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commodore PET USERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

The new advanced technology headquarters for your high technology Company

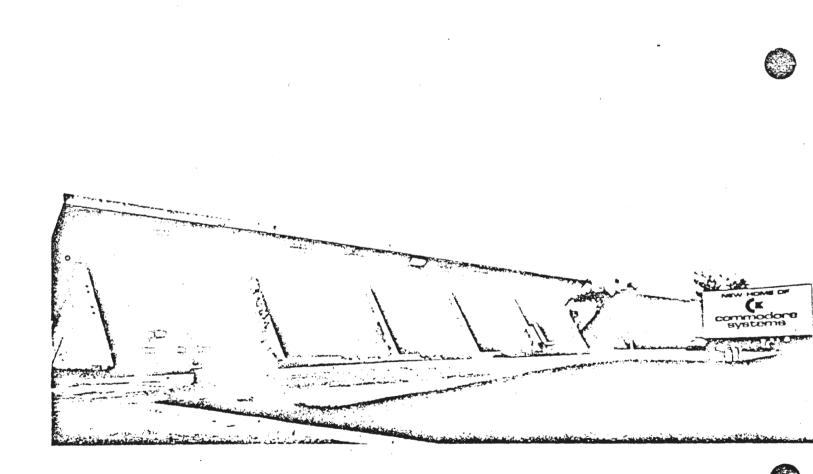
Before the end of the 1978 calendar year, Commodore's new executive offices will be located in one of the first two solar energy industrial buildings in the United States; quite possibly in the world. Solar power will supply at least 90% of the heating, hot water and air conditioning requirements of the 60,000 square foot building, virtually eliminating the need for fossil fuel, winter or summer.

The building and its neighbor, each with massive cast-concrete fascia soaring skyward over the front facade, were the only indus-

trial buildings to be awarded a solar grant by the U.S. Government's Energy Research and Development administration in a competition among 80 applicants in 35 states.

The buildings are located in the Oakmead industrial complex in Santa Clara, approximately fifteen miles south of Palo Alto.

It is fitting that your Company, engaged in high technology electronics, should establish headquarters in one of the most advanced technology buildings ever designed.





Dear PET Users,

On behalf of Commodore Business Machines, Inc., I would like to express my heartiest welcome to the COMMODORE U.S. PET USERS' CLUB.

I am pleased that Commodore can now offer this vehicle for effective communication among all PET Users within the United States of America. We have established similar clubs in those countries where Commodore is represented through its own sales offices, namely Canada, Germany, Japan and England.

This club has my sincere support but, needless to say, it's success is largely dependant upon each one of you.

Once again, I would like to say "Welcome to Commodore" and that, in the years ahead, Commodore pledges to continue successful responses to the changes and challenges of the electronic industry.

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Barnhart

Vice President, Marketing and Sales

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Commodore News

This issue initiates the formation of The Commodore U.S. PET USERS'CLUB, and is the first of our monthly newsletter which will be sent to each Club Member. The Charter of The Commodore U.S. PET USERS' CLUB is to provide a method of sharing up to date information, applications and programs relating to the PET Computer between the many PET owners, users and the manufacturer. Details on becoming a member are outlined in the enclosed flyer.

We would like to publish features from PET Users concerning specific applications, interesting discoveries or even bits worthy of sharing. If you would like to contribute to future newsletters, please send your article, letter or comments to:

Commodore Business Machines, Inc.
901 California Ave.
Palo Alto, CA 94304
Attn: The Editor
Commodore U.S. PET USERS' CLUB



NEW PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the recent Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, the following new PETs were previewed. Each product will be high-lighted in future issues prior to production availability.

| MODEL | DESCRIPTION | PRICE | AVAILABILITY |
|----------------------------|---|------------|----------------------------|
| PET 2001-8 Computer | Standard PET with integral cassette and calculator type keyboard 8K bytes of memory. (7167 net). | \$795.00 | NOM |
| PET 2001-8 Users Manual | 160 Page expanded user manual covering all facets of user operation programming and I/O for PET computers. | \$ 9.95 | NOW order P/N 320845 |
| PET 2001-16N Computer | PET with 16K bytes of memory and large key-board with separate numeric pad & graphics on keys. External cassette optional. (15,359 net) | \$995.00 | . MAY 79 |
| PET 2001-16B Computer | As above but has standard typewriter keyboard. No graphic keys. | \$995.00 | MAY 79 |
| PET 2001-32N Computer | Identical to 2001-16N with 32K bytes of memory. (31,743 net) | \$1,195.00 | MAY 79 |
| PET 2001-32B Computer | Identical to 2001-16B with 32K bytes of memory. (31,743 net) | \$1,195.00 | MAY 79 |

For Commodore's new Peripherals announcements, please see the Peripherals and Attachment section.

PET 2001-8 USER MANUAL



The new comprehensive PET 2001-8 User Manual is now in stock. If

you desire this manual, send us your proof of purchase, serial number and a handling charge of \$3.50. Please allow 2-4 weeks for delivery.

PET 2001-8 SERVICE KIT

For those of you who are handier than most, you may wish to order THE PET 2001-8 SERVICE KIT (P/N 320405) which contains the following:

Booklet "Testing the PET Computer"
Cassette "PET Test Programs"
Two Connectors
Video Display Circuit Schematic and Supplement
Parts Location for the Video Display Assembly
Video Display Assembly Component Cross Reference
Main Logic Board Schematic (9 Sheets)
Main Logic Board Assembly Component Cross Reference

Send your check for \$30.00 (California residents must add appropriate sales tax.) to:

COMMODORE BUSINESS MACHINES, INC. 901 California Ave. Palo Alto, Calif. 94304 ATIN: Customer Service

If you have already purchased a service kit and have not received an ERRATA sheet please write Customer Service and it will be failed to you immediately.

For expediting your service needs, contact your local Authorized PET Dealer (see list at end of Newsletter).

. Software



This section will deal with PET Software available thru Commodore for the PET. We shall also be reviewing the latest programs in some detail and be making some general comments about obtaining software for your PET.

COMMODORE MASTER LIBRARY - These programs are professionally written, completely documented, and debugged. The following programs are available (or will be soon) thru your authorized Commodore PET Dealer.

MACHINE LANGUAGE MONITOR

This program enables you to program your Pl 1 in Machine Language

Part No. 321000 59.95

REVERSAL AND NUMBER REVERSE

Recently is Commodore's sersion of Othelic a game of strategy played on a neb board, much-like a chess or checkers board.

Number Reverse - is another game to tax your intel ligence and logic

Part No 321001 59 95

DILT PLANNER AND BIORHYTHM

Diet Planner (By Les Palanik) Betermines the ideal weight for your height, your age, sea and bods frame. Should you wish to lose weight, your PLT will display the caloric intake required for you to reach vour goal

Biorhythm - will indicate your intellectual emotional and physical cycles according to a well regarded series of computations based on behavior

Part No. 321002 514.95

TARGET PONG AND DEE THE WALL

Target Pong Insert paddles in the path of a fast muving ball to deflect the ball into a target. The secret is to use the fewest number of paddles and the least time to hit the target pist once. It's really much more difficult than it sounds. It requires dexterity and guarantees visu fun

Off the Wall is exactly the opposite

Part No. 321003 \$9.95

A TREASURE TROVE OF GAMES

Lunar Lander - You must make the Lunar Excursion Module land softly on the moon.

Rotate - is a puzzle c - a 4 by 4 grid. The secret is to arrange the letters in sequence in as few moves as possible Very tough at first. But it can be done

Wumpus - Clues are all given and you must find the Wumpus on the haus of these clies and get him before he gets you.

Tir Tor Tor See if you can best your Ph I at this uld reliable game

Part No. 321004 59 95

BASIC BASIC (By Halph James and Ron Listensch)

A real sutorial program introducing you to the BASIC language You proceed at your own pace and can actually learn PFT's BASIC in several finites and then hegin your own programming Uses just 4K of RAM memory

Part No. 321005 514 95

GALAXY GAMES (Peter Ruelz)

You se required to moneuver your space ship while firmy at the enemy and at the same time, avoid hilting a Mar

Part No. 321006 54 95

MORIGAGE '

Almost a missioner, because this program is suitable not only for people considering huying in selling property but also for anyone contemplating hor towing or lending money

Part No. 121007 \$14.95

You play Dean Poker against the house with two pair or better to win

Part No 321008 \$9.95

BLACK JACK

Place your her and watch your PET deal out the cards as you try to beat the house

Part No. 321009 59 95

SPACEFIGHT (B) Leonard & Sweatman)

Fire involes at each other in this two player

Part No. 321010 \$9.95

SPACETREK

This is the PET version of the familiar game many computer enthusiasts know as "starttek

Order Part No. 321011 59 95

STIKEN PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS PACKAGE

With this package your PET can keep track of your stock portfolio and provide you with instant analysis of its current value and rate of return

Part No. 321012 524 95

BASIC FINANCE/ INVESTMENT ANALYSIS PACKAGE

With this package of programs your PET can assist you in making investment decisions involving the interaction of time and money. This includes calen dar loan & saving calculations along with depieciation analysis

Part No. 321013 524.95

BASIC MATH PACKAGE

This comprehensive package turns your PET into an efficient interactive calculator capable of solving many common mathematical problems. This includes matrix math joutines, sector arithmetic, trigonom etry, and numerical integration and differentiation

Part No. 321014 \$29.95

THE PET SHOW

We have put together four dence programs especially designed to steel ight you PLLs at that modified This includes Demo, Mandaia Graphics and Windd Clock

Part No. 121015 59 95

STATISTICS FACKAGE

This package can assist you in the analysis of data The four programs include general statistics. I firsts. correlation and represents and its square

Part No. 321020 529.95

CHECKBOOK

This program provides an easy, error free method for keeping track of your clie, king account

Part No. 321021 524.95

REALTY FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

For professional Real Estate investors and Brokers Includes installment sales cash flow, property ediciatious and augiant

Part No. 321022 559.95

WRITE-TO READ LESSONS

This series of programs contains 66 lessons designed to supplement a reading program in teaching students have word attack skills necessary to reading. The programs are designed for use in the primary grades

Part No. 321100 539 95

This program was designed to help teach the concept of thyming words. The program is designed for use en the premary grades

Part No. 321110 5995

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This program was designed to help teach the concept of alphabetizing. The program is designed for use in the primary grades

Part No. 321111 59 95

This series of programs was designed to help teach the concept of identifying complete sentences. The programs are designed for use in the primary grades

Part No. 321112 529.95

This program was designed to help teach a student to spell words identified by the student

Part No. 321113 59.95

THE STATES AND THE CAPITALS

These two processes were designed to teach the names, spelling and locations of the fifty states and their capitals. Excellent use of PET graphics are demonstrated by these programs

Part No. 321114 514.95

PROJECTILE MODIOS

These two programs review the basic definitions of kinematics by drains with the analysis of projectile

Part No. 321202 \$19.95

MOMENTUM AND ENERGY

These two programs deal with the concepts of linear momentum, impulse kinetic energy and work.

Part No. 321203 \$19.95

PUBLIEN SYSTEMS

These two programs deal with the analysis of a simple machine a pulley system consisting of single, double on triple fixed and movable blocks. The concepts of work and efficiency are reviewed

Part No. 321207 \$19.95

LENSUS AND MIRRORS

these two programs deal with the image forming properties of convex mirrors and lense

Part No. 321217 519 95

SERIES PARALLEL CIRCUIT ANALYSIS

These two programs deal with the analysis of a circuit in which a single resistor, R1, is in series with a parallel con bitiation of resistors, R2 and R3

Part No. 321221, \$19.95

THE MOLE CONCEPT

These two programs review the mole concept and the writing of chemical formulas

Part No. 321224 \$19.95

MOLARITY CONCEPT

These two programs deal with the concept of

Part No. 321225, \$19.95

STOK HIOMETRY General

These two programs massively mass mass mass/volume in volume volume relationships in chemical reactions.

Part No. 321231, \$19.95

NAMING COMPOUNDS DRILLS

These two programs give the student practice in writing the names of chemical compounds given the formula

Part No. 321218 \$19.95

FORMULAS OF COMPOUNDS DRILLS

These two programs give the student practice in writing formulas of chemical compounds whom Rames are gren

Part No. 321239, \$19.95

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NEW SOFTWARE

The following programs from our operation overseas are in the process of being added to our Master Library. Pricing and Ordering information will be included in February's Issue.



ROCKSTOCK

This is a stock control program designed to work on a PET system with a second external cassette deck. The use of a second cassette deck enables a virtually limitless number of items to be stored on tape. A feature of this program is that depending on the user's security level a password ensures that not all items on record will be displayed, e.g. buying price. This program is best suited when transactions are entered once daily and a daily summary of the latest position of a large number of items is then required.

ARDENSTOCK

This is a stock control program designed to work on a stand alone PET. The program will handle up to 90 products recording any period of issues and receipts as well as reporting their free stock position and stock value. Re-order levels can be set and 'on order' goods also shown. This program is best suited when quicker information is needed on a relatively small number of items.

COSTING

Cost report generating system covers up to 200 descriptions and costs. This can be altered by adding new records or changing existing ones. A two part coding system gives the grand total of the records and also up to 20 sub totals. The second part of the coding system allows for another 20 sub totals to be used independently. It is easy for the user to specify the changes he wishes to make. Once the initial file set up has been performed, only one program is required to edit, add and delete records and print out the various totals available. This system is well documented and should be understood by inexperienced users.

DATA BASE UTILITY

This is an aid to businessmen wanting to design their own systems and will help them create their own programs for such areas as stock control, mailing lists and personnel records. It allows the user to create, maintain and examine files of data on cassettes. Although such files contain within themselves descriptions of the file structure, the actual user data can readily be processed by the user's own application program. The file contains logical records with a common format; all data is held as strings. Second catsette deck needed.

SUPVEY AMALYSIS

This program will analyse the coded results of a small to medium size survey, e.g. 80 responses to a questionnaire of 12 questions.

SNARK

This program is written by a well known Professor of Computer Science. It converts PET into a simulated 16 bit abstract machine designed for use in an elementary Computer Science course. It aims to teach the elements of machine code programming.

DISASSEMBLER

6500 series full disassembler asks for decimal starting location and lists from this point, gives full muchonics and handles ASCII tables.

MACHINE CODE HANDLER

This program allows you to type a list of HEX codes from a given location. These routines can then be called using the SYS verb.

HEX EDITOR AND LOADER

This allows you to edit, insert, delete, load and save HEX programs.

LEAST SQUARES

This program uses a well established formula for fitting a curve to any set of data points.





SOFTWARE REVIEW

In this issue, Commodore's Basic Finance/Investment Analysis and Real Estate Packages are reviewed.

BASIC FINANCE/ INVESTMENT ANALYSIS PACKAGE

With this package of programs your PET can assist you in making investment decisions involving the interaction of time and money.

The Calendar Calculation Program is a perpetual calendar and then some. You can convert from Julian to Gregorian dates and vice versa. You can determine the number of days and years between any two dates, or add a specified number of days, months or years to another date. In addition, you can ask your PET to display a calendar for any month in the past or future.

The Loan Calculator Program is multi-purpose. Your PET will calculate any one of principal, interest, term or regular repayment for you. If desired, the calculation can be performed with a balloon type last payment. Payments on the loan can be specified to be monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. All calculations are performed to the nearest cent. Thus if a regular repayment calculation is requested, your PET will calculate both the regular repayment and the last payment required to pay off the loan exactly. On request, the program will also display a schedule of repayments, equity, interest and outstanding balance.

The Depreciation Analysis Program enables your PET to prepare a schedule of depreciation for fixed assets according to any of the three common methods: straight-line, declining balance, or sum-of-the-years-digits. For planning purposes the display can be on an annual basis, while for more detailed work the month-to-month depreciation can be examined. The program is sufficiently flexible to allow analysis of assets placed in service midway through a fiscal year.

The Savings Calculator Program is also multi-purpose. You can use it to calculate the periodic deposits necessary to reach a savings goal, the time necessary to reach such a goal, or the savings that will be accumulated by a sequence of deposits. You can specify that interest is to be compounded continuously, daily, weekly, monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. The program automatically calculates the effective annual interest rate. You

may specify that regular periodic deposits are made to your savings plan. You may also examine the future effect of irregular deposits to and withdrawals from the plan.

The basic Finance/Investment Analysis Package includes full documentation on the correct application and use of all four programs.

REALTY FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

This package is designed for use by professional Real Estate investors and brokers. It includes installment sales and cash flow, calculations along with property operations and analysis.

1. Financial Analysis

This program calculates future and present values, payment amounts, interest rates, number of payments, yield and purchase prices, balloon payments, amortization schedules, and cash flows.

2. Annual Property Operating Data

The Annual Property Operating Data (APOD) program is a good way to quickly analyze income property from a static point of view.

APOD calculates Cash Flow before taxes, Capitalization and Gross Multiplier. The program allows the user to change the price, income, expenses and/or financing and instantly see the effect of the change or changes on the investment.

3. Cash Flow Analysis

Cash Flow Analysis was designed as a quick method to analyze real estate investments not only from a static point which is the APOD form; but also to do cash flow projections for up to 15 years. The cash flow analysis program calculates the taxable income, cash flow before taxes, and cash flow after taxes.

4. Installment Sale

The Installment Sale provision is an exception to the basic Capital Gains Rule that tax is due in the year of sale. The taxpayer may elect the installment method and report the gain over the period of collection on the contract. This program calculates the necessary data.



COMMODORE'S PUBLISHING PROGRAM

Commodore has established a program to publish software in a manner similar to traditional book publishing. Once a program is selected for the Master Library royalities will be paid on actual sales. Programs submitted for evaluation must be of high interest quality, and/or of specific problem-solving nature with complete documentation. If you have developed such a program or application system we would be happy to hear from you. A copy of the Commodore Software Publishing Program will be sent upon request.

If you are ready to submitt your program(s) for evaluation, please note the following:

- Programs must be submitted with complete documentation that includes; program synopsis, limitations, references used, and operating instructions.
- Cassettes should be labeled with your name, address and program name.
- 3. Program Documentation and Cassettes, should be sent to:

Commodore Business Machines, Inc 901 California Ave. Palo Alto, Calif. 94304 Attn: Software Department

- 4. Please allow at least 4 to 6 weeks for our evaluation process. You will be notified upon receipt.
- 5. If you have not already received a copy of Commodore's publishing Program we will include one with our acknowledgement.







FEATURE PROGRAM



The following program appeared in Issue 1 of the PET Users' Club Newsletter in England.

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- 1 PURE((24-Y) #40+40+32768)+X,46 RETURN
- 5 DATA12,15,22,5,12,25,33
- 10 PRINTEL"
- 28 FORA=BTO4*#STEP(4*#), 39
- 30 Y=1(17(Si)(XH) #11+12) . X=X+1
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It contains the useful sub outine for plotting functions on an xy coordinate plane which inspired the PLOTTER program which follows.

The PLOTTER program plots the graphs of 15 different mathematical functions on the screen. The subroutines 30-170 contain each function and the string A\$ which is used to print out the equation of the function. Each graph is entered as Y expressed as a function of Z as in the case

$$Y = SIN(2)$$

The subroutines on lines 13-27 input the constants A,B,C,D which scale the graphs. They are the coefficients of the two linear transformations

$$x' = Cx + D$$

$$y^+ = Ay + B$$

The variable C determines frequency, and A determines magnitude. The variables D and B move the frame of reference (the screen). The variable B moves the screen up and down and D moves it from side to side.

The key to choosing values for Λ , B, C and D for a particular function is trial and error. This process, however, is highly educational. You have the ability to examine any part of a particular function by adjusting the reference laterally. You can magnify and shrink by adjusting the magnitude. You can stretch and compress by changing the frequency.

To test new functions, you should create your own test program. It takes a great many trials to adjust the scale just right and time saving features are well worth it. Your program should display the current values of A,B,C and D and input statements can

be used to input modifications to these values. The advanced programmer can create an automatic scaling feature for the y values and then eliminate the need for the A and B. This involves computing the 40 y values of the function and storing them as subscripted variables. The maximum and minimum of these 40 numbers are found and these can be used to generate the appropriate values for A and B.

A word of warning about POKEing around in your PET. The plotting routine used in these programs POKEs the dot (46) into the screen memory (locations 32768- 33767). For some choices of the variable A, the POKEd location is either greater or less than the screen memory locations. Be sure to keep a current backup of your program in case you need to repower your PET. Automatic scaling eliminates the problem, or the dots can be printed using LEFTS string manipulation. Using PRINT statements also eliminates the sparkling on the screen characteristic of POKEing to the screen.

After perfecting your plotting program, try graphing some unusual functions. Sums and products of two or more of the standard functions are interesting and the absolute value function, ABS, can give some interesting results.

Finally, since 40 points are plotted these may be determined discretely and plotted.

By creating a frequency distribution of randomly generated data, approximations to the binomial, F, and chi-squared distributions may be plotted.

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14 A=.6 E=0 C=1 I=0 FETURN
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16 A=T E=13 C=.5 I=0 FETURN
   17 H=1.1 E=11 C=.3 D=.2 RETURN
18 H=.07 E=2 C=1 I=-26 RETURN
     19 H= .0218 E=12 C=1 I=-19 RETURN
 15 H= (215 F=12 C=1 I=-19 RETURN
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Peripherals & Attachments

This section will list and preview known PET compatible Peripherals and Attachments. In addition to standard or commercially available equiptment, we would be interested in any new and unusual hardware interfacing which you may come across.

PERIPHERALS AND ATTACHMENTS

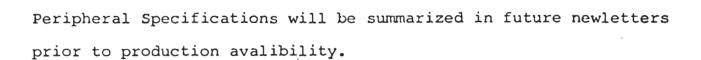
In addition to the newest PET members, the following Commodore

Peripherals were also previewed at the recent Consumer Electronics

Show: (January 6-9, 1979)

| MODEL | DESCRIPTION | PRICE | AVAILABILITY |
|--|--|-------------|--------------|
| PET 2021 Printer | 80 column dot matrix electrostatic printer with full PET graphics capability. | \$ 549.00 | MAY 79 |
| PET 2022 Printer | 80 column dot matrix printer with plain paper or forms handling tractor feed. Has full PET graphics. | \$ 995.00 | MAY 79 |
| PET 2023 Printer | 80 column dot matrix printer. Plain paper printer with full PET graphics. | \$ 849.00 | MAY 79 |
| PET 2040 Dual Drive Mini Floppy Disk* | Dual drive intelligent mini floppy system. 340K net user storage capacity. | \$1,095.00 | MAY 79 |
| PET 2041 Single Drive Floppy Disk | Single drive intelliger mini floppy 170K net user storage. | nt\$ 595.00 | JULY 79 |
| PET External Cassette | Cassette player/recorder to use with PET 2001/8/16/32. | er \$95.00 | MOM |

^{*} retrofit kit required for operation with PET 2001-8



PRINTERS

The Commodore 2020 Printer has been officially withdrawn. The printhead vendor has been incapable of meeting the technical standard of product we require. We have selected two additional sources of printheads and are pleased with their tested performance. The three models replacing the 2020 are all capable of full PET graphics. The model 2021 is an electrostatic 80 column printer; the model 2022 an 80 column tractor feed printer; and the model 2023 an 80 column friction feed printer.

2040 FLOPPY DISK PREVIEW

Commodore's 2040 Mini Dual Floppy Disk is an intelligent IEEE-488 peripheral which is controlled by two MOS 6500 series microprocessors.

Unlike any other system on the market, this Disk System contains common memory that is shared between the IEEE communication processor and the disk controller processor.

This configuration provides for a distributed processing environment that allows the floppy to execute a command while the PET prepares the next command or performs other program functions.

The disk recognizes a command set that supports a high level sequential file management system. Utility commands are also provided for direct access to any byte on the diskettes.

In addition, the system is capable of executing machine language programs read directly from diskettes or transmitted from the PET. This feature is useful for executing complete diagnostic programs, recovery of data, and custom operating systems.

Applications

There are almost as many applications for a PET as there are PET's themselves. We would like to find out what the PET is being used for so that we can pass on relevent details to other people interested in the same area of use.

We are therefore offering \$50.00 worth of free Master Library Software to the best 'Applications' article published in each issue. If you would like to write about what you are doing with your PET, please include the following details:

- 1. What the nature of the application is.
- 2. What (if applicable) non-computerized system has the PET replaced.
- 3. Details of any extra hardware used.
- 4. Any "special features" of the programs used.
- 5. Who else this system might be useful to.
- 6. Any further improvements/modifications intended.

We already know of many applications and intended applications but we would like to see details and know who to contact. The following list contains just some of the uses for PET that have reached our ears.

Mortage Analysis
Monitoring Chemical Reactions
Inventory Control
Questionnaire Analysis
Music Synthesising
Machine Tool Control
Perception Tests
Currency Conversion
Word Processing
PCB Testing
Statistical Analysis
Personal Finances
Computer Aid Instruction

Savings & Loan Computations
Address Lists
Aircraft Flight Simulation
Medical Records
Model Railway Control
Costing
Navigation
Language teaching
School Administration
Stock Control
Education Computer Literacy
Real Estate Analysis
Surveying
Civil Engineering

Programming

This section will be dealing with useful routines and "tricks" for using on your PET. Some articles come from users, some from ourselves, and there is a 'Hints and Tips' section for smaller yet valuable items.

HIGH SPEED FILE ACCESS

There are many PET applications which require the reading and writing of several data files in one program. Since it is often inconvenient (or too expensive) to keep each file on a separate tape, it is normal practice to record several jobs on one tape - distinguished by their filenames. However, this can mean a long wait while searching for a file towards the end of the tape and many users have been looking for a way to decrease this search time.

This article describes one very good method, by using a short subroutine to control the cassette drive in 'FAST FORWARD' mode prior to writing or reading a file. By keeping note of the Fast Forward times, any particular file can be located at a much higher speed and with a reasonable degree of accuracy. To make use of this facility, proceed as follows:

1. Enter the following subroutine (suitably re-numbered if
 necessary) into your program:

- 1000 ?' Rewind the cassette and then lift up the cassette ?:?"Press | F.FWD | and then | RETURN | :GOSUB 1200 1010 ?:?"Wait for a moment" 1020 1030 OPEN 1,1,1 ?" Now push the cassette back into the deck and press 1040 GOSUB 1200 1050 ?" Fast forwarding for "T" seconds" 1060 1070 Z = TI:POKE59411,53If TI<Z+60*T-340THEN1080 1080 1090 POKE 59411,60:Close 1 ?" Now in position" 1100 ?"Press STOP on Cassette #1 the 1110 Get A\$:IfA\$=""Then 1200 1200 1210 RETURN
- 2. To Fast Forward for 'n' seconds, set T=n and GOSUB to the above subroutine. Try this a few times and you will soon get the idea.
- 3. The basic idea when handling a number of files is to record them in known places. Before 'OPENing' to write a file, one might use the subroutine to Fast Forward for eight seconds. Thus to access that particular file later, simply Fast Forward (again using the subroutine for eight seconds) before 'OPENing' to read.

A typical program using this idea might look something like this:

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| 100 | • | T=10:GOSUB1000 | F.FWD for 10 seconds |
|-----|---|-------------------------|---|
| 110 | | POKE 243,122:POKE 244,2 | |
| 120 | | OPEN 1,1,1,"FILE 1" | |
| | • | | Write data for file 1 |
| 190 | • | CLOSE 1 | |
| | • | | |
| 350 | • | T=15:GOSUB1000 | |
| 360 | | POKE 243,122:POKE 244,2 | |
| 370 | | OPEN 1,1,1,"FILE 2" | Write data for file 2 |
| 410 | • | CLOSE 1 | Having written files, they can be read back as follows: |
| 530 | • | T=10:GOSUB1000 | F.FWD to file 1 |
| 540 | | OPEN 1,1,0,"FILE 2" | |
| | • | | |
| 580 | • | CLOSE 1 | |
| | • | | |
| 710 | • | T=15:GOSUB1000 | |
| 720 | | OPEN 1,1,0,"FILE 2" | |
| | • | | Read back file 2 |
| 830 | • | CLOSE 1 | |
| | • | | - |
| | • | | |

This system - if used correctly - can save you a lot of time in searching for files and hence has many applications in business

and other programs.

The following points should be noted:

- a) The Fast Forward on a cassette deck is not linear the tape travels faster as more is wound on the accepting spool. This means that for recording files of the same length, the larger values of T can be closer together than the low ones.
- b) Different types of tape and different PETs Fast Forward at slightly different speeds. We therefore recommend that for a particular program, you stick to one type of tape and one PET.
- c) Trial and error is the only real way of discovering just how close together you can pack your values of T.
- d) Do not try to Fast Forward for T less than six seconds.
- e) After Fast Forwarding, the PET will still allow a gap of several seconds (at playing speed) before starting to write a file. This is, in fact, useful as it allows a safety margin when reaccessing the file.
- f) The system described in this article could be extended to form an almost automatic filing system, where each tape had a 'catalog' at the start giving the filenames and Fast Forward times to all the files on that tape. An improved subroutine would look up this value and hence find any file by name very quickly. We would very much like to hear from any User

who takes up this idea.

g) The subroutine at the moment takes up 425 bytes of storage. After some practice, however, much of the prompting and wording can be removed or abbreviated.

"EXTRA" USE OF THE VERIFY COMMAND

VERIFY has the useful property of reading a program without loading it. Even if an error is detected, it is not displayed until the whole program has been read.

This provides a quick means of finding the end of a program on a cassette without losing what you currently have in the memory.

For example, one is occasionally in the position of having loaded a program, rewound the tape modified the program and now wish to save the new version after the old. Using an extra tape, this can be done using LOAD and SAVE, with a bit of shuffling.

Quicker however is to use the VERIFY command. When the error message appears, you know you are at the end of the old program. Select STOP on the cassette and SAVE in the normal way. (Remember to use a program name with a different initial character from the old one!)"

BITS AND PIECES

Some more hints and tips to help you write efficient programs:

When using subscripted variables such as A(4) the operating system automatically reserves 10 elements without having to declare a dimension with DIM. If, however, you are using a very long program and are using less than 10 elements per variable - say 4 - it will save space to declare the dimension's length. For example:

10 DIM A(4), CS (3)

To display a number (N) to D decimal places, use the following routine:

- 10 $M = INT(N*10 \ D+0.5)/10 \ D$
- 20 PRINT M

For an intriguing display of graphics, try running this one line program entitled "BURROW"

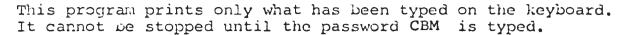
1 A\$="**1 \(\psi\)** \(\phi\) : PRINTMID\$(A\$,RND(.5)*4+1,1)"* \(\phi\) "::FORT=

1T030:NEXT:PRINT" \(\begin{align*}
\begin{align*}
\delta\] = "::GOTO1

The following routine displays PETs complete character set:

- 18 FORI=32T095:AI=AI+CHRI(I):WEXT
- 20 FORI=160T0223:Ex=Px+CHPx+I:"NEMT
- 多度,原生=""最"+用生
- 4日 1年="2"+日本
- 58 PRINTAL
- 66 PRINTES
- 70 PRINTOS
- SM ERINITO

The following is an example of disabling the stop key.



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18 FEM 118HELE 21.F FEF ECHMPLE
188 W. ELE 18888 FEF *** EFE UF MAIN CODE AND DISHELE STOP ***
288 FEDOT TAX FEF *** LEF SCHEET ***
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1015 FEM#
1010 Rime
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                 THE FEREINFEL EAST BY TYPING THE PRESENT COM.
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1848 AEM#
 1845 REMA
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1100 FEMAL AND LEST 444 FRIM CHART WAS CASE AND CASE LEST 444
1100 FUR 121 TO TO FEM 444 HAIT HAI SET HAY CHARACTERS 444
1140 SET HS IF HSOMM THEM 3000
1146 051 HS IF HSQN" INSIG 3000
1150 NEXT
1200 FFINT : N - FEE *** FFINT SEMIE HTM IFSE LEFT ***
1230 FOF J=1 TO SE FEM *** WHIT HW UET HWY CHHEM, TERS ***
1240 GET HS IF HSQN'Y THEY 3000
1250 REXT
380 5170 1186

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380 PEN *** FASIMIFI TEST ****

3810 EseRISHIS $5.20+HS FEM *** TEST LEST THREE IMPRILIERS ***

3828 IF ESCONDEMN THEN 4886

3840 PRINT 1881 - N FEM *** EFHSE FRSSMURI ***
 3050 SYSKS43 FEM ... EGHELE STOP NEE HEATH ...
BREE END
4000 PRINT : N ms. FEM *** EIH. LHIT INSHHITER ***
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16616 FEM.
10020 RENG
                         MACHINE LHYSURSE FRISSRAM
10030 REM&
 18848 REMA
                   SYS(832) DISABLE STOR KEY FUNCTION
 10050 REMO - SVERSABLE BANKELE STOP FEW FUNCTIONS
16666 FEM.
1000 FERNALD 169.50.141.27.2.169.5
11000 DATH 141 25 2 3 5 6 0 0 0
11010 DATH 141 25 2 3 5 6 0 0 0
11020 DATH 142 169.133 141 27 2 169.230
11030 DATH 141 26 2 50.50 0 0
11040 DATH 141 26 2 50 169.251 141.502
11040 DATH 15 136 250 0
12000 RESTORE FOR 1=8321.874 FEHLW FOREILW NEXT
 12010 EVENESE FER *** ITEMBLE STUP HEY ***
 12020 RETURN
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Then you answer an INPUT command with only LETUR:, (CHR\$(13)) the program stops and returns to BASIC. To avoid this protect your input statement as follows:

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10 10月07 7710月07 A: - 編纂 JA:
20 1月A:- - 7月2910
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The spaces in the two strings are shifted spaces (SHIPT and SPACE together). If a RETURN is used, a space is inputed and line 20 detects this. Shifted spaces are used because leading unshifted spaces are ignored by the computer. With a protected input, the program cannot be stopped during input, even with the STOP key.

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