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DATA STATEMENTS



Arizola gets wild

Scott In The Hood

THERE'S A VERTICALLY EPICURE OF NEW software at the shops at the moment, so let's get on with the news straight away.

Remember the Manuel Arizola duos. The latest game from this prolific software house is called *Mild West* and has all the traditional features of a classic John Wayne movie. Big Name Bill and his boys have captured Fort Snake and you're the hero who has to liberate this outpost. On your quest you'll encounter such well-trod western hazards as a bank robbery, a shoot-out with the sheriff and a wild stagecoach ride. It's for the C64 and is available on cassette (\$9.95) or disk (\$12.95).

If you'd prefer something a little more cultural, why not take a look at Global Software's *Did I Do It*. It's an adventure set around London's South Bank, art temples and features The Dore Falls (one of Mussel's little gems). There's also a voucher to each game which entitles the purchaser to a free guided tour backstage at the Royal Festival Hall.

Now on to a different track with the computer version of *Scalextric* from Leisure Games. Produced under license from Hornby Hobbies the game incorporates many of the features of the popular hobbyist sets. You can design your own tracks using straight, curves and chicanes and each player has a 3D view of the track ahead as well as a play of the whole

circuit. It's for the C64 and costs £19.95 on cassette.

Mantrix has also been looking around the marketplace to find an idea for its latest release. The game is called *Zandorra* and is based around Tom's range of *Zoids*. You'll find yourself on Zoidstar in the middle of a war between Blue Zoids and Red Zoids. Zandorra, the blue leader, has been smashed into eight pieces all of which are scattered behind enemy lines. You're the unfortunate little Zoid who has to go and retrieve them. Look out for Red Thors, leader of the enemy forces! *Zandorra* costs £9.95 on the C64.

Virgin has brought out a follow up to *New Games* - appropriately called *New Games 2*. This tape contains such popular

files as *Arnold* from Elite Systems, *Big No Noog* from Gargoyle Games, *Cauldron* from Palace Software, *Charlie Egg 2* from A&F and *World Cup* from A&F. You can get the lot for £8.95.

As reviewed in *Your Commodore* (February 1986), you can now purchase Rainbird's *The Music System*. According to Rainbird, there's nothing like it whether you've Heisen 17 or a two-finger piano! It's out now on cassette (£14.95) and disk (£17.95).

If you're one of those people who's always talking about life, the universe and everything, then you'll be happy to know that you can now play *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* in the safety of your home, courtesy of Softlab. This is only one of the games in a new range of *Infocom Classic Titles*. The other four are *Zork 1*, *Star Trek*, *Panorama* and *Deadline*. The prices of the games have also been reduced so you can have around the *Milky Way* for a mere £44.95 or try any of the others for only £29.95.

If you enjoyed *Parsons Consultants Paradise* then you'll be pleased to hear that a sequel is at this moment winging its memorable way to your local shops. Named *Unleash the game* is a fast arcade style shoot-em-up. It will be available at the end of February and there's also a plot about to put both games on disk.

US Gold is still producing new titles like there's no tomorrow. And there's good news for C-16 and Plus-1 owners. For £7.95 you can now buy yourselves a copy of *Beach Head*.



Tony Rainbird makes music

Level 9 has added a third title to its *Alcan Dream* series - *The Worm in Paradise*. The two previous games in the trilogy were *Ironball* and *Return to Eden*. *The Worm* costs £9.95 for the C64.

Get up with playing other people's games! Perhaps Activision has the answer to your problem. You can now buy *GameMaker*; The Computer Game Design Kit. Using a joystick you can select commands from a menu to produce and animate characters, draw backgrounds, create sound effects and compose musical scores. The cassette costs £9.95 and the disk version is £18.95 (including a free blank disk to save your games on).

Hypersoft has also come up with a helpful program for the creative folk among you. *Howcharter* is a machine language program which will display or print a basic program after it has been written. When something goes wrong with your latest program all you need to do is call up a flowchart and you'll be able to see what your program is doing. It's £32.95 on tape and £34.95 on disk and it's out now.

Mastertronic, the UK budget software house, has launched itself into the business world with a word processing package called *Hi Writer*. The package was originally released in the USA by Prentice Hall but now world rights have been jointly acquired by Mastertronic Limited (UK) and Mastertronic International Inc (USA). It's available on cassette and disk at £21.95 and £29.95 respectively. A special reason for the C128 is on the cards and will be released shortly. It is hoped that it will use all the extra capabilities of the C128.

Each *Hi Writer* package includes a CRL's trial game, the title of which is probably a

Ski - The new standard for word processing software - *Intelligent*
Writer



MASTERTRONIC

candidate for the most terrible pair of 1986 - Space Double. Ironically, the plot features the US Marine, transporting a cargo of food to the hungry workers on Planet Nebulosa. Of course you run into trouble but find out more by spending £7.95.

Time to spin off to the fairground and have a look at an offering from Impropria Games. Wild Ride, a new arcade game for the C64, features a 4000-boarder forest an devastating tree roller coaster in an amusement park. Luckily, you - in your alternative persona of a clown - are available to run along the tracks and detour the boards. If you want to enjoy get you life and your coins spent, it will cost you 99.99.

Touch Line

Wild West Arkisland, Suite 105/6, Archibald House, Palace St, London W1H 1AB. (01 434 8807) Price: £12.95 disk, £9.95 cassette.

Old School, Global Software, PO Box 67, London W11 1BS (01 235 1986).

Scrabble, Leisure Games, 3 Montague Row, London W1H 1AB (01 935 4622). Price: £3.95.

Zoldibar, Mammoth, Martech House, Bay Terrace, Ravensay Bay, 1 Seacroft BN24 6EE (0021 7664494). Price: £9.95.

New Games In Virgin Games, 2-6 Victoria Road, Portobello Rd, London W11 2JF (01 727 8878). Price: £9.95.

The Music System, Rainbow, Millington House, Upper St Martin's Lane, London WC2E 9JQ. (01 248 8808). Price: £14.95 cassette, £17.95 disk.

Infocom Classics, Softnet, Burgess and Co., 48 High St, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 1D. (0628 7272). Price: Hitchhiker's Guide £24.95, others £19.95.

Urbans, Horizon Consultants, 548 Milton Trading Estate, Milton, Abingdon, Oxon (0235 82989).

Beach Head, US Gold, Unit 18, The Parkway Industrial Estate, Henagey St, Birmingham, B7 4Y (021 399 8825). Price: £7.95.

The Moon In Paradise, Level 9, 322 Hughenden Rd, High Wycombe, Bucks HP13 9NG (0494 26271). Price: £9.95.

Gamesmaker, Activision, 15 Harley House, Marylebone Rd, London NW1 (01 935 1428). Price: £14.95 disk, £9.95 cassette.

Flashchart, SuperSoft, Winchester House, Goring Rd, Wrexham, Warron, Merseyside WA1 7BA (71 861 1146). Price: £12.95 cassette, £14.95 disk.

51 Wilkey, Mastermatic, Park Lane, 111 Park Rd, London NW6 7J (01 277 6688). Price: £14.95 disk, £13.95 cassette.

Space Double, CBI, CBI House, 9 Kings Yard, Carpenters Rd, London E15 2HD (01 553 2981). Price: £7.95.

Wild Ride, Impropria Games, Union House, The Green, Tolly, Haem (Tadley) T146J 2711. Price: £8.95.

Hard Lines

ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WITH a Commodore PET tucked away in a cupboard? Now, thanks to SuperSoft, it could be in for a new lease of life. The SuperSoft RAM PLUS boards allow any machine to be upgraded to a full 128 - the most that Basic will recognise. For £10 the RAM PLUS 8 will upgrade a 64K PET and the RAM PLUS 16 upgrades any large keyboard machine from 8K to 128 in one of £18.

The oldest 8K PETs with calculator style keys and built-in cassette decks are also covered for. They need a special board, the RAM PLUS 165 which is also priced at £18.

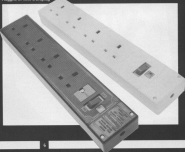
Not satisfied with this, SuperSoft has also produced the BASIC 2-4 board which allows any 40 column PET to run both Basic 2 and Basic 4. And, lastly, there's the RAM/ROM board, a ROM/EPROM emulator with 8K of battery backed up RAM. Both of these are £18.

If you have ever experienced supply problems caused by interference transmitted via the mains supply, then you may be interested in Comblock electrical's Smoothline Connector.

The unit provides four filtered outlets (each rated at six amps maximum) from one 13 amp mains socket. It comes complete with a mains lead and plug and is fitted with four miniature plugs for wiring to the computer equipment.

Interference can be caused by other home appliances being switched on as well either manually or automatically. This can result in data being corrupted. According to Comblock, Smoothline is the first serious attempt to eliminate these problems.

Plugged in with the plug.



Dauphny Electronics is also trying to minimise your home computing problems with the latest version of its colour key socket outlets. The new Dauphny range comprises two models: the re-fused 4155 and the fused 4036. New features include a socket on/off switch, a neon mains on indicator and a removable terminal cover for easy wiring. They cost around £10 and are available from electrical stores.

Trilogic is launching itself into the C128 hardware market with its Vidcon 1.1 and 1.2 products. The Vidcon 1 allows any monitor or TV to display the 80 column output of the C128 in any of the 16 available colours. It costs £29.95. The Vidcon 2 (£49.95) is similar but cannot be used with a standard TV and the Vidcon 3 is a monochrome version of Vidcon 1 and costs £29.95.

Robcom - now renamed Robotek - has also started catering for the C128 user. Two new products have recently been launched. The first allows you to use both 40 and 80 columns on a C128 on a normal composite monitor. The second is an asset for avid games players. Game Killer turns all spare programmes so that you can't be killed in any game you play. Both retail at £14.95.

Touch Line

PET Upgrade Boards, SuperSoft, Winchester House, Goring Rd, Wrexham, Merseyside, Merseyside WA1 7BA (01 861 1146).

Smoothline, Comblock Electrical, Klockner Industrial Estate, Newton, Porsy ST16 41F (0688 27108).

Dauphny Electronics, Westwood Works, Magpie Rd, Broadstairs, Kent (0403 40776).

Vidcon, Trilogic, 29 Helme Lane, Redford, B34 6QJ, (0274 68926).



Illustration aid for Japanese software

Generally Speaking

CITIZEN EUROPEAN MANAGERS OF OUR main printers, have been awarded the C-Mark design award for a new range of MMP printers. The C-Mark is the Japanese equivalent of the British Design Council award.

Citizen Europe also made itself very popular with Ian Bottom by donating £200 to the Embryonic Research Fund, the Secretary of Ian's marathon John O'Grady to lands End walk.

If you've ever wanted to go to America, perhaps you should go out and buy a copy of Quark's *Illustrator's Handbook* program - Fabio Dabbio Deo. Quark is running a competition in conjunction with IBM and IFA and the prize is two tickets to Los Angeles, a chance to visit the Hanna Barbara studios and a trip to Disneyland.

The game is on sale now at £7.95 and you're eligible for the competition if you buy a copy.

Ultimate has decided to stop going it alone and has handed over control of manufacturing, marketing, promotion and sales of all its products to US Gold.

Ultimate will now be leaving this side of the business alone so that its team can concentrate solely on developing new products.

In Touch

MICRONET HAS LAUNCHED A MULTI-user game as a rival to British Telecom's

MUD. The game is an adventure called *Starport* and allows 500 people to play simultaneously. It's a space adventure in which you can form alliances and attack your fellow players in an attempt to become the one who finally controls the 800 stars in the galaxy. Contact Micronet *800030 for more details.

Micro also helped out on the BBC's *Children in Need* appeal by holding an on-line celebrity challenge with the stars at the BBC studios on the night of the *Telethon*. For a small fee Microset members could ask any questions they liked of stars such as Selma Scott, Paul Nicholas and Patrick Moore. Along with the proceeds from an auction of software and hardware Microset was able to donate well over £2000.

If you're thinking of buying a modern, perhaps you should take a look at the W2000 modems from Miracle. The company has just cut the price by more than £20. The modem now costs £120 instead of £140.44.

Touch Line

MICROSET 880, 8 Herbal Hill, London EC1R 3EJ 01 278 3140.

Miracle Technology, 34 Pinner St, Ipswich IP1 1NS.

C128 Winners

WE HAD A MARVELLOUS RESPONSE to our C28 competition, but unfortunately

many people will have to be disappointed as we've only got two computers to give away. As well done to the following five people and congratulations to the rest.

The winners are: Matthew Seedling, Acorn; York; D J Caspers, Hudders; Peter Paul Knowles, Finchley, London; Mark Wallard, Uxminster, Essex; William Hicks, Mifflord, Devon.

Congratulations

WE'VE BEEN REALLY BUSY MARKING competitions on here's a list of the lucky winners, starting with our Modern competition which appeared in our November 1985 issue. The 18 winners are: Philip Costa, Southgate; Mike Sharp, Harlow; Dave Parsh, West Wickham; M J Robinson, Nottingham; J Knight, Seaford; Barry Dent, Hoyton, Richard Vase, Whimple; John Philip Temperley, Lancaster; Chris Manson, Boston; David Barlow, Derby.

In October we ran a Wizard Development competition, and the following 30 people will each receive a copy of *William Wyndler*; Andrew Staff, Maxwell Hill; J Baxton, Solihull; C De Haan, Rotterdam; Rachel Fox, Abertillery; D Constant, Standerick; David Knight, Farnham; H Davies, Leamington Spa; Shane Simons, Chigwellham; Derek Martin, Lifford; D Falcov, Southampton; D Chadden, Wellington; Richard Lee, Daresbury; G. Mago F Cross, Farnborough; Steve Birmingham, South; Boby Khan, High Wycombe; Jeff Bell, Schwenau; K W Germany; Basil Kumar Raley, London; C J Marks, Goudingem, Netherlands; JM Fryer, Rotherham; Thomas, Billway; Timothy Davies, Cardiff; D Bakombe, Malton; Jeremy Smith, Looe; Stephen Darnell, Newcastle; A Jackson, Hull; Simon Walter, Kilburn; James Trueman, Morehampton; Peter Phillips, Dulous; Gordon Vior head, Redhill; Glenn Dickson, Newsteadards, Co. Down.

In December 1985 we ran a US Gold advance user competition and the following 30 people will each get a set of US Gold advances: Michael Valachi, Brandon; C W Nelson, F M Croop, El Signal; Roger P T Haines, Cusley; David Yelkara, Kingham; D A Nutting, Weston-Super-Mare; Jane Phillips, Barton; Patrick P Roberts, Bournemouth; Andrew J Binn, N Y 1000; Jonathan Symonds, Middles; John Wright, Wake-on-Trent.

Easy Entry Revised

SOME OF US SEEM TO BE HAVING PROBLEMS with our Easy Entry program. However we've now found a way to solve this, so if you've had difficulty using the program, try adding the following line and it should sort things out for you.

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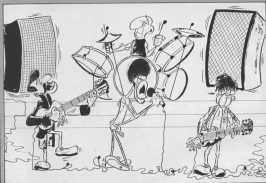
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of the bag in our really easy competition.

There's a musical theme to it, of course, but it shouldn't give anyone any problems, so get your pen out and read on to find yourself to do.



How to Enter

Study the picture on this page. There are several musical notes hidden in the cartoon. All you need to do is circle them clearly and send the entry coupon to us. Don't forget to complete the September sentence in your entry will be disqualified. Please use no more than 75 words.

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The How to Enter section is part of the rules. The editor's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

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MUSIC Master

More music from your
C64 with this superb
program from Tony
Crowther.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO become a budding composer or simply get your C64 to play music as good as that in commercial games, then Music Master is what you need. In fact I have used this program, and some earlier versions, to enter music into many of my own programs, so that should give you an idea of its versatility.

The main differences between Music Master and many of the other "Music Editor" programs - available either through magazines or commercially - are that:

- 1) Music is entered in the form of easy to understand DATA statements.
- 2) Music to be played is stored in memory as code and a machine code play routine will play the music without interfering with other programs.

You may think that a program which has to read music from DATA statements would be very slow but that's not so. Music Master will read around 200 musical statements per second and set it up in memory ready to be played by the routine mentioned in 2) above. Another important fact to remember is that, since the music has been transferred from DATA statements into memory, you can save the block of music to disk or tape using a machine code routine and you will not have to go through the DATA statements again. But more of this later.

Program Format

As I've already mentioned, all music is entered in the form of DATA statements. The DATA statements are broken into

three sections: Data for Voice one, Data for voice two and Data for voice three. Music Master expects to find the music data for each of the C64's available voices at the following lines:

```
3000 DATA for voice one.  
5000 DATA for voice two.  
7000 DATA for voice three.
```

In order that Music Master knows where each voice begins, each should end with a certain number. These are: 1, 2, -1 for voices 1, 2 and 3 respectively. When working with Music Master, I usually set up the program as follows so that I don't forget the "1" number. If you do then the program would probably stop working.

```
3000 DATA, voice 1 data.  
4999 DATA, 1  
5000 DATA, voice 2 data.  
6999 DATA, 2  
7000 DATA, voice 3 data.  
8999 DATA, 3
```

NOTE. As in the above illustration you must not put any spaces after the word DATA, if you do then the program will not work properly.

Available Commands

A large number of commands are available with Music Master. Each one will effect certain registers in the SID chip, this is the device that allows your C64 to play music. Normally you would have to POKE values into certain registers of the SID chip but Music Master will do this for you, and do it very quickly. It is therefore possible to change parameters while music is playing. Figure 1 lists the available commands and the registers which they effect.

I will now explain the available commands.

Tempo

"T" is the command used to set the speed at which music is played. After the "T" there are three digits which indicate the speed, these range from 001 to 255. For example "1000" would set the tempo to three. There must always be three digits after the "T".

The more technical amongst you may be interested to note that a value of "0001" would cause a note to be played every 1/256th of a second. A speed of "1000" would therefore cause a note to be played every 1/25th of a second. Memory location 10247 is a fine tune for the speed, it is normally set to 255 but POKEing it with different values will speed the tempo of the music up.

Volume

"V" is used to set the overall volume of the music. This can

range from 000 to 075. The command +000 sets the volume to maximum. If you were to use numbers greater than 005 then you would start to bring in some of the SID chip filters. This is because the register which is altered by the command is also used to hold filter information. I'll deal with filters in more detail later.

Waveform

Each voice must have a wave form set for it. The following commands are used to choose the type of wave for each voice:

-000 - No sound
-010 - Triangle
-001 - Sawtooth
-005 - Pulse
-008 - Triangle and pulse
-020 - White Noise

When you are using the pulse waveform then the pulse width must be set. Two commands are used to do this - 'F' and 'B'. Again three digits must be entered after each number. Use 'F' to set the high byte of the pulse width and 'B' to set the low byte. The commands have the following ranges:

-700 to -705 (high byte)
-800 to -820 (low byte)

Envelopes

Not only must you set the waveform type for each voice but you must also set the envelope. The envelope is more commonly known as the ADSR or Attack, Decay, Sustain and Release. The command -1 is used to set the attack and decay while the command -5 is used to set the sustain and release. These two commands alter the usual bit patterns associated with the ADSR settings. Each of the parameters can have a value between 000 and 15. However since each command operates on two parameters the actual

Command	Limits	Action	Locations Altered
-1	N/A	Marks end of voice 1	N/A
-2	N/A	Marks end of voice 2	N/A
-3	N/A	Marks end of voice 3	N/A
-4	000-255	Sets Volume and Filter	54206
-5	000-255	Attack/Decay for each voice	54277 voice 1 54284 voice 2 54291 voice 3
-6		Set waveform for each voice	
	000	No Sound	54276 voice 1
	010	Triangle	54283 voice 2
	033	Sawtooth	54290 voice 3
	065	Pulse	
	081	Pulse/triangle mixed	
	129	White Noise	
-7	000-015	Pulse width High Byte	54275 voice 1 54282 voice 2 54289 voice 3
-8	000-255	Pulse width Low Byte	54274 voice 1 54281 voice 2 54288 voice 3
-9	000-255	Sustain/Release for each voice	54278 voice 1 54285 voice 2 54292 voice 3
-H	000-255	Filter Resonance	54295
-J	000-007	Filter Cut Off Low Byte	54293
-K	000-255	Filter Cut Off High Byte	54294
-T	000-255	Tempo	N/A
-W	1	Oscillator On	54299
	0	Oscillator Off	54299
-X	1	Oscillate Pulse On	54300
	0	Oscillate Pulse Off	54300
-Y		Change wave while playing	
	1	Pulse	
	2	Sawtooth	
	3	Triangle	
	4	White Noise	
	0	Off	

Figure 1

numbers to use are a little complicated to work out.

Firstly you will need to find the corresponding value of a parameter in binary. For example, a setting of 10 would have the binary pattern 1011 and one of nine would have the pattern 1001.

Now let's take a look at the '-5' command in more detail. If we were to break down the number following the '-5' into binary then the number would have eight bits (ie 11111011). The first four bits represent the attack and the last four the decay. If we therefore wanted an attack of 10 and a decay of

nine the number would have the following form:

11111001

Now we can convert this number to decimal as each 1 has an equivalent decimal number depending on its position. This involves adding these numbers up to find the number that has to follow the '-5'. Each position has the following values:

ATTACK	DECAY
128 64 32 16	8 4 2 1

Therefore an attack of 10 and decay of nine would have a value of:

128+64+32+16+8+9

Don't forget though that if the number is less than 100 it must still have three digits.

As mentioned before the command '-W' is used to set the sustain and release. This is worked out as for the '-5' command, the first four bits are

the sustain and the lower key are the release. For example a system of 1 and release of 1 would have the following pattern:

0011 0101 in binary or 12+16+4+1 = 33 in decimal.

The release command would be -RR1.

This may sound complicated but once you start to use the commands you will soon find it very easy to work out the values to follow them.

Special Effects

A number of special effects are available with Music Master, these help to make the notes played sound a little more interesting.

Oscillators

'W' will oscillate any notes being played. To use this command enter:

-W1 to turn it on and
-W0 to turn it off.

'G' will alter the pulse width of any notes being played that have a pulse waveform. The format for the command is:

-G1 on
-G0 off

'Y' is a rather special command as it will alter the waveform of any notes while they are playing. This allows for some very interesting effects. The command has the following formats:

-Y1 change to Pulse while playing.
-Y2 change to Sawtooth.
-Y3 change to Triangle.
-Y4 change to Noise.
-Y0 turn command off.

Filters

As mentioned earlier, it is possible to alter the filter settings of the MD chip with the

'F' command. I'm afraid that we will have to go back looking binary again to show you how this command works. First let's have a look at what each does.

CLIFF OFF Y1	Hi-pass	Band-pass	Lo-pass	Volume
128	64	32	16	8 4 2 1

from the above table you should be able to see why the volume can only go up to 15. As an example, let's set a band pass filter with a volume of

Look It Up

Many of the above commands seem very complicated. Obviously we can't go into how

Resonance	Internal	Timbre1	Volume1	Volume1
128	64	32	16	8

to order to double the length of a note it is necessary to double the duration. i.e. a note length that is twice as long as a note of length two and half as long as a note of length eight.

If you want to work in musical notes I usually find it best to give a crotchet a length of eight. This means that a quaver has a length of four and a minim has a length of 16. If you require a dotted note then the length of this is half way

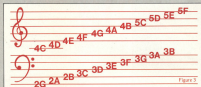


Figure 3

three. The binary pattern for this would be:

00100011

If you refer to the above table you will see that this is 36 so the command to set up the values would be:

4036.

'-L' is used to set the filter cut off frequency low level. This has a range from 000 to 007.

'-R' is used to set the high level of the Cut off frequency and has a range from 000 to 255.

'-H' is used to set the filter resonance and again requires you to use binary numbers. The number has the following format:

to use the MD chip in this article as it would take a while to write. If however you wish to take a closer look at exactly what the above commands do then take a look in the COMMAND guide and the Reference guide.

Note Format

Notes are extremely easy to enter into the data. Each note takes the form 'Octave Note Length'.

The Octave ranges from zero to seven. Zero is the lowest.

The Note has the corresponding letter i.e. A B C D E F and G.

Length is between zero and 99 and is the duration of time that the note plays.

between complete notes. Therefore if a crotchet is length eight then a dotted crotchet has a length of 12 i.e. halfway between eight and 16. Figure 3 should make this a little clearer. Figure 3 shows which notes correspond to which octave.

Sharps and Flats

If you wish to use sharps then you prefix the note name with a '#' sign e.g. #C. Flats are not needed as a flat always has an equivalent sharp. For example B flat is the same as A sharp.

Rests

If you want to put rests into any value then you must use 00 length e.g. 00R.

Length	Musical notation
2	
4	
8	
12	
16	
34	
32	

Figure 2

Layout

Now that we have covered all of the available commands we can get down to writing some music.

As I have previously mentioned, the music data is broken into three sections. Before we enter any musical data into any section some items must be set to their default values. If you keep to the following rules then you should have no problems. Let's take each important line in turn.

Line 5008 should always have the following form:

```
5000 DATA=>vol,-freq,-freq,  
freq,-key
```

where *vol* is a three digit number. This line sets up the initial Volume, Tempo and Filter settings. If you are not using any filters then *vol* is 40, *-freq* and *freq* should be 800. Do not mix this out as you could get some strange results.

Lines 5001, 5009 and 7000 should take the following form:

```
5001 DATA=>vol,-freq,-freq,-  
freq
```

This will set up the Waveform and ADNR for each voice. The "7" command should only be added if you are using the pulse waveform.

If any voices are not being used then they should be either padded with rests or their waveforms padded out with rests.

N.B. Music will repeat as soon as Voice 1 has finished playing.

Examining Example 1 I should make things a little clearer. Voices 2 and three are

not used at all and Voice 1 plays a simple musical scale.

Playing Music

Once you have entered all the music, make sure you save it before attempting to play it, if you don't and you have entered something wrong then you could lose your work.

Before running any music, Music Master should be loaded into memory with

```
LOAD "MUSIC MASTER",0 for  
disk or 1 for tape.
```

Music Master can fit in memory while you are entering a program as it will not conflict with any Basic programs.

Then make sure that your Music Data is loaded and type:

```
SYS 49152
```

This will cause the music data to be read into memory from location 29600 onwards.

To play the music you simply have to enter the command:

```
SYS 52000
```

the music will then start playing until you stop it with RUN/STOP and RESTORE.

The SYS 49152 and SYS 52000 can be part of any normal Basic program as long as you don't use any lines that are needed by the music data.

Once the music data has been moved into memory the Basic Data is no longer needed so you could even load in other programs and the music will continue as long as the other program doesn't use the same memory as reserved for the interrupt.

Once the music data is in memory it is a simple matter to SAVE the DATA and the Running program with a machine code monitor. The Running program has from location 52000 to location 52044.

The Music data starts at location 29600 and the length can be found by entering the

following line if the Basic Data is present.

```
POKE=0T09999:READ:AS:  
NEXT
```

When the program returns with an "Out of Data" error then STOP.

```
PRINT P3
```

the result is the length of the data in memory.

Playing Around

One small feature of Music Master is an in-built "Organ". Simply POKE location 5675 with the Octave in which you want to play and type:

```
SYS 49950
```

A picture of a keyboard will appear on screen and by pressing the keys indicated you will be able to play music.

Getting It All In

There are three parts to Music Master. MASTER LOAD is a loader for the program which displays a reminder of the instructions MASTER DATA and MASTER LOAD and used to enter the machine code for Music Master into your machine.

Type in and SAVE all three programs separately. If using cassette then SAVE MASTER LOAD on a separate cassette to the other two programs.

Once all programs have been entered and saved, LOAD in MASTER DATA and RUN. Once the program has finished LOAD MASTER DATA and RUN. If you are using cassette place the cassette containing MASTER LOAD in the data recorder and make sure that it is positioned at the end of this program. Now type in the following:

```
POKE141,80 :POKE144,102  
:POKE145,00 :POKE146,200
```

Now type:

```
SAVE "MUSIC MASTER",0 for  
disk or  
SAVE "MUSIC MASTER",1 for  
tape.
```

You should now have a working version of the program and should only need to LOAD "MASTER LOAD" whenever you want to use the program in future.

PROGRAM	MASTER LOAD
00	PRINT"10LOW,07,0PC41 MUSIC MASTER (BY TOM COO NEWB
01	PRINT"03000,0PC11 01 ORGAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD.
02	PRINT"03000,0PC 41152 : READ DATA STATEMENTS
04	PRINT"010 52000 : PLAY MUSIC
05	PRINT"03000,COMMAND"
06	PRINT"03000-7000 = TEMPO 0PC10-6000 = VOL,FLT TYPE
07	PRINT"5000 = HTL,ORG 0PC10-6000 = WAVE
08	PRINT"7000 = PULSE W 0PC11-8000 = PULSE LOW
09	PRINT"7000 = SUB,REL 0PC11-9000 = FILT LOW
10	PRINT"8000 = FILT W 0PC11-9000 = FILT VOIC=0 03
11	PRINT"03000-01 = OSCILLA TE LOW BYTE OF PULSE
12	PRINT"01 = OSCILLATE NOT 0"
13	PRINT"01 = BL,LOW DOWN"
14	PRINT"0BLACK,ORGANIC WAVE WHILE PLAYING NOTE
15	PRINT"0C10-10 = TO PULSE 0PC10-02 = TO SAWTOOTH
16	PRINT"03 = TO TRIANGLE 0PC10-04 = TO SQUARE
17	PRINT"04,-05,-06,-07 = 0C1"
18	LOAD "MUSIC MASTER",0, :FOR CHANGE TO 1,1 FOR CASSETTE

PROGRAM: EXAMPLE 1

1000 REM EXAMPLE 1 - SIMPLE
SCALE2000 DATA F#C1,-1000,-4000,
-8170,-80313000 DATA G#C2,-5000,-9000,
-9000,-8120,-21

4000 DATA A#C3,400,400,474,

400,400,400,304

4999 DATA-1

5000 DATA-B#D#,-5000,-9000,
-7000

6001 DATA C#D#4000,4000

6999 DATA-2

7000 DATA-D#E#,-5000,-9000,
-7000

7001 DATA E#F#4000,4000

9999 DATA-3

PROGRAM: EXAMPLE 2

1000 REM EXAMPLE 2 - 60/60/12

2000 DATA F#C1,-1000,-5000,
-9000,-80313000 DATA G#C2,-5000,-9000,
-7000,-314000 DATA A#C3,474,400,400,
400,400,400,400,400,400,
304,304,304,304

4999 DATA-1

5000 DATA-B#D#,-5000,-9000,
-7000,-41

-7000,-41

6001 DATA C#D#300,400,200,300,
2000,2000,370,3707000 DATA D#E#300,400,200,300,
2000,2000,300,300

9999 DATA-2

10000 DATA G#F#,-5000,-9000,
-7000,-4111000 DATA H#G#400,300,200,300,
2000,400,370,30012000 DATA I#A#400,300,200,300,
2000,400,300,400

9999 DATA-3

PROGRAM: EXAMPLE 3

1000 REM EXAMPLE 3 - 60/60/6

2000 DATA F#C1,-1000,-5000,
-9000,-81203001 DATA G#D#,-5000,-9000,
-70004002 DATA D#A,704,704,704,
-5000,704,-5001,704,704,
7045003 DATA E#A,704,704,704,
-5000,704,-5001,704,704,
7046004 DATA F#A,704,704,704,
-5000,704,-5001,704,704,
7047005 DATA G#A,704,704,704,
-5000,704,-5001,704,-5000,
704,-5001,704

9999 DATA-1

5000 DATA-B#D#,-5000,-9000,
-7000,-416001 DATA C#D#4000,4000,
4000,4000,4000,4000,4000,
4000,4000

9999 DATA-2

7000 DATA G#D#,-5000,-9000,
-7000,-217001 DATA I#A#400,300,200,300,
2000,300,300,400,300,300,
300

9999 DATA-3

PROGRAM: EXAMPLE 4

1000 REM EXAMPLE 4 - 60/60/12
60/32000 DATA F#C1,-1000,-5000,-9000,
-8170,-8031,-813001 DATA G#C2,-5000,-9000,-9000,
-70004002 DATA A#C3,400,400,400,
304,304,304,370,304,300,
300,400,304

4999 DATA-1

5000 DATA-B#D#,-5000,-9000,
-70006001 DATA C#D#300,300,200,300,
2000,300,304

6999 DATA-2

7000 DATA G#D#,-5000,-9000,
-70007001 DATA I#C#400,400,400,
4000,400,304

9999 DATA-3

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A number of example of programs are printed with this article. Try them out for yourselves and make sure you understand how they work before trying to enter your own music.

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THERE ARE TWO OTHER GRAPHICS modes available on the Commodore-16 in addition to those described in the User manual. These are Multi-Colour Character mode and Extended Background Colour mode.

Multi-Colour Character Mode

As well as being available in high resolution, Multi-colour mode can also be made to work in lo-res. Its base address is 6587 (HFD) contains the 'Multi-Colour mode select bit'. It is important to make sure, however, that the other bits at this address remain unchanged. To turn Multi-Colour mode on in low resolution:

```
POKE 6587,POKE 6587 OR 16
```

To turn Multi-Colour mode off in low resolution:

```
POKE 6587,POKE 6587 AND 15
```

Why use Multi-Colour Character Mode? When standard character mode is used, each character has a choice of any-one background colour and one foreground colour, but Multi-Colour mode allows each pixel (dot) to be any of four colours: either background colour, foreground character colour, multi-colour #1 or multi-colour #2. Each 'dot' in Multi-Colour mode is twice as wide as standard colour mode, giving half the horizontal resolution. Multi-Colour mode can be set on or off for each character on the screen, so that the standard and Multi-Colour modes can

be mixed on the screen at the same time.

All three of each byte in the TED Attribute area (6586-658F hex, 246-257 decimal) controls whether each character is in Multi-Colour mode or not. Its three bits set for Multi-Colour mode. This has the limitation of only allowing colours zero to seven to be used as the character colour, as the three used to be the highest bit of the character colour. Therefore in low resolution mode, if the colour is less than eight (zero for Black through to seven for Yellow) then the character is displayed in standard mode; if the colour number is eight to 15 then the character is displayed in Multi-Colour mode with the background colour being the colour number minus 8. The following table should make things clearer:

Foreground Colour	Result
0 - 7	Standard mode. Colours 0 (Black) to 7 (Yellow)
8 - 15	Multi-Colour mode. Colours 0 (Black) to 15 (Yellow)

Therefore, to turn the whole screen into Multi-Colour mode (after Multi-Colour character mode has been turned on) type:

COLOR LANCHEIR

When Multi-Colour mode has been selected in each character, each character horizontal line is divided into four pairs of bits:

Bit Pair	Displays the
00	Background color
01	Multi-Colour #1
10	Multi-Colour #2
11	Foreground character colour 0-7, which may be different, of course, for each character position on the screen.

Figure 1 shows the Multi-Colour image of an 'B' sign:

Binary	Image
00111100	-- CC CC --
01100110	AA -- AA BB
01101110	AA -- CC BB
01101110	AA -- CC BB
01100000	AA ----
01100000	AA ----
00111100	-- CC CC --
00000000	-----

Where: ... is background colour.
AA is Multi-Colour #1.
BB is Multi-Colour #2.
CC is foreground colour for that character.

Multi-Colour mode has the disadvantage of disabling the hardware flash facility, which means that the cursor is not usually visible. Hence, this mode should only be used

Black = 15 Green)
Bits 4-6 contain the luminance (0-7)

The number to be POKE'd into address 6580 is therefore:
Colour * (Luminance * 8)

The program in Figure 2 demonstrates how Multi-Colour character mode works. Please note that the triangle with a line below it represents a Cursor Left symbol.

Run the program. As both Multi-Colour #1 and Multi-Colour #2 are both set to black, you should at first only see the specks of the foreground colour showing on the Multi-Colour character. By pressing RETURN you can make the new Multi-Colour colour immediately change the colour of the three characters.

Programmable Multi-Colour Characters

Of course, Multi-Colour characters are of no use unless the characters are reprogrammed. As an exercise, try to create some multicolour programmable characters by referring to the article in this series on programmable characters. Here, as most of the ROM characters are virtually unmodifiable in Multi-Colour character mode, there is no need to mount a ROM character set down into the 1K block. Instead, make sure that you blank out the 'SPACE' character with zeros to stop the screen filling with rubbish. Figure 3 shows my attempt.

There now follows an explanation of the Multi-colour Programmable Character Demo in figure 3.

100 Lowest memory 7K (see the C-16 article on 'Where to store machine code').

110 POKEs in graphics for flag.
140 POKEs zero into the cursor

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character. This is needed because the ROM character set has not been shifted down into RAM.

200 Sets the Shift/Command key changing character set. Sets the "Base address of the character set" pointer to 18 below the top of the 128 RAM. Selects character set data to come from RAM.

210 Turns on Multi-Colour mode.

220 Sets BRAP to go to line 250, then jumps to line 300.

230 BRAP routine. Prints grid and line number of text.

240 Turns off programmable character mode.

250 Turns off Multi-Colour mode, changes foreground to a readable colour, and PDB.

260 Sets background colour, border colour, and clear screen.

270 Sets foreground colour to blue. Sets Multi-Colour # 2 to red. Sets Multi-Colour # 1 to white.

280-270 Print flag.

290 Play tone.

310 Pause.

320 Jumps to turn off programmable and Multi-Colour graphics modes.

1000-1110 DATA for flag.
2000-2070 DATA for mode.

Extended Background Colour Mode

Extended background colour mode gives you control of the background colour for EACH character on the screen as well as the foreground colour. Extended background colour allows, for instance, bright red text on a dark blue background on a white screen. In this mode only the first 64 characters (0-63) of the character set can be used. The reason is that the top two bits of each character code (bits 16 and 17), used to select the background colour, in "upper case and graphics" mode the first 64 characters contain all characters apart from graphics. In "lower/upper case mode", although the first 64 characters appear to contain only lower case, numbers and punctuation, characters written in both lower case and upper case will be displayed in upper case.

Allocation of bits to a character code in extended background character mode:

11: 1 0 1 1 1 1

Background: Character code colour
 0-44
 select

The top two bits select the background colour as follows:
00 Normal screen background colour.

01 Multi-Colour # 2 - set by the CONTROL key command.

10 Multi-Colour # 1 - can only be changed by FORCING address 65203 (0177) with the colour 0 (or black to 1) by light Green, and 1 to 16 as by the CONTROL key + the luminance (0-7) * 16, e.g. PDB: 65205, (0179). The PDB: Multi-Colour # 1 with light red (Red 2, of luminance 5).

11 The Extended Colour register at 65204 (0178). PDB: 10 to this in the same way as to address 65203, as explained above.

Hence:

a) All characters with codes 0-63 display characters 0-63 in normal background colour.

b) Characters with codes 64-127 display characters 0-63 with Multi-Colour # 2 as the background colour.

c) Characters with codes 128-191 display characters 0-63 with Multi-Colour # 1 (65203) as the

background colour.
d) Characters with codes 192-255 display characters 0-63 with Extended Colour (65204) as the background colour.

Bit 16 of address 65204 (0178) contains the flag that turns on or off Extended background colour mode. This bit is zero for on. When changing this bit, it is important that the other bits at that address remain unaltered.

To turn on Extended background colour mode, turn:

PDB: 65206, PDB: 65206 OR 64

To turn off Extended background colour mode, type:

PDB: 65206, PDB: (65206) and 70.

As with Multi-Colour mode, a disadvantage with this mode is that the hardware flash is disabled, meaning that the cursor will not be visible. Therefore, alerting should be done in normal mode.

Figure 4 is a demonstration program of Extended Background Colour Mode. Enter it in lower case mode exactly as shown. Please note, the underlined lower case "r" represents 8753 024.

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Figure 3

```

10 REM MULTICOLOR CHARACTER DEMO
100 FOREWORD,FEED LACCORD HELL
110 COLOR 1,2,COLOR4,1,COLOR1,3,5,CORCLR
120 PRINT"MULTICOLOR MODE. COLORS 1-8 IN NORMAL &
    DISPLAYED IN STANDARD MODE
    .."
130 FORA=1TO8
140 COLOR 1,5,PRINT"CHARACTER",COLOR 4,5,PRINT"BACKGROUND"
150 COLOR 1,2,COLOR4,1,COLOR1,3,5,CORCLR
160 PRINT"DISPLAYED IN MULTICOLOR MODE.."
170 FORA=FEED
180 COLOR 1,5,PRINT"CHARACTER",COLOR 4,5,PRINT"BACKGROUND"
190 COLOR 1,2,COLOR4,1,COLOR1,3,5,CORCLR
200 PRINT"MULTI-COLOR MODE DEMO MULTI-COLOR MODE"
210 FORA=1TO5:FORB=1TO5
220 COLOR A,10,"PRESS A KEY",PRINT"BACKGROUND",B,10,10,10
230 FOREWORD,FEED LACCORD HELL
240 SETCOLOR=NOTUSED
250 FOREWORD,FEED LACCORD HELL

```

Figure 2

```

10 REM EXTENDED BACKGROUND COLOUR DEMO
100 FOREWORD,FEED LACCORD HELL
110 COLOR 1,2,COLOR3,5,COLOR1,1,CORCLR
120 COLOR 1,5,FOREWORD,FEED LACCORD HELL
130 PRINT"CHARACTERS 0-9 ARE DISPLAYED IN NORMAL BACKS
    GROUND COLOUR..."
140 PRINT"BACKGROUND"
150 GETKEY
160 PRINT"CHARACTERS 0-9 ARE DISPLAYED IN",FEED LACCORD HELL
170 PRINT"THIS HAS BEEN SET TO RED USING THE ' ,COLOR,
    1,3 COMMAND..."
180 PRINT"0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,0,1"
190 GETKEY
200 PRINT"CHARACTERS 10-19 ARE DISPLAYED IN",FEED LACCORD HELL
210 PRINT"THIS HAS BEEN SET TO CYAN BY USING THE",FEED LACCORD HELL
220 PRINT" ,COLOR,2,5,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10"
230 GETKEY
240 PRINT"CHARACTERS 20-29 ARE DISPLAYED IN",FEED LACCORD HELL
250 PRINT"THIS HAS BEEN SET TO LIGHT BLUE BY USING THE",FEED LACCORD HELL
260 PRINT" ,COLOR,3,5,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10"
270 GETKEY
280 FOREWORD,FEED LACCORD HELL

```

Figure 5

```

10 REM MULTICOLOR PROGRAMMABLE
20 REM CHARACTER DEMO
300 FOREWORD,FEED LACCORD HELL
100 FOREWORD,FEED LACCORD HELL
110 FOREWORD,FEED LACCORD HELL
120 FOREWORD,FEED LACCORD HELL
130 FOREWORD,FEED LACCORD HELL
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WELCOME TO THE MACHINE

This month we start a new series by Allen Webb which will introduce you gently to the hazards of machine code.

IN THIS SERIES, I PLAN TO INTRODUCE the basics of machine code on the 8086/8088 microprocessors. Before you throw this magazine into the fire or discard it, I intend to make this series as lightweight as possible with the inclusion of examples which will be both instructive and useful. I don't intend to make you an expert in machine code - that's up to you. But you should be able to write reasonably complex programs by the time I've finished.

First, why learn machine code? Here are a few reasons:

1. It is a fast and compact language which uses the processor most efficiently.
2. It offers an intellectual stimulus by requiring a disciplined and logical approach to programming.
3. It's more fun than Basic!

Before diving into the subject, I want to consider what tools you will need to help you in your endeavours. First, you will need the necessary development software, primarily an assembler and a machine code monitor. The choice of this software is vitally important since it can mean the difference between a long-happy relationship with machine code and insanity.

When you look for an assembler, you should look for the following features as a minimum:

- 1) A versatile editor for writing the source code.
- 2) An assembler which supports both labels and variables.
- 3) If possible - Macro (prior to this issue).
- 4) If you plan to write large programs - disk based.
- 5) Ensure that the assembler will generate a full source code listing on assembly with optional tables with full printer options.

A decent assembler is not cheap so avoid one the best you can afford, it's probably the best investment you'll make.

Similarly, the monitor should have the following features:

- 1) Full commands for the manipulation of blocks of code - including search with replace, relocate.
- 2) In-built assembler and dis-assembler for "fine tuning" of code.
- 3) Debugging and tracing tools such as single step, break points etc.
- 4) Full save/load facilities with relocating load.

To help you with your search, here are some packages of code:

1. **Milero Assembler (Supernoft) Cartridge £37.90.** This is a well loved old faithful which has been around for quite some time, not as sophisticated as some but totally reliable.

Pros

- 1) Reliable
- 2) Contains simple monitor on board
- 3) Two pass, full label facility
- 4) Allows linked disk files
- 5) Supports both serial and parallel printers

Cons

- 1) No debugging commands
 - 2) 12K limit on single block of code. To assemble larger programs, need to use a few tricks.
 - 3) Perhaps a little pricey
- I am advised by Peter Calver of Supernoft that a version for the 128 is in the pipeline and that it will operate in 128 mode rather than simply being the 64 version (pseudo good).

2. **Assembler Monitor 44 (First Publishing Ltd, £79.99 disk).** This is a combined package which includes a monitor of fair capabilities.

Pros

- 1) Sophisticated commands for macros, conditional assembly etc.
- 2) Powerful disk options with linked files and assembly from and to disk
- 3) Full printer options
- 4) Two pass with full labels
- 5) Reasonable price.

Cons

- 1) Disk only
- 2) No disassembler
- 3) Need to load a separate program for alphabetic symbol tables

3. **Machine Lightning (Disk software, disk or cassette).** Released as a game-writing package, the assembler is highly sophisticated and works as a stand alone.

Pros

- 1) Available on disk and cassette. Cassette version works equally well on disk files.
- 2) Contains written operating system, tables with features including DOS.
- 3) Macro, full labels.

Cons

- 1) Expensive
- 2) Instructions comprehensive but confused and poorly written
- 3) Behaves oddly if you wish to use routines in the Basic ROM. I believe this is an artefact due to the fact that the graphics commands sit behind this ROM.
- 4) Non standard monitor

4. **Zoom Monitor (Supernoft, Disk £14.99, Cassette £12.99, Cartridge £36.70)** In my opinion, this is the best British monitor I've seen (the American monitor from 1985 is also pretty good). Fully relocatable so that you can avoid your object code. In light of the weak monitor in the Milero Assembler, this is its ideal working partner.

Pros

- 1) Almost all commands you will need
- 2) Available in all formats
- 3) Loads relocatable. Tape based object codes can be forced to relocate absolutely.
- 4) Additional DOS commands and hexadecimal comments.
- 5) Format quite standard.
- 6) Assembler, disassembler and debugging commands.

Cons

- 1) I can't find any except that bidirectional scrolling isn't supported.

If you have insufficient funds but sufficient stamina, you can use two packages given in Four Commodore:

1. Steve Carver's package in the November, December (1985) and January (1986) issues. This provides an editor, assembler and monitor and looks pretty good. Not only that, it only costs the price of three issues.

2. Hypoball gives a breath style assembler which is ideal to help you learn but perhaps insufficient for a 48K mega game.

OK, you've got the software, what other support do you need? Well, here it is (in descending order of value):

1. A copy of one of the standard works on the 6510/6502. I use Zaks although there are others (Programming the 6502 by Rodney Zaks - ISBN 0-89588-846-8).
2. A decent memory map of the 64 - the Programmer's Reference Guide is as good as any.
3. Membership to the Independent Commodore Product User Group - I read their quarterly newsletter (well, it's more of a book actually) with great relish. Membership Secretary - Jack Cohen, 30 Brancherter Rd, Newbury Park, Blvd, Texas) Even if you don't want to write machine code, join. It's great value for money with hints, reviews, useful information and discounts on software and hardware.
4. A book to write machine code book. But please buy with care, there's an awful lot of garbage around and I have yet to find one that really teaches machine code to a decent level.

Having said that, the Beginner's Assembly Language Course by Derek Bath and Peter Holmes is pretty good in

that it combines a simple assembler with a decent book. Plenty of exercises are given and the standard isn't bad.

OK, let's start work. Figure 1 gives a simplified version of the 6502/6510's architecture. It's really fairly simple. The micro-processor comprises a number of registers which converse with one another by use of the data and address buses. You may find it easier to think of the registers as boxes of two sizes, eight bits and 16 bits wide. First we have the Accumulator (A, on the diagram). This register is involved in most of the data transfer and arithmetic activities. The accumulator is eight bits wide so it can only contain numbers between zero and 255 (I'll explain why shortly). Along with the accumulator, we have three other eight bit registers. The X and Y registers are similar to the accumulator but of lesser capabilities. They are mostly used as counters and temporary storage. The bits in the status register (S) are used to tell you what's happening in the processor. If, for example, a calculation results in a minus value, bit seven (the negative flag) will be set. Only seven of the status register's bits are used and these are called flags.

The microprocessor uses an area of memory (the stack) as a scratch pad to

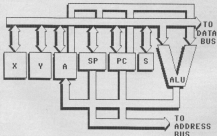
enable it to remember where it's got to. The current position of the stack is kept in the stack pointer (SP). Similarly, the microprocessor needs to know where it's got to in a program. The address of the current command is held in the program counter (PC). This is a 16 bit register holding any value between zero and 65535. That's why the 6502/6510 can only directly address a maximum of 64K, but more of that later.

Two types of basic data are recognised by the system. First, a value of data. This roots along the data bus. The machine also needs to know where to stick it (no dirty comments please). Hence the address bus. The last bit of the micro is the Arithmetic Logical Unit. This performs, in conjunction with the accumulator, arithmetic and logic functions (squirried hubb). You'll appreciate the functions of the ALU once we move on to arithmetic and logic functions.

Before I finish, it's time for a little nod to activate your brain cells. I want to discuss a little about binary, bits and other nifty rubbish.

First, what does 1,742 mean?

Yes, I know it stands for one thousand seven hundred and thirty two but what does it represent? Well we're dealing with



SIMPLIFIED ARCHITECTURE OF THE 6510

counting to the base 10 you know, the number of fingers on two hands).

If you accept that $1000 = 10^3$ cubed, $100 = 10^2$ squared, $10 = 10^1$ to the power one and one is 10^0 to the power zero, we can rewrite 1,234 in another way:

$$1234 = 1000 + 200 + 30 + 4 = 10^3 + 2 \cdot 10^2 + 3 \cdot 10^1 + 4 \cdot 10^0$$

You may notice that the highest power of the base is the number of digits less one.

If we call the base to which we are counting B , then the generalized form of any number of n digits in that base will be:

$$D_n \cdot B^n + \dots + D_2 \cdot B^2 + D_1 \cdot B^1 + D_0 \cdot B^0$$

The $n+1$ term appears since by convention we call the lowest digit or bit the zero digit or bit.

In binary, $B=2$, i.e., we have only two digits, one or zero. The general form for a binary number is therefore:

$$D_n \cdot 2^n + \dots + D_2 \cdot 2^2 + D_1 \cdot 2^1 + D_0 \cdot 2^0$$

$$1011011100 = \dots + D_7 \cdot 2^7 + D_6 \cdot 2^6 + D_5 \cdot 2^5 + \dots + D_0 \cdot 2^0$$

Let us consider an example, the number 1,234. (The 10 sign is the conventional sign to represent binary). As with all numbers, the right hand digit is the smallest. By convention this is called bit zero. The next left bit is bit one and the leftmost bit is bit two (bit binary digit). You will have noticed (you did, didn't you?) that the bit number equates to the corresponding power of two. So our example becomes:

$$1234 = 1 \cdot 10^3 + 2 \cdot 10^2 + 3 \cdot 10^1 + 4 \cdot 10^0$$

Here is an eight bit number, 1,234,567,890. This is equivalent to:

$$1234567890 = 1 \cdot 2^9 + 2 \cdot 2^8 + 3 \cdot 2^7 + 4 \cdot 2^6 + 5 \cdot 2^5 + 6 \cdot 2^4 + 7 \cdot 2^3 + 8 \cdot 2^2 + 9 \cdot 2^1 + 0 \cdot 2^0$$

which equals $128+64+32 = 224$.

From this you should be able to prove for yourself that the largest number that an eight bit register can hold is 1,111,111,111 or 255.

For our sins, we humans cannot think easily in binary. I find decimal tough enough but binary... forget it. You need to know binary for the purpose of manipulating specific bits but that's about all. A more convenient system is to use the base 16 - the hexadecimal system. In this system, any eight bit number occupies just two digits and any sixteen bit number just four digits. As you will find, this makes life easier although you may not believe me at the moment.

If we apply $N=16$ to our general expression we get:

$$\text{Decimal value} = D_n \cdot 16^n + D_{n-1} \cdot 16^{n-1} + D_{n-2} \cdot 16^{n-2} + \dots + D_2 \cdot 16^2 + D_1 \cdot 16^1 + D_0 \cdot 16^0$$

$$D = 4096 + D_7 \cdot 256 + D_6 \cdot 16 + D_0$$

Consider the number 10016. There are three features to note:

1) As for binary, we prefix hexadecimal with a character so that we know what base is in use. In the case of hexadecimal, we use $\$$. Some systems, particularly users of IBM machines, use $\&$.

2) Although the number only needs two digits, the two most significant digits are shown as zero.

3) If we are counting in groups of 16, how do we represent the numbers 10 through 15?

The answer is that we pinch some alphabetic characters that:

$$A = 10$$

$$B = 11$$

$$C = 12$$

$$D = 13$$

$$E = 14$$

$$F = 15$$

$$\text{So } \$0016 = 0 \cdot 4096 + 0 \cdot 256 + 1 \cdot 16 + 6 \text{ i.e. } \$0016 = 26$$

Similarly, consider 110A0.

$$\$110A0 = 1 \cdot 4096 + 0 \cdot 256 + 10 \cdot 16 + 10 = 4307$$

$$(\$A=10, B=11, \dots, remember!)$$

Again, you should be able to verify that the largest numbers which can be held in eight and 16 bits are:

$$\text{eight bits: } \$11111111 = \$00FF = 255$$

$$\text{sixteen bits: } \$1111111111111111 = \$FFFF = 65535$$

Finally, to help link what you've learned to what you should seek in an assembler, here is an imaginary piece of assembled source code:

100: CODE		=\$C000
110: ADDR	PARMS	=\$A000
120:		
130: CODE A9 91		LDA #00000001
140: CODE 8D 96 8D		STA 000
150: CODE A9 90		LDA #000
160: CODE 8D 30 00		STA 00000
170: CODE 8D 21 00		STA 0001
180: CODE A9 79		LDA #MESSAGE
190: CODE A8 03		LDY #MESSAGE
200: CODE 28 10 A8		BR PARMS
210: CODE 64		RTS
220: CODE 08 05 4C	MESSAGE	.ASC "HELLO"
230: CODE 08		.BYTE 08
CODE-CRIB		

This is a composite of several assemblers but gives the general features. The first column of numbers is the line numbers used by the editor. The second column shows the addresses occupied by the assembled code. The next three hexadecimal bytes are the actual machine code. The next column holds labels and the last column holds the instructions which arise writing the program. Don't worry about the details at the moment, things will be clearer in the next part of the series. Just note two things:

1. I've deliberately used binary, decimal and hexadecimal to show their interchangeability in a decent assembler.
2. You should aim to get an assembler which offers the facilities shown.

Because I'm a fundamentally rusty person, here is your homework:

1. Write the decimal number zero to include in binary.

2. Perform the following conversions.

$$10101010 \text{ to decimal}$$

$$123 \text{ to binary}$$

$$\$11101111 \text{ to decimal}$$

$$\$4000 \text{ to decimal}$$

$$1123 \text{ to hexadecimal}$$

3. For those of you who want to try a small program, write a program in Basic which will accept a binary number and convert it to decimal.

Well, that's all for this time. To help you with your searches for software, here are some addresses.

Touch Line

Supersoft: Winchester 96, Canning Rd, Westchesters, Harrow, Middlesex, Tel 01 561 1166

First Publishing: Unit 200, Horseshoe Rd, Pangbourne, Berks, Tel 07157 5244

Osain Software: Wallcoate Rd, Weston-Super-Mare, Avon, BS23 1L 0R 41 9911

By Watson American Language series - Glen Ip Publishers Ltd, Grandstand House, Brierley Place, High Street, Basset, Here (NS) 111.

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DISK DELVING

Stuart Cooke explains
how to make changes
to your floppy disks.

HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU scratched your latest programming masterpiece from your disk only to realise a few moments later that you didn't have a back up!

No doubt up until now the only option open to you was to retype the whole program from the beginning.

A little more understanding of how the 1541 disk drive works could enable you to make most scratchpad programs and make numerous other changes to your disk directories.

Before you start playing around with the contents of your floppy disks it is important that you understand exactly how information is stored on them. If you don't and you start changing areas of a disk you can probably see by-eye to the contents of the whole thing.

In order to make any changes to a disk you will require access to some sort of disk monitor program. This is a program that will allow you to examine the contents of any area on a disk and make changes to them. There are many disk editors available on the market and an extremely comprehensive one was published in the January 1988 issue of *Your Commodore*.

Disk Structure

Any new disk must be formatted before it can be used by the 1541 disk drive. Formatting a disk divides it into 35 circular rings called tracks. Each of these tracks is then split up further into a number of equal sized segments called sectors. Each track contains between 17 and 25 sectors. Figure 1 shows this a little more clearly. As you can see from the diagram the number of sectors is smaller towards the centre of the disk because each track is shorter.

How Much Room?

In the centre of the disk on track 18 you will find the disk information mark. Track 18 is used to keep all necessary in-

Figure 1: 1541 disk format

TRACK	NUMBER OF SECTORS
1 to 17	31
18 to 24	19
25 to 30	18
31 to 35	17

Figure 2: 1541 BAM

TRACK 18 SECTOR 0	
BYTE	CONTENTS
0,1	\$12,\$01
2	\$41
3	\$00
4-143	

Holds track and sector number of the 1st directory entry
Letter 'A' this indicates 1541 format
For future use
Map of showing free and allocated blocks
1 = Free block, 0 = used

Figure 3: Structure of BAM of a track

BYTE	CONTENTS
0	Number of available blocks in this track
1	Bit map of sectors 0 to 7
2	Bit map of sectors 8 to 15
3	Bit map of sectors 16 to 23

Figure 4: Format of directory header

TRACK 18 SECTOR 0	
BYTE	CONTENTS
144-161	
162,163	
164	\$A0
165,166	\$E2,\$41
167-170	\$A0
171-256	\$00

Name of disk
ID of disk
A shifted space
Character '\$A' this is the format of the disk
Shifted space
Not used

formation about programs; where they are stored and how much room is free.

The first sector of track 18 is used to record which sectors of the disk have been used. This record is called the block availability map or BAM. Every time you make any changes to the contents of your disk the BAM is examined so that the disk drive can find out where it can store information. The BAM is updated every time you save or scratch a file from the disk.

Figure 2 shows the contents of the first part of track 18.

Figure 2 shows that bytes four to 143 of track 18 sector zero hold the BAM. Four consecutive bytes are used to represent the BAM for each track. Figure 3 shows exactly how the information is stored.

As you are no doubt aware, a single byte can hold a number up to 255 or 11111111 in binary. From the binary representation it can be seen that each byte can store the information for

eight tracks. Each digit representing one track. A one would tell you that the sector had been used while a zero would tell you that it was still free. For example 11111100 means that six sectors had been used.

The first byte of each group of four holds the actual number of sectors available on the relevant track. Don't forget the number of sectors gets smaller towards the centre of the disk.

Disk info

Bytes 144 to 255 of track 18 sector zero are used to hold all the disk information. This is the information which is printed out at the top of each directory listing. Figure 4 shows exactly what information is held on this section of the disk. If you wanted to change the info or ID of a disk then it would be a simple matter to read this information into your computer using your disk monitor, make the necessary changes and then rewrite the information back to the disk.

Directory info

The sectors from one onwards on track 18 are used to hold the file names and information relating to any program you have stored on disk. Each sector is referred to as a directory block and will hold the information for about eight files. The first two bytes of each block are used to give the track and sector of the next directory block. Figure 5 shows how each directory block is laid out. If there is no more directory information then these two bytes will hold zero.

Each of the eight program entries in each directory block is made up of 30 bytes. These are the ones that hold the information about the type of file; where it is held etc. Figure 6 shows the exact use of each of the 30 bytes.

The first byte of each program entry is used to hold the file type. If you have a look at Figure 7 you will see that there are five different types of file that can be represented. However this byte gives more information than you may at first realise.

Bits zero to two are used to indicate which of the five types of file we are looking at. Bit seven is used to tell the drive if the file is properly closed or if the file is still open. A one indicates that the file is open. An open file can be seen on a directory listing with an "O" beside the file type.

Bit six holds a very important piece of information and a large number of people are unaware of this. It is used to tell the disk drive whether or not the file is protected. Setting this bit to a '1' will prevent you

Figure 5: Format of the directory

TRACK 18 SECTOR 1	
BYTE	CONTENTS
0-1	Track and sector of next directory block
2-31	Entry of 1st file
34-63	Entry of 2nd file
66-95	Entry of 3rd file
98-127	Entry of 4th file
130-159	Entry of 5th file
162-191	Entry of 6th file
194-223	Entry of 7th file
226-255	Entry of 8th file

Figure 6: Format of directory entries

Each file entry consists of the following 30 bytes	
BYTES	CONTENTS
0	Type of file
1-2	Track and sector of 1st block of data
3-18	Filename, padded with shifted space
19-20	Track and sector of 1st side sector block (used with REL files)
21	Record length (used with REL files)
22-25	Not used
26-27	Track and sector of file when overwritten by saving a file with @
28-29	Number of blocks in the file

Figure 7: The type of file

FILE TYPE	FILE OPEN	FILE CLOSED
DELETED	0000 0000 000	1000 0000 000
SEQUENTIAL	0000 0001 001	1000 0001 001
PROGRAM	0000 0010 002	1000 0010 002
USER	0000 0011 003	1000 0011 003
RELATIVE	0000 0100 004	1000 0100 004

deleting the file by normal methods. A protected file can be seen on a directory listing with a '*' by the side of the program type. If you have any important files it is well worth going to the trouble of writing this list to prevent accidental erasure.

Program Erasure

Whenever you delete a program from disk a number of changes are made to the disk. Firstly, the sectors that the program occupied are marked as being free in the BAM and,

secondly, the file type is changed to a zero indicating that it has been deleted. The important thing to remember is that the program is still on disk and will remain there until another program is saved over it, probably after the next SAVE.

If you delete a file by accident and realise before you have saved another module then it is a very simple matter to retrieve it. All you have to do is find an entry for the file in the directory block and change the file type to whatever it was before. For example, if it was a program you would change the zero to 33. Your program will now be verified. However, the BAM will not be updated and if you save any other programs to this disk you stand a very good chance of overwriting your program. Therefore, make sure that you copy the rescued file onto a new disk.

Figure 8

```

Steve's Disk Editor. 'test0000000000'

Tracks:12 18 Links:12 18 Printer ports:
Sector:100 0         01 1  Device:8 Dr:0
Posn.:FF 255 Data: 0 Number based

Commands

CAB0: 11 FF FF 01 11 FF FF 01 "....."
CAB8: 11 FF FF 01 11 FF FF 01 "....."
CAY0: 34 45 53 54 A0 A0 A0 A0 "test...."
CAY8: A0 A0 A0 A0 A0 A0 A0 A0 "....."
CAZ0: A0 A0 59 43 A0 32 41 A0 "...yc.2a."
CAB8: A0 A0 A0 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CAB0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CAB8: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CAC0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CAD8: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CAE0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CAF0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CAF8: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."

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Figure 9

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Steve's Disk Editor. 'test0000000000'
00, 04, 00, 00
Tracks:12 18 Links:12 18 Printer ports:
Sector:100 0         01 1  Device:8 Dr:0
Posn.:80 128 Data: 17 Number based

Commands

CAB0: 11 FF FF 01 11 FF FF 01 "....."
CAB8: 11 FF FF 01 11 FF FF 01 "....."
CAY0: 44 45 43 4F A0 A0 A0 A0 "demo...."
CAY8: A0 A0 A0 A0 A0 A0 A0 A0 "....."
CAZ0: A0 A0 59 43 A0 32 41 A0 "...yc.2a."
CAB8: A0 A0 A0 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CAB0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CAB8: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CAC0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CAD8: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CAE0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CAF0: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CAF8: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."

```

Tutorial

It is probably worth going through a short tutorial to illustrate some of the changes that can be made. All examples are demonstrated with the disk editor that appeared in the January issue of four Commodore.

Firstly, you will need to format a new disk with the following command:

```
ORIN:11,"hd0:000,rc"
```

Please make sure that the disk is blank before you enter the above command as it will wipe your disk of all information.

Next, type in the following small program and SAVE it to disk with the filename 'DAM'.

```

30 REM THIS IS A TEST
30 REM SECRET TEST
30 REM PROGRAM
40 END
50 REM THE END

```

OK, so it's nothing exciting but it will serve our purpose very well.

Now LOAD your disk editor program and examine the contents of track 18 sector zero. If you have a look at bytes 144 to 161 you will see that they hold the name of the disk. Figure 8 shows what you should see. Now we shall change the disk name.

Change the letters of the file name to 'DAM0'. Figure 9 gives an example of how your disk should look now.

Now write the sector back to your disk with the write command and your changes will have been made per-

Figure 10

```

Steve's Disk Editor, "test000000000000"

Tracks:12 18  Len:00 0   Printer ports
Sector:01 1   FF 255   Device:8  Drive
Posn.:02 2   Data: 0   Number based

Commands:

CA00: 00 FF 00 11 00 4F 4E 45 ".....one"
CA08: 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 "....."
CA10: 80 80 80 80 80 00 00 00 "....."
CA18: 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 "....."
CA20: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CA28: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CA30: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CA38: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CA40: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CA48: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CA50: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CA58: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CA60: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CA68: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CA70: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."
CA78: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 "....."

```

status. If you want to check this for yourself, reset your machine and load in the disk directory; you will see that the name has been changed.

Now we are going to delete a file and then recover it. Delete the test file from your disk with the following command:

OPTIONAL "B" ON"

If you now try to LOAD the file you will be unable to do so.

LOAD in your disk editor and take a look at track 'B' sector one. Since 'ONE' is the first program on disk this is where it will be saved.

Figure 10 shows how your display should look. The 'B' byte which indicates a scratched file has been highlighted. Now change this number to '02' and save the sector back to disk.

If you now reset your machine you should find that the example program will now load in correctly. Don't forget that if you save any more programs to that disk the recovered file will probably be deleted.

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PROGRAMMER OF THE YEAR

BY MICHAEL CHURCH

Kung Fu Masters from William Fong is this month's entry for the competition.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF Kung Fu programs available on the market. Even though Kung Fu Masters from William Fong lacks some of the polish of its commercial counterparts, it is still an excellent game and it well worth the effort to type in.

As you progress through the numerous levels of this program you will meet a number of adversaries. The first is a very small and very easily defeated Kung Fu master. Next you have to face the slick lady who is intent on bathing you around the head and ankles with a rather large piece of wood. Then, well, it'll leave it up to you to find out as to who in the office has managed to get just this level.

Kung Fu Masters is a very well presented program with full instructions and a practice option included.

Getting It All In

Kung Fu Masters comprises three programs. The first is a loader program which is used to set up your COM and load in the final two parts. Don't forget to change 'B' to 'L' where indicated if you are using tape instead of disk.

The three programs should be stored in this order.

```
KUNG FU LOADER
KUNG FU MASTERS1
KUNG FU MASTERS2
```

KUNG FU MASTERS1 is a machine code program and you must use the Easy Entry program to be found elsewhere in this issue to enter the program. When you save KUNG FU you should save it after KUNG FU MASTERS1 with the file name "KUNG FU MASTERS1" and it must be saved with a start address of 8792 and an end address of 10626.

The Easy Entry program will check each line as you enter it leaving little room for mistakes.

PROGRAM: KUNG FU LOADER

```
800 HEX 80000000000000000000000000000000
810 HEX 81:SPC:COM1 FU LOADER PROGRAM:SPC:8
820 HEX 82:SPC:WILLIAM FONG 1981:SPC:8
830 HEX 83000000000000000000000000000000
840 POK 43,1:POK 44,1:POK 5A,2:POK 46,3:POK
    POK 54:INCH,8
850 PRINT"CLL:COM1"PRINT"DOWN:LOAD"CHR(24)+:KUNG
    FU MASTERS1"CHR(24)+",P"
860 HEX 86:CHAR 0 ,8 OR MOVE LINE TO ,1 IF YOU WIG
    USING TAP: 88
870 PRINT "DOWN:LOAD"
880 POK 63,13:POK 62,12:POK 63,12:POK 19,3
    PRINT"LOAD"
```

PROGRAM: KUNG FU MASTERS

```
8 IF 8:8 THEN 118
88 POK 5020,1:POK 5020,3
89 PRINT"CLL:COM1,DOWN, FELLOW:SPC:THE KUNG FU MASTERS IS
    LOADING...DOWN:LOAD"
90 PRINT"SPC:PROGRAM WRITTEN BY WILLIAM FONG:DOWN:DOWN"
95 PRINT"SPC:PLEASE WAIT FOR SECOND..."
100 8+1:3 8+1 THEN LOAD"KUNG FU MASTERS",8,1
101 RETURN:DOWN:LOAD
110 9+5020:11+9:12+8:9+8+8+1:PO+147:80:158+1:60+8:63+8
    64
120 11+188:12+288:11+101:12+205
130 11+5020:60+5420:62+5420:12+5420
140 12+5420:60+5420:102+5420:112+5420
200 RETURN:DOWN:LOAD:DOWN
280 POK 9+11,22:POK 9+29,22:POK 9+29,22:POK 5070,15
300 POK 9+28,22:POK 9+27,8:POK 9+28,7
320 POK 9+48,2:POK 9+41,8:POK 2841,128:POK 2848,172
    POK 2842,184
330 POK 2840,127:POK 2848,165:POK 2845,174:POK 2841,183
340 POK 9+40,8:POK 9+40,11:POK 9+40,2:POK 9+45,12
470 GOTO 11888
475 RETURN:DOWN:LOAD
580 GOTO 148:GOTO:DOWN
590 GOTO 158:GOTO:DOWN
595 GOTO 168
599 RETURN:DOWN:LOAD
600 P+1:8-POK 16:COM1:IF 8:117 THEN RETURN
620 IF 8:122 THEN 10+8:GOTO 888:GOTO 828:RETURN
640 IF 8:117 THEN 10+1:GOTO 888:GOTO 848:RETURN
670 IF 8:122 THEN POK 2841,128+11:GOTO 748
675 IF 8:111 THEN POK 2841,128+11:GOTO 748
690 IF 8:125 THEN POK 2841,122+11:GOTO 748
695 IF 8:121 THEN POK 2841,121+11:GOTO 748
700 IF 8:117 THEN POK 2841,120+11:GOTO 748
710 IF 8:110 THEN POK 2841,124+11:GOTO 748
720 IF 8:124 THEN GOTO 828:GOTO 888:RETURN
748 GOTO 11488:GOTO 1288:RETURN
770 RETURN
775 RETURN:DOWN:LOAD
800 IF 8:108 THEN POK 2841,128+11:80+1:RETURN
810 POK 2841,129+11:80+1:RETURN
815 RETURN:DOWN:LOAD:DOWN
820 IF 8:128 THEN 11+11+8:RETURN
825 RETURN
827 RETURN:DOWN:LOAD
830 POK 9+2,21:POK 9+1,11:RETURN
837 RETURN:DOWN:LOAD
840 IF 11:128 THEN 11+11+8:RETURN
```


12003+013 064 000 013 192 000 013 064 000 013 000 000 115
 12004+013 000 000 013 000 000 003 076 000 014 144 000 249
 12005+000 000 000 013 000 000 000 000 000 003 240 000 013
 12006+001 004 000 003 004 000 003 003 000 004 001 000 225
 12008+004 001 000 004 001 000 004 001 000 004 001 000 000
 12009+040 000 192 000 003 000 000 007 000 000 003 000 001
 12104+000 000 000 000 003 064 000 007 064 000 006 076 092
 12116+000 003 126 000 003 090 000 003 060 004 003 003 217
 12120+000 013 192 012 000 000 001 000 013 030 000 013
 12140+003 014 004 000 016 003 000 016 001 000 016 000 103
 12153+004 014 000 000 192 000 017 000 020 000 003 020 023
 12164+000 017 020 000 000 000 016 192 147 121 000 027 220
 12174+012 000 020 016 000 022 120 000 021 000 000 021 133
 12180+000 000 020 000 000 003 000 000 021 004 000 011 009
 12200+004 000 016 000 000 016 014 000 016 020 000 016 126
 12213+004 000 016 001 000 016 001 004 192 000 010 000 010
 12224+000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 192
 12236+000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 192 000 003 000 142
 12240+000 012 000 000 010 010 000 224 000 003 001 004 104
 12248+000 003 000 000 016 000 000 007 007 001 003 000 215
 12273+000 003 032 312 020 064 192 000 000 003 004 000 149
 12284+000 000 000 002 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000
 12296+000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000
 12298+000 004 020 000 000 103 000 001 170 004 000 103 220
 12300+000 000 020 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 020

12312+000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 014
 12344+000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 149 040 141 021 207
 12356+003 149 075 141 030 003 076 143 231 200 000 240 237
 12360+000 220 231 076 009 224 140 000 143 000 212 149 004
 12368+003 141 004 212 149 007 141 005 212 146 232 109 007
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of the month

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The action takes place on a geometric landscape which has pitfalls galore. The surfaces are divided up into squares giving a 3D appearance with hills and hollows to impede your progress. Your task is to guide the gyroscope around each section and into a hole at the end of the course which leads to the next screen. Sounds like a piece of cake, doesn't it? Well it did to me but that delusion was



soon dispelled.

Crossing the landscape within the time limit and controlling the wretched gyroscope is the main preoccupation throughout the game. The gyroscope seems to have a mind of its own and resists about paying little heed to your frantic joystick manipulations. At least, that's how it seems!

The landscapes all slope downwards in ramps and terraces which vary in width and at the edge of each surface is a fatal drop which seems to attract the gyroscope like a cliff attracts a pack of lemmings, with similar tragic results.

As though this natural attraction was not enough, the British programmer has devised a series of magnetic panels which "throw" the gyroscope in the direction of an arrow pointed on the panel's surface and invariably pointing to the nearest chasm. Negotiating a path through a field of these little devices is rather like walking

through a minefield in lead diving boots, just say a prayer, shut your eyes and go for it. With luck and a little quick witted thinking, you'll make it.

Paranoia is not a natural attribute of mine but I'm sure the little aliens which wander about the landscape have got it in for me. They seem to lurk in wait, knowing that they are guarding the only possible route I can take. I'm sure I can hear them cackling in anticipation of the havoc they are going to wreak when my gyroscope comes within striking distance.

Slippery glass panels mean that your gyroscope will slide about and accelerate down slopes and only by pulling the joystick in the opposite direction will you prevent disaster.

Although the rules state that seven lives are awarded, and this is indeed true

in versions for other machines, my C64 game only gives five lives and the first version would not allow me to progress beyond the third level. Melbourne House assures me that this was caused by a faulty master tape and that all the versions currently on sale are bug free. I must congratulate Melbourne House on this prompt reaction to my complaint and I am assured that anyone who may have acquired a rogue copy which may have slipped through the net will be treated with the same alacrity.

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BUSINESS FILE

Dave Crisp looks at Micro-Simplex, a computerised cashbook for small businesses.

Micro-Simplex

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This is a manual cashbook and one that seems to have been around since time immemorial. I used it when I first started in business and very successful it was too.

First Steps to Computers

Many small business men have their first taste of a computer when they transfer from manual simplex to Micro-Simplex. Micro-Simplex is the computerised version of the cashbook and as such it is probably the easiest one to use. In essence it does the same job as the simplex cashbook but there are many more features.

The manual presumes you have no knowledge of either computers or accounting and starts from square one. It even tells you how to plug everything in.

The manual guides you in a clear logical way presenting procedures as they appear in the program. Screen dumps are found on pages where this clarifies the text and so it is possible and indeed recommended to go through the manual once or twice without using the computer.

Hardware

The program itself is in a multipart format and so between major menu-choices it is usual to hear the disc start spinning and loading that particular option. This does not take much time and is not as bad as it sounds.

Because so much information is stored it is required that you have a separate data-disk. This means that at certain times there is a considerable amount of disk swapping which after a few weeks use does get rather irritating. The answer to this is a second disk drive which makes using the program so easy it is hard to describe.

The cost of a second drive seems off-putting but do not forget if you are in a position to use Simplex then the cost of that second drive can be offset against tax.

Simplex is set up in such a way that you can upgrade from a single to twin drives mid-year without having to re-configure the system. Most of Simplex is written like this in a second disk drive which makes game into making the program easy to use.

Support

When you buy Simplex you need to register as a user. This is free but I can recommend spending another £25 and becoming a member of the Simplex Users Club. This membership entitles you to a free updating service as well as keeping you in touch with other users via a newsletter which also contains hints and tips. Membership also allows you to use the Hotline which is a godsend if you suffer any problems.

Setting Up

Before you start with Simplex you must 'configure' the system. This means

entering company details, opening balances, screen colours, type of printer being used and so on. Once done you can forget about it. Then you need to tell it a little about how you want to keep your accounts.

To do this you must set up departments for payments and receipts.

Let's take the example of a grocer as they do in the manual.

You may want to split up receipts in several headings, e.g. general takings, alcoholic drinks, cig/tobacco, and newspapers and so on or you may just want one heading; for example, general takings. This is entirely up to you when you set up. The advantage of full analysis is that it gives you far more sales information.

With regard to expenses, the same system is used. You can split your expenses into departments as above or have one heading for all your stock.

For payments on items other than stock there are spaces to add your own plus the usual ones set up already such as heat and light, rent, rates, telephone, advertising etc.

All these headings have a number which you use when entering either receipts or payments.

When making a payment for business stock this is the information you will need to enter.

- 1 Payment number (used only to amend mistakes)
- 2 Analysis code: Enter the category number e.g. 14 for cig/alcohol
- 3 Date/cheque number
- 4 To whom paid
- 5 Amount
- 6 VAT Content (if applicable)

The format is roughly similar for other payments/receipts and takes only minutes to get the hang of.

Bank Routines

There are routines for managing payments and withdrawals from the bank as well as entering standing orders and service charges etc.

Unpaid bills

When you receive a bill it is possible to enter it as an unpaid bill. Then when you come to pay it the information is there already. These need not be entered but if



find that it does help. Also there is the fact that at end year these unpaid bills are taken into consideration in the profit-loss sheet.

Foul-ups

Everybody makes mistakes. One error in your accounts can be carried through the year if not picked up. Some accounting systems have little or no error correction whatever but Simplex allows full error correction though it can seem a little complicated at first use. However though and like most of Simplex you will find you rarely have to refer to the manual.

Reports

Perhaps the most impressive thing about Simplex is the volume of reports it can print out.

It seems that you do not enter half the information it can print out but so much of the work is done 'underneath' Simplex.

There are reports for receipts, departmental analysis, payments made to the bank, payments made for business stock, payments for other goods, weekly bank reports, weekly cash reports, other receipts, cheque reconciliation lists, audit trails and profit and loss accounts.



VAT

VAT is often a nightmare. With Simplex problems are almost non-existent. At the end of a VAT quarter it will print out the information you need to put on your VAT return. It really is as easy as that. I have used Micro Simplex sold on this alone.

It will cope with VAT schemes A, B, C, D, E, F and pharmacy schemes B which covers most of the schemes in common use. If you use a scheme other than this I am afraid you will need a bigger Commodore.

I have installed Micro Simplex in many small businesses and there have been virtually no problems. Problems have only arisen where operator error has not been noticed but in these cases the problem has always been sorted out with no loss of data.

Improvements

Micro Simplex could be improved in one respect. There are many software based fast loaders available now and it would be nice if one of these could be incorporated into Simplex. Again from that...no means. It's satisfying that the only mean I can come up with is one which is actually a problem with the speed of the hardware rather than a problem with the software. Well done Simplex!

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COMMUNICATION-

Link up with regular columnist David Janda and find out what's going on in the communications world.

WE'VE ENTERED THE THIRD MONTH of the new year. No doubt many of you will have been given a modern at times and have been having a good time! If you haven't subscribed to *Micronet* or *CompuNet* yet, then now is the time to give it some serious thought. Both systems intend to introduce new features early this year and we can now report at least one other major commercial database to start up real soon.

Micronet Bits

The big news of the time of writing in December is that *StarNet* is now active. Some members may remember *StarNet* when it was run on an old *Big Blue* ribbon, the game had troubles from the start, but it has been completely rewritten on the *Frank* (yep!).

StarNet is a game in which you - a star captain - try to increase the size of your fleet and your control over the galaxy. Brain power in great quantity is required to plan each move which is made every other day. The game is very complex, and the instructions themselves cover many frames, but are essential reading. Although the game is not played in real time, you can join forces with fellow players to defeat others. You can even be a double crosser and kill your fellow star captain who thinks you are on his side.

To play *StarNet* you have to register as a captain which costs a hefty \$99. Select yourself a corporate space name, and you'll be informed of your star sector in a few days via mail. Each move costs 25p and is done every other day. If you manage to coordinate the Thraxite ship, your moves will be free from then on. *StarNet* is at page 9008/0800 - good luck!

The *Challenger* has also been ticked up (technical whiz). It is now possible for anyone to send three multiple messages, and the system will not permit you to hit the message frame if mailbox is down.

The last snippet of Net news is that up and coming *Micronet* magazine *Peer Pressure* has now been promoted to *Publicity Manager* (yep!).

CompuNet Chatting

CompuNet has now introduced *Party-line*, and not a moment too soon. To use *Party-line* you must first buy a link program which costs 70p. The link stays in your modem unless you buy another



Are you ready for this ?

STARNET is a computer-modemated space game. It's a 3-D war game for up to 32 simultaneous players. . . .

program or link, so you can go in and out of *Party-line* during a *CompuNet* session without incurring the 10p charge each time. If you want to buy programs/links then do so first, then use *Party-line*.

Once in, the screen is split into two windows with a *ChatRoom*. The larger top part is used to display all the messages, and the bottom part is for entering your own messages and commands.

At the time of writing, *Party-line* costs 25p per hour with the first one min. 48 secs free. This way you can check now if someone is on. After that it costs 1p for each 30 seconds on.

Up to eight users can use *Party-line* at any one time. According to *CompuNet*, this restriction is for practical purposes rather than technical. The idea being that if you have more than eight users at once, things get confusing. No doubt *CompuNet* will be introducing more *Party-line* as time goes on. Price wise, myself and quite a few people on *CNII* think it's too much.

Both *Party-line* and the more regular *Chat* online are to be found on directory 7008.

Have you ever wished you could get a directory when you are online? Well if you are online and need a disk directory

then pop along to 262 where you can find an online *DNIS* program which is free. It's very useful in an emergency, but for long term usage why not download the *CompuNet* best program and *DNIS 2.3* which are also free at 708.

News

By the time you read this, *Modern House* should have released its 'Soygen 3' modem. The modem operates at 300/900/1200/75/1500 and has everything!

When asked about approval, Keith Rose, *Modern House* manager, said: "Of course it's approved. The Soygen has also been approved by the Galatic Federation of Telecoms for use anywhere within the Milky Way."

On a more serious note, it's about to see that *Modern House* and *Blade Technology* (with its *Multimodem*) and its fierce competition, the market is becoming saturated with modems for all reasons, and I predict that quite a few manufacturers are going to go bust before summer. I wonder who!

Warna that with me! Then drop me a line on thread 9199/027 or *CompuNet* 80 D. JANDA.

STARNET GALACTIC INDEX

THE GALAXY IS A TEST TUBE OF STAR-8. NUMBER REFERS TO Y19 LEVEL UP/DOWN. (Type a 3-digit sector no. to see the)

GOTO 1 FOR (000) 0000

CORNER

Disatisfied? Unhappy about something? Pleased with the way Your Commodore caters for your needs? Write and tell us about it.

Tape Trouble

SINCE YOUR COMMODORE BOOK over Your 64, there is one most useful feature which was available and now seems to have fallen by the wayside. Many Digitape provided a service which could supply a tape containing all of the programs from a particular issue.

Your magazine certainly contains far more useful utilities, but for those with limited time at their disposal a similar service would be most helpful.

Treating that you will consider this a constructive suggestion since a copy of Steve's Disk Utility would make an excellent start.

E F McEldown, Maidenhead

Thank you for your kind comments regarding the contents of the magazine, we do try to publish useful programs and maintain a very high standard of listing. However, we do realise that some of the programs are extremely long, and very difficult to type in. You, and no doubt many other readers, will be pleased to know that this issue of the magazine sees the start of the four Commodore software series. Each month we will be making most programs available on cassette. We will not be offering a disk as none of the programs will be presented so that you can easily back them up yourselves.

This month we are not only offering a cassette of most of the software in this issue but we are also making available a list of four Commodore cassette which contains some of the best programs published from the last year, one of which is the disk editor that you mention.

Scratch'n'Save

I was very pleased to see the Disk Editor which you published in the January issue

of the magazine, I have been looking out for one for quite a while.

I have figured out how I can change specific areas on a disk but I am still a little unsure as to how the disc works. I have also been told that you can recover a file that has been scratched by using a disk editor. Is this so? If it is then could you please explain how you go about it.

G Higginbottom, Bognor Regis

Steve's Disk Editor has certainly sparked up a lot of interest. We are a little limited for space on the letters page to give you a reply to your question here. However, in this issue you will find an article that explains just how a disk is made up and gives you some hints about changing the content. You can recover a scratched file from your disk as long as you haven't deleted anything else to it after the scratch command, the procedure for recovering a file is explained in the article.

C-16 Plea

I recently flicked through the January 1986 edition to read the Mastering the C-16 article only to find that it wasn't featured.

The whole of the magazine was confined to the C64 (not again!). I have been subscribing to this magazine since it first started in '84, because it devoted its columns to all the Commodore products, now I find that it is just for the 64. I can't remember the last time I saw a program for the 16.

With the cheap sales of C-16s and Plus/4s currently on offer there must be a large number of these machines in use together with lots of owners who are still waiting to type in your programs. If there are no features on these machines how do you expect to get programs to publish?

Why don't you publish a games programming series like you did for the '16? Oh, I'm sure it would be welcome. Or how about a listing of some of the games

that you can use on your machines?

C64 owners certainly seem to have a good time. Do I need to upgrade after getting what I thought was a good computer.

Please remember us C-16 and Plus/4 owners in your magazine in future.

Unatisfied Reader, M Leeward

There has been no plan to target the owners of Commodore machines other than the C64. We do try to include programs for all of the Commodore machines every issue. Some months however, this just isn't possible. Take the January issue for example. Mastering the C-16 was due to be published but managed to get itself lost somewhere in one of the many processes that articles have to go through before publication. Don't despair however as the missing part will be found in this issue and for Microsoft has lots of ideas for the future.

We agree with you that there must be a lot of C-16 and Plus/4 owners out there. Not a day goes by without some query regarding these excellent little machines. But material for these machines is a little thin on the ground and very difficult to find. Surely some of you C16 and Plus/4 owners have produced some software that you would like to share with other people or perhaps you may have discovered some interesting things about your machine. If you have then please send them in as we are on the look out for material all the time and depend on you, the reader, for quite a lot of material published in the magazine.

To find out if all you C-16 and Plus/4 owners, why not get in touch?

As for the poor 16, more less material is ground for this little beastie. We can't remember the last time that we received any material for this machine. So owners Vic owners why don't you get in touch as well? Surely not all Vics are sat gathering dust in cupboards.

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The Goonies US Gold



HAVING DISCOVERED AN old treasure map, a group of kids calling themselves The Goonies set off to find the loot that will financially save their town from some greedy land development company. It is your job to get Hakey, Red, Chunk, Amy, Mouth, Data and Stef to the treasure through eight screens of bars, walls, deadly slime, crashing rocks and an octopus. For each screen there are two Goonies and you must use them both to overcome the problems on the screen and enter the next stage.

The immediate problems facing the Goonies on the screen are not the only ones

because they are chased by the mad Italian family the Fratellis. Mrs Fratelli is the leader but after seeing her, I somehow feel she would be better leading an Olympic shotput team!

The first screen begins in an old dilapidated building which has three floors. Here you must find the exit to the basement and get each Goonie out. The hazards are that Mrs Fratelli continually runs along the bottom level and any contact with her is fatal. At first the task of getting both characters out may seem difficult but with the aid of the money printer, Mrs Fratelli can soon be avoided.

Having found the exit the

next two of the intrepid explorers are placed in an underground cavern. The secret here is to find the key and open the door at the bottom. However the route to the key is littered with traps. Huge boulders try to crush you to death and electricity cables try to kill you while you cross a deep pool of water. As well as all this, a rather unfriendly but flaps wildly across the screen and contact with him results in immediate death.

The next six screens become increasingly difficult and have some bizarre problems to overcome. The third stage is very tricky and takes quite some time to master. The task is to burst a large pipe but avoid being blasted by jets of steam which are frequent. The use of the two characters is very important here if you are to succeed and an added hazard - a equipped with a gun to lodge bullets is another thing to keep in mind.

Screens four and five feature ladders and platforms while the sixth has some deadly slime to deal with. Having seen the film two months ago, I recognised all the previous screens which gave me a slight advantage. The seventh stage however posed a

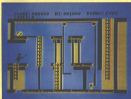
problem - on the shape of a large octopus. When I saw the film the octopus scene was cut out, and with only two men left I didn't know what to do. Somehow, with extreme luck, I managed to complete the screen and entered the final stage, where the lowable, but very definitely dead pirate, One Legged Willie and the treasure were situated. Getting the treasure was just reward for the effort I had put in to conquer the previous screens.

The game has a constanting feature in playability. The essential changing of characters is done simply by pressing the fire button which allows the game to continue quickly. The degree of difficulty is very good compared to games like Pitfall II etc, and this is certainly an appealing factor. Some nice music makes the games as a whole entertaining but sadly the graphics are not up to the standard I have come to expect from US Gold. The sets in the film are excellent but the reproduction in the game is well below par. One advantage the game boasts over the film, is the fact that the characters thankfully do not speak!

No doubt the success of the film will make this a hit this year.

N.K.

Zorro US Gold



WITH THREE LIGHTNING fast slashes of his rapier in the shape of a 'Z', Zorro carries up

yet another opponent. A quick leap onto the sofa and he bounces up to the walkway on

the other side of the room out of harm's way, at least for the time being.

Zorro is an arcade adventure based on the masked hero of the old film and TV series. Here, he is trying to rescue a beautiful woman from the clutches of the evil Sergeant Garcia. Before you can reach her though, you will have several problems to solve and objects to find to help you on your quest. Naturally, you aren't told what these are and you may find things a little confusing at first.

Zorro's two trademarks are his marvellous swordplay and his mighty leaping over the rooftops, coming from the chandeliers etc, and the game features both these attributes

prominently. The swordplay with the guards is just designed to slow you down and reduce your Zorro score but it is easy to get too careless and lose one of your lives. Leaping around requires very careful positioning and you will usually have to bounce several times on an object to gain enough height to jump up to where you want to go. Fire-axes, trampolines, curtain rails and large vial-like balls all appear.

The graphics are quite disappointing, not very clear and in uninspiring shades of brown and yellow. The effect is of some interesting ideas and problems to be solved but not particularly well implemented.

G.R.H.

Fight Night US Gold

Lightbulb 6, Computer 1, Game Controller 8, Game Box 8



BOXING GAMES ARE ALL THE rage at the moment and US Gold's contender Fight Night must have a very good chance

of becoming champ. Apart from the actual bouts themselves, you have the opportunity to design your own

potential Mohammed Ali, train him and let him wage with other boxers before a letting him loose in the ring.

Customisation involves selecting a head, body and legs from those given. You can name your character and change the colour of his skin and trunks etc. You then assign values to your boxer's strength in head and body punches and also what punishment he can take.

Then it's off to the gym for a spot of practice. There are eight moves to be mastered - two punches, two kicks, guard up and down and move left and right. The computer leads you through a series of training routines.

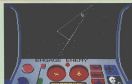
In the ring, you have those three-minute rounds to win either on points or by a knockout. The graphics and animation are excellent. You start against the number four contender, Dip Stick. He is a dirty fighter and his favourite punch is a decidedly low one to your softer regions which brings tears to your eyes and makes your man go cross-eyed and weak-kneed. If you win, you have three more bouts to get through before you're allowed a crack at the champ.

Fight Night is the best boxing game that I have yet come across, appealing to people who both love and loathe the real thing. **G.B.H.**

Starion

Midway Home

Lightbulb 7, Computer 8, Game Controller 8, Game Box 8



AT LAST, A SHOOT-EM-UP with some original features. As Starion from the Space Academy, you must fly backwards

in time trying to repair the damage in the space-time continuum, deliberately destroyed by aliens who are

your technological superiors.

You find yourself in a time grid containing nine different zones. Selecting a zone, you must destroy a specified number of enemy ships. These are superbly depicted in 3-D vector graphics. Every time you shoot one, you can pick up the alien's cargo which is in the form of a letter. When you have destroyed the entire enemy fleet, the letters you have collected need to be unscrambled in order to give you the nature of the cargo. However, solving the anagram is only half the problem. After flying through a time warp, you must decide in which time zone the cargo belongs. If you

choose correctly and visit the appropriate planet, all well and good. If not, you must battle away to another warp and try again. When you complete one grid, you are let loose on another night. It's tough being here.

Control of the ship is fairly simple. You can bank, dive, climb and adjust your velocity. Your instrument panel has two radar screens giving the location of the enemy as well as indicators showing the number of ships to be destroyed (gas fuel, oxygen and temperature levels).

Starion is a highly original space game. Well worth a look.

Falklands 82 PSG

Lightbulb 7, Computer 8, Game Controller 6, Game Box 7



HAVING SEEN THE BUTT OF much adverse publicity over pseudo-realism - Theatre Europe - PSG seems likely to attract

similar attention with this latest game which is a wargame simulating the British attempt to regain the Falkland Islands

after the Argentinian invasion.

You have between 25 and 30 turns to either occupy all 30 settlements or totally destroy the enemy forces. There are four potential landing sites and you can investigate the defences in two of these using the SAS and SBS. These units are important as they are the only ones with the ability to reconnoitre the surrounding area.

All your troops are given four values, an aggression factor, defence factor, movement allowance and attack range. The first two numbers will change due to the effects of combat. After you land, you

get options to move, attack (if in range) or do nothing. Combat may be at close quarters, over a distance (in artillery barrages or you may summon up an air attack or naval bombardment).

Movement depends on your movement allowance and the type of terrain you are crossing. Your move might be cut short if there is an air attack and ends automatically if you move next to an enemy unit.

The graphics are simple and clear which is essential for good wargaming. There are five skill levels and the game plays very well.

C.A.H.

Rambo Ocean

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THE FILM *RAMBO: FIRST BLOOD PART II* WAS A BOX OFFICE smash hit both in America and over here in England. If you have seen it, you will know that it is action all the way through with Rambo blowing up absolutely everything in sight in a desperate bid to rescue POWs against insurmountable odds and finishes off with a totally incomprehensible – but no doubt, very deep and meaningful – speech. Ocean has now written a game loosely based on the storyline of this film.

The actual game loads – preceded by a very good picture of Rambo with his rocket launcher – with absolutely incredible, interesting drive music pumping away in the background. When it's

loaded, you enter your name and start.

Rambo is in the middle of the jungle. Your first task is to free the prisoner tied to a bamboo cross in the camp and retreat to a helicopter positioned to the north of the camp. You have a knife and a cross bow which may be loaded with normal or explosive tipped arrows but a machine gun may be picked up on the way to the camp when you gain a secret temple. In order to reach the camp, you can either blast all the patrolling soldiers with your machine gun and blow your way through with your explosive tipped arrows or you can use a knife and sneak into the camp – the former method is more risky but gains more

points. In either case, by the time you have freed the prisoner, the guards are running about with their machine guns blazing away. The best tactic here is to aim yourself with the explosive tipped arrows and blow your way through to the helicopter. One useful tip here is to keep firing. That way, any trees which could impede Rambo's progress are destroyed, together with any hostile soldiers.

Having successfully boarded the helicopter, you must then go back for the main body of prisoners. If you manage to locate and free them without getting sidled with lead, a helicopter gunship is sent in pursuit. You have to destroy these fearsome machines – actually a Mi24 – and take the prisoners to the safety of Thailand. If you manage to do this, you go through the whole process again.

An enemy band at the bottom of the screen shows Rambo's strength reserve and this gradually decreases as he is hit by enemy fire but it is replenished upon completion of each stage. As you would expect, the game ends if the enemy drops in on you.

The most distinctive feature of this game is the quality of music and the variety of sound effects. They are incredibly atmospheric and actually increase the enjoyment of the

game rather than irritate you as sometimes happens. It would go as far as to say that the quality of music (by Martin Galway, as I am reliably informed) is higher than that of the *Monty Python* tunes by Rob Hubbard. Not only that, the graphics are exceptionally good too. The way in which Rambo runs around with his muscles pulsating is quite a sight and it is very satisfying when several enemy soldiers turn into skeletons and disappear into the ground with a crunch as soon as they are hit by Rambo's machine gun fire. I also like the way in which the guards fall to the ground when their watch towers were blown up.

The game is not however, a glorified shoot-'em-up. There is an element of adventure involved in actually deciding how to go about rescuing the first prisoner, locating the main body of prisoners and finding your way to Thailand.

Although the hardened arcade addict among you may find it a little easy to complete the mission, Rambo is a game which is technically brilliant and also remarkably exciting, challenging and very addictive. One interesting point however, is that you are instructed never to engage the enemy or to attempt a rescue in the instruction booklet and the game's intro. I wonder if anyone is going to take this advice!

5.5

Yabba Dabba Doo Quicksilver

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FRED FLINTSTONE HAS fallen in love. The object of his desire is the delectable Wilma but she doesn't know it yet.

Based on the children's cartoon series *The Flintstones*, *Yabba Dabba Doo* has Fred setting out to woo Wilma in

true caveman fashion.

This he decides to do by building a house for the two of them to settle down in. Starting off with a pile of assorted stones, he must first clear the area of rubble before assembling his desirable residence. The rocks are of two types – flat ones that should be thrown into the pit and round ones which, when correctly placed, result in the appropriate bit of house appearing.

As Fred moves round collecting bits of rock, he must avoid collisions with the assorted dinosaurs. Meeting with Wilma helps enormously, as does finding his car. He also

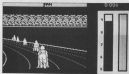
needs to earn enough money to hire a dinosaur to help him put his roof up.

The main problem with this game lies in moving Fred from screen to screen. You can only reach higher and lower screens by moving diagonally at the edge of the screen. This tends to be a very hit or miss affair, and what is wrong with the normal method of leaving a screen top and bottom, left and right, I'll never know.

Yabba Dabba Doo is a very colourful game and looks most attractive but I think that it lacks lasting appeal and I rated it up being more annoyed with it than entertained. **G.M.**

Run For Gold

Bill MacGibbon £7.95



SURELY EVERY ATHLETE'S ambition is to win a gold medal in the Olympic Games. Run for Gold, a sports simulation from Bill MacGibbon gives you a

chance to try your luck in three events - the 400, 800 and 1200 metres. Unfortunately, when compared to other programs currently available, this one

falls well short of the medal position.

It is some considerable time before you get your medal. You start off in small local races and if you do well enough, you are invited to take part at Crystal Palace, then the European and World Championships before you reach the Olympics and of course, you have to improve constantly if you are to progress.

The main problem with the game is that you have very little to do. Apart from determining how fast your man runs throughout the race, the only other action you have is in changing lanes and only then if

you select the hard difficulty level. There are two indicators bar, one for speed, the other for energy. The faster you go, as your energy decreases.

Graphically, the game presents a rear view of your runner, who is about half the height of the screen. All the numbers are shown in white and there are some problems when they overlap.

Playing the game feels very much as if you are taking part in the slow motion scenes in *Chariots of Fire*. If you are looking for sports simulations, there are many better ones around.

C.B.H.

Kaiser

Arctanoid £9.95



IF IN GERMANY IN 1200, YOU rule one of nine small provinces. If you display sufficient skills in administration, financial wheedling and

dealing and military tactics, you may end up being crowned Kaiser.

Based on the game *Kingdom*, Kaiser is a more

driven strategy game. Starting off with 10,000 Talers the local currency, you begin by trading in corn and land. You must feed your people a certain amount but can donate extra food in the hope of attracting immigrants. Next, you are given the population statistics for that year - births, deaths etc. You must then set the budgets for the following year by adjusting levels for assorted taxes. Then it's time to spend, as you decide whether to build markets, mills or develop your army. You can also wage war, but this comes later in the game. Bad administration results in your being

suspended from office for a year.

Up to nine people can play, but be warned, with each turn taking a couple of minutes, you will not finish playing in an evening. Fortunately, it is easy to save the current position. Control of the game is entirely via the joystick and is easy to master. In order to win, you must have certain points as well as five towns, a palace and a cathedral.

Kaiser is a similar game to *APU's Evil Crown* but is, in my opinion, considerably more playable. If you enjoy this sort of strategy game, Kaiser is well worth considering. C.B.H.

Deus Ex Machina

Electric Dreams



AT LAST SOMEONE IS EXPERIMENTING with new concepts in computer games. Deus Ex Machina is an intellectual

effort, covering the development of a renegade from infancy to death through a Shakespearean age of man

approach in an Orwellian setting.

The package comprises two tapes, one containing the program and the other a musical and verbal accompaniment which is timed to run simultaneously with the game. The sound track boasts many famous names such as Jon Penness, Ian Dury, and Frankie Howard performing original tracks which give cryptic clues towards the purpose of each section of the game.

Although the concept is sound and the audio tape is produced to a very high standard the games themselves are disappointing and a little

lame. Many of them are just the same game recycled with minor changes. The ethereal, surrealistic qualities of the overall package will lend its appeal to the older age bracket who would probably appreciate more challenging games.

Deus is certainly unique but is liable to be hyped as being far better than it actually is because of its intellectual aims. A definite example of the emperor's new clothes.

A very laudable attempt at a new concept on a different level of consciousness but a little naive in its execution.

E.D.



Revs

Published: £11.95



VEHICLE RACING SIMULATIONS have become more and more sophisticated and increasingly *Revs* is the best yet. Superbly packaged with maps of both the Brands Hatch and Silverstone circuits, all-terrain Driver's Handbook and Special Racing Programme no-one can complain about a lack of documentation.

A quick glance through the books leaves you in no doubt about the pedigree of this program with cars emulated with Access Computer drivers. Unfortunately this is unavoidable because the technical consultant is David Hunt whose opinion is on the said company.

Controlling the *Revs* car is

an extremely complex business and the 24 page manual guides you step by step through the training programme which is equally applicable to the real world of motor racing as it is to the *Revs* world.

Control is exercised by keyboard keys and this is the one weakness of the simulator. An analogue joystick can be used but apart from my own preference I know of very few computer journalists who possess one for the PC let alone home users. A combination of paddle with keyboard or switched joystick can be used which is probably even less help unless you make your own paddle.

So it's keyboard then, and

this involves seven keys for racing which it would have been nice to have as rotatable but this program makes few concessions.

Before commencing either a practice session or a race, the driver must set the angle of the wings which hold the car down on to the road. Both front and rear wings can be set independently which gives plenty of scope for experimentation.

Starting the engine involves engaging the clutch, checking for neutral gear, pressing the starter and then the rev-counter can be increased to the required race over speed. As you can see it is just like the real thing but there is one important difference; the engine is far more tolerant of misuse.

Steering and gear changes are fairly standard procedures using the rev-counter to gauge (hence the name *Revs*), if you leave the track at any time the handling of the car changes accordingly. Both gears under the wheels the car will deliver about as though on an A1 and skill is required to avoid a spin or stalling.

Wing mirrors are provided to give warning of approaching drivers who can be blocked

from overtaking by a steady bit of maneuvering.

When the course can be regulated within the 1:40 time limit you are ready for competition at one of the three levels depending on whether you make the qualifying time or not.

One really excellent facility is the pseudo-multiple race. For example, two players can individually complete a qualifying round and then they take turns to compete in a race. During each race the role of the other driver is simulated based on the qualifying round and at the end a score card is displayed showing the statistics and results.

Graphically it is obviously a concession from a BBC and I level for more could have been done to the graphic display to make it more slick. Despite this and the fact that the sound effects are a little irritating I have got to say that this is the most realistic and difficult racing simulation which I have seen and one which I would heartily recommend though beginners may prefer to try something a little less demanding before moving on to this one.

I.D.

Scalextric

Leisure Games



WHEN I WAS A BOY I got Christmas and Birthday money was invariably spent on extensions to my ever growing Scalextric racing car track.

Nowadays all this cash can be saved by investing in this game from Leisure Games.

Basically it is merely a simple Formula 1 simulation

but its advantage over the opposition is the ability to construct a track to your own design or to use one of the 17 preset tracks based on actual courses. Your own design can then be saved and stored for future use on cassette or disk.

The game itself relies on your ability to manipulate and control the car's speed and direction and, as such, offers no advantage over the many similar simulations currently available. The only control you can exert is left and right movement, accelerate and brake. There are no gear changes or complex rules to follow.

Designing a track is great fun giving a full range of Scalextric track units such as banked curves, chicanes, four

lengths of straight track and a selection of normal curves turning through various angles. After placing the starting grid where you want it, by moving a cursor around the screen, you can pick up a piece by cursor selection and start to build up your track.

The only problem I found with this is that if you want to make a change somewhere in the middle of the track you have to remove pieces working backwards from the starting grid, change the offending piece of track and then rebuild back to the grid.

Two players can enjoy a race and I would highly recommend it to anyone who dislikes the control complications displayed by similar games.

I.D.

F Brun provides a handy routine to turn machine code into data statements.

WHEN USING MACHINE code, sprites, UDGs, hi-res, or in fact anything that uses blocks of memory, it can be a bit of a pain to handle, as the Commodore has no built-in machine code monitor as standard. In effect, you might say, I've got one here on cassette/tape. Ah yes, that's ideal easy to use and you could use a sprite debugger to change the sprite, likewise a UDG designer for the characters. But the major problem comes with compatibility and clashing, it is highly probable that the sprite/UDG designer will sit in the same place in memory as your beloved program, thus the 'Just Commodore' routines for machine code files and data blocks can get a bit messy if you don't have - or can't use - the appropriate utilities.

The simple answer is to incorporate the data into Basic Data statements. But to do that properly you have to dump out the memory in hex to a printer (how many monitors allow you to dump decimal), convert it to decimal, and then type it all back in again.

To do this accurately you have to be at least sophisticated, even a Commodore User writer, however there is an easier option.

With Data Maker, all you have to do is to save your data on disk, run the program, and then you will be left with a self-standing Basic program with neat lines of data, each line having a checksum. This is so that if at any time you get the program a bit corrupted it will sort out the mess and tell you which line the problem was in - rather than it happening error at the 'READY' stage of the program, which is no use to anybody. Most magazines prefer data to have checksums in it as it reduces the amount of people who think that it is the magazine at fault rather than their own typing.

The rest of the program will automatically self-destruct - so

DATA MAKER

save it first!

The program works by directly reading the data off the disk, dumping it to a buffer area in memory. This is then read and compiled into the data statements. The checksum is calculated as it goes. The rest of the program then pulls itself up by its bootstraps and kills itself.

The problem for tape users is that the Commodore operating system does not

allow you to read a non-data file off tape, for this you would have to carefully write a program that reads the code into memory and then writes it out byte-for-byte as a data file - remembering to make the first two bytes the load address in both format. The program could then be easily modified to read in the data file and convert this instead.

The program is restricted to 148 of code and 248 of Basic

program data. This is because the Basic data will take up a bit more room than the original code, typically 3-4 times as much, so the buffer needs to be a bit smaller than the area left for Basic. I chose a 76/24 split because that is useful for most purposes. However, changing the poles to locations 50/50 in the line list and the value of 'M' can alter this for a bigger or smaller proportion as you wish.

PROGRAM: DATA MAKER

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100 D=0-0000/10      :PRINT D=0;PRINT D*10
110 L=00000000;M=0;T=0;W=0
    T=0-1,2)*3;C=0
    :FOR I=0 TO 255:GOTO I-C+3
120 L=L+M*256;M=M+M/256
    M=M-256;L=L+M;M=0
130 PRINT "CHECKSUM"
    :PRINT "DATA"
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FROG

- This month Daryl
- Bowers hasn't
- managed to move
- mountains but he's
- shifted some buildings
- instead.

IN THIS MONTH'S ARTICLE we have, as promised, the frog movement routines and a very slick reading routine. In addition to all that, you can have some moving buildings (Garg Stock) instead. Go on then, type it in!

The first routine is 'PLAYF', but its first line calls 'JOYREAD', so I'll deal with that immediately. This routine was taken straight from page 161 of the Programmer's Reference Guide (hereinafter referred to as PRG) with full explanation, but I will just explain the values it returns. The registers so on have the following values:

- X - x direction movement
- Y - y direction movement
- A - nothing
- Carry flag - if clear then fire button pressed
- Right, all clear? Now back to 'PLAYF'. This routine uses several variables which are all very simple to understand. 'JOYSTATUS' is zero when the firebutton is not pressed. 'KEYLUMP' is set to the next jump type (zero or one). 'MYDELAY' is the delay between frog movements. We shall look at any others later on.

The first thing - having called 'JOYREAD' - is to see whether the firebutton is still pressed from the last jump, and if it is, to ignore it. If it is not pressed then 'JOYSTATUS' is set to zero so that the next depression of the firebutton will not be ignored. If the button is pressed and it had not

been pressed previously, then 'JOYSTATUS' is set to one, and 'MYLUMP' is set to one to make the next jump a large one. The effect of this is to make it necessary to press the firebutton and release it every time you want to make another jump - holding it down will have no effect after the first jump.

Which brings us to 'MOVFR'. From here to 'MOVMOVE' the program is concerned with movement in the X direction. First of all we decrease 'MYDELAY', and if it has not reached zero we branch straight to 'MOVMOVE'. Next we replace 'MYLUMP' with 30 for the next time the routine is called.

Remembering that X still contains the value from 'JOYREAD' we want to see if the joystick is being moved left or right, if zero then branch to 'MOVMOVE', if 255 (left) then branch to 'LFTMVA', if 0 then branch to 'RFTMVA', and if identical except in reverse to 'LFTMVA', so I'll just explain this section.

The first thing we do is to test how far to the right the frog is situated on the screen. If this has reached its maximum then go to 'MOVMOVE'. Otherwise we have two loops which increase all the X positions in the frog pointing tables 'STAR' and 'STARB'.

Which brings us to 'MOVMOVE'. From here to the end of the routine we have a short piece of code which causes new paddles to appear on the road, but this will have no effect until the full 'ROADSET' routine is added next month. It starts off by decreasing a large two byte delay consisting of the variables 'CRASHDEL' as low byte and 'CRASHDEL2' as high byte, with a total delay value of 10*256+256. This means that the routine will be used only every 256th time.

Now we increase 'RANDPCX' the position in our table

of random values 'RANDTAB'. If the value at this position is zero, then we branch to the end of the routine, 'MOVFRAT'. If the value is one then we start a new paddle by setting 'Wgth' (length of a paddle) in 'CRASHC'. If it is 255 then we have reached the end of the table and so reset 'RANDPCX' to zero. If you are wondering about the label names, the paddles started off by being black crates - but then I

wanted to print the buildings on the far right of the screen as each new character is needed. First a breakdown of the variables used:

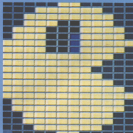
- BUILDNG1 - start address of building table
- BUILDNGTYPE - current building - 0 = no building
- BUILDNGSTAGE - character column in current building
- Second a breakdown of the routine:

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0100-0105	Store hi-byte of 'BUILDNG' in BPC
0110-0115	Check 'BUILDNGTYPE' to see if it is 0 - if yes go to 'NOBUILDNG'
0120-0125	Decrease X 'BUILDNGTYPE'; if not zero add 40 to A and repeat. (This sets up the correct position in the building table for the current building.)
0130-0135	Retrieve and print characters of building pointed to by Y ('BUILDNGSTAGE')
0140-0145	Increase 'BUILDNGSTAGE' - if equal to 98 then go to 'NOBUILDNG'
0150-0155	Add 10 to the value in Y
0160-0165	Event 'BUILDNGTYPE' test, get a new building type from 'BUILDNGTAB' to put into 'BUILDNGTYPE', and increase 'BUILDNGPCX'
0170-0175	Print a blank 'building' on the right of the screen
0180-0185	Increase 'BUILDNGSTAGE'; if equal to 98 then 'NOBUILDNG'
0190-0195	As last month

thought they looked better as blue paddles!

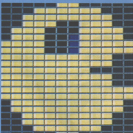
Now we have arrived at 'FRSBDNG' - which if you haven't already guessed, is the

So there we have it! Next month we have two super-duper routines to print out paddles and move and animate the Frenchman. See you soon!



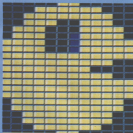
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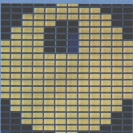
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DAT0170,170,160,170,170,160,170,170
DAT0000,170,170,160,170,170,160,170
DAT0170,170,170,170,170,040,170,160
DAT0000,170,160,000,170,160,000,170
DAT0100,000,170,120,000,000,000,000



SNAPPER 3

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SNAPPER 4

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When you are designing a game one of the longer jobs is designing the sprites. If you are good at art then fine, if not your next monster will probably end up looking like a square box with legs.

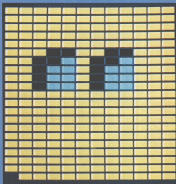
Now, *Saur Commodore* comes to the rescue once again with Sprite Ideas. If you have designed any sprites for games and you don't mind other people seeing your masterworks then why not send them into us. Each month we will be offering £10 for the best entries.

Your sprites can be anything at all (with the proviso, if you've designed a series of animated characters then send in the lot. We'd love to have a look at them).

So, next time you are after an Kiger to put in your new game, have a look in this section of the magazine and you may find just what you are looking for.

SPRITE IDEAS

This month we are pleased to print an excellent series of Pacman sprites
by Robin Davis from Redburn



SPRITE 1

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SPRITE 2

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DATA168,047,176,168,047,176,168,167
DATA167,167,167,223,223,167,223,223
DATA167,223,223,167,223,223,176,176
DATA168,176,176,168,176,168,176,176
DATA176,168,176,176,168,176,176,168
DATA176,176,168,176,176,168,167,167
DATA049,044,032,134,000,032,133,133
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SPRITE 3

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DATA000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
DATA000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
DATA042,044,047,177,173,047,177,173
DATA007,177,173,047,177,173,000,000
DATA000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
DATA000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
DATA000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
DATA000,000,000,000,000,000,000,223
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Eric Doyle has been wearing
out his joystick on
Mastertronic C-16 range.

SOFTWARE SUPPORT FOR THE C/16 IS steadily growing, and Mastertronic's range of games offers good quality at the extremely low price of £1.99 each.

I looked at seven of the titles: *Turti Fruit*, *Squirms*, *Wings Jackpot*, *Big Game*, *BATS Racers* and *Formula F* Simulator.

Despite the lack of detailed gameplay instructions, I discovered the full rules by trial and error, which added a bit of spice to the early stages of playing.

Turti Fruit was a prime example of being by my wits. All you are told is that "your job is to collect all the cherries from the orchard, as they are now ripe and it's their picking time". The instructions then warn the player not to stand under any bad apples and to avoid the members of the acid apple gang. Beyond this you are on your own.

My previous experience with the *De Do* type of game helped me to cope with the first screens. This involved collecting cherries while being pursued by the acid apple gang. Drawing my secret identity of Super Strawberry, the King of the Orchard and barreling through the orchard to collect the cherries was a relatively simple task, despite the falling apples and the attempts of the gang to foil my efforts.



Apart from being a danger, the apples can offer valuable assistance by blocking the path of the gangsters or by crushing a partner who gets underneath a falling Craney Smith.

Although it is not mentioned in the instructions, the strawberry does possess a disk which can be used in the direction of an attacker. If the disk misses it marks it will bounce around the screen until Super Strawberry collects it or it eventually hits its mark, when it will automatically return to its owner for re-use, just like a boomerang.

C-16 BY MASTERTRONIC

Screen two offered more of the same kind of problem but proved to be slightly harder. After harvesting the fruit I was dismayed to find that the screen didn't change. Perplexed, I wandered about the screen undermining apples and tapping gangsters for the sake of something to do. Still nothing happened until the pony dropped or, more accurately, all of the apples dropped. To complete this phase you had to get all of the apples to the bottom of the screen. Easy once you know the secret.

The third screen had me totally flummoxed until I realised that the idea now was to push cherry labelled boxes at the gang to eliminate them all in a Pacman-like maze. After eating cherries on all the other screens a word of explanation would have been nice here. Thank goodness I'd now explored every type of screen because

there was I, happily ignoring the instructions, when all of a sudden the lights go out and there I am in the dark groping along the passage walls. To prevent this from happening you must strap up the elusive glow worms which appear from time to time.

Success brings screen after screen of inventive mazes. This gives little time for boredom to set in despite the lack of variation in the gameplay and, just when you think you've rused it all out, new little twists are introduced. As you disappear down an invisible wormhole for the first time, you wonder what on earth is happening and you start to worry once more about every move you make.

One of my all-time favourite games is *Beastlord*, which must surely have inspired Mastertronic's *Raidman*. Not that the two games are alike in anything other than the general theme of collecting diamonds and avoiding falling rocks. This epitomises what I like about this series of games: although the themes of the games follow traditional lines there is an obvious attempt to innovate and to create interesting fusions of ideas rather than just doing a cheap copy of a successful game.

The place is Africa in the 1990's and mining bears has struck Rocky Ruckman. His well-imposed task is to collect



diamonds by dashing about the screen pushing boulders around and avoiding the baddies, a definite case of only being here for De Do.

The game blends quick thinking with strategy, two almost contradictory requirements because the speed at which Rocky's air runs out leaves very little time to plan a route and calculate the consequences of your actions. The random element of baddies wandering about undermining rocks and generally messing up your strategy only adds to the feeling of panic.

Given that all of the diamonds are recoverable, the strategy involves how

to move the racks and in what order the diamonds must be tackled. One wrong move and a gem will be trapped forever. Success is rewarded by the exit sign flashing but when it the doorway has become blocked by falling debris? Have no fear, another exit appears elsewhere and if you die in your attempts to reach the door the game resets the board to its original position and all you have to do is to dash for the exit.

All in all, it's great entertainment for gamblers with nostalgic tendencies.

Las Vegas is the gambling capital of the world, Maraca without the maraca, the brash side of the American dream. This looks a fitting backdrop for Vegas Jackpot, the fruit machine simulator. The strange fascination which the good old one-armed bandit holds is a mystery to me but addictive they certainly are. Even

successfully you are allowed another gamble and so on until you decide to quit while the going's good or the win spash £100. After a little while I found that I could successfully time my gamble to win every time. After two or three such wins Colles' *Blitz*-masterstroke!

Alternatively, some of the fruits have numbers and if a row has a value greater than six a number of nudges are awarded. These nudges may also be gambled but the stakes are higher because a nudge nearly always gives a win but if you gamble you can lose all your nudges and be left with nothing more than silver coins.

If a higher winning value was set for this game it would have been more challenging. And the graphical representation is adequate but I feel it could have been given greater aesthetic appeal.

Maine Action master of Big Mac the Mad Maintenance Man has as much to do with

revealed until near the end. By this time you've probably destroyed the only route available and keyboard suicide is the only way out.

This was one of my two firm favourites, unlike *BMG Racers* with which I was most impressed until the bugs hit.

The idea behind *BMG* is to negotiate courses as quickly as possible, collecting flags and energy on the way. Playing each track is challenging, but there are more challenges here than was ever dreamed of in *Mastertronic's* philosophy, methinks.

No doubt they would rather I ditched these 'extra' features as a characteristic of the game, in much the same way as a car simulator would describe a scratch on a new Rolls Royce as a sweet-rod feature and charge extra for it. Bugs, I call them, for bugs they are. It is fair that a game which has to be completed as quickly as possible does not allow you to accelerate across the



when the money is only an electrical impulse in the heart of the machine the compulsion to play it will thrive. Perhaps it is the crude analogy to life in this technocratic society. Perhaps the man-machine interface has become a crucial element in society. Perhaps I'd better get on and review the game!

The object of the game is to keep the bank by winning more than £200. You start the game with £100 and each pull of the lever costs £1. How you play is your own decision. You can pump the machine full of cash or you can hoard it up as you go along. The winning £200 quid has to be in your possession, not in the machine, so I found that my tactic was to keep leading in the cash in £10 blocks.

The machine resembles a normal four drum fruit machine with all the usual features: cherries, melons, lemons etc. Reading from the left of the display, if a row of two or more of the same fruit is created at the end of a spin, a sum of money is awarded depending on the number in the row and the probability of the combination appearing.

A win allows you to gamble or just to collect your winnings. If you gamble

hamburgers and crows called Ronald as it has to do with maintenance work. What it actually involves is a secret agent whose mission is to close down an enemy power plant. The air in each chamber of the plant is limited so the work has to be done quickly.

The first few problems are simply a matter of timing but gradually more and more thought has to go into the game. Tapping, going and levers to pull, as well as collapsing floors all add to the nightmare.

One excellent game feature is the ability to skip through all of the screens you have completed in previous games at the beginning of a new game. This means that you can progress faster and see what the game has to offer. If only this kind of facility was included in every multi-screen epic. A coded entry at the beginning of a session would have been even better so that you could carry your progress on from day to day.

The graphics are simple but effective and some of the strategy problems are very difficult to crack because, on the later screens, the exit is not usually

fully lit! Actually, to be fair, it does allow the acceleration but it does not detect your bike crossing the line so you disappear off the top of the screen into a netherworld where you must wait until your energy runs out. Similarly if you are picking up a flag or an energy pill you fail if you are accelerating. Even some of the obstacles can be passed by accelerating through them.

The scoring system leaves a lot to be desired as well. More progress is rewarded with a higher score than a fast run because score increases with time. The essential element of a race is that all time, and convention states that the faster the competitor the greater the reward, but *Mastertronic* looks with conviction when they score the line to compare into low price products so perhaps they are truly new to challenge game concepts as well.

My last best relates to the power pills at the end of the second screen: why can't I pick it up! Perhaps there are no more

simms beyond it - another revolutionary concept!

Come On! Mastertronic got your act into gear. You can produce good quality stuff so make sure that you play test sufficiently to get rid of such obvious problems.

Turning now from the drive to the game, Formula 1 Simulator is hard to beat. As more and more driving simulators appear, it is heartening to see that at least one company can produce a game which occupies so little memory and runs so smoothly that you can seriously take its place amongst the rest and wipe the floor with most.

The quality of the graphics is first class giving a smooth scrolling horizon with features such as skyraper and bridges which help you to work out your orientation on the course. Using these landmarks, you soon learn which way the next bend is hidden to and can adjust your car accordingly.

Control of the car uses five keys on the four main joystick positions and the fire button, controlling an alternate brake, left, right and change gear in or to. Visual confirmation of the degree of directional change is given by a rotating steering wheel which allows you to make fine adjustments in alignment.

The idea is to complete a circuit laps of the course as possible within the time limit which is displayed to the left of the



steering wheel. Any extra time at the end of a lap is carried forward to the next one which is invariably better, which means cars are more deserving to be avoided.

All of these games except Squares have keyboard alternatives to joystick operation, it only more computers showed the same consideration.

Given that in all but one case, if the type of game appeals to you then you will

not be disappointed, I will continue to arrange them in some order of preference.

Formula 1 Simulator and Big Mac I find hard to separate on equal footings. This is because they are different abilities. Formula 1 is all action but Big Mac requires a lot of thought and persistence.

Backgam is extremely challenging but not so varied as Mac, but Squares and Turn Front for the same reasons.

Vegas Jackpot comes at the bottom of this list purely because it is such an oddity. You either like fruit machines or you don't. Personally, I enjoyed the game but the skill demanded is minimal.

Oh yes, there's still BMS Racers to evaluate, I'd almost forgotten. Thank goodness!

I am amazed at the value of Mastertronic's catalogue of games. Admittedly there are several which I even they would prefer to forget, but in general the quality is excellent when weighed up against price. I remember the caution with which I received these first offerings and as for selling computer games is reaped good. So everyone makes the odd mistake, I'm available.

Next month I hope to read a very eye open Gemini Graphics assessment for the C-16 - Gemini seems very pleased with them. Watch this space for an independent view.

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100 INPUT "CLEAR,BEGINNING ADDRESS " ;A$
110 PRINT "DOWNPLEASE ENTER ALL DIGITS."
120 REM "DOWNSPACES WILL BE ENTERED AUTOMATICALLY
    DOWNC"
130 PRINT:PRINT A$;" ;";DOWNC $
140 IF A$="0113" THEN GOSUB 330:GOTO 190
150 IF A$="0133" THEN GOSUB 400:GOTO 190
160 REM READ DATA AND STORE
170 CHECK=ADD-INT (A$) / 254 / 254
180 FOR C=1 TO 3:STEP 1
190 B$=RND(254)*C ; J (R=0-254)
200 CHECK=(CHECK+B$) MOD 255
210 IF B$=0 THEN B$=0
220 POKE A$,A$+ADD-ADD-(J) / 255 ; C
230 A$=A$+(CHECK*10), J
240 IF NOT(CHECK) THEN GOSUB 330:GOTO 130
250 GOTO 130
260 B$="";FOR C=1 TO 3:FOR L=1 TO 3
270 GET X$:IF B$="";GOTO 270
280 IF B$="1333" THEN C=3:L=3
290 IF B$="133" THEN C=3:L=2
300 B$=B$X$
310 PRINT X$;NEXT L:NEXT C:PRINT "CUSTOM"
320 REM XXX SAVE YOUR FILE XXX
330 PRINT"CLEAR,DOWN,RIGHT:SAVE FILE:DOWNC"
340 INPUT"FILE NAME " ;F$
350 IF F$="" OR LEN(F$)<5 OR F$="*" THEN RETURN
360 INPUT"DOWN,DOWN:SAVE OR(S)AVE,DOWN:DOWN:DOWN:
    END : DELIF" ;B$
370 B$="":FOR C=1 TO 3:STEP 1
380 INPUT"DOWN:START ADDRESS IN DECIMAL " ;D$
390 INPUT"DOWN:END ADDRESS IN DECIMAL:SP(41)";E$
400 F$=F$+(D$-D$) / (E$-D$) * 254 / 254 * 16777216
    :POKE 765,765254
410 POKE 761,76-PEEK(762) * 254 / 254 * POKE 760,LEN(F$)
420 GOTO 340
430 POKE 760,0:POKE 761,0:POKE 762,0:PEEK 65444
440 POKE 324,0:325:POKE 324,0-PEEK(324) * 254 / 254 * 255
450 POKE 762,(E-1) / 254 * POKE 761,(D-1) - PEEK(762) * 254
    :PEEK 65444:RETURN
460 REM XXX LOAD DATA XXX
470 INPUT"CLEAR,DOWN,RIGHT:FILE NAME " ;F$
480 IF F$="" OR LEN(F$)<5 THEN RETURN
490 INPUT"DOWN,DOWN:RIGHT:FILE(S)AVE OR(S)AVE,DOWN:DOWN:DOWN:
    END : DELIF" ;B$
500 IF B$="":GOTO 340:PRINT RETURN
510 B$="":FOR C=1 TO 3:STEP 1
520 LOAD F$,L:PRINT
530 PRINT:PRINT"DOWN,DOWN,RIGHT:END" ;ADD-ADD-12
540 POKE 3476,13:POKE 3477,11
550 POKE 3478,100:POKE 3479,43:POKE 3482,0
    :POKE 3476,17
560 FOR C=1 TO 20:NEXT
570 POKE 3474,0;0:POKE 3477,0:POKE 3478,0
580 RETURN

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The main code fits in 4K of memory from 16000 to 16999 (16104 to 16999). This means that there is 4K less Basic free space. However, this does leave the memory from 16000 (16104) onwards free for machine code programs.

Both tape and disk users may make use of this program. For disk users there are a couple of disk commands to make life easier.

Entering The Program

First type in the small Basic loader program. This will be used to load in and initialise the finished program. If you are using tape, save this as the first program on the tape with the finished utility after it.

Now type in and save the four main Basic listings below attempting to run them. Each program performs a check on the data to help guard against errors. If an error is detected, the line number is printed and execution aborted.

Program four includes instructions to save the finished program to a storage device. Be sure to change the device

Command Summary and Formats

Command	CLS
Format	CLS
Action	Clears the screen and homes the cursor
Command	HOME
Format	HOME
Action	Homes the cursor
Command	TYPE AT
Format	TYPE AT (row, column);(expression);
Action	Enables data to be printed at a specific screen location
Example	TYPE AT(10,10);"HELLO" Prints "HELLO" in the middle of the screen
Command	COLOUR
Format	COLOUR (border);(screen);
Action	sets border and screen colours
Example	COLOUR 5,15 Sets the border to green and the screen to grey
Command	DIR
Format	DIR [device]
Action	Displays directory of a disk in drive with device number [device]. The device number is optional and defaults to 0
Examples	DIR DIR 9
Note	The device number is either 0, 5, 10 or 11. Any other number will give a BAD DEVICE error
Command	CAT
Format	As for DIR
Action	As for DIR
Examples	As for DIR
Command	MERGE
Format	MERGE ["filename";]device;
Action	Appends the named program to one already in memory
Examples	MERGE MERGE AS MERGE "PRIC";8
Command	DISC
Format	DISC ["filename";]device;
Action	Loads and executes the named BASIC program
Examples	DISC DISC "PRIC" DISC "TEST";8

number in the SAVE command to one if you are using tape.

Load and run programs one to four in sequence. The completed program will be saved and the machine will reset. Now load the Basic loader and run it. When the loading is complete, the screen will change to grey with blue border and the power-up message will be issued along with the READY prompt.

The Assembler

The assembler has been designed to work interactively with Basic, source code is held in RAM statements within a Basic program and assembled using the ASSEMBLE command. Basic variables may be passed to the assembler and different sections of code selectively assembled. The SET command is used to pass a value from the assembler to a Basic variable.

A typical program format is shown below. This simple program uses a machine-code subroutine to change the screen border colour to black.

```
10 ASSEMBLE 100,1  
20 SET A="START"  
30 SYS A  
40 END  
100 REM "SC008"  
110 REM BORDER=5100  
120 REM 1  
130 REM START LDA #00  
140 REM STA BORDER  
150 REM RTS  
160 REM ]
```

Line 10 - instructs Basic to pass control to the assembler, begin assembling at line 100 and initialise the symbol table. If 5 was used instead of 1 - e.g. ASSEMBLE 100,5 - then the symbol table would not be cleared. This is useful when

assembling multiple sections of code using the same symbols. (See Special Features sections.)

Line 20 — On return from assembly, the Basic variable A is given the value of assemble symbol START.

Line 30 — This is then used to call up the machine code.

Line 40 — Stops the program. Because the source code is in REMs, leaving out this line would not incur an error.

Line 999 — This sets the start of code to 49152 (\$C000). The ^ directive must always be the first instruction in any source code program. (See Special Features section.)

Line 110 — This sets the symbol BORDER to \$1200.

Line 120 — The | provides a means of inserting comments in source code.

Lines 130,140,150 — The machine code program. Note the use here of the symbol START to identify the beginning of the executable code.

Line 999 — The | signifies the end of the source code. Failure to include this at the end of the code will incur an error.

Assembler Directives

* Sets the code origin. This must be made the first line in a program. Failure to do so results in an error.

100 REM ^49100

#B) Byte directive. Allows byte-sized data to be inserted into a program.

120 REM #B \$10,\$10,\$10,\$10

#M) Word directive. Similar to #B, but works on 16-bit values.

240 REM #M \$40,\$40,\$100,\$100,\$1000,\$10000

% Test directive. Allows insertion of ASCII test.

300 REM %C00A%\$C00A01

| Comment — 30 REM | THIS IS A COMMENT

] End of source directive. Must be the last line of a source program.

600 REM]

. Define symbol. Only used when giving a symbol a value.

Command REM
Format REM [-line number-;increment-]
Action Renumbers lines in a BASIC program. Does not renumber GOTD, GOSUB, etc.
Examples REM start line 90, inc. 10
REM 40,30 start line 40, inc. 30
Note * This command is direct mode only *

Command DEL
Format DEL [-linenumber-; /linenumber-]
Action Deletes lines in a Basic program. Giving a non-existent line incurs an error.
Examples DEL 40,70 (deletes lines 40-70)
DEL 1000,1100 (deletes lines 1000-1100)
Note * This command is direct mode only *

Command ALINE
Format ALINE [-linenumber-];[increment-]
Action Provides automatic line numbering for easy insertion of Assembly-language. In addition to the line number, a REM is printed. Exit auto mode by entering a left arrow (-).
Examples ALINE start 10, inc. 10
ALINE 700 (start 70, inc. 10)
ALINE 70,20 (start 70, inc. 20)
Example of exiting auto mode
1070 REM |
1080 REM -- (entered -- to exit.)

Command OLD
Format OLD
Action Reverses the action of NEW, i.e. recovers a deleted program.
Note * will not work if an error has occurred since NEWing the program *

Command C\$
Format C\$ [-filename-];[device-];[addr-];[addr2-]
Action Saves a block of memory: addr1 - to addr2 - to the specified -device-
Example C\$ "MAC" \$A,\$1000,\$1000

Command C/D
Format C/D [-filename-];[device-];[D];[addr-]
Action Loads a block of memory from a device
Examples C/D "MAC",1
C/D "MAC" \$A,\$1000 (reloading load)

Command DISK
Format DISK "command string";[device-]
Action Sends a command to a disk drive. If no -device- is specified, default device is used.
Examples DISK "Y"
DISK "M:MAC",3

Command C/D\$
Format C/D\$
Action Performs a code reset. Symbol table is reset.

Command C\$MEM
Format C\$MEM -addr-
Action Sets location of memory for BASIC test. The message "ARE YOU SURE (Y/N)" will be issued. Relocation of the location of memory will occur only if reply is "Y".
Example C\$MEM \$1000
ARE YOU SURE (Y/N) (machine response)
* direct mode only *

370 REM \$C001A-\$E001
380 REM \$7 ARE LDA 10
390 REM \$7A SCR11A

Line 370 assigns the value \$001A to SCR11A.

Line 380 assigns the current code assembly address to START.

Line 390 shows how a symbol is referenced from within a command.

Note in line 380 that a colon (:) separates the symbol from the instruction. This convention must be followed and may be applied to multiple statements.

1000 REM END (END END, END, END, END, END)

will assemble correctly.

Assembler Operators

= Takes the low order byte of a 16-bit value.

100 REM LDA #SYMBOL (low order byte)

* Takes the high order byte of a 16-bit value.

200 REM LDA #SYMBOL (high order byte)

\$ Hexadecimal number. The following number is to be treated as a hex quantity.

300 REM LDA #70
240 REM STA \$A

ASCII immediate mode (see line 120 above).

% Binary number. Treat the following number as an 8-bit binary number.

700 REM LDA #1000011011 (must be 8 digits)

* Treat the following character as an ASCII code.

780 REM LDF #A

Used to evaluate the pointer to a Basic variable.

600 REM LDA# @A
(1000) (08000)
500 REM (117) @-@A
(0001) (00010)

Useful when using ROM floating point routines. Variable must be pre-defined in BASIC.

If used to evaluate the VALUE of a Basic variable.

```
700 REM LDA #0:0
:LOW ORDER
710 REM LDA #0:0
:HIGH ORDER
```

Variable must be predefined in Basic.

NOTE: A decimal quantity has no special symbol.

```
400 REM LDA #0
410 REM STA $1200
```

Special Functions

The code origin directive * may be used in a special way. Consider the following example.

Two separate programs are required to fill consecutive blocks of memory beginning at 49152 (\$C000). The first program declares all symbols to be used. The second program therefore requires the symbol table intact. The second program may also define symbols but not those defined in the first program. Any symbols defined here cannot be used by processing programs.

Program 1

```
70 ASSEMBLE 100,1
80 EXEC "PRG01",0
900 REM #40000
110 REM BDR(BDR=3000)
120 REM SCRIN=BDOR=1
130 REM LDA #0
140 REM STA SCREEN
150 REM |
```

Program 2

```
10 ASSEMBLE 100,5
20 END
300 REM #
100 REM LDA #0
120 REM STA BORDER
130 REM RTS
140 REM |
```

In Program 2, the code origin directive was given no address. The result is "follow on from last address". Be careful with this one. Be sure to give the full command if no follow-on feature is required. This follow-on feature allows large linked files to be assembled. The main linking factor is the symbol table.

Command FROM#
* Similar to LOAD# but sets top of Basic text memory *

Command SET
SET + variable = "assembler symbol"
Action: Assigns the value of an assembler symbol to a Basic numeric variable

```
SET A="SYM1"
SET B="SYM2"
```

Command ASSEMBLE
ASSEMBLE [-line number], command

Action: Passes control of the system to the assembler. Interpretation of source code will begin at the specified line number.

There are two possible commands:

- 1 - Clear symbol table
- 2 - Preserve symbol table

Examples ASSEMBLE 200,5
ASSEMBLE 700,1

PROGRAM: 0794 LOAD	PROGRAM: PART1
10 AND=1:IF BCI THEN EYE 294	10 \$=0000
20	20 FOR L0=100 TO 750 STEP 10
30 FOR SCOR=AVPKE \$1200,0	30 FOR P=1 TO \$:REND A:1-0=0
40 PRINT"LEARN,07,00002,	40 FOR Q,0,0:0=1:0=2
50\$C:ASSEMBLE 4000(2000)	50 READ (C:0 F:1)CZ THEN PRN
60 PRINT"0000(,0100(1)	70"00000000 0000 1000
70 END 0007	80 END
80 PRINT"0007(,000000(0000"	
90 LOAD"IMC000(,0,1	

Possible Extra Error Messages

OUT OF SOURCE	The directive was not found before the end of the source code.
NOT AN OPERATION	The assembler was expecting a 6002 macrocall, but failed to find one.
TOO MANY SYMBOLS	Symbol table is full.
SYMBOL DEFINED TWICE	Symbol defined twice.
UNDEF'D SYMBOL	A symbol was referenced to but was not defined.
BRANCH RANGE	Relative branches have a limited range of -128 to +127.
SYMBOL SYNTAX	Symbols must not begin with A.
DIRECTIVE	The * directive was incorrect.
BUSICAL PROGRAM MODE	Command is direct mode only.
BAD DEVICE	Illegal device specification.

Special Notes

Avoid the following areas:

- 900A7-9002F — assembler temp variables
- 90034-90050 — assembler temp variables
- 90000-9001F — main program
- 8A000-800F1 — symbol table

I hope that these examples help to show some of the uses of the assembler. I would be grateful to hear of any ideas and/or alterations. Write to — Steve Carver at the Youth Commodore office.

```
70 PRINT"00000000 LOAD PART2"
80 END
```

```
100 DATA 200,100,101,117,200,
101,120,111,87,116,100,200,
41,37,01,200, 200
```

```
110 DATA 02,11,37,11,01,201,
08,200,0,10,200,14,30,200,
200,200, 1000
```

```
120 DATA 200,200,200,0,200,
200,00,200,100,100,200,200,
200,200,177,200, 3000
```

```
130 DATA 200,200,211,217,171,
300,200,200,204,170,200,
200,200,200,200,200, 3770
```

```
140 DATA 200,200,200,192,170,
200,200,200,200,200, 3000
```

```
150 DATA 214,200,204,200,200,
200,200,200,200,11,00,00,
200,17,01,00, 2010
```

```
160 DATA 01,01,200,200,200,
200,100,200,200,204,200,
200,200,200,200,200, 2000
```

```
170 DATA 200,200,200,10,200,
200,200,200,100,200,200,
200,200,200,20,200, 3001
```

```
180 DATA 200,200,200,192,170,
007,102,100,200,171,107,
002,101,171,200,200, 3000
```

```
190 DATA 002,100,200,100,171,
200,100,200,200,200,200,
000,100,100,200,172, 3000
```

```
200 DATA 000,200,200,200,200,
74,200,70,00,200,70,00,200,
200,200,200, 3000
```

```
210 DATA 200,0,0,21,200,01,79,
21,1,07,200,00,200,00,04,
200, 3000
```

```
220 DATA 00,02,200,200,200,
200,100,200,101,110,200,
110,120,200,200,200, 2000
```

```
230 DATA 200,200,111,200,100,
200,200,200,200,200,201,
200,200,200,101,100, 3770
```

```
240 DATA 200,100,207,101,101,
102,200,200,200,134,200,
100,100,200,200,200, 3190
```

```
250 DATA 200,200,200,200,100,
100,200,100,200,200, 3000
```

```
260 DATA 100,00,07,01,170,00,
07,01,200,00,77,71,00,00,
70,01, 1000
```

```
270 DATA 200,00,00,70,10,00,
00,07,00,00,00,01,117,07,
70,01, 1000
```

```
280 DATA 20,07,70,00,71,07,
70,77,00,07,70,00,100,00,
07,00, 1070
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399 DATA 282,281,287,153,73,78,88,122,73,78,89,289,88,77,
  85, 1099
400 DATA 75,88,72,88,4,88,78,85,184,88,78,88,88,82,84,75,
  1123
401 DATA 44,82,84,83,78,85,87,67,56,85,87,68,288,85,87,77,
  1077
402 DATA 128,84,82,88,178,84,82,87,188,84,82,88,184,84,88,
  85, 1041
403 DATA 128,84,88,82,174,84,87,82,122,78,79,88,124,88,87,
  75, 1043
404 DATA 8,82,88,87,8,82,78,88,11,82,85,78,72,88,77,84, 899
405 DATA 32,87,77,88,44,87,88,88,32,87,88,89,88,88,87,87,
  1097
406 DATA 77,87,77,82,88,75,78,87,89,74,77,88,108,74,82,82,
  1202
407 DATA 121,78,88,82,122,78,88,88,142,78,88,89,124,78,87,
  82, 1048
408 DATA 142,78,82,82,174,82,79,78,107,82,79,82,100,82,84,
  87, 1088
409 DATA 289,82,84,88,238,82,84,88,221,82,84,89,242,78,82,
  84, 1099
410 DATA 32,78,78,32,82,79,82,82,87,177,88,82,88,32,78,88,
  1178
411 DATA 87,82,82,84,72,79,288,84,78,79,32,77,82,78,89,32,
  1273
412 DATA 82,88,87,44,78,78,282,82,87,77,88,79,78,32,82,87,
  1228
413 DATA 88,88,78,79,188,84,82,88,32,77,79,88,197,82,78,88,
  1122
414 DATA 87,78,28,88,82,82,89,71,84,79,288,82,82,82,78,87,
  1228
415 DATA 72,32,82,82,78,71,187,82,88,72,88,78,78,32,82,89,
  1271
416 DATA 78,78,82,214,88,72,82,87,87,84,78,88,197,88,82,88,
  1441
417 DATA 32,78,88,88,82,82,78,194,72,78,78,89,71,82,78,32,
  1217
418 DATA 88,82,78,71,82,82,77,32,77,79,88,197,88,82,88,32,
  1229
419 DATA 88,88,88,72,87,197,221,185,224,185,247,182,7,188,
  31,148, 2017
420 DATA 28,188,82,188,32,188,88,188,77,188,88,188,288,188,
  31,188, 1099
421 DATA 188,178,18,178,109,118,184,122,38,109,118,184,122,
  31,71,71, 1083
422 DATA 188,182,1,41,224,122,1,98,182,1,9,1,122,1,98,32,
  1279
423 DATA 128,172,78,287,102,281,48,188,18,281,71,178,18,
  281,28,178, 1222
424 DATA 2,41,12,98,281,82,188,1,122,28,78,78,72,178,32,
  121, 1003
425 DATA 8,32,181,188,18,18,18,122,2,32,112,8,32,181,
  184, 1098
426 DATA 2,2,122,2,78,112,8,32,288,188,182,2,122,28,189,8,
  1288
427 DATA 122,32,121,8,32,7,187,178,1,98,32,288,188,188,
  28, 1022
428 DATA 122,32,182,2,122,28,78,32,28,187,188,1,98,281,82,
  184, 1022

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399 DATA 8,281,71,178,2,38,78,24,78,281,48,184,228,281,28,
  178, 1088
400 DATA 288,28,78,32,18,177,184,1,98,78,28,187,22,121,8,
  182, 1028
401 DATA 8,124,2,281,48,288,7,281,88,288,2,78,77,178,41,12,
  1287
402 DATA 2,2,122,2,32,112,8,122,278,8,288,1,98,2,2,78, 1182
403 DATA 32,187,32,172,188,32,187,188,184,1,98,78,121,178,
  182,122, 1077
404 DATA 188,122,192,172,2,182,192,2,182,7,181,27,127,178,
  2,182, 1222
405 DATA 18,288,78,182,7,109,188,2,187,27,282,18,288,172,
  172,2, 1288
406 DATA 178,172,2,122,122,128,122,98,188,8,172,122,122,81,
  288,177, 2087
407 DATA 122,288,2,182,8,78,187,188,122,82,288,177,122,122,
  82,288, 1082
408 DATA 177,122,122,28,98,188,81,188,82,122,122,124,122,
  12,124,187, 1087
409 DATA 288,122,78,181,122,122,122,182,122,182,8,122,122,
  78,182,78, 1097
410 DATA 188,88,78,148,187,8,288,222,197,122,197,187,178,
  178,187,122, 2027
411 DATA 82,124,84,72,32,181,188,188,8,177,221,288,12,
  228,281, 2087
412 DATA 288,7,182,8,32,188,188,28,78,177,82,288,82,288,
  28, 1088
413 DATA 178,222,178,2,288,182,88,2,288,82,288,12,288,188,
  2,288, 2088

```

PROGRAM LIST

```
10 CLY=>C7888
```

```
20 FOR C=0+0 TO 708 STEP 20+1+0
```

```
30 FOR Y=0 TO 188 STEP 10+7+8
```

```
40 FOR Z=0,8,8,8,8,8,8,8,8
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```
50 READ Y:IF Y=1 THEN PRINT "DOWNDATA DATA IN LINE" :GOTO 1000
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```
60 NEXT
```

```
70 PRINT "DOWNDATA LOAD PART1"
```

```
80 END
```

```
100 DATA 288,182,8,32,188,188,28,78,188,9,28,182,82,122,82,
  182, 1022
```

```
110 DATA 88,182,8,122,88,178,182,82,78,218,187,32,187,177,
  178,2, 1022
```

```
120 DATA 182,7,78,122,188,188,8,177,122,32,32,187,188,12,
  121,81, 1279
```

```
130 DATA 2,288,197,7,288,281,78,32,188,188,88,2,24,122,181,
  122, 1288
```

```
140 DATA 122,122,182,122,182,8,122,122,98,32,288,187,178,2,
  182,2, 1278
```

```
150 DATA 98,32,181,188,288,7,177,82,122,98,288,177,82,122,
  91,32, 1281
```

```
160 DATA 288,188,121,8,288,42,288,7,288,42,288,2,78,122,
  188, 1022
```

179 0070 72,77,112,8,52,167,148,189,201,47,200,14,28,165,
38,191, 1040
180 0070 96,122,28,142,26,181,91,122,21,96,162,98,56,129,
28,122, 1034
178 0070 28,142,91,129,91,111,21,96,142,98,122,28,142,91,
121,11, 1030
200 0070 96,121,147,148,76,121,152,11,121,8,109,36,200,8,72,
112, 1627
218 0070 8,22,121,148,24,96,241,37,200,16,121,112,8,72,94,
147, 1092
220 0070 148,8,122,21,142,2,121,28,26,96,201,68,240,4,201,
62, 1042
228 0070 200,28,72,22,122,8,22,147,148,189,201,68,240,8,
142,21, 1099
240 0070 122,28,109,8,121,21,26,96,52,122,8,21,178,144,26,
94, 1200
224 0070 201,68,240,200,201,78,200,12,21,122,148,162,71,
144,71,121, 1024
268 0070 28,120,21,24,96,12,22,147,168,2,72,178,148,24,96,
201, 1088
238 0070 29,200,14,22,122,8,122,28,189,8,122,21,22,122,8,
24, 1007
260 0070 96,12,18,177,176,2,76,8,178,22,27,148,22,72,148,
224, 1066
270 0070 2,248,2,26,96,162,220,201,1,200,2,28,96,142,2,74,
1094
280 0070 142,144,22,122,8,200,17,189,61,22,222,174,22,167,
148,142, 1092
216 0070 28,188,11,122,201,124,252,96,172,22,2,121,220,172,
22,1, 1018
226 0070 122,222,76,22,112,8,148,8,177,122,201,28,240,22,
201,8, 1009
228 0070 248,8,144,222,228,2,200,2,142,221,200,172,78,200,
221,162, 1024
248 0070 8,76,142,148,24,122,181,220,122,221,142,222,182,8,
122,222, 1091
228 0070 76,22,112,8,201,87,200,2,76,212,189,201,68,240,2,
74, 1042
248 0070 8,172,12,112,8,148,28,22,220,174,22,147,148,142,
21,240, 1794
238 0070 2,76,72,178,188,220,224,1,200,8,148,8,142,28,142,
221, 1021
268 0070 224,220,200,2,220,222,22,121,8,201,68,200,8,22,
122,8, 1012
288 0070 76,178,149,76,22,112,8,148,28,22,220,174,22,147,
148,148, 1020
400 0070 222,228,2,200,22,148,8,148,28,142,220,200,142,21,
142,220, 1222
610 0070 142,221,24,182,2,122,221,142,221,182,8,122,122,12,
121,8, 1091
620 0070 200,44,200,8,22,122,8,76,228,189,96,142,222,201,1,
240, 2009
620 0070 7,76,22,8,189,76,177,187,22,112,8,22,27,148,22,
121, 1217
648 0070 8,208,12,201,20,208,9,201,41,208,2,142,2,74,142,
146, 1009
620 0070 22,201,147,8,178,68,2,222,124,2,48,148,2,142,2,74,
1022

648 0070 142,144,142,222,24,182,8,122,62,142,224,182,8,122,
68,200, 1070
670 0070 200,147,144,11,120,200,109,187,144,2,142,2,74,142,
146,148, 1020
680 0070 8,122,148,2,142,222,200,176,2,200,240,22,121,8,148,
7, 1020
690 0070 200,61,240,22,224,224,224,224,142,220,148,222,200,
142,222,142, 1020
680 0070 220,182,42,122,222,142,66,122,224,96,122,72,22,
112,8,22, 1004
610 0070 147,148,189,188,142,28,142,222,200,142,21,142,222,
21,129,129, 1040
620 0070 122,98,124,91,122,92,142,8,148,8,182,44,2,200,98,
200, 1020
620 0070 22,200,172,2,200,240,177,98,122,2,26,96,222,220,
92,200, 2172
640 0070 2,24,76,24,148,4,181,96,122,98,142,91,182,8,122,
91, 1018
620 0070 76,168,120,22,27,148,122,68,2,201,2,240,2,162,1,
76, 1020
640 0070 142,144,142,222,142,184,168,8,22,148,120,144,1,
187,1,76, 1020
670 0070 142,24,142,142,168,22,22,148,108,144,1,142,2,76,
147,127, 1044
680 0070 142,142,148,22,22,148,108,144,1,142,2,76,76,221,
120,177, 1021
690 0070 48,201,220,248,2,122,2,76,142,4,74,142,146,167,
142,21, 1072
640 0070 220,224,200,42,200,22,142,222,200,2,220,220,22,66,
148,76, 1020
630 0070 114,121,72,142,222,200,2,142,8,76,142,144,184,201,
92,200, 2112
620 0070 2,76,201,22,200,2,76,114,121,200,44,200,8,22,22,
120, 1020
620 0070 76,114,221,201,26,200,6,22,99,148,76,114,221,201,
22,200, 1042
640 0070 8,22,142,149,76,114,121,22,27,177,174,2,142,1,76,
147, 1042
620 0070 146,22,221,120,22,18,120,22,121,8,201,8,200,7,200,
20, 1022
660 0070 248,8,76,8,172,22,142,147,76,27,101,22,122,8,76,
24, 1200
670 0070 121,148,8,122,222,22,82,147,142,92,141,147,2,142,
76,148, 1044
680 0070 148,2,22,221,174,201,72,240,2,201,82,240,22,142,8,
76, 1022
680 0070 142,144,172,187,147,174,178,147,122,222,124,224,
22,112,8,200, 1021
700 0070 226,22,76,147,22,198,147,22,28,125,220,222,172,
147,2,122, 1000
710 0070 92,122,148,2,122,96,22,198,147,22,28,121,140,221,
142,22, 1007
720 0070 2,142,222,141,22,2,74,122,147,22,221,108,200,2,
200,2, 1704
730 0070 149,1,74,2,122,200,1,200,6,22,98,122,76,2,122,22,
120

PROGRAM PART3

```

38 CLR#0:0011
39 FOR L#100 TO 10 STEP 10:G=0
40 FOR M=1 TO 10:G=0:G#1+G#4
41 FOR K=1,4,9:G#1+G#07
42 READ T1,T2,T3,T4:PRINT"DOCKDATA CROSS IN LINE",L#
:END
43 NEXT
44 PRINT"DOCKDOWN LINE PART3"
45 END
46 DATA 124,121,120,81,144,222,228,2,260,24,148,8,145,2,
140,201, 2010
47 DATA 240,174,92,248,12,142,28,140,224,288,176,92,248,4,
142,21, 2040
48 DATA 342,221,24,142,92,181,221,121,221,140,222,182,8,
122,221,76, 2110
49 DATA 142,220,291,2,248,2,187,2,76,142,2,122,28,147,21,
22, 2080
50 DATA 220,174,22,142,148,142,21,288,2,76,128,122,142,
221,24,182, 2040
51 DATA 2,122,98,142,221,142,8,122,91,142,28,76,227,78,
122,28, 1880
52 DATA 142,21,227,91,248,9,281,222,248,21,142,4,74,142,
146,142, 2187
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PROGRAM PART 2

03 0100-09914
 04 FOR L=100 TO 730 STEP 10:V=10
 05 FOR W=1 TO 100:GOTO 10:V=10
 06 POKE 2,4:G=0:R=0:R2=1
 07 READ T1:IF NOT(T1 THEN PRINT"PROGRAM DATA ERROR IN LINE" :GOTO
 08 0827
 09 PRINT"INSTRUCTIONS: PRESS ANY KEY WHEN READY TO EXECUTE"
 10 POKE 2,8:R=0:R1=150:1:POKE 198,8
 11 POKE 42,8:POKE 44,144:POKE 46,222:POKE 48,129
 12:PRINT"EXECUTION" :G=1:GOTO 140:288
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TOP DRAW

THIS MONTH I WANT TO touch on the well-trodden subject of scrolls. As you will be aware, scrolling is used as a basis for many of the arcade games available. Initially, games used character scrolls but with the hardware features of the C64, single pixel scrolls are possible.

When preparing this article, I had to make the choice between providing a versatile character scroll package or a less versatile character scroll. Since many readers will have interests beyond the writing of arcade games, I will cover the former but with a view to covering pixel scrolls at a later date.

The loader listed here provides the facilities to perform horizontal scrolls and rolls. In part two, I will look at vertical movement. So what are scrolls and rolls. Well, both involve the movement of the contents of an area of screen. In the case of a scroll, the screen contents are lost as they scroll - to be replaced with new information. In this package, spaces are inserted.

Consider a scroll to the left. The screen area is removed to the left, the leftmost column of characters is lost. The screen area is simultaneously replenished by a column of spaces on the right. In the case of a roll, the column of characters leaving the area is put on the other side of the area giving continuous motion of the screen - just like a conveyor belt.

Both scrolls and rolls have their value. A scroll is most useful for the presentation of a stream of information which is longer than the screen area involved. This could be a piece of landscape in an arcade game or a long piece of text. A roll is suited to the repetitive movement of a short piece of information.

The commands to control the scrolls and rolls have the simple form:

SYN SA,RL,BL,FLAG1,FLAG2,NS

Where SA = 49152 for movement to the right and SA = 49153 for movement to the left.

It specifies the top line of the area moved. The top of the screen is line 0. It specifies the bottom line of the area moved. The bottom of the screen has a value of 24. The commands move the full width of the screen. FLAG1 specifies the type of movement:

FLAG 1 = 0 for a scroll

FLAG 1 = 1 for a roll

FLAG2 specifies the information moved: bit 0 controls the characters and bit 1 controls the colours. Hence:

FLAG2 = 1 moves the characters only

FLAG2 = 2 moves the colours only

FLAG2 = 3 moves both the colours and characters

NS specifies the number of characters moved each time the routine is called.

I mentioned earlier that scrolls place a space in the new column of the screen after moving the information. In the case of the colour scrolls, the colour in the new column is set to the current cursor colour.

I have provided the option to move both colours and characters since it is possible to achieve some interesting effects. Try, for example, moving the colours and characters in opposite directions.

Two demonstration listings are provided to give an idea how the routines are used. I hope you find them of value.

Program: Scroll loader

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2  DATA 100,3,10,100,170,180, 28  DATA 7,41,2,240,6,200,177,
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   160,20,140,130,3,10,100  30  DATA 20,200,170,150,3,240
3  DATA 190,160,20,140,140,3, 31  DATA 27,170,100,3,40,1,
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4  DATA 76,40,170,76,170,100, 34  DATA 107,3,190,200,76,114,
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   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 82  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 83  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 84  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 85  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 86  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 87  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 88  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 89  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 90  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 91  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 92  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 93  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 94  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 95  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 96  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 97  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 98  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 99  DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200, 100 DATA 100,40,100,201,160,
   200,190,6,100,200,160,200,

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RAINBOW DISK

HAVE YOU EVER WISHED that you could make your disk directories look a little more interesting? Would you like them to give you a little more information than they can.

Rainbow Disk allows you to split the disk directory into a number of different coloured sections.

Now you may have the games on your disk highlighted in red, your utilities could be green and you could have a blue section for data files.

Rainbow Disk is a Basic program and you should have no problems typing it in. However do make sure that you save it before attempting to RUN it.

Pretty Colours

Rainbow Disk is very easy to use. You should first design a section divider by following the on screen prompts, you can even put in your own messages. Then when this divider is stored on to disk all files that appear below it will appear in the new colour until a new divider is reached.

Rainbow Disk is an extremely good addition to the Disk Orderly program by Ian Allen featured in the October 1985 issue of our Commodore. Simply append a couple of coloured dividers to the end of the disk and then use Disk Orderly to sort all of the files into the order that you require.

Program Details

10 - 48 set up variables
20 - 128 display instructions
260 - 360 choose a divider
370 - 400 choose a colour
430 - 499 confirm choice
500 - 539 save choice to disk
540 - 559 creating a divider
560 - 639 first options menu
640 - 659 display directory
660 - 680 get key substitution
690 - 700 read error channel

Variable Details

C	= colour chosen	CS	= clear screen
D	= divider chosen	CUR	= cursor up
L	= column	D\$(1-6)	= divider array
MA	= match flag	ERR(9)	= disk error messages
AS	= keyboard press	FL	= filename
CS(1-6)	= colour array	MS	= match string
CD	= cursor down	MS	= match on
		MS	= white print
		MS	= disk read

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PROGRAM RAINBOW DISK
:
1 REM *****
2 REM GET RAINBOW FOR UTILITY
  FN 1,0,0
3 REM GET J ROLLERSPOC---
  RSPC(0)PT 1900 100
4 REM *****
5 REM ROLLERSPOC GET UP SCREEN
  &STR(ROLLERSPOC)100
6 REM *****
10 FOR I=0 TO 5:RND I
  J=INT(5*I)
  C$(I)=CHR$(17)+CHR(110+
  I)+CHR(100+I)
20 FOR I=1 TO 5:RND I
  J=INT(5*I)
  C$(I)=CHR$(17)+CHR(110+
  I)+CHR(101+I)
30 DATA 40,70,45,20,11
40 DATA 60,90,65
50 FOR I=1 TO 4:RND I
  C$(I)=CHR$(C)
60 DATA 5,75,30,11
67 REM *****
68 REM *****
69 REM *****INSTRUCTIONS
  I$PC1000
69 REM *****
70 PRINT CON$CHR$(17) "RAINBOW
  ON I$PC1(1)C$(1)C$(2) J
  ROLLERSPOC(0)PT 1900
  FN 1
80 FOR I=0 TO 2550
  J=INT(256*I)
  FN 200 I,J,3,4,5,7,8,4,7,13,
  11,11,13
100 PRINT "CREATE COLOURFUL
  DISK SECTIONS WITH"
110 PRINT "THIS USEFUL UTILITY"
  FN 1,"C"
120 PRINT "CHOOSE A SETTABLE
  DIVIDER AND COLOUR -"
130 PRINT "ALL FILES LOWER
  ON THIS DISK ARE DIRECTLY"
  BY"
140 PRINT "WILL BE DISPLAYED
  ON THE SCREEN IN THE"
150 PRINT "NEW COLOUR "C"
160 PRINT "WITH A SET OF FILE
  NAMES, YOU CAN CREATE"
170 PRINT "A MULTICOLOUR DISK
  SECTION TO HIGHLIGHT A"
  SET OF FILES."C"
180 PRINT "FOUR COLOURS ARE
  AVAILABLE "C"
190 FOR I=1 TO 4:PRINT SPC(1)
  I$PC(1)LEFT$(I$C,7)
  :NEXT I
210 PRINT "DO REMEMBER THAT
  SOME COLOUR COMBINATIONS"
220 PRINT "MAY NOT SHOW UP
  WELL EG. BLUE PRINT ON"
230 PRINT "A BLUE SCREEN OR
  EVEN RED ON BLUE."C"
240 PRINT "C" I$PC1
  440 PRESS ANY KEY TO CONT
 INUE ""
250 GET AS:IF AS=""THEN 250
257 REM *****
  *****
258 REM YOU CHOOSE STYLE OF
  DIVIDER ""
259 REM *****
260 PRINT CON$CHR$(17) "EN
  TER CHOICE OF DIVIDER"
  CON$CHR(100+I)C$(1)C$(2)
  "FOR MESSAGE"
  "
270 FOR I=1 TO 4:PRINT TAB(I)
  I;" I$PC(1)I$C(1)C$(1)C$(2)
280 PRINT CON$CHR$(17) "I$PC1
  PRESS KEY TO CHOOSE I$PC1
  "C"
290 PRINT "CHOOSE
  I DIVIDER-COLOUR COMB
  ATION"
300 PRINT "CAN ONLY BE USED
  ONCE ON A DISK I$PC1
  WITH"
310 PRINT "THIS I$PC1 MESSAGE
  OPTION TOO, HOWEVER,
  THIS"
320 PRINT "SHOULD NOT CREATE
  MUCH OF A PROBLEM"
330 REM *****
  *****
240 OF BORN THEN 270
350 PRINT "C" I$PC1 MESSAGE
  I$PC(1)I$C(1)C$(1)C$(2)C$(1)C$(2)
360 PRINT TAB(20);
  I$PC(1)I$C(1)I$C(1)C$(1)C$(2)
  I$C
367 REM *****
  *****
368 REM YOU CHOOSE ONE OF
  4 COLOURS ""
369 REM *****
  *****
370 PRINT CON$CHR$(17) "EN
  TER CHOICE OF COLOUR."C"
380 FOR I=1 TO 4:PRINT TAB(I)
  I;" I$PC1C$(1)I$C(1)C$(1)C$(2)
  I$C:NEXT

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470P
140 IF @0=1000 THEN PRINT@
MODE IN DATA,"STOP"
150 PRINT@PRINT@SPACE@100
YOU RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS TRY
OK"
160 SET @X@=0:"@*":THEN 160
170 IF @X@*THEN 160
180 IF @X@*THEN 240
190 PRINT"COLLECT!"
200 PRINT"GREEN,RIGHT,
DOWN,SPEC@SEARCH INSTRUCT
ION@S@PC,@SPACE@"
210 PRINT"BLUE,DOWN,SPACE@IT
IS YOUR TURN AS GRISWOLTER"
220PRINT@FIND OUT WHERE IN
THE "?"
230 PRINT"THE DEVELOPER@S
SYSTEM@S HAS PLACED 3 MINES,"
240 PRINT"PRINT" IT IS KNOWN
THAT THE MINES ONLY RESP@D TO
STRONG MAGNETIC FORCE."
250 PRINT"PRINT" YOU HAVE
BEEN EQUIPPED WITH A NOVAL
ELECTRONIC BEAM EMITTER,"
260 PRINT"THE BAYS FROM
THE@THIS@ DEVICE WILL BE A@F
ECTED BY THE@MINES@."
270 PRINT" MAGNETIC FIELD@S
OF THE MINES IN A 100-@R@D@S@
DETERMINED @N@, @N@S@,@S@,
280 PRINT" ALLOW YOUR@S@T@S@
TO POINT EACH OF THE MINES IN
THE@C@S@S@S@."
290 PRINT"YELLOW,DOWN,SPACE,
IN@D@P@S@S@ SPACE WHEN RE@D@Y
D@S@RT@."
300 SET @X@=0:"@*": THEN @N@
310 PRINT"YELLOW,GREEN,
RIGHT,DOWN,SPEC@SEARCH
INSTRUCTION@S@PC,@SPACE@"
320 PRINT"BLUE,DOWN,SPACE@IF
A BE@M IS ADJACENT TO THE
R@F@T@S@P@C@E@N@ BE@M, THE
B@Y@S@ WILL BE@"
330 PRINT" DEFLECTED@S@PC@:@N@
D@S@R@S@ AW@Y FROM THE B@M@."
340 PRINT"PRINT" IF THE PATH
OF YOUR BE@M LIES BETWEEN
SPEC@D@ MINES, EACH WILL@,"
350 PRINT" DEFLECT THE BE@M
IN@S@D@L@A@L, SENDING IT @C@K
K THE B@Y@ IN@S@C@S@O@M@."
360 PRINT"PRINT" IF A BE@M
LIES DIRECTLY IN THE R@F@T@S@
P@C@E@N@ BE@M, THE BE@M WILL
B@,"
370 PRINT" BE ABSORBED."
380 PRINT"PRINT" THE ONLY

PECULARITY IS WHEN A BE@M
IN@S@T@S@S@S@ TO ENTER THE GRID"
390 PRINT" ON A SQUARE@S@PC@
NEXT TO ONE THAT IS OPEN."
THIS RESULTS IN THE BE@M@,
400 PRINT" BEING BE@M@ STR@D@S@
@T@ BACK@S@P@C@E@OUT OF THE GRID."
410 PRINT"YELLOW,DOWN,SPACE,
IN@D@P@S@S@ SPACE WHEN RE@D@Y
IN@S@R@T@."
420 SET @X@=0:"@*": THEN @N@
430 PRINT"YELLOW,GREEN,
RIGHT,DOWN,SPEC@SEARCH
INSTRUCTION@S@PC,@SPACE@"
440 PRINT"BLUE,DOWN,SPACE@THE
MINES @RE IN@S@S@B@L@E; ALL YOU
KNOW"
450 PRINT" IS WH@RE THEY @RE
@N@ THE GRID, @N@?"
460 PRINT" WH@RE THEY COME
OUT."@:PRINT"DOWN,SPACE
A WHITE BE@M@"
470 PRINT" INDICATES A BE@M

140 POINT@ POINT@,
170 PRINT"YELLOW,DOWN,SPACE,
IN@D@P@S@S@ SPACE WHEN RE@D@Y
D@S@RT@."
180 SET @X@=0:"@*": THEN @N@
190 PRINT"YELLOW,GREEN,
RIGHT,DOWN,SPEC@SEARCH
INSTRUCTION@S@PC,@SPACE@"
200 PRINT"PRINT"WHITE,SPACE@N
UMBER OF TH@S@ P@S@
W@S IN@S@P@C@E@S@ @V@L@A@B@L@E
WHEN
P@Y@T@N@"
210 PRINT" @F @M@N@ THE@S@P@C@E@
FUNCTION KEYS."
220 PRINT"BLUE,DOWN,SPACE@THE
A@N IS TO FIND THE 3 MINES
@N @R@S@P@C@E@N@ @S@S@ AS POSS@B@L@E."
230 PRINT" EACH M@N@ ON THE
P@Y@T@N@ IN@S@R@S@S@S@S@P@C@E@
YOUR SCORE BY 15 POINT@S@."
240 PRINT"DOWN,SPACE@FOR EACH
MIN@ POSITION THAT YOU SET
IN@S@C@S@O@N@, YOUR SCORE IS@,"

840 FOR @=0 TO 10
FOR @Y@ TO @S@C@L@,@R@D@
@P@C@E@,@R@D@,@C@L@,@R@D@
FOR @X@ @=0 TO @S@
FOR @Y@=0 TO @R@D@-1:
@P@C@E@,@R@D@,@C@L@,@R@D@
@C@S@ OF @S@C@L,@R@D@ THEN @X@
@N@ @Y@,@R@D@,@S@
@N@ @S@D@ @S@D@
1000 IF @X@=0@:D@S@R@T@N@ @N@
@N@TO@BLACK,LEFT,SPACE@RETURN
1010 PRINT@BLACK,LEFT,SPACE@
NEXT@N@
1020 @P@C@E@=@S@C@O@R@ @L@S@
1030 PRINT@MIN@S@,@MIN@S@,
@R@S@T@,@W@T@,@C@L@"
1040 SET @X@=0:"@*": THEN 1040
1050 IF @X@*THEN@*":THEN 1050
1060 IF @X@*DOWN@*":THEN 1070
1070 IF @X@* THEN @S@C@S@ @L@S@
@S@D@ @S@D@
1080 IF @X@=0@: THEN @S@C@S@
D@S@N@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@
1090 IF @X@=0@: THEN @S@C@S@
D@S@N@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@
1100 IF @X@=0@: THEN @S@C@S@
D@S@N@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@
1110 IF @X@=0@: THEN @S@C@S@
D@S@N@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@
1120 IF @X@*THEN @S@D@
1200 @S@D@ @S@D@
1210 @S@D@ @S@D@
1220 IF @X@=0@: THEN @S@C@S@ @L@S@
@S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@
1230 IF @X@=0@: THEN @S@C@S@ @L@S@
@S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@
1240 IF @X@=0@: THEN @S@C@S@ @L@S@
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1250 IF @X@=0@: THEN @S@C@S@ @L@S@
@S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@
1260 IF @X@=0@: THEN @S@C@S@ @L@S@
@S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@
1270 IF @X@=0@: THEN @S@C@S@ @L@S@
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1280 IF @X@=0@: THEN @S@C@S@ @L@S@
@S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@
1290 IF @X@=0@: THEN @S@C@S@ @L@S@
@S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@
1300 IF @X@=0@: THEN @S@C@S@ @L@S@
@S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@
1310 IF @X@=0@: THEN @S@C@S@ @L@S@
@S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@
1320 IF @X@=0@: THEN @S@C@S@ @L@S@
@S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@ @S@D@
1330 PRINT"LEFT,BLACK,@L,
RIGHT,@W@T@,@C@L":@X@+1:RETURN
1340 PRINT"LEFT,BLACK,@L,
LEFT,@W@T@,@C@L":@X@-1:RETURN
1350 PRINT"LEFT,BLACK,@L,



PRESS SPACE
TO RETURN.

THAT GOES IN AND@;
670 PRINT" COMES OUT AT THE
SAME PL@C@E@."
680 PRINT"PRINT" A BLACK BE@M
K INDICATES A BE@M THAT@
690 PRINT" ENTERS THE @S@S@,
BUT DOES NOT COME OUT@."
700 PRINT"PRINT" THE COLOUR@S
3 MINES INDIC@S@ ENTRY AND@
710 PRINT" @I@T@ POINT@S@ FOR
MINES THAT GET THROUGH@
720 PRINT" THE @S@S@, @THE
COLOUR@S @RE MATCH@S@."
730 PRINT" @N@ @N@S@ @RE @N@S@
@S@B@L@E, I.E. @S@D@ @"
740 PRINT" @Y@ INTO THE @S@S@
@N@ @N@@Y@ POINT@ AND@
750 PRINT" IT WILL COME OUT
@T@ THE @S@R@A@L@ ENTRY@"

800 PRINT" INCREASED BY @
IN@P@C@E@S@@N@S@."
810 PRINT"PRINT"PRINT@SPACE,
BLACK@FOR WHICH @S@LL@ @N@S@
BY @R@N@D@M@Y@"
820 PRINT" FOR WHAT THEY @RE
@B@U@T TO @N@S@R@E@."
830 PRINT"PRINT"SPACE,SPACE@N
UMBER SPACE TO @L@Y@@R@D@S@Y@"
840 SET @X@=0:"@*": THEN @N@
850 POKE @S@D@,@R@D@ @S@C@S@@N@
@P@R@K@ @S@C@S@,@R@D@ @S@C@S@@N@
@S@D@ @S@ :
860 POKE @@S@,@L@ @P@R@K@ @S@C@S@,
@L@
870 SET @L@S@ @S@S@ @N@D@ PO@S@T
@N@ @N@S@
880 @S@S@ @S@S@ @R@D@ @L@S@ @S@C@S@ @S@
@N@ @N@S@ @S@

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SPC,LEFT,WHITE,SCR*Y+Y-0
ACTDWH
1340 PRINT"LEFT,BLACK,SL,
DOWN,LEFT,WHITE,SPC";Y-1
ACTDWH
1350 GOTO 2290
1360 IF(X+HARD*Y)THEN PR
HT"LEFT,BLACK,SL,LEFT,SP
WHITE,SCR*(Y-1)+H-2000 1340
1370 IF(Y+HARD*Y)THEN PR
HT"LEFT,BLACK,SL,SP,LEFT
WHITE,SCR*(Y-1)+H-2000 1340
1380 IF(X+HARD*Y)THEN PR
HT"LEFT,BLACK,SL,LEFT,
DOWN,LEFT,SCR";Y-1+H-1
GOTO 1340
1390 IF(Y+HARD*Y)THEN PR
HT"LEFT,BLACK,SL,LEFT,
DOWN,LEFT,SCR";Y-1+H-1
GOTO 1340
1400 IF Y-0 THEN GOTO 1390
1410 IF Y=0 THEN GOTO 1360
1420 IF Y+0 THEN GOTO 1360
1430 GOTO 1340
1440 PRINT"DOWN,
BLACK,RIGHT,SCR";Y+Y+0
GOTO 1340
1450 PRINT"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
GOTO 1340
1460 PRINT"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
GOTO 1340
1470 PRINT"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
GOTO 1340
1480 PRINT"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
GOTO 1340
1490 PRINT"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
GOTO 1340

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1500 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1510 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1520 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1530 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1540 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1550 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1560 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1570 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1580 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1590 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1600 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1610 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1620 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1630 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1640 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
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1650 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1660 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1670 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1680 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1690 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1700 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1710 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
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1730 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1740 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1750 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1760 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1770 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1780 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1790 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1800 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1810 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1820 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
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1870 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1880 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1890 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1900 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1910 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1920 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1930 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1940 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1950 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1960 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1970 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1980 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
1990 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0
2000 PRINT TAB(22)"DOWN,
BLACK,DOWN,SCR";Y+Y+0

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1750 IF(Y-1)GOTO 1680
1760 IF Y=0 THEN GOTO
1770 GOTO(22)PRINT"WHITE,
LEFT,SPC,DOWN,LEFT";Y
IF(Y)SPC,Y+1)THEN PR
H-SCR,Y,DOWN,SCR,Y+1,
Y
1770 IF(Y-1)GOTO 1680
1780 IF Y=0 THEN GOTO
1790 GOTO(22)PRINT"WHITE,
LEFT,SPC,LEFT";Y
IF(Y)SPC,Y+1)THEN PR
H-SCR,Y,DOWN,SCR,Y+1,
Y
1800 IF(Y-1)GOTO 1680
1810 IF(Y)SPC,Y+1)GOTO 1680
1820 IF(Y)GOTO(22)PRINT"WHITE,
LEFT,SPC,LEFT";Y
IF(Y)SPC,Y+1)THEN PR
H-SCR,Y,DOWN,SCR,Y+1,
Y
1830 IF(Y-1)GOTO 1680
1840 IF(Y)SPC,Y+1)GOTO 1680
1850 GOTO 2290
1860 IF(Y)SPC,Y+1)THEN PR
H-SCR,Y,DOWN,SCR,Y+1,
Y
1870 IF(Y)SPC,Y+1)GOTO 1680
1880 IF(Y)SPC,Y+1)GOTO 1680
1890 IF(Y)SPC,Y+1)GOTO 1680
1900 PRINT"LEFT,SPC";

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PRESS SPACE
TO RETURN.

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1910 Y-1)GOTO 2000
2020 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2030 IF SCR+1,Y-1)THEN I
GOTO
2040 GOTO 1990
2050 IF SCR+1,Y+1)THEN I
GOTO
2060 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2070 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2080 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2090 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2100 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2110 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2120 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2130 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2140 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2150 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2160 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2170 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2180 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2190 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2200 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2210 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2220 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2230 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2240 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2250 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2260 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2270 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2280 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2290 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2300 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
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2310 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
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2320 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
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2330 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
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2340 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
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2350 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
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2360 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2370 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2380 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2390 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
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2400 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
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2450 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2460 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2470 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2480 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2490 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO
2500 IF SCR+1,Y)THEN I
GOTO

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2830:POKE SC,11+CS,1
2832:POKE SC,10:POKE SC,1
2840:POKE SC,11,11+CS,1
2842:POKE SC,11,11+CS,1
2850:POKE SC,11
2852:POKE SC,11
2854:IF 10=0 OR 20=0 THEN 31
2856:POKE SC,11
2858:PRINT "HOME" TAB 20:"
@DRAW,SPC11:"PRINT TAB(24) "
@SPC11"
2860:PRINT TAB(22) "DOWN,
BLUE,SPC11@DRAW,SPC11@DRAW
@SPC11"
2862:PRINT TAB(24) "UP" OR
2864:PRINT TAB(22) "DOWN,
SPC11"
2866:PRINT TAB(22) "DOWN,
SPC11:"PRINT TAB(24) "SPACE"
2868:PRINT TAB(22) "DOWN,
SPC11:"PRINT TAB(24) "DOWN"
2870:PRINT TAB(22) "DOWN,
SPC11:"PRINT TAB(24) "DOWN"
2872:PRINT TAB(22) "DOWN,
SPC11:"PRINT TAB(24) "DOWN"
2874:PRINT TAB(22) "DOWN,
GREEN,SPC11@DRAW,SPC11@DRAW
@SPC11"

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2876:POKE 11,11+RETURN
2878:POKE 10,20:POKE 10,1
@POKE 11,21
2880:FOR L=1 TO 250:NEXT
2882:POKE 10,20:RETURN
2884:GOSUB 2770
2886:FOR L=1 TO 25
2888:POKE L,10
2890:IF SP,11,11+10 THEN 2770
2892:POKE SC,11,11,21
@POKE SC,11,11+CS,SP,11,11
2770:POKE 11,11+RETURN
2772:FOR L=1 TO 25
2774:PRINT "CLEAR, BLACK, BL,
SC,11,21"
2776:PRINT "000,SPC,11,21"
2778:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2780:FOR L=1 TO 7
2772:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2782:POKE 11+100+CS21+CS21+CS21

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2784:GOSUB 2770:GOSUB 2820
2786:PRINT "HOME, WHITE, DOWN,
RIGHT" @DRAW,LEFT "DOWN,
LEFT "DOWN,LEFT "DOWN,LEFT "
DOWN,LEFT "DOWN,LEFT "DOWN,
LEFT "
2788:PRINT "RIGHT " @DRAW,
LEFT "DOWN,LEFT "DOWN,
LEFT "DOWN,LEFT "DOWN,LEFT "
DOWN,LEFT "DOWN,LEFT "DOWN,
LEFT "
2790:PRINT "LEFT, SP,RIGHT "
2792:PRINT "DOWN,RIGHT,
BLUE" @DRAW "SPACE"
2794:PRINT TAB(24) "DOWN"
2796:PRINT "DOWN,RIGHT,
BLUE" @DRAW "SPACE"
2798:PRINT TAB(24) "DOWN"
2800:PRINT "DOWN,RIGHT,BLACK"
@DRAW "WHITE,SC,11"
2802:PRINT "BLACK, DOWN,
RIGHT" @DRAW "LEFT, WHITE, DOWN"
2804:PRINT "UP, LEFT, WHITE, DOWN"
@DRAW "SPACE"
2806:PRINT TAB(24) "DOWN"
2808:PRINT "DOWN"
2810:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2812:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2814:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2816:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2818:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2820:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2822:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2824:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2826:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2828:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2830:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2832:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2834:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2836:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
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2840:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2842:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2844:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2846:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
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2852:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2854:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
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2858:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2860:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2862:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2864:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2866:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2868:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2870:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2872:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2874:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2876:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2878:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2880:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2882:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2884:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2886:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2888:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2890:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2892:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2894:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2896:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2898:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2900:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"

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BLUE" @DRAW "SPACE"
2802:PRINT TAB(24) "DOWN"
2804:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2806:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2808:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2810:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2812:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2814:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2816:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2818:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2820:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2822:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2824:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2826:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2828:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2830:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2832:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2834:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
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2838:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2840:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2842:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2844:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2846:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2848:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2850:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2852:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2854:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2856:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2858:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2860:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2862:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2864:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2866:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2868:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2870:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2872:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2874:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2876:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2878:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2880:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2882:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2884:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2886:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2888:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2890:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2892:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2894:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2896:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2898:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"
2900:PRINT "DOWN,DOWN,DOWN"

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2902:PRINT TAB(22) "DOWN,
SPC11:"PRINT TAB(24) "UP"
2904:PRINT TAB(22) "DOWN,
SPC11"
2906:PRINT TAB(22) "DOWN,
SPC11"
2908:PRINT TAB(22) "DOWN,
YELLOW,SPC11@DRAW,SPC11"
2910:PRINT "0"
2912:PRINT "0"
2914:PRINT "0"
2916:PRINT "0"
2918:PRINT "0"
2920:PRINT "0"
2922:PRINT "0"
2924:PRINT "0"
2926:PRINT "0"
2928:PRINT "0"
2930:PRINT "0"
2932:PRINT "0"
2934:PRINT "0"
2936:PRINT "0"
2938:PRINT "0"
2940:PRINT "0"
2942:PRINT "0"
2944:PRINT "0"
2946:PRINT "0"
2948:PRINT "0"
2950:PRINT "0"
2952:PRINT "0"
2954:PRINT "0"
2956:PRINT "0"
2958:PRINT "0"
2960:PRINT "0"
2962:PRINT "0"
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2966:PRINT "0"
2968:PRINT "0"
2970:PRINT "0"
2972:PRINT "0"
2974:PRINT "0"
2976:PRINT "0"
2978:PRINT "0"
2980:PRINT "0"
2982:PRINT "0"
2984:PRINT "0"
2986:PRINT "0"
2988:PRINT "0"
2990:PRINT "0"
2992:PRINT "0"
2994:PRINT "0"
2996:PRINT "0"
2998:PRINT "0"
3000:PRINT "0"
3002:PRINT "0"
3004:PRINT "0"
3006:PRINT "0"
3008:PRINT "0"
3010:PRINT "0"
3012:PRINT "0"
3014:PRINT "0"
3016:PRINT "0"
3018:PRINT "0"
3020:PRINT "0"
3022:PRINT "0"
3024:PRINT "0"
3026:PRINT "0"
3028:PRINT "0"
3030:PRINT "0"
3032:PRINT "0"
3034:PRINT "0"
3036:PRINT "0"
3038:PRINT "0"
3040:PRINT "0"
3042:PRINT "0"
3044:PRINT "0"
3046:PRINT "0"
3048:PRINT "0"
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3052:PRINT "0"
3054:PRINT "0"
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3058:PRINT "0"
3060:PRINT "0"
3062:PRINT "0"
3064:PRINT "0"
3066:PRINT "0"
3068:PRINT "0"
3070:PRINT "0"
3072:PRINT "0"
3074:PRINT "0"
3076:PRINT "0"
3078:PRINT "0"
3080:PRINT "0"
3082:PRINT "0"
3084:PRINT "0"
3086:PRINT "0"
3088:PRINT "0"
3090:PRINT "0"
3092:PRINT "0"
3094:PRINT "0"
3096:PRINT "0"
3098:PRINT "0"
3100:PRINT "0"

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-100+100,SPC,BLACK,SC,1"
2770:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2772:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2774:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2776:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2778:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2780:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2782:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2784:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2786:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2788:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2790:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2792:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2794:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2796:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2798:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2800:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2802:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2804:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2806:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2808:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2810:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2812:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2814:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2816:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2818:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2820:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2822:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2824:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2826:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2828:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2830:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2832:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2834:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2836:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2838:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2840:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2842:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2844:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2846:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2848:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2850:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2852:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2854:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2856:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2858:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2860:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2862:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2864:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2866:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2868:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2870:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2872:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2874:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2876:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2878:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2880:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2882:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2884:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2886:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2888:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2890:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2892:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2894:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2896:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"
2898:PRINT "100,SPC,11,CS,11,
CS,11,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,
CS,CS,CS,CS,CS,BLACK,SPC,11"
2900:PRINT "100,SPC,11,21"

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Stuart Cooke opted out of

the rat race for a while to

look at the MS2000 mouse.

EVER SINCE COMPUTERS WERE invented people have been trying to find some way of making them easier to use so that John Smith can sit down at the computer terminal and start work without too much instruction.

One day some bright spark invented the mouse, so-called because it was a small box that connected to the computer by a long lead which looks rather like a mouse's tail. Apple used a mouse to its benefit when it launched the Macintosh computer. All software designed for this machine is under control of the mouse. No longer do you have to enter long instructions you simply have to select one of the pull down menus with the mouse and make the appropriate choice of command.

Now Wiggins Mouse has launched the MS2000 mouse so that Commodore owners can get a look at these exciting devices.

First Impressions

The MS2000 comes complete with an 'advanced graphics' program and a 10 page photocopied manual. The mouse itself is quite small and very well constructed. Examining the underside of the mouse reveals the rubber coated ball. It is this ball that moves when the mouse is dragged around your desk. The rubber coating gives good traction on most surfaces. The ball is easily removed by means of a sliding panel. Removal of the ball is essential from time to time for cleaning as when moving around the desk the ball is bound to get covered in some rubbish.

Documentation

The manual is adequate and the only problem is that a large amount of what I consider to be necessary information is missing.

How to load the software is covered in detail and there is a general description of how to use the mouse.

Most of the manual gives over to an explanation of the graphics package, but as a file file command is dealt with individually, such commands being given a short but useful description.

What is missing from the manual is a detailed description of the mouse operation. No mention is made of how you can use the mouse in your own programs, how to detect the position of the mouse or check whether either of the two buttons are pressed. Surely this is a serious omission as many people will want to write their own programs that use the mouse.

Moving the cursor to an icon, a small picture, on the screen and pressing one of the buttons will cause a specific action to take place. For example moving the pointer to the magnifying glass will cause an area of the screen to be enlarged.

Software

As previously mentioned the software supplied with the mouse is a fairly comprehensive graphics package. The mouse is used not only to select options from the menu but also to draw on the high resolution screen.

In Use

The first thing that you notice about the package, when you come to use it, is a certain lack of 'professionalism'. Finally, there is no turbo loader on the graphics package, though it is quite slow and doesn't take too long to load. Secondly, the program does not auto run, you have to type 575-4856 after loading. It's a simple

matter to get a program to auto run thus making it easier to get going.

Mouse may be extremely easy items to use but they do have their drawbacks. If like me, you only use the mouse on your desk once a year when you have a mouse toy, you'll soon run into problems. You need quite a bit of desk space to use the mouse.

Initially, the mouse is used to move a pointer on screen, every movement of the mouse being mimicked by the pointer. Therefore, to move the cursor you simply move the mouse across the desk, or in my case across the books, letters, tins and coffee cups. No doubt you understand the problem.

The drawing package has three different menus. Because of lack of space on the screen, only one of these can be seen at any one time. To select the menus the pointer is simply moved to an icon that looks like a rabbit, pressing the button will then cause each menu to be displayed in turn. Yes, that's right a rabbit. Well the program is called CHEESE and is controlled by a mouse so why not have a rabbit? Oh, by the way, there is also an undo function in case you make any mistakes. Undo erases the last thing done on the graphics screen. What it can't figure out is why this looks like a cat.

Because the program is so comprehensive it is probably worth mentioning each function in turn.

Main Menu

The main menu consists of three icons: The previous mentioned undo and menu select icons, and one to select the file pattern. Whenever you fill in an area on the screen it is filled with this pattern. There are 32 different file options ranging from a solid colour that look like building bricks. The inkjet icon and pencil icon are also always available. These are used to select the border and pen colour respectively. An icon that looks like a camera is used to change the background colour.

Say Cheese

Now on to the other functions.

It is possible to draw straight lines with the straight line function. The mouse is moved to one end of the line, the button pressed, and the mouse again moved. The line then follows behind the mouse drawing a straight line from its starting point. Inward continuous and dotted drawing are also provided. The thickness of the line that you draw can also be changed by the pencil icon.

It is possible to draw circles and rectangles and these can be either outline or filled. Remember, if you select fill, then the current tile pattern will be used. A picture of two windows comes in used to select the palette. This allows you to change one colour on screen to another.

Not only is it possible to fill in circles and boxes but it is possible to fill an irregular area on screen with the paint bucket icon. Again this uses the tile patterns. Not only can you fill areas with a tile pattern but you can also use a square

can effect to fill an area with dots, the longer you leave the can over a specific area the more dots fill it, just like the ones used to paint cars.

The actual drawing area that can be seen on the screen at any one time is smaller than the actual canvas. The scroll icon is used to move the canvas up and down so that you can work on the whole area.

Rectangular areas of the canvas can be copied. The size of the rectangle is left up to you. It is also possible to reverse rectangular areas on the screen. You can flip the rectangle either horizontally or vertically. A mirror function is also available. This will allow you to mirror whatever you do across horizontal, vertical and diagonal axis.

When finished you are able to save your pictures on to tape or get a printout on a Commodore compatible printer.

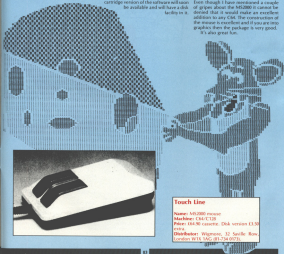
No provision is made to save the pictures to disk, though I am told that a cartridge version of the software will soon be available and will have a disk facility to it.

A Little Extra

A small section at the rear of the manual explains how you can make the mouse emulate a joystick by turning on the computer while a button is held down on the mouse. This will allow you to use the mouse with any software which uses a joystick. This is very handy, though I found it wasn't too good for playing games with and I did come across a small problem with this. When you power on your C64 with the mouse attached, the mouse continuously sends its position to the C64, because some of the joystick positions cause characters to be printed on screen you find that a continuous stream of spurious characters appear on screen making it impossible to type in anything on the keyboard, essential if you want to load a game.

Verdict

Even though I have mentioned a couple of gripes about the M5200 it cannot be denied that it would make an excellent addition to any C64. The construction of the mouse is excellent and if you are into graphics then the package is very good. It's also great fun.



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A TALE OF TWO TURBOS

Dave Crisp reviews two fast loader cartridges.

THEY IS THE NUMBER OF MINUTES I usually expect a program to load on a Commodore disk drive. Fortunately things have been getting better (slowly).

New game software turbo-loaders, such as Warp 5, and individual loaders produced by software houses for their own use. Now we see in the best stages of cartridge based turbo loaders.

Here, I have written about just two from the half-dozen good ones that are now available. One is comparatively low-priced, the other relatively high priced but neither are simple turbo-loaders.

Both offer features which, I think, make them good value for money and because of that a direct comparison would be unfair so they must be looked at as different solutions with only fast loading in common.

Limitations

One thing that I have not seen on any fast-loader is the ability to fast-load everything. This is in many cases due to confliction of memory, where the fast loader is RAM based, or else to the fact that some software uses its own load routines. In the early days of fast loading, any attempt to fast load software such as day-script and Superbase resulted in the machine hanging up. But from what I have seen recently it would seem that most loaders now revert to normal loading if there is something to be loaded. This prevents much plug pulling and switch switching in order to get going again.

The Final Cartridge

This is much more than a fast loader. It is a load bit, a printer interface, and a monitor. At first look it seems quite expensive but when you consider what the above would cost as individual items it really is a good buy.

On the top of the cartridge there is a switch and a button. The switch allows you to switch off the cartridge without having to remove it which does save considerable wear on the edge connector, and the button allows you to



Screen dump from doodle using the Final Cartridge

reset the disk for whatever reason you want. I have read that pressing "reset" and "Q" together results in even un-reusable programs re-writing. Very useful at times. I suspect that my manual was a pre-release manual as it could find no reference to this fact though I must say that, on the whole, the manual was still very good.

Function Keys

The Final Cartridge has been so well thought out that the 'new' operating system provides pre-defined, some near useless function keys. As soon as you plug in, pressing the function keys give you single key INT, RANDOM, BLK, OFF, DISK, DRIVE, CATALOG, and finally H gives you various disk routines

including format. You may think that having these keys pre-defined will interfere with anything that a program may try to do with the keys. That did occur to me but not until after I realized that I had already been using programs that defined the keys for their own use anyway, such as Micro-Simples. With all the software I tried I had no problems whatsoever.

Toolkit

There are many different kinds of toolkits offering graphics aids, audio aids and so on. This one is simply a programmer's aid which helps speed up and simplify programming. Because of this you can save a finished program and run it on a machine without having to have the car-

ridge in place. Using tools which offer special commands can often cause problems, as running the program requires the presence of the toolbit. Commands supported by the final cartridge are:

1. **RTN(AMBR)** - including GCOTM and GCOTLS
2. **APPEND** - loads a second program onto the end of a program resident in RAM.
3. **AUTO** - automatically offers line numbers when writing a Basic program. The start number and increment are entered in the basic. **AUTIO** 10,10 and line numbers 10,10,10,10 and so on are added automatically.
4. **HELP** - when a program stops due to syntax error typing HELP will present the line number on screen and show you exactly where the problem occurred.
5. **FIND** - search through a program and displays the line numbers of any line containing the target word, e.g. **FIND PRINT** would display every line containing the command PRINT.
6. **DEL** - used in the same format as **AUTO**, **DEL** will delete any line numbers between those specified. Useful in conjunction with **RTN(AMBR)** as it makes it easy to move table numbers around.
7. **OLD** - if you have ever typed NEW and then realized you had forgotten to save your program simply type **OLD** and it reappears. Saves much hit-and-miss and computer hitting.
8. **LIST** - this is a simple listing command. Will list some programs that cannot otherwise be listed.

The rest of the toolbit commands are concerned with the Disk Operating system.

1. **CATALOG** - displays on screen the catalog of a disk without entering the program in memory. Should have been on the 04 to start with.
2. **SAVE** - **TURBO(AMBR)** - a program to disk.
3. **LOAD** - single key stroke version of **LOAD(B)** Simple type **LOAD PROGRAMM**.
4. **VERIFY** - verify program written to disk.

Though not the most comprehensive toolbit does contain the most commonly used commands quite impressive.

Monitor

The monitor, built-in and addressed by pressing F2, is the same as the monitor found on the target computers. Here the manual is a little prescriptive and said you are not familiar with a monitor a good book would help. Nice to have a good manual immediately to hand.

Printer/ace

Used in conjunction with a Centronics lead the final cartridge provides an excellent Centronics interface. And with a

good Epson-type printer more or less anything can be produced. Particularly nice is the screen dump facility.

Pressing **RESET** and **The CONTROL** key followed by a function key allows you to get a screen dump of a text or high resolution screen. The dump of the high resolution screen is faithful copy of whatever was on the screen, but it will not print out spots. Using this I can now dump some of the graphics I have been unable to dump by any other means. Of course if you are doing a dump of commercial software it does remove the program from RAM and so you need to re-load to continue. But I can live with that.

Finally

I would buy the final cartridge just on the strength of its other facilities. Having a fast loader is a bonus. There are some titles that it will not turbo-load but on the whole it copes with most. At least it does not hang up if you try to turbo.

Using the final cartridge in conjunction with Simplex was super. Anybody who uses Simplex will know that waiting for it to load is a tedious business is a little tedious. With the final Cartridge the main program loads in 12 seconds - Sub programs in about six. To conclude, the final Cartridge is by no means cheap, but imagine having a cartridge based fast loader, toolbit, printer interface and screen dump cartridge separately. I could be surprised if you had change from 100.

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Trologics GT Loader

The second cartridge I had the pleasure to use was the Trologics Cartridge.

Certainly it does not have the range of facilities that the final cartridge can boast but it costs about £30 less.

This too has an on/off switch and one switch also has a reset switch. This idea could well spread to more cartridges as the damage cause to edge connection by rough pushing in and pulling out of cartridge results in floppy results in floppy cartridges and thus constant hang-ups.

Essentially, Trologics' cartridge is a fast loader. Speed increases are certainly very noticeable and about as fast as the final Cartridge. One nice touch is that any graphics which are supposed to be on screen, as the program loads, remain there - very reassuring. There is nothing more disappointing than seeing in front of a blank screen when you load the under normal conditions you normally see flags,

meldans, and skulls giving visual confirmation that at least something is going on.

Auto Switch Off

As it happens this cartridge also leaves the loading process alone if there are any problems and so loading events to normal, though I found most of the popular games loaded without any problems - more difficult multi-part games. I personally had no success with *Warner Games* but I suspect that this was due to mis-alignment of my drive heads rather than the cartridge. It may be worth pointing out here that if your drive is not in top physical condition, fast loaders seem to accentuate the problem. A drive in good condition should behave as normal. If you are having little success with fast loaders or gradually start to find that programs will not verify or load then head-alignment could be the problem.

Printing

A problem I did find when using the Trologics cartridge along with a Commodore printer was that nothing happened. It would not even cough!

Trologics acknowledges this and it is not exactly a fault, but if you are using a program which has to load from within the program and print out as well, you will need to switch the cartridge on and off between printing. Once you get used to it this is no problem, but it's rather a hassle.

I used this cartridge with Micro-Simplex and it performed well, loading times were much the same and I made using Simplex almost a pleasure. However, a program such as this accentuates its inability to print with the cartridge on.

Some disk commands are added with the cartridge and in most cases there is no need to turbo load commands with it. This is thoughtful and useful, and so the correct syntax for loading a program becomes **LOAD(AMBR)PROGRAMM**.

If a directory of the disk is loaded the programs are shown with colors where needed and so, to load a program, you simply cursor down to the relevant program and type **TR** (it should do).

If you load the greater sign, **GT(AM)** - the error channel will be read and displayed, much better than open 158.15 and so on.

I liked this cartridge very much and if I had to buy one performance wise it has many that cost more and since it has been released it has dropped in price.

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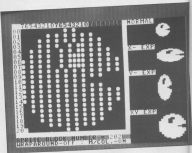
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