used on a normal "too-high" looney line number? It would "pass" the bad line number, and then bump up the numbers on all following lines.

What do you do if you have both too-low and too-high? Fix the too-high first before you run this program. If you do have multiple faults, chances are your program is in really bad shape anyway; get your computer fixed and redo the whole program.

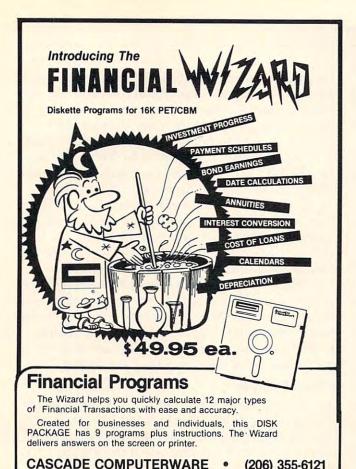
Looney line numbers should never happen.

Look for the cause if it happens to you.

You can fix them, however. And the mechanics of fixing bad line numbers has a tiny bonus: look at the coding and see if you can gain an insight into how BASIC is put together.

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Editor's Note: Stephen suggests that this game can be a source of ideas for a variety of other games. If you come up with an exciting variation, send it in and share it with other **COMPUTE!** readers. — RTM

# **Mine Maze**

Stephen Vermeulen Calgary, Canada

This two-player game for 40 column PETs illustrates how the character oriented graphics of the PET, coupled with keyboard input from only three keys, can produce a fast, frustrating, and addictive game. Also, by keeping the graphics as simple and as clear as possible, implementation in BASIC is practical.

### **Rules Of The Game**

A random maze with a clear border around it is drawn on the screen. The two players are then placed within the clear border and play starts. The object, for both players, is to be the survivor of what might appear at first to be a one-sided conflict. The aggressor in the battle is the left-hand player who is represented by the solid ball (shifted Q) graphic character. The ball can only win by running into his opponent, the circle (shifted W).

The circle is usually the defensive player, and is able to drop mines on the playing field. When the ball hits one of these mines it looses one life. To even things up a bit, the ball is given one free life for every ten mines the circle deposits on the playing field and, also, the number of mines that must be dropped before the ball gets its first free life is set randomly.

Lines 100 to 280 print the instructions and get the players' names and the difficulty factor. Default values for these inputs are provided so that eager (or lazy) players can get into play by pressing return 3 times. The next portion (lines 290–380) sets up the playing field and starts the play. The graphic characters used are Q [81] for the ball, W [87] for the circle, [102] for the maze, and \* [42] for the mines. The values in brackets are the screen POKE values. The last section (lines 600–680) of the program displays the score and prompts the players for another game.

### **Heart Of The Program**

Now that the sundries have been discussed, the heart of the program can be dissected. The keypress interpreter is the code found in lines 390–410. The branches on "@" and "=" to lines 470 and 480 serve to rotate the player's direction of movement 90 degrees clockwise. The branch on "\*"

proceeds to lines 490–510 which drop a mine and increment the mine counter and the ball's life counter. After the present key press has been processed the program then moves both players. Before a player can be moved, the program must check for obstacles and hazards by PEEKing the next position and, if necessary, going to one of the two obstruction test routines. The first of these (lines 520–560) is for use when moving the ball. Here the next square is checked to see if it is a maze wall (the ball bounces), or the circle (the ball wins the game), or a mine (the ball looses a life and possibly the game). The second routine (lines 570–590) is the obstacle routine for the circle, here the next square is checked to see if it is a maze wall (making the circle bounce back) or the ball (the ball wins). If the square happened to contain a mine the circle would just erase it (which can be very frustrating if you are controlling the circle).

### Official Decrees

And now for some final rules for situations which do arise (these rules were adopted for play in the most recent World Mine Maze 1.9 Championships consisting of a round-robin three player tournament):

- 1. It is decreed that, the Mine Layer shall *not* lock himself in between the outer boundary and a wall of the maze (see Figure 1).
- 2. It is decreed that, if the Mine Layer has successfully sealed himself off in the inner part of the maze, the Ball must commit suicide by running into as many mines as it takes to die.

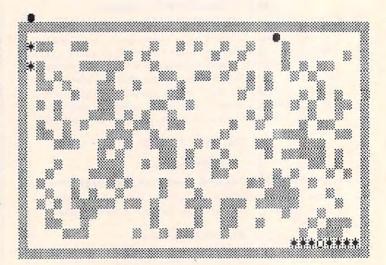


Figure 1: The circle is not allowed to win by blocking off an edge position such as this because it is so easy to do.

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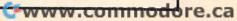
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	REM MINES VS DESTROYER
110	
120	PRINT" {CLEAR} { Ø4 DOWN } MINE
	S OR BUST"
120	PRINT" { 02 DOWN } INSTRUCTIONS:
130	PRINT (02 DOWN) INSTRUCTIONS:
140	PRINT" {DOWN} THE PLAYER ON THE LEFT US
	ES THE @ KEY
150	PRINT"TO STEER THE BALL CLOCKWISE."
160	PRINT" (DOWN) THE PLAYER ON THE RIGHT U
100	SES THE = KEY
170	PRINT"TO TURN THE CIRCLE CLOCKWISE, A
	ND THE *
180	PRINT"TO PLACE A MINE ON THE FIELD.
190	PRINT" {DOWN} IF THE BALL [@] HITS A MI
	NE THE CIRCLE
-	
200	PRINT"WINS, IF THE CIRCLE HITS A MINE
	THE MINE";
210	PRINT"IS DESTROYED.
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	OR"
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	REV}THE{OFF} {REV}FIELD"
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240	PRINT" {DOWN} IF THE BALL HITS THE CIRC
	LE THEN THE
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	PRINT DALL WIND.
260	INPUT" {DOWN } RIGHTIST RIGHT { Ø8 LEFT }
	"; C\$
270	TADUM" (DOUN) LEEMICH LEEMS 47 LEEM)"
270	INPUT" {DOWN} LEFTIST LEFT { Ø7 LEFT } "
	; B\$
280	INPUT" {02 DOWN} DIFFICULTY 120 9{0
200	
	3 LEFT}"; DD
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# COMAL: Another Language?

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There are a lot of "languages" around for small computers. Only two are in common use: BASIC (most often by Microsoft) and Machine Language.

Most of the others classify as in-between languages: not as friendly as BASIC, not as fast as machine language. Each have their advocates (fanatics?) who extol the advantages which a specific language can bring to a specific application. But BASIC and machine language look like they will reign supreme for quite a while yet. Until local computer shops bristle with book titles such as "101 FORTH Games," "Some Common SMALL-TALK Programs," and "Hands-On SNOBOL For The PET/CBM," many users will prefer to stay in the mainstream of the home computing community and learn one or two simple languages well.

Now we have COMAL to add to the computer Tower of Babel. Another language, another chance to sidetrack? COMAL does have its interesting features, especially to those raised on BASIC. Let's

take a look.

### Free!

COMAL is public domain. In other words, it's free; and you can help yourself to a friend's copy with a clear conscience. In Canada, Commodore has distributed copies to all dealers; you can get one by asking your dealer to make you a copy of the disk and documentation. In the USA, the COMAL Users Group, 5501 Groveland Terrace, Madison WI 53716, will send you the disk for a charge of \$12.95; or for \$47.50 you get a kit including disks, documentation, binder, and a newsletter subscription; in either case, add \$2.00 for shipping/handling.

You get what you pay for, right? Not in this case: COMAL is a massive system (it will fit only into a 32K system with disk) and has features that make it well worth considering, particularly for

educational use.

COMAL came into existence in Denmark. It was first defined by Borge R. Christensen and Benedict Leofstedt in 1974. At that time it was a form of extended BASIC. It has been expanded and refined into the current version, COMAL-80,

by Mogens Kjaer.

# **Super-Basic?**

COMAL still retains much of the flavor of BASIC, and for that reason it's a very easy language for BASIC users to pick up. The first impression that a user gets is rather intriguing: it seems as if you may type in your program in BASIC — and when you say LIST, it comes back in a PASCAL-like language!

How can this happen? Most BASIC users learn that their program is "tokenized" as it is input. The individual letters of PRINT get scrunched together and stored as a single byte called a token; that's why you can type in a line such as 100? A and list it back as 100 PRINT A. COMAL tokenizes your input to a remarkable extent, so that a line input as 5 FOR J = 1 TO 8 will list back as 5 FOR J:= 1 TO 8 DO. Note that a colon has crept in after the J, and that the word DO has been added.

So: with a few new rules, you may just type in a program in its BASIC form, and COMAL will adapt it into its own internal format. Some of the new rules are easy: for example, be sure to put a space after each keyword (don't say FORK, say FOR K). Others take a little more practice: subroutines are now called Procedures and, instead of GOSUB-ing to them, you EXEC-ute them. And you don't use line numbers for GOTO and GOSUB, you use names (or "Labels"). But these are not difficult. It's easy for a BASIC person to jump into COMAL.

## ...And More

But it's more than just a reworded BASIC system. There are a whole new series of capabilities.

Some are easy to understand and on most people's wish-lists. You may now use variables HORSESHOE and HOUSEFLY without confusion (in BASIC, only the first two letters are meaningful). IF has been beefed up to include ELSE and other features, allowing you to code IF M = 12 THEN M = 1; Y = Y + 1 ELSE M = M + 1 ENDIF. Note that we are using a semicolon instead of a colon to separate statements, and we terminate the IF sequence with an ENDIF. This isn't just needless bookkeeping: ENDIF allows us to set the range of the IF statement to part of a line or multiple lines.

Other COMAL features are recognizable as structured language extensions. The user will find CASE (replacing ON A GOTO...), WHILE, and REPEAT .. UNTIL. Procedures can be used as subroutines or as function definitions; and you may pass parameters to or from procedures. Strings require a little more care than in BASIC, but string handling is more powerful after you get used to it.

COMAL is fast. You'll see no loss of speed from BASIC.

### However...

The language is nice, but it's new. You may have to wait a while before you find a community of other COMAL users around you. The BASIC language feature I miss most is the SYS command — at least I haven't found it yet. I like to be able to extend some programs with machine language inserts if necessary. Some 4.0 disk commands don't appear to be supported by COMAL; I haven't found a way to initiate a SCRATCH or COLLECT from the language. There doesn't seem to be a built-in exit to BASIC cold start, which would be a way around the previous problem.

COMAL for the PET/CBM comes in two forms; the smallest takes up 16K of memory. This may cramp the size of programs. COMAL does pack programs in memory more efficiently, but you have less space to work with from the start.

COMAL seems ideal for educational environments, particularly for those who like to teach structured programming techniques.

It's a helpful language in many ways: as easy as BASIC and very like it. It has goodies that BASIC can't match. The structure and balance of COMAL lead me to suspect that there will be a compiler along one of these days.

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# CAPUTE!: Corrections And Amplifications

**—COMPUTE!** #14, pg. 106, "The Apple Hi-Res Shape Writer." The following routine was missing (Program 2):

## Program 2.

10 D\$ == CHR\$ (4):INC = 10:S = 16384 20 PRINT D\$"OPEN POKE ROUTINE" PRINT D\$"WRITE POKE ROUTINE" 90 LINE = 5000 B = 16500 100 FRINT LINE"FORI=16384TO"B":R EADA: POKEI, A: NEXTI" 120 FOR I = S TO B: IF (I - S) / 10 = INT ((I - S) / 10) THENPRINT :LINE = LINE + INC: FRINT LINE"DATA" FEEK (I);: GOTO 1 PRINT "," PEEK (I); 130 140 NEXT : PRINT : PRINT D\$"CLOS EII JLIST

**COMPUTE!** #16, pg. 66: Line 62005 should read: **FOR I=LO TO HI** 

— **COMPUTE!** #16, pg. 118: "The = sign does concatenation...". No it doesn't! The + sign does concatenation. Who wrote that? Who is this guy Butterfield anyway? He deserves thirty lashes with a wet noodle.

Unless, of course, he wrote it correctly and somebody goofed it up down there. In which case, transfer the lashes (and the noodle) to the appropriate culprit. Heck, I have enough trouble spelling concatenation without worrying about how to do it...

The whole thing is bristling with = signs that shouldn't be there. M\$=A\$=B\$=C\$ should be M\$=A\$+B\$+C\$; PRINT J\$=""=M\$ should be PRINT J\$=""+M\$. However, to make up for it, you've changed a character the opposite way in your last paragraph: Z\$=Z\$+"+" should read Z\$=Z\$+"=".

Try typing in this line:

FOR J = 1 TO 10:PRINT"TSK.":NEXT J

[Our thanks to Jim for his corrections. The typos (and the noodle) belong here.]

**COMPUTE!** #16, pg. 134: line 9010 should read FOR I=4 TO 35\*PV STEP 5\*PV. The value POKEd in line 9520 should be 43.

**COMPUTE!** #16, pg. 124: To permit the program to also work on the 8050 drive, change line 290 to PRINT#15, "M–E"CHR\$(180)CHR\$(255)

—**COMPUTE!** #16, pg. 10: Many readers suggested modifications to David Thornburg's excellent 20-questions program to permit more random responses and to prevent the same response if the questions always began: "is it animal," "is it vegetable," "is it mineral." One of Mr. Thornburg's points was the brevity of the program in contrast to the "intelligence" it seemed to evidence. There are indeed a variety of ways to make the program even more remarkable for Turing tests on the unsuspecting.

**COMPUTE!** #10, pg. 112: To allow the disk program to work with the 4044 CBM disk drives (or 2040s with upgraded ROM), change line 5012 to: IF P(0) < 25 THEN SM = 18

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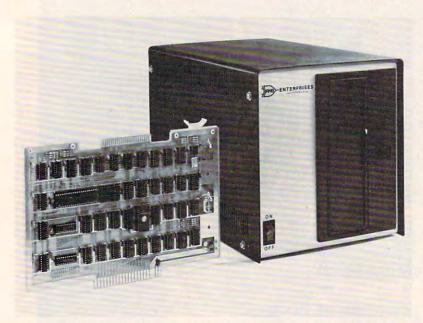
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# New Products

# Advanced Operating Systems Publishes 10 Program Household Package

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The "Mostly BASIC Household Program" package offers two programs which give a synopsis of energy consumption. The "Electric Energy Usage" selection compares energy units used during two different years. The "Gas Mileage Calculator" uses basic data to figure the gas mileage of a vehicle.

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"The Tarot Card Reader" is an entertaining program based on a deck of 78 cards used in fortune telling. The program answers questions from the user by picking 10 of the cards. The position they hold after being layed out has a meaning, as well as whether the figure on the card is right side up or upside down. The translation of the 10 cards is listed briefly by the computer. This program requires 16K to run.

The package is available through computer retail outlets. Advanced Operating Systems is the microcomputer software division of Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc., a subsidiary of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation.

# Smart Terminal Program For Atari® Features Autodialing

Redmond, WA — The MicroPeripheral Corporation has announced TSMART, the first smart terminal program written for the ATARI 800®, with provision for autodialing other computers. The program is available on cassette with instructions for transferring to disk. TSMART permits transfer of BASIC programs be-

tween a remote host computer and an ATARI cassette or disk storage device. The autodial feature works in conjunction with the AUTO-MICROCONNECTION, a direct connection modem (\$199.50), manufactured by the MicroPeripheral Corporation.

The program permits off-line text preparation (messages, manuscripts, letters, etc.) with a text editing or word processing program for on-line transmission. A built-in feature permits creation and storage of text, then transmission by TSMART for those who do not have a text editor.

TSMART also permits transfer of source code assembler files. The recipient can create the object code using an editor/assembler program. A separate command is available for transferring object (hexadecimal) code files, such as ATARI Music Composer Files.

An AUTOBUF feature will open and close the memory storage buffer automatically when uploading or downloading. TSMART recognizes the automatic buffer open/close (X-on/Xoff) codes transmitted by TSMART or other compatible programs. Downloading from FORUM 80 bulletin boards is also accomplished automatically. The buffer can be "toggled" on and off as many times as desired while data is being downloaded. Another feature is software selectable half or full duplex operation.

The program will also automatically send messages to bulletin boards using the standardized block mode or 16 line prompt recognition message entry.

The program was written for

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the ATARI 800® by Dr. James W. Clark. It can be used with any RS-232 compatible modem, although the dialer feature cannot be used with obsolete acoustic modems. TSMART is supplied in a protective binder with extensive easy-touse operating instructions and is priced at \$79.95. For additional information contact the Micro-Peripheral Corporation, 2643 151st Place N.E., Redmond, WA 98052, Telephone (206)881-7544.

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Valley Forge, PA, October 9, 1981 — Service of Commodore Business Machines, Inc., microcomputers has begun at 38 service centers operated by the Customer Service Division of TRW Inc.

As per a five-year agreement signed between Commodore and TRW in August, TRW will service and maintain Commodore microcomputers throughout the United States both on-site and at walk-in depots.

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The bus adapter option will make all new and existing Microline printers compatible with the IEEE 488 bus. Users of Commodore Pet personal computers will find this option particularly helpful in integrating Microline printers into systems. The IEEE 488 bus adapter option comes in the form of a plug-in board which is easily installed by the user. The connecting cable converts Centronics-compatible parallel data

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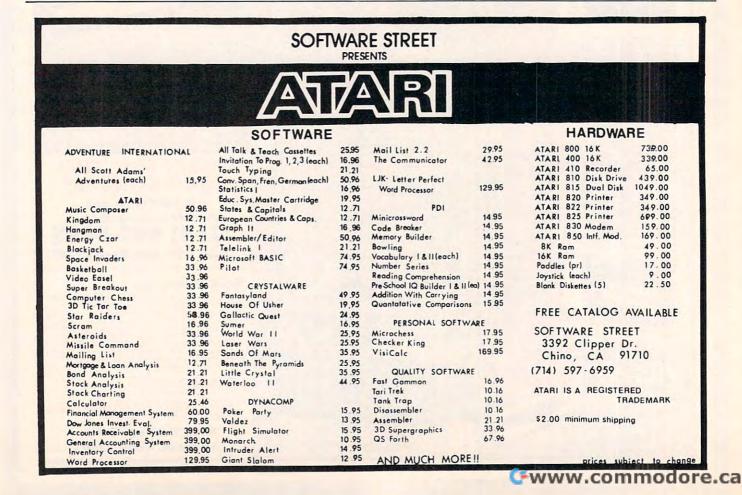
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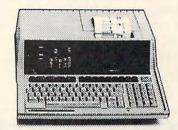
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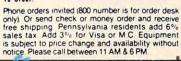
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The division, called BEYOND SOFTWARE, is designed with independent software writers in mind. "We are interested in acquiring high-quality arcade, space, and simulation games," says PDI President, John Victor. "We are setting up a system that will cater to the needs of games designers. We will offer attractive terms, plus consulting services to top programmers."

BEYOND SOFTWARE is being established because the Program Design management feels the Atari computers offer exceptional entertainment possibilities.

BEYOND SOFTWARE will be managed by Craig Patchett, the author of CAPTIVITY, a 3-D maze game, and several other game programs.

For additional information, contact Patchett at Program Design, 11 Idar Court, Greenwich, CT 06830; (203)661-8799.

# Six New SuperPET Books Now Available From Commodore

Valley Forge, PA, October 5, 1981 — Commodore Business Machines, Inc., has announced the availability of six new reference books to be used with its SuperPET "micro-mainframestyle" computer. The books are provided with the SuperPET system, but can also be purchased

separately.

The SuperPET, which is Commodore's latest product addition, offers expanded capabilities by providing 96K RAM, an additional microprocessor, five languages, and a standard data communications interface.

The books include a System Overview of the SuperPET, and one book for each of the five languages available with the product — Waterloo microAPL, Waterloo microBASIC, Waterloo microPASCAL, and Waterloo 6809 Assembler.

The System Overview book provides an introduction to the hardware of the SuperPET, an overview of the Waterloo software for the computer, and various descriptions that apply to the Waterloo software systems in general. The book retails for \$5.95.

The Waterloo microAPL book, which retails for \$9.95, is a tutorial introduction to the language, as well as a comprehensive reference manual.

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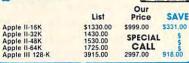
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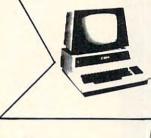
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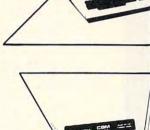
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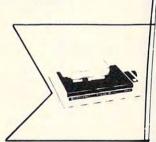
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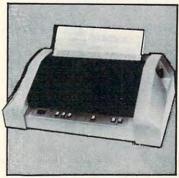


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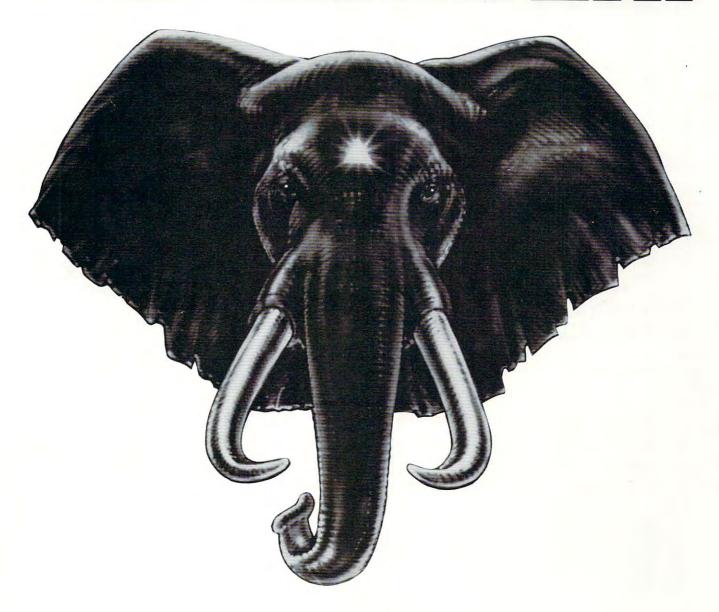
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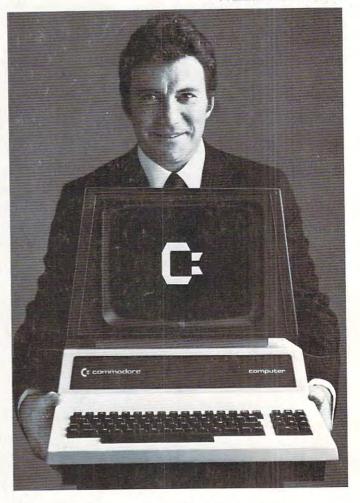


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