Infiltrator Disassembler Version 1.0 Manual



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List Of Abbreviations (uncompleted)

ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
BCS	Branch on Carryflag Set
BEQ	Branch on EQual
CIA	Complex Interface Adapter
CPU	Central Processing Unit
CSDb	The C-64 Scene Database
et seq.	and the following
etc.	and so on
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
IRQ	Interrupt Request
FLI	Flexible Line Interpretation
JSR	Jump to SubRoutine
KERNAL	Keyboard Entry Read, Network, And Link
MOS	Metal Oxide Semiconductor
NTSC	National Television Systems Committee
OP-Code	OPeration-Code
PAL	Phase Alternation Line
PEBKAC	Problem Exists Between Keyboard And Chair
PETSCII	Personal Electronic Transactor Standard Code of Information Interchange
RAD	Rapid Application Development
RAM	Random Access Memory
RGB	Red Green Blue
ROM	Read Only Memory
SID	Sound Interface Device
TSM	The Shaolin Monastery
UPX	Ultimate Packer for eXecuteables
VIC II	Video Interface Controller
VICE	Versatile Commodore Emulator

1 Introduction

Once upon a time everyone was eager to find sprites, bitmaps, music or code somewhere in the RAM. Yea, we used the "Action Replay" and other cheat technology to get what we wanted. Infiltrator comes with those basic functionalities including some hopefully nice updates.

The disassembler uses forward interpretation with all the implied problems of this method. The basic concept is to process the complete memory, that's why you can import PRG files as well as VICE snapshot files. Using VICE snapshots will naturally result in a lot of false interpretations. The included set of tools and methods may help you to master them.

Please note that some support tools where made a long time ago, so they may not have all comfort you know from somewhere else(sprite animations, etc.). The primary purpose of these tools is to help identifying memory areas as graphics, code, etc.

For quick results on your side the manual refers to several programs from different cracking / demo groups using the VICE 2.3 version. Getting these releases in your hands is recommended. Download the latest VICE version here: <u>http://vice-emu.sourceforge.net/</u>

Requirements: You should have at least basic knowledge of all MOS Technology chips and a standard computer using the Microsoft Windows XP ServicePack 3 operation system. The software is not tested on any 64 bit operating system yet. You are welcome to try on Vista / Windows 7 and submit any results to me.

Porting requests: The application is programmed in the Lazarus IDE using standard components only. It should be possible to compile the code-lines on various platforms. If you like to volunteer for the job, I will be very pleased. However, give me some time to wait and react on major bugs reported by someone in the first place(plus clean up some source crap).

You are welcome to drop any comment or request to my CSDb mailbox. Search for user RHX / Excess / Secret Lab Productions (SLP)

Cheers, Gerald

1.1 Terms of Use

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2 Getting Started (Showcase)

For the showcase I opted the "Judge Dredd" crack intro from "IKARI & TALENT + TSM". Oh no, why this one...?! Because it is less complex which makes it perfect for a showcase. In addition, it features many visual standard techniques you meet in most programs. In case you did not have the release, grab it here: <u>http://noname.c64.org/csdb/release/?id=17220.</u>

Once you have loaded the crack using VICE 2.3, the emulator shows you this neat old school intro.



Save a VICE snapshot on your hard disk:

Ø₽ V	Or VICE: C64 emulator at 100% speed, 50 fps								
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		Load sn	apshot ima	age					
		Save sn							
		Load quicksnapshot image Alt+L							

2.1 Importing a File

Simply choose the file type (VICE for the showcase) and select the snapshot you saved before. Depending on the import type, you may get some additional information.



3 Standard Support Tools

Before pushing any buttons, you should always do some preliminary considerations about any program you want to rape. In this case you can expect to find the following:

- the "TSM" sprites (having x and y movements)
- a bitmap font (charset) for the scroll text ("This Game Was ...")
- the scroll text data
- the charset(s) of IKARI and TALENT logos (probably all in one)
- char data tables of the logos (displayed with some x-sine movement)
- the main screen where everything is displayed
- the music
- some sine for the movements

The main objective is to identify most of these program parts. Later, you can advice the disassembler to ignore parts of the memory, that will reduce errors and false friends.

3.1 Unholy Buttons

This is for all people who don't care about disassembling, but just want to rip off something. You may already stumbled upon some of these buttons.

- Export as BMP
- Export (little Ripper)
- Make KOALA (see chapter 4)
- Play Data as Wave (see chapter 4)
- Save Data as Wave (see chapter 4)

Export as BMP: Saves the currently shown graphic in a bitmap file (RAD tools, I love you!). You may use Gimp & Adobe products plus Kickass for something bad.

<u>Export (little Ripper)</u>: Saves the specified RAM range to a file. Depending on the chosen file type you must enter a valid save address, too. Here is an example how to save the screen data to a new address.

-little Rippe	er	Saving Data to File:
\$0400	\$0800	RAM-Range: \$0400-\$0800
OBIN	• PRG	Mode: Progam - Saveaddress: \$1000 I:\Infiltrator\Showcases\IntroScreen.prg
\$1000	Export	<

Tip: You can't re-import binary files since the memory allocation is missing. You can still use binary files in your Kickass code.

Tip: Make sure to write the correct suffix in all save dialogs (".prg", ".bin", ".bmp"), I haven't implemented automatism routines for them.

3.2 Sprite Pad (SPR)

Select this button to get there:



Simply choose the memory area you want to display. The multicolored "TSM" sprites can be found at \$2400 - \$25FF and are build out of eight single sprites. You should remember this memory range for the disassembling showcase job(chapter 6).

Tip: The "TSM" sprites memory position(VIC Bank I) indicates that other graphics and the main screen can be found there(\$0000 - \$3FFF).



3.3 Bitmaps (BMP)

Select this button to get there:



You know the selection procedure, so let's have the results only:

- char based graphic at \$0800 et seq. (exact size unknown yet)
- font bitmap is located at \$2000 et seq. (exact size unknown yet)

=> both has to be verified for the disassembling!

Tip: See chapter 4 for the "Bitmaps Multicolor (Koala)" tab.



Bitmaps			
Bitmaps Single Color	Bitmaps Multicolor Char	Bitmaps Multicolor (Koala)	
Background: clsilver Memory: \$0000 - \$1F40 \$2000 - \$3F40 \$4000 - \$5F40 \$4000 - \$5F40 \$6000 - \$7F40 \$8000 - \$9F40 \$A000 - \$8F40 \$C000 - \$DF40 \$E000 - \$FF40	Color:	abc de f gh i ji i 1967 Ons tuvi 192 Abc de f gh i ji i 1967 Abc de f gh i 1967	

3.4 Charsets and Screens (C&S)

Select this button to get there:



Based on the findings made before it's obvious to search in VIC(RAM) Bank I (\$0000 to \$3FFF). Search for the screen using the identified charsets, results:

- standard screen is used at \$0400
- IKARI and TALENT logos using the same charset

There's no wow function here, so let's continue.





3.5 Sine Analysis (SINE)

Select this button to get there:



What's this? Well, it displays the RAM values one after the other as pixels in a bitmap. In other words, a neat thing to identify sine waves.

You can easily detect the sine waves used for the logos and sprites. Remember that the TSM sprites moving in x and y direction. Take a **close look**:

- the bouncing half sine uses approx \$40 bytes and starts somewhere at \$2BC0
- the full sine uses approx \$100 bytes but **does not** start exactly at \$2C00



The showcase uses a lot of char based graphics, so let's have a look at it. The memory range from \$2D00 to \$2FFF shows stored char data tables that are used to build IKARI and TALENT logos. The fringed diagonal line indicates to an equal char tool. The standard screen from \$0400 to \$07E7 shows the logos too. But of course, only parts of them!



IKARI and TALENT logos and the scroll text, stored in the RAM:





Text & Scroll-Text:

A small standard font plus the upper letters "A..Z" are used, so you can expect data values from \$01 to \$5F. That's what is shown from \$3000 to \$3200 and from \$0540 to \$06C0. However, the most used char in any text is "Space"(\$20).

3.6 Hex Pad (HEX)

Select this button to get there:



A simple dump of the RAM including a small PETSCII to ASCII conversion. When using VICE as input file, you will have access to additional dumps of some MOS chips(CIAs and VIC-II). Since this is almost standard, anybody knows how it works.

Let's have some findings and updates for the showcase:

- charset from \$0800 to \$0FFF seem to include color tables at \$0F10(logo color flasher?)
- music player plus music data is from \$1000 to \$1A7D
- some comments and blanks from \$1A7E to \$1FFF (can be ignored)
- scroll text use a charset from \$2000 to \$22FF (standard charset plus upper letters)
- bouncing sine from \$2BBE to \$2BFD or \$2BFE
- full sine from \$2C07 to \$2D06 (=> \$2C00 to \$2C06 maybe pointers)
- RAM from \$2D08 to \$2FFF is stored char data for logo shakers
- some text at \$3000 and scroll text from \$3080 to \$3203 (endbyte is \$00, see picture)
- byte \$9E at \$3208 seems to be a basic SYS start command(see picture)

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		00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	OA	OB	0C	OD	OE	OF	
	\$31CO	2 E	2 E	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	4C	01	14	05	Late
	\$31DO	12	2 C	20	46	ОC	05	14	03	08	20	4F	06	20	49	OB	01	r, Fletch Of Ika
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	\$31FO	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	
	\$3200	20	20	20	00	10	08	DO	07	9E	32	30	36	36	20	53	48	0phPg.2066 SH
	\$3210	41	52	4B	53	00	A2	00	78	86	01	BD	23	08	9D	F9	00	ARKS0"0.fa=#h].0

That's a all you need know for the showcase disassembling. The following chapter covers the Koala graphics and discuss some typical shapes that may come about in the Sine Analysis tool.

4 Lekker Bratwurst

Guess what's my favourite food. Hmmm... this chapter dealing with stuff out of the showcase. Bratwurst rules – and Currwurst too.

4.1 Rip Off Koala

When using VICE you can snatch Koala graphics pretty easy. Do a quick scan on **all** possible memory locations to get the correct bitmap position, switch to Koala mode and search for the screen colors.

But please pay attention, you may come across false friends. Example: The well known "noble bird" is copied by the program for a "fade in" effect from \$6000 in \$E000. You will get stuck by searching for the color table in VIC Bank II only. (Oops... guess what happened to me.)



Because Koala uses screen data to define the pixel colors, an internal palette is used for the recreation and display. An export to a bitmap file will use this palette too, so you can not define that on your own. Here are the RGB values in hexadecimal and integer - in case you need them:

• \$000000 // 0,0,0 (black)

- \$FFFFFF // 255,255,255 (white)
- \$2B3768 // 104,55,43 (red)
- \$B2A470 // 112,164,178 (cyan)
- \$863D6F // 111,61,134 (purple)
- \$438D58 // 88,141,67 (green)
- \$792835 // 53,40,121 (blue)
- \$6FC7B8 // 184,199,111 (yellow)
- \$254F6F // 111,79,37 (orange)
- \$003943 // 67,57,0 (brown)
- \$59679A // 154,103,89 (light red)
- \$444444 // 68,68,68 (dark grey)
- \$6C6C6C // 108,108,108 (grey)
- \$84D29A // 154,210,132 (light green)
- \$B55E6C // 108,94,181 (light blue)
- \$959595 // 149,149,149 (light grey)

The "Make KOALA" button streams the selected RAM to a Koala formatted program file, so you should enter the suffix ".prg". You can't set the PETSCII code \$C1, it won't be accepted as part of a Windows XP file name. Use the "DirMaster V2/Style" to do that.

In case you are looking for similar robbery routines... nope! Dozens of interlaced and FLI graphic formats cruising around, that's not Infiltrators' assignment yet. There is a nice tool named "Vice Snapshot Grabber 4.2" by Ian Coog/HVSC Crew dealing with this.

4.2 Sine Analysis (more typical shapes)

8-Bit Samples

Whenever a program uses 8-bit audio samples you get typical audio shapes. I made an internal "data to sound" converter, that's why you can listen to the samples. The little more weird ones can "listen" to graphic, code or whatever else they like. By the way, pay some attention on the BPS value you choose. Playing the complete memory using 441 BPS will take approx 148,6 seconds of unstoppable mythical sound(no thread programming, you know).

The save button creates a Wave formatted file that can be played with any external media player or editor. To make sure it will be saved as ".wav" that signature is always added - whatever you enter as file name.

	\$4000		\$4100		\$4200		\$4300
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\$00C0	e an e la caractería. Tarres						
\$00E0							
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Here is an example taken from a Megastyle Inc. product:

So, you are actually able to play Cycleburner sounds. Remember that it does not emulate technical effect programming on the SID chip, but just plays the original sample. This feature is rarely tested and I haven't implemented any variations(4-bit, 12-bit) yet.

<u>Fun stuff:</u> In case you got the HVSC collection, you can do this: Make a copy of "I-Ball.sid" (Rob Hubbard) and change the file suffix from ".sid" into ".prg". Import the PRG file. Due to it's signature "RSID...." it will be loaded from \$5350 to ???? – but that doesn't really matter. Adjust the play beginning and have fun.

Speed Optimized Code

Code without loops always takes a lot of memory, but is often used in bottleneck situations. **Example 1:** Let me start with a code snippet writing accumulator A into RAM \$78XX.

Offset	OP-Code	Low Byte	High Byte	Interpreter
\$0822	8 D	0 0	78	STA \$7800
\$0825	8 D	01	78	STA \$7801
\$0828	8 D	02	78	STA \$7802
\$082B	8 D	03	78	STA \$7803
\$082E	8 D	04	78	STA \$7804
\$0831	8 D	05	78	STA \$7805
\$0834	8 D	06	78	STA \$7806
\$0837	8 D	07	78	STA \$7807
\$083A	8 D	08	78	STA \$7808

Because OP-Code \$8D and High Byte \$78 are used frequently, both are shown as horizontal, dotted lines. The diagonal line represents the increasing Low Byte.



Example 2: The next one shows OP-Codes \$8C and \$A0 wrapping up several VIC II registers at \$D0XX. It's the holy "NU FLI" display routine, © by Crest!

So there's not necessarily a diagonal line, more important are horizontal lines at an OP-Code position.

\$1000		\$1100		\$1200	\$1300	
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Example 3: This one uses the indirect addressing mode "LDA (\$FB),Y" and "STA (\$FD),Y".

\$9000		\$9100		\$9200		\$9300	
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4.3 CRAP

CRAP allows very little automatism scripting. It's in an early development stage. The following table shows the available commands.

Command	Parameter1	Parameter2	Parameter3	Parameter4
SAVE BINARY	\$Startaddress	\$Endaddress	#filename.bin	-
SAVE PROGRAM	\$Startaddress	\$Endaddress	\$Targetaddress	#filename.prg
MOVE RAM	\$Startaddress	\$Endaddress	\$Targetaddress	-
TRANSFER COLORRAM	\$Startaddress	\$Endaddress	\$Targetaddress	-
TRANSFER CIA1	\$Startaddress	\$Endaddress	\$Targetaddress	_
TRANSFER CIA2	\$Startaddress	\$Endaddress	\$Targetaddress	-
TRANSFER VIC	\$Startaddress	\$Endaddress	\$Targetaddress	-
FILL	\$Startaddress	\$Endaddress	\$Fillbyte	_
INJECT	\$Startaddress	\$Amount of	\$Bytes, Comma	_
		Bytes	separated	
UPDATE GRIDS	_	_	-	-

Because some commands modify the internal memory array, your last command should always be UPDATE GRIDS. In case you use the disassembler you should do a re-disassemble for a correct display.

The imported chip data is stored in several arrays, use TRANSFER to access them. The start address of TRANSFER commands should always be \$0000, see examples. This makes only sense when you imported VICE files. Otherwise you get initial values.

For hexadecimal parameters always use **UPPER letters** and don't forget the '\$'. The '#' is used as a parameter signal for file names, so enter it before you type the file name. There is some error handling implemented – but in an early stage. Guess why I called it CRAP.

Here is a senseless example script:

SAVE PROGRAM \$1000 \$1FFF \$1000 #audio.prg FILL \$2000 \$2FFF \$00 TRANSFER COLORRAM \$0000 \$07E7 \$2000 MOVE RAM \$0400 \$07E3 \$2800 TRANSFER CIA1 \$0000 \$000F \$2C00 TRANSFER CIA2 \$0000 \$000F \$2C10 TRANSFER VIC \$0000 \$002F \$2C20 INJECT \$2D00 \$0C \$20,\$44,\$E5,\$A9,\$00,\$8D,\$20,\$D0,\$8D,\$21,\$D0,\$60 SAVE BINARY \$2000 \$2DFF #screen_and_chip_rip.bin UPDATE GRIDS

5 The Disassembler

Select this button to get there:



I do not want to bore you too much, but reading this is mandatory.

5.1 The Label Concept

Labels are generated for any direct JMP, JSR and the branches(BNE, BEQ, BCS, etc.). Every label includes the targeting and calling memory address.

Label definition:

Label-Layout	Values
Signal	L (Label)
Interpreter	JSR, JMP or BRS(Branch)
Target(\$)	(\$XXXX)
Source(\$)	(\$XXXX)

Here is a code line example:

Offset	OP-Code	Low Byte	High Byte	Interpreter	Label	Rating
\$274A	\$20	\$7A	\$2B	JSR	L_JSR_(\$2B7A)_(\$274A)	OK

Here is a look-and-feel:



The good OK, the bad BAD, and the ugly JAM

You may have wondered about the "OK"s above. There is a quality check on every label's destination address. These four results are possible:

Rating	Meaning	Comment
OK	valid OP-Code found	be aware of false friends
BAD	valid OP-Code, but	evidence for crap or
	found inside another	incorrect interpretation
	code line	at target
JAM	invalid OP-Code found	evidence for crap at
		source and/or target
nothing	target is excluded	

When disassembling, you get BAD and JAM lists for your convenience. I prepared some extra functions to handle them, but first.....options!

5.2 Options and Searchfunctions

Options, quick wins:

Autoadd Comments: Will add clever(?) information to the code.

Colorizer: Gives you some color themes.

<u>CONCAT Bad Bytes</u>: Let them stick together, they may build a row.

Font-/Line Size: Adjust your glasses for free.

Ignore Trap Sequences: Prevents you from let you get thousands of crap results.

Insert Beauty Blanklines: Inserts an extra line after every end of IRQ, RTS, etc.

Progress: Shows the progress of the disassembling.

Start: Start of the program.

Options, Explained Later:

Autobusy: Re-disassemble immediately.

Snatch Snippets: Give me some code fragments.

The Exclude Disassembly Memory List:

Memory ranges to be ignored by the disassembler. Range overlapping is allowed and will not have any effect. Range autosort is activated. You need to re-disassemble after changes were made.

Add to List: Adds an entry to the list.

Delete: Deletes a selected entry, use right mouse button for a pop-up menu.

<u>Save:</u> Save you work to a file(exl = Exclude List).

Load: Import your work done before.

Reset: Give me the initial values.

Linear Interpreter Scan:

Performs a search on the interpreter terms. You can enter a phrase partly, an example: enter "),Y" for all interpreter codes using the indirect Y-indexing addressing mode. Keep in mind that any excluded memory will have an impact on the results.

Byte Sequence Scan:

Performs an old school search that is not affected by any excluded memory.

"only Scan" Button:

Performs the searches explained above, but don't disassemble.

Options Disassembler					
Disassemble Snippets / Start: only Scan Start: \$ Start: \$ Start: \$	Colorizer: DisColors NaviColors	*	Fon 9 2	t-/Line Size	Autobusy • Yes • No
\$0000 \$FFFF JSR \$1000 \$0000 \$FFFF (\$FB),Y \$0000 \$FFFF JMP \$08	\$0000 \$0000 \$	\$FFFF \$FFFF \$FFFF	A9,00,8D, 78,A9,00, 01,58,,	,20,D0,8D,21,	D0,
Exclude Disassembly Memory: \$0000 \$0000 Little Comment \$0000 - \$00FF Zeropage \$0100 - \$03FF extended Ze \$0400 - \$07FF Screen	ropage	Add to I	List	Ores Ores ONCAT Ba	ty Blanklines: No No No No
\$A000 - \$BFFF Basic-ROM \$D000 - \$DFFF CIA, VIC, S \$E000 - \$FFFF Kernal-ROM	Ignore Trap	9 Sequences: 20 4C Imments:			
Load Save Reset					⊙ No

5.3 Searchlists

Use the dropdown component to select a generated list and push the left mousebutton to choose an entry. You will be instantly routed to the codeline. Corrupt rated codelines are sorted in six different lists, you can quickly inspect them with this:

-Perception Switch:					
 Source 	🔘 Target				

Here is a table with detail information:

Listselection	Description	Perception	Search
		Switch	Туре
JUMP JAMs	see above	yes	interpreter
JUMP BADs	see above	yes	interpreter
CALL JAMs	see above	yes	interpreter
CALL BADs	see above	yes	interpreter
Branch JAMs	see above	yes	interpreter
Branch BADs	see above	yes	interpreter
Interpreter 1	see above	no	interpreter
Interpreter 2	see above	no	interpreter
Interpreter 3	see above	no	interpreter
Sequence 1	see above	no	sequence
Sequence 2	see above	no	sequence
Sequence 3	see above	no	sequence
Snippets / Startup	Grabs an unlabeled code line having a preceding line of no code, end of IRQ or RTS. Ten lines of valid code must follow to get an entry. You may find the programstart, code fragments or some IRQ stuff. The given startaddress (options) will show up here, too.	no	interpreter
CIA 1	\$DCXX	no	interpreter
CIA 2	\$DDXX	no	interpreter
Graphics	\$D011, \$D016, \$D018, \$D020, \$D021, \$D022, \$D023, \$DD00	no	interpreter
Interrups	<pre>\$D011, \$D012, \$D019, \$D01A, \$0314, \$0315, \$0316, \$0317, \$0318, \$0319, \$FFFE, \$FFFF, \$DC0D, \$DD0D, \$EA31, \$EA7B, \$EA81</pre>	no	interpreter
Sprites	\$07F8-\$07FF, \$D000-\$D00F, \$D013- \$D015, \$D01B-\$D01F, \$D025-\$D02E, \$D010, \$D017	no	interpreter
SID	\$D4XX	no	interpreter
Screen RAM (\$0400)	\$0400-\$07E7	no	interpreter
Color RAM (\$D800)	\$D800-\$DBE7	no	interpreter
Clear Screen	JSR \$E544, JSR \$FF81	no	interpreter
Self References	Code target equals code offset	no	interpreter
Quicksearch	Grabs all direct code references to a given address or range. Part of some disassembler popup tools, see chapter 5.8	no	interpreter

Example 1: This is an example how to find anything on the standard screen, so it should not be hard to find scroll or shake routines. The search routines grab any possible OP code combination.

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		Options	Disassembler					
Screen RAM (\$0400) 🛛 🗸 🗸	ľ			//				
Perception Switch:			ſ	L_BRS_ // \$2670 \$2673	(\$2670)_(\$ 9D 00 D4 CA	2674) OK STA \$D400,X DEX		
\$0F9E_ASL \$0606	^		L	\$2674	10 FA	BPL L_BRS_(\$267	0)_(\$2674)	0K
\$1740_AND \$0606,X				\$2676	2C 00 80	BIT \$8000		
\$1861_ASL \$041E,X \$21A4_INC \$0606,X				\$2679 //	A2 00	LDX #\$00		
\$267E_STA \$0400,X \$2695_JMP \$040F				L_BRS_	(\$267B)_(\$	2687) OK		
\$282B_STA \$06A8,X				\$267B	BD 98 26	LDA \$2698.X		
\$282E_STA \$0518,X				\$267E	9D 00 04	STA \$0400,X		
\$2843_SIA \$0568,X				\$2681	A9 00	LDA #\$00		
\$2049_SIA \$0500,X				\$2683	9D 00 D8	STA \$D800,X		
\$2919 LDA \$0659.X				\$2686	E8	INX		
\$291C STA \$0658,X				\$2687	DO F2	BNE L_BRS_(\$267	B)_(\$2687)	0K
\$293F STA \$067F	≣			\$2689	A2 00	LDX #\$00		
\$2A51_STA \$0400,Y				\$268B	A9 01	LDA #\$01		
\$2A57_STA \$0428,Y				//				
\$2A5D_STA \$0450,Y			•	L_BRS_	(\$268D)_(\$	2693) OK		
\$2A63_STA \$0478,Y				//				
\$2A69_STA \$04A0,Y				\$268D	9D 00 D8	STA \$D800,X		
\$2A6F_STA \$04C8,Y		<						
\$2A75 STA \$04F0,Y								

Example 2: This is a typical disassembling error, and a real BAD one too. RAM \$2B18 is called two times(see CALL BADs), additionally the value \$A9 indicates to an LDA #\$00. These are inherent errors triggered by a false interpretation of \$10 at \$2B17. See chapters 5.7 to 5.9 how to analyse and handle this quickly.

🐵 Disassembler					
	Options Disassembler				
CALL BADs		//			
		\$2B13		.byte \$0F	
Perception Switch:		\$2B14	C6 OF	DEC \$OF	
🔘 Source 💿 Target		\$2B16		.byte \$7F	
		11		_	
\$1B23_JSR \$5645		L_JSR_	(\$2B18)_(\$	2398) <mark>BAD</mark>	
\$1B28_JSR \$414D	······································	L_JSR_	(\$2B18)_(\$	27FA) <mark>BAD</mark>	
\$2398 JSR \$2B18		11			
\$269D_JSR \$1902	L	\$2B17	10 A9	BPL L_BRS_(\$	2AC2)_(\$2B17) BAD
\$2770_JSR \$2A9D		\$2B19		.byte \$00	
\$27FA_JSR \$2B18		\$2B1A	8D 10 D0	STA \$D010	
\$3033_JSR \$154A		\$2B1D	8D 17 D0	STA \$D017	
\$3066_JSR \$3032		\$2B20	8D 1D D0	STA \$DO1D	
\$3137_JSR \$1354		\$2B23	AE 70 2B	LDX \$2870	
\$319C_JSR \$0C41		\$2B26	BD 07 20	LDA \$2007 Y	
62130 TED 6144E		192020	DD 07 20	DDA 42007,A	

5.4 Preview Window

Since you can't use the "Perception Switch" on many lists there is a preview window. A doubleclick on any valid RAM address will automatically show a preview. It likes every three byte OPcode as well as addresses in labels .

You can quickly stab around if you are curious.

				//							
				\$2B13			.byt	ce \$OF			
				\$2B14	C6 OF		DEC	\$0F			
11		\$2B16			.bvt	ce \$7F					
				//							
<u>i i</u>				LJSR	(\$2B18	າ ເຮັ	2398)	BAD			
Li.			.	L JSD	(\$2B18	/_\ <mark>```</mark> _(\$:	27FA 1	BAD			
					(92010	/(4)	571A)	DRU			
L				62812	10 80		DDI	T PDC	1622022	76201	
				42D17	IU A9		DFL	ь_bка	_(92AC2)	_(*2D1	
				\$2D19	00.10	D.O.	. DY(.e \$00			
				\$ZBIA	8D IU	D0	STA	\$DOTO			
				\$2BID	8D 17	DU	STA	\$DU17			
				\$2B20	8D 1D	DO	STA	\$D01D			
				\$2B23	AE 70	2B	LDX	\$2B70			
				\$2B26	BD 07	2C	LDA	\$2007	,X		
				\$2B29	18		CLC				
<											
Previe											
\$2393				hyte		ເຮດດ	¢00	¢00			
42000				.Dyce	400,400	,400	,400	,400			
TIGD	1022	0.00	100	2445 0	v						
L_0.5K	(943	,050	/_(92	(44) U	n						
¢2200	20	10	20	TODI			100	2001 0	70		
\$2390 4000D	20	10	2D	JOR L_	USR_(\$2	ртој	_(\$2.	390) <mark>D</mark>	ж		
\$239B	58	~ ~		CLI TATE T							
\$239C	20	00	23	JSR L	JSR_(\$2	300)	_(\$2)	39C) O	ĸ		
\$239F	20	4B	23	JSR L_	JSR_(\$2	34B)	_(\$2;	39F) O	к		
\$23A2	60			RTS							
//											
\$23A3				.byte	\$00,\$00	1,\$00	,\$00	,\$OO,\$	00,\$00,	\$OO	
\$23AB .byte \$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00											

5.5 NaviMap

This is a concept of weighting the memory. The RAM is portioned in \$80 byte pieces and checked for the code dose inside. The result is a map of the memory that can be used to navigate through the disassembling. A click on the map will route to the selected memory area. The cyan coloured triangle is the current position of your disassembling, while the yellow shows the preview position.

Options Disassembler		
\$0000 \$1000 \$2000 \$300	0 \$4000 \$5000 \$6000 \$7	000 \$8000 \$9000 \$A000 \$B000 \$C000 \$D000 \$E000 \$F000
	\$22E1	.byte \$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00
	\$22E9	.byte \$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00
	\$22F1	.byte \$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00
	\$22F9	.byte \$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00
	//	
)	L_JSR_(\$2300)_(\$	239C) OK
	//	
	\$2300 CE 47 23	DEC \$2347
	\$2303 AD 47 23	LDA \$2347
ll: r	\$2306 FO 01	BEQ L_BRS_(\$2309)_(\$2306) OK
	\$2308 60	RTS
	//	
4	L_BRS_(\$2309)_(\$	2306) OK
	//	
<		

There is the color spread formula.

Colors	Memory Rating			
black	unloaded			
gray	excluded			
dark green	almost crap			
green	some code			
light green	code			

Let's have some application guessing:

'NUFLI' in VICE with standard excluded areas:



Wizball, in game:

\$0000 \$1000 \$2000 \$3000 \$4000 \$5000 \$6000 \$7000 \$8000 \$9000 \$4000 \$8000 \$C000 \$C000 \$5000 \$F000

5.6 Pop-Up Menu (Basics)

The disassemble window uses a pop-up menu that gives you access to some more methods.

	//			
	\$260B	20 EE 27	JSR L_JSR_(27EE)_(\$260B) OK
	\$260E	A9 04	LDA #\$04	
	\$2610	8D E6 26	STA \$26E6	Jump to Selection
	\$2613	A9 20	LDA #\$20	Jump to RAM 🔹 🕨
	\$2615	8D 62 29	STA \$2962	Jump to Bookmark 🔸
	\$2618	A9 90	LDA #\$90	Set Bookmark 🔹 🕨
	\$261A	8D 77 28	STA \$2877	Code Shaker
	\$261D	A9 00	LDA #\$00	Illegal Shaker
	\$261F	8D A9 28	STA \$28A9	Disable to Data
	\$2622	78	SEI	
	\$2623	A9 01	LDA #\$01	Quicksearch 🕨
	\$2625	8D 1A DO	STA \$DO1A	Сору
1	1			

Jump to Selection: Go to the selected offset address.

Jump to RAM: Let you jump around.

Jump to Bookmark: Go to a bookmarked address.

Set Bookmarks: Set a bookmark for a marked address.

<u>Copy:</u> Copy marked text to the clipboard

The little more complex items "Code Shaker", "Illegal Shaker", "Disable to Data" and "Quicksearch" are introduced below.

5.7 Code Shaker and Illegal Shaker

Whenever you are not sure about alternative disassemble interpretations, try "Code Shaker" or "Illegal Shaker" with a marked offset address. Both also like disabled RAM offsets. The results are shown in the preview window. Illegal CPU instructions get an extra marking .



5.8 Quicksearch and the Quicksearchlist

Quicksearch performs an interpreter scan on the marked offset address, the output is transferred to the Quicksearchlist. Please note that branches will not be handled and not be found.

🏶 Disassembler		
Quicksearch	Options Disassembler	S000 \$5000 \$7000 \$3000 \$3000 \$4000 \$2000
	42020	Ro Copy Kmin Kalige

The subitem "RAM Range" is an extended version. This can be very useful when facing a table of pointers. It only accepts a range selection the way shown below. Please note that the last offset address is not part of the range. So in this case, the range is \$2B13 - \$2B18.

😵 Disassembler	
	Options Disassembler
Quicksearch 🗸 🗸	
- Perception Switch:	
Source Target	\$0000 \$1000 \$2000 \$3000 \$4000 \$5000 \$6000 \$7000 \$8000 \$3000 \$4000 \$2000
Source Charget	\$2B07 0E 14 2D 51X \$2D14
42200 TCD 42010	
\$2390_03R \$2010 \$27FA JSR \$2818	\$2B13 .byte \$0F
\$2AAO STA \$2B13	\$2B14 C6 OF DEC \$0F
\$2AA4_LSR \$2B13	\$2B16 .byte \$7F
\$2AA7_LSR \$2B13	//
\$2AAA_LSR \$2B13	L_JSR_(\$2B18)_(\$2398) BAD
SZAAD_LDA SZBIG	L_JSR_(\$2B18)_(\$27FA) BAD
\$2ABA STA \$2B15	
\$2AC4 LDX \$2B15	\$2B17 IU A9 BPL L_BRS_(\$2AU2)_(\$2B17) BAD
\$2AFC_STA \$2B17	Jump to Selection
\$2AFF_LDX \$2B14	\$2BID Jump to RAM ► 7
\$2B05_STA \$2B16	\$2B20 Jump to Bookmark ▶ D
\$2BUF_\$1X \$2B14	\$2B23 Set Bookmark 🕨 D
	\$2B26 Code Shaker 7,X
	\$2B29 Illegal Shaker
	\$2B2A Disable to Data
	\$2B2C Quicksearch ► RAM Address
	\$2B2D Copy RAM Range

5.9 Disable to Data

This method can add bytes to the excluded list using the interpreter view. Depending on the option "Autobusy", a re-disassembling is done immediately. You may use a range instead of handpicking single bytes.



The disabled byte is automatically added to the excluded list.

\$0000 - \$00FF	Zeropage
\$0100 - \$03FF	extended Zeropage
\$0400 - \$07FF	Screen
\$2B17 - \$2B17	-> 1st Byte
\$A000 - \$BFFF	Basic-ROM
\$D000 - \$DFFF	CIA, VIC, SID
\$E000 - \$FFFF	Kernal-ROM

Result:

1	//		
	\$2B13	.byte \$OF	
	\$2B14	C6 OF DEC \$OF	
	\$2B16	.byte \$7F,	\$10
	11		
	L_JSR_	(\$2B18)_(\$2398) OK	
L	L_JSR_	(\$2B18)_(\$27FA) OK	
	//		
	\$2B18	A9 00 LDA #\$00	
	\$2B1A	8D 10 D0 STA \$D010	
	\$2B1D	8D 17 D0 STA \$D017	
	\$2B20	8D 1D DO STA \$D01D	
	\$2B23	AE 70 2B LDX \$2B70	
	\$2B26	BD 07 2C LDA \$2C07,3	х
	\$2B29	18 CLC	
	\$2B2A	69 18 ADC #\$18	
	+		

6 Showcase

Welcome to this little showcase. This shall give you some information about how to find several program routines. So let's start with the excluded areas identified in chapter 3.

6.1 Fill the Excluded List

In many cases you can never be sure what's really going on – before you really look inside. So, the excluded list is just a draft and not the ultimate final one. You should always put the music on the list. The player, especially it's data, produce additional errors. This is how the excluded list may look like before you push the disassemble button. Because large RAM areas are excluded it shouldn't take longer that one or two seconds.

\$0000 - \$00FF	Zeropage	~
\$0100 - \$03FF	extended Zeropage	
\$0400 - \$07FF	Screen	
\$0800 - \$0FFF	Logo Charset	
\$1000 - \$1FFF	Music StrikeForce remake	
\$2000 - \$22FF	Font Charset	
\$2400 - \$25FF	TSM Sprites	
\$2BCO - \$2CFF	Sines	
\$2DOO - \$2FFF	Logo Data	_
\$3000 - \$3203	Text and Scrolltext Data	
\$3200 - \$FFFF	Next Program	~

6.2 Solve the BADs and JAMs

Checking the BAD and JAM entrys is the very first thing you should do. Because "JUMPs" and "CALLs" have the tendency to be multiple inherited errors, you should take care of them in the first place. Solving them means to get rid of most problems. Due to the excluded list entry, there are only seven BAD errors and no JAMs. You may got little different results here, it depends on the time your VICE snapshot was made(pointers for movements, color tables and scroll text).

📽 Disassembler	Disassembler
CALL BADs Perception Switch: Source Target	Branch BADs Perception Switch: Source Target
\$2398_JSR \$2B18 \$2770_JSR \$2A9D \$27FA_JSR \$2B18	\$2710_BVC \$2739 \$2714_BCC \$273D \$2A9C_BPL \$2A4B \$2B17_BPL \$2AC2

All three "CALLs" are inherited errors triggered by false interpretations at \$2B17 and \$2A9C, so disabling \$2B17 and \$2A9C is a good thing. The \$2B17 problem was discussed in chapter 5, so there's no need to do this again. \$2A9C is pretty much the same, just remember to use the "Perception Switch", "Codeshaker", "Quicksearch" and "Disable to Data" for this.

=> Errors at **\$2710** and **\$2714** remaining.

Both errors are close together and in between valid code lines. The indirect "JMP (\$0020)" at \$270B suggests that the errors are not executable code.

//		
L_BR	ន_(\$2708)_(\$	2709) OK
1/		
\$270	8 88 🖌	DEY
¢270 ل	9 DO FD	BNE L_BRS_(\$2708)_(\$2709) OK
\$270	B 6C 20 00	JMP (\$0020)
\$270	E	.byte \$1A,\$27
¢ \$271	0 50 27	BVC L_BRS_(\$2739)_(\$2710) BAD
\$271	2 76 27	ROR \$27,X
\$271	4 90 27	BCC L_BRS_(\$273D)_(\$2714) BAD
\$271	6	.byte \$B2,\$27,\$BF,\$27
\$271	A A9 10	LDA #\$10
\$271	C 8D 12 DO	STA \$D012
\$271	F A9 OB	LDA #\$0B
\$272	1 8D 21 DO	STA \$D021

It looks a lot like an internal table with many \$27 values used for something else. To be sure of that, you can use the "Quicksearch" functionalities. I used the range \$270E to \$2719(\$271A).

Perception Switch:	\$0000 \$1000 \$2000 \$3000 \$400	0 \$5000	\$600	0 \$70	00 \$8000 \$9000 \$A000 \$B000 \$C000 \$D000 \$E
💿 Source 🔿 Target	\$26	7B AA			TAX
	\$26	FC BD	0E	27	LDA \$270E,X
\$26FC LDA \$270E,X	\$26	FF 85	20		STA \$20
\$2701 LDA \$270F,X	\$27	01 BD	OF	27	LDA \$270F,X
	\$27	04 85	21		STA \$21
	\$27	06 AO	05		LDY #\$05
	11-				
	L_B	RS_(\$2	708))_(\$2	2709) OK
	11-				
	\$27)8 88			DEY
	\$27	09 DO	FD		BNE L_BRS_(\$2708)_(\$2709) OK
	\$27	DB 6C	20	00	JMP (\$0020)
	\$27)E			.byte \$1A,\$27
	\$27	LO 50	27		BVC L_BRS_(\$2739)_(\$2710) BAD
	\$27	L2 76	27		ROR \$27,X
	\$27	L4 90	27		BCC L_BRS_(\$273D)_(\$2714) BAD
	II I				

Yes, it's a jump vector table for \$0020/\$0021. => exclude!

A jump vector table is always a nice thing to have. Since Infiltrator can't produce labels for indirect jumps, I got some additional information about the program design. However, they may appear in the "Snippets" list. These are the table values without any code interpretation:

\$270E .byte \$1A,\$27,\$50,\$27,\$76,\$27,\$90,\$27

\$2716 .byte \$B2,\$27,\$BF,\$27

Time to take care of the basic framework.

6.3 Understand the Program Framework

Catching the start and end of a program is not always that easy. But since we are facing an intro it should not be that hard. I don't like to discuss all attempts, so let's try something simple:

<u>CALL for music player initialization (Interpreter Search 1)</u>: CALL at \$27F7, part of a subroutine at \$27EE which is called form \$260B. That routine starts at \$2603 with "LDA \$02A6" (checking for the PAL/NTSC version) and does not have a label. Gotcha!

	\$25F3 \$25FB		.byte \$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00 .byte \$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$02
	\$2601	AO	ASL A
	\$2602		.byte \$07
	\$2603	AD A6 02	LDA \$02A6
Г	\$2606	DO 03	BNE L_BRS_(\$260B)_(\$2606) OK
	\$2608	2C OO 23	BIT \$2300
	//		
- 4	L_BRS_	(\$260B)_(\$	2606) OK
	//		
	\$260B	20 EE 27	JSR L_JSR_(\$27EE)_(\$260B) OK
	\$260E	A9 04	LDA #\$04
	\$2610	8D E6 26	STA \$26E6
	\$2613	A9 20	LDA #\$20
	\$2615	8D 62 29	STA \$2962
	\$2618	A9 90	LDA #\$90

<u>Searching for the end:</u> Easy, because "Space" activates the end! Use the "CIA 1" list with register \$DC01, you get the loop for the keyboard scan. You can catch the memory move routine along the way. (LDA $2698, X \rightarrow STA 0400, X \rightarrow JMP 040F \rightarrow LDA 3204, Y \rightarrow STA 0801, Y$)

4	L_BRS_	(\$2670)_(\$2674) OK				
	//				\$26A7	A9 34	LDA #\$34
	\$2670	9D 00 D4	STA \$D400,X		\$26A9	85 01	STA \$01
	\$2673	CA	DEX		\$26AB	A9 04	LDA #\$04
L	\$2674	10 FA	BPL L_BRS_(\$2670)_(\$		\$26AD	85 02	STA \$02
	\$2676	2C 00 80	BIT \$8000		\$26AF	A9 32	LDA #\$32
	\$2679	A2 00	LDX #\$00		\$26B1	85 03	STA \$03
	//				\$26B3	A9 01	LDA #\$01
	L_BRS_	(\$267B)_(\$2687) OK		\$26B5	85 04	STA \$04
	//				\$26B7	A9 08	LDA #\$08
	\$267B	BD 98 26	LDA \$2698,X		\$26B9	85 05	STA \$05
	\$267E	9D 00 04	: STA \$0400,X		//		
	\$2681	A9 00	LDA #\$00		L_BRS_	(\$26BB)_((\$26CC) OK
	\$2683	9D 00 D8	STA \$D800,X		//		
	\$2686	E8	INX		\$26BB	AO 00	LDY #\$00
	ş2687	DO F2	BNE L_BRS_(\$267B)_(\$		//		
	\$2689 	A2 UU	LDX #\$UU	- I P	L_BRS_	(\$26BD)_((\$26C2) OK
	\$268B	A9 UI	LDA #\$UI		//		
	77				\$26BD	B1 02	LDA (\$02),Y
	r_bkp_	(\$268D)_(\$2693) UK		\$26BF	91 04	STA (\$04),Y
	4000D	00 00 00	CT3 40000 V		\$26C1	C8	INY
	8200D	90 00 Do	JIA SDOUU,A		\$2602	DU 19	BNE L_BRS_(\$26BD)_
	82090 62601	LO FO OF	INA CDV #40E		\$2604	E6 U3	INC \$U3
	82091 62602	LO OF DO FO	UPA #90P DNDF I DDG /4260D\ /4		\$2606	E6 U5	INC SUS
	94093 62605	AC OF OA	אם באם_נאסטטן_(א אום באס_נאסטטן_(א		\$2608	A5 U3	LDA SU3
	44093 62609	40 OF 04	0017 90407 003 #40F		SZ6UA	C9 FF	UMP #SFF
	94090	09 OF	UKA #\$UL		ş26CC	DU ED	BNE L_BRS_(\$26BB)

\$2622	78			SEI	
\$2623	A9	01		LDA #\$01	
\$2625	8D	1A	DO	STA \$DO1A	
\$2628	Α9	7F		LDA #\$7F	
\$262A	8D	OD	DC	STA \$DCOD	
\$262D	Α9	1B		LDA #\$1B	
\$262F	8D	11	DO	STA \$DOll	
\$2632	A9	E7		LDA #\$E7	
\$2634	8D	14	03	STA \$0314	
\$2637	A9	26		LDA #\$26	
\$2639	8D	15	03	STA \$0315	
	\$2622 \$2623 \$2625 \$2628 \$262A \$262D \$262F \$2632 \$2634 \$2637 \$2639	\$2622 78 \$2623 A9 \$2625 8D \$2628 A9 \$2632 A9 \$2634 8D \$2637 A9 \$2639 8D	\$2622 78 \$2623 A9 01 \$2625 8D 1A \$2628 A9 7F \$2628 A9 7F \$2620 A9 1B \$2621 A9 1B \$2622 A9 11 \$2632 A9 E7 \$2634 8D 14 \$2637 A9 26 \$2639 8D 15	\$2622 78 \$2623 A9 01 \$2625 8D 1A D0 \$2628 A9 7F \$2628 A9 7F \$2628 A9 7F \$2628 A9 7F \$2628 A9 1D \$2628 A9 1B \$2620 A9 1B \$2622F 8D 11 D0 \$2632 A9 E7 \$2634 8D 14 03 \$2637 A9 26 \$2639 8D 15 03	\$2622 78 SEI \$2623 A9 01 LDA #\$01 \$2625 8D 1A D0 STA \$D01A \$2628 A9 7F LDA #\$7F \$2628 A9 7F LDA #\$7F \$2628 A9 7F LDA #\$7F \$2628 A9 0D DC STA \$D00D \$2628 A9 1B LDA #\$1B \$2620 A9 1B LDA #\$1B \$2622F 8D 11 D0 STA \$D011 \$2632 A9 E7 LDA #\$E7 \$2634 8D 14 03 STA \$0314 \$2637 A9 26 LDA #\$26 \$2639 8D 15 03 STA \$0315

Get IRQ start: Use the "Interrupt" list to get \$26E7

<u>Or use the "Snippets"</u>: Grabs the main start, the IRQ start, the jump vector table addresses seen before and of course some crap.

\$2347 TXA	\$25E3	.byte \$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,
\$2603_LDA \$02A6	\$25EB	.byte \$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,
\$26A7_LDA #\$34	\$25F3	.byte \$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,
\$26E7_LDA \$D019	\$25FB	.byte \$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$00,\$02
\$271A_LDA #\$10	\$2601 OA	ASL A
\$2750_LDA #\$4C	\$2602	.byte \$07
\$2776_LDA #\$6B	\$2603 AD	A6 02 LDA \$02A6
\$2790_LDY #\$03	- \$2606 DO	03 BNE L BRS (\$260B) (\$2606) OK
\$27B2_LDA #\$BC	\$2608 20	00 23 BIT \$2300
\$27BF_LDA #\$12	//	
\$27ED_RTI	L BBS (\$26	OB) (\$2606) OK
\$28A8_LDX #\$0A	//	
\$29E1_ORA #\$FF	\$260B 20	FF 27 JSP L JSP (\$27FF) (\$260B) OK
\$2A20_ASL \$FF	\$200D 20	04 ID3 #004
	₹ 4200E A3	04 LDA #904

You may also try the standard sequence 3 (\$01, \$58) for the final decompression command. It doesn't work here, because the JUMP to \$2603 was originally placed on the screen and is gone. So it depends on the used packer, cruncher and the memory usage. You may receive some decompression code fragments in excluded areas, use "Code Shaker" for a peek.

Intro framework:



6.4 Get the IKARI Logo Shaker

Using the "Screen RAM" list is an efficient approach. The X sine position is read from \$2A9A(calculated somewhere before). Finding the TALENT logo and the scroll is one and the same thing.

🏶 Disassembler						
	Options Disassem	oler				
Screen RAM (\$0400)	- Provide A					
Perception Switch:	#0000 #1000 #2000	#2000 #4000 s	+5000 +6000 +7	000 + 2000 + 200	0 + 000 + 000 + 000	tranon
O Source ○ Target	30000 131000 132000 1	\$2430	AD 98 2A	LDA \$2498	0 [\$H000]\$D000 [\$C000].	pD/000
		\$2A3F	8D 9A 2A	STA \$2A9A		
\$267F STN \$0400 Y		= \$2A42	20 49 2A	JSR L JSR	(\$2A49) (\$2A42)	ОК
\$2695 JMP \$0405		\$2A45	20 7F 2A	JSR L JSR	(\$2A7F) (\$2A45)	OK
\$282B STA \$06A8.X		\$2A48	60	RTS		
\$282E STA \$0518,X		//				
\$2843 STA \$0568,X		L JSR	(\$2A49) (\$	2A42) OK		
\$2849_STA \$05B8,X		77				
\$284F_STA \$0608,X		\$2A49	AE 9A 2A	LDX \$2A9A		
\$2919_LDA \$0659,X		\$2A4C	AO 00	LDY #\$00		
\$291C_STA \$0658,X		//				
\$293F_STA \$067F		\rightarrow L BRS	(\$2A4E) (\$	(2A7C) OK		
\$2A51_STA \$0400,Y		77				
\$2A57_STA \$U428,Y		\$2A4E	BD 08 2D	LDA \$2D08	,X	
\$2ASD_SIA \$0430,1 \$2852 GTN \$0470 V		\$2A51	99 00 04	STA \$0400	,Y	
42A05_SIA 40470,1 42869 STA 40480 V		\$2A54	BD 3D 2D	LDA \$2D3D	,X	
\$246F STA \$04C8.Y		\$2A57	99 28 04	STA \$0428	,Υ	
\$2A75 STA \$04F0.Y		\$2A5A	BD 72 2D	LDA \$2D72	,X	
\$2ACC STA \$06D0,Y		\$2A5D	99 50 04	STA \$0450	, Υ	
\$2AD2_STA \$06F8,Y		\$2A60	BD A7 2D	LDA \$2DA7	,x	
\$2AD8_STA \$0720,Y		\$2A63	99 78 04	STA \$0478	,Υ	
\$2ADE_STA \$0748,Y		\$2A66	BD DC 2D	LDA \$2DDC	,X	
\$2AE4_STA \$0770,Y		\$2A69	99 AO 04	STA \$04A0	,Υ	
\$2AEA_STA \$0798,Y		\$2A6C	BD 11 2E	LDA \$2E11	,X	
\$2AFO_STA \$07CO,Y		\$2A6F	99 C8 O4	STA \$04C8	,Υ	
		\$2A72	BD 46 2E	LDA \$2E46	,X	
		\$2A75	99 FO 04	STA \$04F0	,Υ	
		\$2A78	E8	INX		
		\$2A79	C8	INY		
		\$2A7A	CO 28	CPY #\$28		
		\$2A7C	DO DO	BNE L_BRS	_(\$2A4E)_(\$2A7C)	OK
		\$2A7E	60	RTS		

6.5 Get the Logo Flash Routine

Use the "Graphics" list and try for \$D022 or \$D023, you will find the typical IRQ constructs. Since the color bytes are updated by another routine it's obvious to do a "Quicksearch".

This routine uses color tables at \$0F10, \$0F50 and \$0F90.



6.6 Get the TSM Y-Movement Routine

Just use the "Sprites" list and choose. You may wonder about \$2B38 and \$2B3D feeding the Y sprite registers with static values. Well, I don't know – maybe the programmer intended to charge X and Y registers in the same routine.

However, \$2B7A is what we are looking for. The routine is called three times(speeding up the movement) and uses the bouncing sine at \$2BBE.

📽 Disassembler	
	Options Disassembler
Sprites 🗸	
-Perception Switch:	
	\$1000 \$1000 \$2000 \$2000 \$2000 \$2000 \$5000 \$7000 \$3000 \$3000 \$3000 \$4000 \$2000 \$2000 \$
	$L_{0,0,0,0} = L_{0,0,0,0} = L_{0,0,0,0,0} = L_{0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,$
\$2867 STA \$D010	L JSR (\$2B7A) (\$27FD) OK
\$286C STA \$D01C	//
\$2871 STA \$D01B	\$2B7A AE FF 2B LDX \$2BFF
\$2878_STA \$07F8,X	\$2B7D A0 00 LDY #\$00
\$2885_STA \$D025	\$2B7F 20 A7 2B JSR L_JSR_(\$2BA7)_(\$2B7F) OK
\$288A_STA \$D026	\$2B82 8E FF 2B STX \$2BFF
\$288F_STA \$DU27	\$2B85 AE 00 2C LDX \$2C00
\$2895 STA \$D020	\$2B88 A0 02 LDY #\$02
\$2898 STA \$D02A	\$2B8A 2U A7 2B JSR L_JSR_(\$2BA7)_(\$2B8A) UK
\$289B_STA \$D02B	\$288D 8E 00 2C SIX \$2000
\$289E_STA \$D02C	\$2D90 AE 01 20 LDX \$2001
\$28A1_STA \$D02D	\$2B95 20 17 2B JSB [JSB (\$2B17) (\$2B95) 0K
\$28A4_STA \$D02E	\$2B98_8E_01_2C_STX \$2C01
\$295E_STA \$DU15	\$2B9B AE 02 2C LDX \$2C02
\$2BIA_SIA \$D010 \$2BID STA \$D017	\$2B9E AO O6 LDY #\$06
\$2B20 STA \$D01D	\$2BA0 20 A7 2B JSR LJSR (\$2BA7) (\$2BA0) OK
\$2B30_STA \$D000,Y	\$2BA3 8E 02 2C STX \$2C02
\$2B33_STA \$D008,Y	\$2BA6 60 RTS
\$2B38_STA \$D001,Y	
\$2B3D_STA \$D009,Y	L_JSR_(\$2BA7)_(\$2B7F) OK
\$2856_LDA \$D010	$L_{JSR}($2BA7)_($2B8A) OK$
\$2BAD STA \$D001.Y	$L_{JSR}(\xi 2BA7) - (\xi 2B95) \text{ OK}$
\$2BB3 STA \$D009,Y	L_JSR_(\$2BA7)_(\$2BA0) UK
	(2R)7 BD BF 2B ID) (2BBF Y
	\$2BAA 18 CLC
	\$2BAB 69 6F ADC #\$6F
	\$2BAD 99 01 D0 STA \$D001,Y
	\$2BBO 18 CLC
	\$2BB1 69 15 ADC #\$15
	\$2BB3 99 09 D0 STA \$D009,Y
	\$2BB6 E8 INX
	\$2BB7 E0 40 CPX #\$40
	\$2BB9 D0 02 BNE L_BRS_(\$2BBD)_(\$2BB9) OK
	\$2BBB A2 00 LDX #\$00
	L_BRS_(\$2BBD)_(\$2BB9) OK
	\$2BBD 60 RTS

6.7 Get the Scroll Text Flasher

Use the "Color RAM" list. The routine uses a small color table and has a delay of three frames.

😵 Disassembler	
	Options Disassembler
Color RAM (\$D800) 🛛 🗸	¥.
- Berception Switch	
	\$0000 \$1000 \$2000 \$3000 \$4000 \$5000 \$6000 \$7000 \$8000 \$4000 \$A000 \$8000 \$C000 \$D00
	L_J3R_(\$29E3)_(\$27E4) UK
42592 CTA 40000 V	\$29E3 FE 13 24 INC \$2413
\$268D STA \$D800,X	\$29E6 AD 13 2A LDA \$2A13
\$2833 STA \$DAA8.X	\$29E9 C9 O3 CMP #\$03
\$2836_STA \$D918,X	
\$2854_STA \$D9B8,X	\$29ED 60 RTS
\$2857_STA \$DA58,X	//
\$285A_STA \$D968,X	└→ L_BRS_(\$29EE)_(\$29EB) OK
\$2050_51A \$DA00,X \$2998 LDA \$D988.X	//
\$299B STA \$D9B9.X	\$29EE A9 00 LDA #\$00
\$29A3_LDA \$D969,X	\$29FU 8D 13 ZA STA \$ZAL3
\$29A6_STA \$D968,X	\$29F5 EE 14 ZA INC \$2A14
\$29A9_STA \$DA08,X	L JMP (\$29F6) (\$2A05) OK
\$29C8_STA \$D9B8	//
SZACE SIN SDAZF	\$29F6 AE 14 2A LDX \$2A14
\$2AOA STA \$DA58.X	\$29F9 BD 15 2A LDA \$2A15,X
	\$29FC C9 FF CMP #\$FF
	\$29FE DO 08 BNE L_BRS_(\$2A08)_(\$29FE) OK
	\$2A00 A2 00 LDX #\$00
	\$2A02 8E 14 2A STX \$2A14
	\$2A05 4C F6 29 JMP L_JMP_(\$29F6)_(\$2A05) OK
	I RDS (\$2008) (\$20FF) OF
	\$2A08 A2 00 LDX #\$00
	//
	L_BRS_(\$2A0A)_(\$2A10) OK
	//
	\$2AOA 9D 58 DA STA \$DA58,X
	\$2AOD E8 INX
	\$2A0E EO 28 CPX #\$28
	\$2AIU DU F8 BNE L_BRS_(\$2AUA)_(\$2AIU) UK
	\$2A12 00 R15
	Provident
	$s_{2\lambda}$ (s_{2\lambda}) D F8 BNF L BRS (s_{2\lambda}) (s_{2\lambda}) OK
	\$2A12 60 RTS
	//
	\$2A13 01 01 ORA (\$01,X)
	\$2A15 06 04 ASL \$04
	\$2A17 OE 03 OD ASL \$0D03
	\$2A1A 01 01 ORA (\$01,X)
	\$2ALC UD 03 OE ORA \$0E03
	szalf .byte su4

7 Appendix

7.1 FAQ

- <u>I'm using VICE 2.2! Does it work anyway?</u> The VICE Development Team made some major changes, but I guess it will work. However, I recommend to get the 2.3 version.
- <u>Where are the illegal OP-Codes?</u> I think it does not make sense to do that for the complete memory. Use the illegal shaker in case you think you are facing them.
- <u>What about other emulator imports?</u> One day, maybe.
- Can I have several program instances? Yes!
- <u>Where is the OP-Code "BRK"?</u> The OP-Code \$00 is internally handled as an unknown CPU instruction, so it can be put in rows by the CONCAT. Hope you don't mind too much.
- <u>What about IRQ labels?</u> Simple forward interpretation could result in incomplete or even incorrect results. I don't know how to solve this without writing an OP-Code emulator yet.
- <u>What about generating labels for static offsets (LDA,STA,etc. \$XXXX)</u>: Might be useful in case you like to rip off speed code, but also may result in tens of thousands useless labels. However, I guess this function will be used rarely. So... maybe.
- What about an extended CRAP version with IF ELSE and LOOP commands? Maybe.
- <u>Why does Infiltrator use so much RAM?</u> Blame the Lazarus Development Team. At least I used UPX 3.07 to compress the executable file.
- <u>What about function trees?</u> Planned.

7.2 Known Bugs

- The connecting code lines in the disassembler are not redrawn when using the mouse wheel. Until now they are only drawn on a canvas element when pushing the cursors, page up/down keys or the mouse buttons.
- When closing a tool window not using the main Infiltrator form buttons you have to push the button twice for a reinitialisation.
- The CRAP error handling is insufficient.

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