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## Hanover Fair

At the 1983 Hanover Computing Fair Commodore was able to produce evidence of some interesting and exciting projects currently under development. The most exciting of which is a portable version of the CBM 64. This machine, code named 'SX 64', will incorporate a $5^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{b} / \mathrm{w}$ or colour screen. The prices forecast for the new ' 64 's' are put at approximately $£ 1,000$ for the colour version and $£ 550$ for the black and white.

Commodore U.S. is undecided on its marketing, there still being doubt as to whether they will release the new versions in this country.

Other new developments Commodore have decided to release in this country are their 'new streamlined' 8050 and 8250 disk units. Commodore have managed this 'streamlining' by incorporating Mashutita drives in low profile housing, their aim is to match the 7000 series. Throughout the Fair these disk drives were running German application software which appeared to be totally compatible with the other models present. To complete the range of hardware, Commodore were also displaying the prototypes of a new high-speed dot matrix printer and of a low cost daisy wheel printer.

For information concerning the imminent availability of these products one would advise the prospective user to apply to Commodore Business Machines


Another development Commodore hoped to keep a secret was their 'Mouse Cursor' for a low cost competitor to Apple's 'Lisa'. The leader of all Com-
modorophiles, CBM President, Jack Tramiel, was understandably vague on actual details. Keeping a wary eye on Apple, Commodore have been heard to mutter quietly to themselves about a possible home computer along these lines which will undercut Apple's 'Lisa' by a substantial margin.

Jack Tramiel also predicted that 'speech technology' will within the next two years, have developed sufficiently to be included in the Commodore range-even to the point of having a 'Star Wars' type of personal robot.

## Corby - Latest Update

Commodore have now released a communique to the effect that, as ever, their product availability will be erratic. However, Commodore have an infinitely justifiable reason this time. Their new production plant at Corby is underway. Commodore estimate the smooth running of their conveyor belt system to be in production by the end of June. This massive injection of new jobs and opportunities in unemployment stricken Northamptonshire is one wholeheartedly applauded by this magazine. The Plant at Corby will concentrate on the home computer industry allowing the Braunsweis Plant, in Germany, to expand production of the 500 and 700 series fourfold. With these two business moves Commodore expect, by the end of July 1983, to become more aggressive in taking a larger share of the market.

## New Commodore Boss

In a letter to all Commodore Dealers, Robert Gleadow, at present Director/ General Manager of Commodore Business Machines U.K. announced his departure from these shores. On June 1st he will take up the post of Vice President, Commodore Electronics Ltd in Hong Kong. So we take the opportunity here to wish Robert all the best and we are sure he will make a success of his new job.


We would also like to say 'Welcome' to Howard Stanworth, who on the 25th April took over from Robert, as Director/General Manager of CBM U.K.

Stanworth's previous management experience includes the Managing directorship of Excelsior Plastics (Wincanton Group Ltd), and Production Services Manager and General Manager (Service) within the consumer electronics activities of the Rank Organisation. He has also served as a Director of St Ivel Ltd and Managing Director of Unigate Dairies (Midlands) Ltd. In this capacity he had responsibility for over 3,000 employees involved in the processing and distribution of the company's products.

## 131\% Rise in Sales

Commodore's massive concentration of effort into sales of popular home computers has been reflected in the barometer of the American way of life. Sales for the period ending March 31st were up to $131 \%$ at $\$ 189.6 \mathrm{~m}$. Commodore shareholder's earnings were up to a staggering $\$ 1.62$ a share, as opposed to 71 cents.

## The \$88 Vic.

Our American correspondent informs us that some large discount stores are offering the Vic-20 at a new ultra low price of $\$ 88$ (the comparable discounted U.K. price is $\$ 180$ ). Also moving down in price is the CBM 64, now selling at $\$ 300$. The 64 was recently reclassified by Commodore as a personal computer, and they are claiming sales in the U.S. of 70,000 machines a month.

# Interfacing Made Easy 



Some people say that the effectiveness of the 64 in the business world is limited because it has no RS232 or IEEE interface and thus could not be used with a great range of business peripherals. It has also been claimed that users of the 4000 and 8000 series who wanted to supplement their system with the 64 could not do so because printers, floppy drives and hard disk units were not accessible.

All that is set to change with the arrival of Interpod from Oxford Computer Systems. This ingenious multiple interface houses both of the above mentioned interfaces while remaining completely transparent to both the 64 and the software. Because Interpod does not use the 64's cartridge slot, the Commodore's internal memory is not compromised and Oxford Computer Systems say that it is guaranteed completely compatible with the software.

The cost of this neat little system is $£ 125$ plus VAT, but Oxford do have one slight problem-they are looking for dealers to sell the unit. However, judging by the response from the USA and Europe-nearly $\$ 1$ million of advance orders have already been placed - it should not be too long before Interpod itself becomes easily accessible to end users. For further information contact Oxford Computer Systems Ltd., Hensington Road, Woodstock, Oxford, telephone 0993-812 700.

## Datarite to Make the T/830 Interface

The manufacturing rights to a computer interface for the Brother 8300 daisy wheel electronic typewriter, previously manufactured by a company called Systems of Tomorrow Ltd., have been acquired by Datarite Terminals Ltd. Called the $T / 830$, the interface allows the 8300 to link to either RS232C or Cen-
tronics parallel computers. Under computer control, the operating speed of the printer is 12 characters per second and it accepts most word processing commands, so it can perform backspacing, bold type, underlining etc.

The cost of the interface alone is £175.00 which does not include VAT, although the Brother 8300 typewriters with the interface already installed are also available. Systems of Tomorrow Ltd. have gone into liquidation.

## VIC-20 'Starter Pack'

Commodore Business machines (UK) Ltd have announced plans to launch their biggest ever promotion featuring the VIC-20 colour home computer.

Special Commodore VIC-20 boxed sets will be available in retail outlets and selected Commodore dealerships nationwide, officially from 1st June 1983. Designed particularly for the first time buyer of a home computer, for just £139.99 (including VAT), the limited edition packs will contain a VIC-20 computer, a cassette deck, Introduction to Basic Part I, and four cassette games: Blitz, Hoppit, Race and Type-A-Tune. (The current retail price of the items, if sold separately would be $£ 249.99$ ).
The Commodore VIC-20 is currently the most popular home computer in the world, with over 1.4 million sales to date. The machine is supported by an extensive range of peripherals, educational and games software.

## Data Bill Unwieldly

The Computing Services Association is lobbying for changes to be made in the Data Protection Bill which is currently before Parliament. Should the bill become law, individuals will be further protected against misuse of personal data. However, the CSA claims that parts of the bill are cumbersome and unnecessarily bureaucratic.
Part of the bill requires that all organisations defined as data users should register every application that deals with personal data. This includes such vital business day to day activities as invoicing, share registration and payroll, and it is the possibility of having to register these activities that has provoked the anger of the CSA.
The CSA estimates that well over half
the workload of the Registrar could be eliminated if the registration of these applications was not required. But wouldn't this provide a loophole in the bill? The CSA argue that the removal of this 'unproductive requirement' would not weaken the legislation but strengthen it because the Registrar would be given considerably more time for supervisory functions and investigating complaints more effectively, while leaving the unregistered application still subject to the full rigour of the legislation and the data subject having the same rights as those that apply to registered applications.
Anybody wishing to add their support to this cause should contact the Computing Services Association at Hanover House, 73/74 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LE, tel 01-405 2171/3161.

## New Design C2N



Although it has been available in the States for quite some time now, the Commodore C2N cassette unit has only just been released over here, the only difference being that it now has a completely new design. The unit, which has been around since the launch of the PET, is compatible with the VIC-20, 64 and the complete range of Commodore's small business machines. Despite the new casing of the unit, the price remains unchanged at $£ 45.95$ including VAT.

# Strengthen your hand with Superbaser 64 

The complete information control system for the Commodore 64. Ideal for any home, business or professional environment where records are kept. Create the format you
need and enter your records. If the layout or data field sizes are not quite right, correct them and carry on. Superbase gives you an unrivalled range of powerful features including:


## Full Editing with Quick Brown Fox

SPT Electronics Ltd. have produced a word processing system for the VIC-20 and 64 . The cartridge for the processor costs $£ 60$ although for under $£ 1000$ you get software,computer, monitor and printer all thrown in. The system, called Quick Brown Fox, allows full editing and automatic reformatting of edited text. The data can be stored on cassette or disk.
Operating the system is as simple as $A B C$ : the operator hits $T$ for type, $L$ for line edit, D for delete etc. and reformatting is accomplished by the hash sign followed by the appropriate letter, for example $J$ for justification.
Operating on the 20's 5 K memory, the Quick Brown Fox has an inbuilt program which converts the VIC-20 to run on Centronics parallel, giving the user a wider range of peripheral equipment. The memory capacity of the system is 16 K , the 5 K being built up using increments of 4 K . Hooked up via a modem or through the RS232 port, the Fox can send and receive information.


This particular aspect of the system is designed primarily for communication between Fox systems although it can work with other systems as well. Distribution is either by direct mail order
or through a dealer network which is currently being set up. The system is available from SPT Electronics Ltd., Tollesbury, Essex CM9 8SE, telephone 0621-868484.

## Hungary Exports Micro Disks

Bats-NCI Ltd have become the marketing agents for the MCD-1 microcassette disk system produced by the Hungarian company, Budapest Radio Engineering Factory. The MCD-1, which is exported by Metrimpex, the Hungarian Foreign Trade Company, is aimed at the personal computer market and is based on a single sided floppy disk.
There is an interlock mechanism to prevent accidental withdrawal of the cassette and the disk has a formatted capacity of up to 150 Kbytes with a transfer rate of up to 250 Kbits per second. It is for use on the PET and VIC. However, in order to use the cassette, you need to have the MCD-20 storage system which loads in the MCD-1 disk drive at a single touch and ejects at the flip of a button.
The MCD-20 gives you 0.5 megabyte of on-line storage and the system comes ready to plug in to the VIC-20 with either a single or double drive, power supply of 4.75 watts, interface connector, controller, operating software, instruction manual and one MicroDisk cassette per drive.
The cassette, which can hold up to 64 files which have a maximum of eight
characters plus a three character suffix per file name, has 45 tracks. The MCD-20 is designed by Stein Mittell Ltd. The single drive system costs $£ 180$ pounds, the double $£ 275$. Any additional cassette costs $£ 4$ with quantity discounts.
Area: Disk drives.
Company: Bats-NCI Ltd.
Address: Abacus House, 53-55
Ballards Lane, London N3 $1 \times P$.
Tel: 01-349 4511.

## Fast File Sorting and Processing

For all those Commodore users using the born again language CP/M, InfoStar is a file processor and business report generator produced by MicroPro International. The program can be put to use in fields as diverse as telephone listings iand keeping track of sales.

The files can be split up into 32 categories and these can be sorted at a speed of up to 560 records per minute although the user may feel that 60 seconds is too long when generating a business report via the Quick Report feature. Information çan be printed in bold type with underlining giving the finished product the polished finish.

Such a report can have different information from different files and a similar facility is available when payments are being made.

The hitch is that unless you have a Softbox, InfoStar will not be of the slightest use to you. However if you do have a Softbox and you buy InfoStar, then you might as well make the most of its capabilities by adding MicroPro's DataStar and ReportStar, both available as individual packages. InfoStar should retail for less than $£ 300$.
Area: Business management.
Company: Microcomputer Products International Ltd.
Address: 11 Cambridge House, Cambridge Road, Barking, Essex IG11 8NT.
Tel: 01-591 6511.

## VIC Game Galore

Quicksilva have launched several new games for the VIC, whether the machine is expanded or not. Skyhawk is about a quiet European village that suddenly gets attacked and its special effects include scrolling landscape and aircraft status displays. For the VIC-20 with 3 K or 8 K expansion plus joystick.

Tornado looks like a different version of Scramble with attacking colony

## TYPE GP1 1000 IEEE-488 INTERFACE



The GPI is a Z80 microprocessor based bidirectional IEEE-488 to RS 232C interface capable of buffering up to 59 K bytes of input data. Buffering input permits operation with high speed input devices and also allows use of the PET's BASIC INPUT statements. Baud rates, code conversion and other operating parameters are software selectable using PET BASIC.

## Specification:

IEEE-488 FUNCTIONS: Source Handshake (SH), Acceptor Handshake (AH), Talker (T), Listener (L) and Extended Listener(LE).

## Switch Selectable Options:

Listen address, Talk address.

## Software Selectable Options:

Baud rate through the range 50 to 19200 baud, Parity, Stop bits, Data bits, Data input mode, Code conversion, XON/XOFF and separate input output baud rates.

## RS 232C Signals:

Received data, Transmitted data, Request to send, Clear to send, Data set ready, Data terminal ready.

## Packaging:

The GPI is housed in an attractive instrument case with a U.L. approved external mains plug power supply.

## Dimensions:

$270 \mathrm{~mm}, 65 \mathrm{~mm}, 200 \mathrm{~mm}$. Weight Approx 1 Kg .

## Prices:

GPI/(1K Buffer) £275 GPI/(15K Buffer) £495 GPI/(2K Buffer) £290 GPI/(32K Buffer) £525 GPI/(4K Buffer) £320 GPI/(59K Buffer) £575 GPI/(8K Buffer) £375

## Options:

20 mA current loop input/output £25.
1 K byte input buffer increments above standard sizes £15 per 1 K increment.

## Cables:

Please note the GPI now comes as standard with a PET type IEEE-488 port edge connector and a female 25 way "D" type socket.
IEEE-488 cable with stacking connector £28 GPI.IEEE-488 port to stacking connector £25 RS 232 Terminal cable. £15
RS 232 Modem cable.

## New Product . . . GPI SC

The GPI SC is a version of the general purpose interface programmed to function as an IEEE-488 bus controller which can be driven by Standard RS 232 C (V24) devices such as computers, terminals, modems etc.

## Warranty

90 days against defective workmanship or component failure or under normal operating conditions.
fighters and installations on the ground below. That one is for the unexpanded VIC with joystick.
Harvester is for the unexpanded VIC and allows two to four players at a time. Pixel Power must have 8K RAM or more, the package supplying you with features such as Create, Save, Amend and View Set. However, probably the best value for money comes from Trader, a trilogy of 16 K programs that combine to give an epic graphic adventure.
Also with 16K comes Starquest which is a 'voyage of discovery and adventure in the cosmos,' and the IQ game called Encounter. The prices of these vary from $£ 5.95$ to $£ 14.95$ and they are all on cassette.

| Area: $\quad$ Games. |  |
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| Company: | Quicksilva Limited. |
| Address: | Palmerston Park House, |
|  | 13 Palmerston Road, |
|  | Southampton SO1 1LL. <br> Tel: |
|  | 0703-20169. |

## Olivetti Praxis Prints and Types



The Cambridge firm of Control Universal are currently distribution agents for the Olivetti Praxis 41 printer/typewriter. Included in the price of $£ 495$ is a choice of either serial or parallel interfaces, which means that the Praxis is compatible with almost any micro.
The printer operates on the daisy wheel principle and interfaces into the computer via an adaptor but it is only the serial version which has a separate numeric keypad and has the facility to receive and transmit data. As an electronic typewriter, the 41 has 100 characters, 17 function keys and an acoustic cover to reduce noise. As a computer printer, the Praxis can reproduce documents at the speed' of 120 words per minute.
Area: Printing.
Company: Control Universal Ltd.
Address: Unit 2, Anderson's Court, Newnham Road, Cambridge CB2 9EZ.
Tel: 0223358757.

## Detecting Hiccups in the Mains

Have you ever had your computer malfunction or lose data because of mains interference, transients or noise? Momentary interruptions occur frequently on the power supply and can play havoc with any electronic equipment. Losing data must be guarded against at all costs and although the Sentry will not prevent fluctuations in the power supply it will detect transients and indicate that they habe occurred.
This portable monitor unit will plug into any standard 240 V A. C. socket and monitor the quality of the electrical supply. The transient can be detected at three different levels indicating slight, moderate or severe interference. The distinction of severity is not based on the level of the power supply flowing at the time of transience but on the length of time that the interference occupies, and a number of lamps are lit indicating the severity of the interference. These lamps remain lit until the unit is reset.
The Sentry can be used to monitor different supplies to see which is best, check 'on-site' supplies and identify equipment which generates noise. This portable monitor can be obtained for $£ 45$ plus post and packing and VAT.
Area: Power units.
Company: Mektronic Consultants.
Address: Linden House, 116 Rectory Lane, Prestwich, Manchester M25 5DB.
Tel: 061-798 0803.

## Agriman Programs Monitor Farming

Agricultural Computing Services, who are official Commodore dealers for the Agriman series which are currently available on the 8000 series, say that there are plans to make the series compatible with the 700 although no final production dates have yet been set. There are several programs available in the series, namely Agriman, Beefman, Cropman, Dairyman, Pigman and a payroll program called Bonus which looks after weekly and monthly paid staff, tax, National Insurance and Statutory Sick Pay. Bonus is designed to be used in conjunction with Agriman.
Area: Agriculture.
Company: Agricultural Computer Services
Address: Roundabout Farm, Thurning, Norfolk NR20 50S.
Tel: 0263-860847.

## Cultivate Your Own Peas

Garland educational software for the PET consists of several programs available in cassette form either for demonstration by the tutor in a lecture or for self-tuition by the student. Whether you are interested in educational programs or not, you must give Garland 10 out of 10 for the ranges that they cover.
Seed Germination allows the operator to study the effects of the environment by varying water, light, oxygen and temperature, the results appearing via animated graphics, a facility which applies to all the other programs. With the Hybrid Cross program you can simulate an experiment in the crossing of peas, the operator being allowed to choose the genotype of prospective parents.

Using these programs, one can study the wonderful world of genetics, inheritance, livestock..... the list is almost endless. The price per cassette goes all the way up to $£ 32.45$ and that does not include post and packing.
Area: Education.
Company: Garland Computing.
Address: 35 Dean Hill,
Plymouth PL9 9AF.
Tel:
0752-41287.

## Security Units for the 8000

There is a new security system for the 8000 SK series which is designed to be used in conjunction with Pet-Speed That even if the software is copied it cannot be run without the hardware unit. Called Safeware, the combined hardware/software package has a user port plug-on unit and to make sure that there are no connecting slip-ups there is a routine which can be put anywhere in the program as many times as needed to make sure that the unit is actually present.
Without the unit, the program will not run, the computer is reset and the Basic memory area wiped clean. What makes this product secure is the fact that each unit is given a unique code and no two Safeware packages are the same. This package, which allows software to be loaned or hired, costs $£ 24$ which includes postage and packing but not VAT.

## Area: Security

Company: Mektronic Consultants.
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More and more companies are finding that rumning their payroll is a pleasure with the payroll program that gives new meaning to the overworked phrase ' user friendly'.
The name of this program is PAYROLL 2 and it runs on the Commodore CBM 8000 and 700 computers.
We won't tell you more about it here, other than to say. it would make very great sense to ensure you see a demonstration of this remarkable program before purchasing a payroll package. It would be highly frustrating to purchase amother and then became aware of the PAYROLL 2 excellence afterwards.

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* * * \text { Yes }- \text { it will assist with the dreaded SSP ! } * * *
$$

The price for transforming your Friday is just $£ 375+$ VAT. The hardware will cost about $£ 2300$ if you don't possess it.

## At the end of April in London, Commodore Computing International conducted a survey of personal computer users. <br> The past three years have seen an incredible upsurge in the use of computers with over 1 million personal computers sold to date.

## Choice Machine

A list of twelve of the more popular home computers were compiled into the survey, these include the 'Spectrum', the 'BBC Acorn' and the 'Apple.' The CBM Vic-20, CBM 64 and the CBM Pet collectively scooped $29.14 \%$ of the home computers owned and used by the 360 interviewees. The nearest leading rival to this was the Sinclair ZX81, taking $25.8 \%$. Following closely was the Sinclair Spectrum with $22.5 \%$ and then the BBC Acorn with $18.34 \%$.

One may point out here-and I do sothat collectively the Sinclair machines scooped $44.3 \%$ of the ratings.


This is indicative of the current economic climate. At present Sinclair leads the field with his low cost relatively efficient computers but should Commodore lower their prices in this country, Sinclair may find himself with a more realistic battle on his hands.

## Middlle Age?

Consider the age of the home computer owner.

How many times, increasingly, has one heard a young person (10-20 years old) brag "I've got a computer!" etc? Put them all together and one would justifiably think that they were the majority of owners. No so! According to the results of the survey the prime age of home computer owners is the 20-30 age group with a rating of $37.5 \%$. Then following them is the $30-40$ age group with a rating of $21.7 \%$.

The 10-20's group hold $20.8 \%$ of the ratings but who pays for the computers owned by the under 20's? Presumably the parents in most cases, these parents are themselves generally in the upper 40's bracket.

So the conclusions we draw from this is, that although the younger people are hitting the headlines, it is the middle and upper aged groups that are supporting and advancing the industry. The young people themselves represent the future of the industry.

## Value

Over $31 \%$ of interviewees had bought their computers within the last six months. Indicating perhaps that the industry is moving faster than most had supposed.

The mean average total of expenditure per month coming to the staggering figure of $£ 29.84$ per person. Since over 1 million machines have been sold this indicates that the U.K. personal computer market now has an annual turnover of about $£ 300,000,000$. From the results of the question "What do you use your computer for?" it would seem that most of it is spent on computer games, the percentage for this being $61.7 \%$. Education tied with Graphics for second choice with a rating of $35.8 \%$ in favour of Graphics and, just slightly less, $35 \%$ for Education.

In answer to the question "Will you be buying a new computer in the future?", owners of machines indicated that they would indeed be buying a new machine soon. The figures here being $75.8 \%$ in
favour and $24.2 \%$ against. Encouraging news for computer manufacturers or an indictment on their current models?

## Home v College Education

Here we enter the tricky area of standards. We have found that schools and colleges will be buying more machines, but does the tuition come up to scratch? It would seem not if one believes that $38.3 \%$ of interviewees were learning computing in a formal institute of education and of these only $58.7 \%$ are happy with the standards of instruction.

On documentation 69.2\% are dissatisfied with the standard of manufacturers' support literature. Many of the remaining $30.8 \%$ confided that they had used other, independently authored material.

The indications of these findings would seem to be a thumbs down for manufacturers and a hint that really they could do much, much better (after all they DO make the damned things).

## Programmes

The practice of printing computer programmes within the computing magazines on sale, was given overwhelming praise from the interviewees. $73.9 \%$ interviewed said they used and found the programmes very useful, the remaining $26.1 \%$ found it labourious to type in the programmes but admitted that they would welcome the programmes if given in a more accessible manner.
$38.2 \%$ of users were satisfied with the programmes on the whole but the remaining $61.8 \%$ felt that the standard of programmes could be improved greatly.

## Items to View

The results gained from the answers to the question "What do you want to read in magazines?" are indicative of the hunger for knowledge that exists amongst computophiles.

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## Commodore computing

 international home computing surveyReports with $61 \%$. Such is the rate that computers and their peripherals are expanded and improved on that incidentals such as learning how to use the equipment comes a poor fifth and sixth in the race to be ahead of every one else.

The reviews and advertisements rate significantly in the purchase of programmes and other software. 51.6\% buy from retail outlets while only $21 \%$ buy from mail order. Of these 49\%, 45.8\% and $40.8 \%$ were influenced, respectively by Reviews, advertisements and friends when considering a purchase. Shop displays came a poor $20 \%$ so the conclusions one draws from this is that the sales industry is largely motivated by the exposure products receive in the press. A vote in favour of the software vendors is the $73.3 \%$ rating of satisfied customers.

## Technical Competency

While $82.5 \%$ of home users interviewed write their own programmes only $77.5 \%$ consider they have mastered their particular machine. The statistical evidence (see tables) show $77.5 \%$ have and 22.5\% haven't quite mastered their machines, of these the $77.5 \%$ mastered their equipment within three months, $10.8 \%$ in six months, $7.5 \%$ took a year and then $4.2 \%$ have struggled gamely on for three years. This last statistic is mind blowing to some degree, have they been buying machine after machine as new ones come on the market or are they trying to master outdated machinery and failing through non existent support?

## Comment on the Industry

Of the people interviewed $37.7 \%$ of the $88.3 \%$ not presently employed in the computing industry would, given the opportunity, defect from the home market. These far sighted people recognise the coming industrial revolution and will no doubt succeed therein.

## WHICH MACHINE DO YOU HAVE?

| ZX81 | $25.8 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| SPECTRUM | $22.5 \%$ |
| PET | $3.3 \%$ |
| VIC-20 | $18.34 \%$ |
| CBM 64 | $7.5 \%$ |
| BBC/ACORN | $18.34 \%$ |
| DRAGON | $3.3 \%$ |
| ORIC | $3.3 \%$ |
| LYNX | $4.16 \%$ |
| APPLE | $5.0 \%$ |
| SHARP | $.83 \%$ |
| OTHERS | $10.0 \%$ |

## AGE OFINTERVIEWEE?

| $1-10$ | $10-20$ | $20-30$ | $30-40$ | $40-50$ | $50+$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $2.5 \%$ | $20.8 \%$ | $37.5 \%$ | $21.7 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $7.5 \%$ |

HOW LONG HAVE YOU HAD A COMPUTER?

| Months | 1-5 | 6-10 | 11-15 | 16-20 | 20+ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 31.66\% | 30.8\% | 20.83\% | 2.5\% | 14.17\% |  |
| WHAT DO YOU USE YOUR COMPUTER FOR? |  |  |  |  | UTILITY PROGRAMMES BUSINESS PROGRAMMING TIPS INTERFACING PERSONALITY INTERVIEWS ADVERTISEMENTS EDUCATION | $\begin{aligned} & 31.7 \% \\ & 30.9 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| GAMES <br> EDUCATION BUSINESS SCIENTIFIC GRAPHICS MUSIC |  |  | 61.7\% |  |  | 69\% |
|  |  |  | $35.0 \%$28.3\% |  |  | 33\% |
|  |  |  |  |  | 75.2\% |
|  |  |  | $13.33 \%$$35.8 \%$ |  |  | 49.2\% |
|  |  |  | 16.6\% |  |  | DO YOU BUY PROGRAMMES THROUGH MAIL ORDER? |  |

YOU BEBUYING ANEW AND BETTER COMPUTER IN THE FUTURE?

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YES 75.8% NO 24.2%
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## DIDIARE YOU LEARNING COMPUTING AT SCHOOL/ COLLEGE?

YES 38.3\%
NO 61.7\%

## IF SO ARE/WERE YOU HAPPY WITH THE STANDARD OF INSTRUCTION?

## YES 58.7\% NO 41.3\%

DO ANY MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY \& CLOSE FRIENDS USE YOUR COMPUTER?
YES $79.2 \%$ NO $20.87 \%$

ARE YOU HAPPY WITH THE STANDARD OF MANUFACTURERS' SUPPORT LITERATURE?

YES 30.8\% NO 69.2\%

## DO YOU USE PROGRAMMES FROM MAGAZINES?

YES 73.9\% NO 26.1\%

## IF SO ARE YOU HAPPY WITH THEM?

| YES $38.2 \% \quad$ NO $61.8 \%$ |
| :--- |
| WHAT DO YOU WANTTO READ <br> IN MAGAZINES? |


| REVIEWS | $80.8 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| NEWPRODUCTREPORTS | $61 \%$ |
| APPLICATION STORIES | $28 \%$ |
| GAMES PROGRAMMES | $49 \%$ |
| APPLICATION PROGRAMMES | $38.3 \%$ |


| UTILITY PROGRAMMESBUSINESS |  |  | 31.7\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 30.9\% |
| BUSINESS |  |  | 69\% |
| INTERFACING |  |  | 33\% |
| PERSONALITY INTERVIEWS |  |  | 18.4\% |
| ADVERTISEMENTS |  |  | 75.2\% |
| EDUCATION |  |  | 49.2\% |
| DO YOU BUY PROGRAMMES THROUGH MAIL ORDER? |  |  |  |
| YES 21\% NO 79\% |  |  |  |
| DO YOU BUY PROGRAMMES FROM RETAIL SHOPS? |  |  |  |
| WHAT INFLUENCES YOUR DECISIONTO BUYA COMPUTER? |  |  |  |
| REVIEWS 49\% |  |  |  |
| ADVERTISEMENTS |  |  | 45.8\% |
| SHOP DISPLAYS |  |  | 20\% |
| FRIENDS |  |  | 40.8\% |

## ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE SERVICE OFFERED BY SOFTVIARE VENDORS?

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YES 73.3% NO 26.7%
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DO YOU WRITE YOUR OWN COMPUTER PROGRAMMES?

## YES 82.5\% NO 17.5\%

## HAVE YOU MASTERED THE USE OF YOUR COMPUTER?

YES 77.5\% NO 22.5\%
IF SO HOW LONG HAS IT TAKEN
YOU?
3 months 6 months 1 year $3+$ years
$77.5 \% \quad 10.8 \% \quad 7.5 \% \quad 4.2 \%$

## ARE YOU EMPLOYED WITHIN THE COMPUTER INDUSTRY?

YES 11.7\% NO 88.3\%

## IF NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE A POSITION IN COMPUTING?

YES 37.7\% NO 62.3\%


The fourth Commodore Computer Show is being held this year at the Cunard Hotel, Kensington, London, on the 8th, 9th and 10th of June.
Commodore Computing International will be there on stands A20 and B120. Our staff will be on hand to help you with any queries or advice.
Here is a selection of some of the more significant exhibitors and an indication to what they will be exhibiting.

ANAGRAM SYSTEMS - Stand B42/C41/B40: - will have its integrated accounting system on display during the show. The Commodore Accounting Suite includes purchase ledger with nominal headings, sales ledger with invoice printing and stock control. All of these packages operate on the Commodore 8000 series, but Anagram have also made available all of its ledger packages for use on the Commodore 64. This includes the stock control facility.

ANIROG - Stand B136: - will be exhibiting their normal range of software plus two new games for the expanded VIC-20 - Galactica and Time Trek. Also on display will be Frog Run, which is a new game for Commodore 64.

AUDIOGENIC LIMIITED - Stand B101/B102:- are to launch 'Magpie' - a new data handling software package, at The Commodore Computer Show. Magpie features modeless operation for Commodore machines and is akin to new generation database systems such as Lisar Xerox. In addition, Audiogenic will be demonstrating over 120 VIC-20 and Commodore 64 software packages.

CDS LIMITED - Stand B152: - are to exhibit a new range of microcomputer furniture for the first time at The Commodore Computer Show. The Executive Suite is a collection of top quality desk furniture designed specifically to house micro-computers and their peripherals. While 'MicroTidy' is a compact unit for home computers such as the VIC-20 which folds away into a smart piece of furniture when not in use.

## DATAVIEW LIMITED

will show their wide range of software
plus the latest version of Wordcraft for the 8096. Also on the Dataview stand will be a demonstration of Wordcraft for the 700 and 64 and Electronic Cashbook. A new and improved version of Datalex will be available as well as DTL Compiler. Dataview are coming to this year's show as the 1982 winners of the ICP award for sales of Wordcraft.

## INDEPENDENT COMMODORE PRODUCTS USERS GROUP -

 Stand B144/B141: - representatives from this nationwide grouping of over 40 dedicated user groups will be staffing several exhibits at the Show-displaying a wide range of 'public domain' software for the PET, VIC-20 and Commodore 64 (all of which is available to members through the ICPUG library). ICPUG members are also on hand to answer technical queries.On Friday and Saturday afternoons (3.30 $\mathrm{pm})$, in the seminar room, all visitors are invited to attend the 'Commodore Clinic' which is a forum with a panel of experts happy to answer your questions. Entrance is free.

## INTERNATIONAL DATA AUTO-

 MATION LIMITED - Stand B23: will be at this year's Show with their range of work stations for the Commodore range of computers. IDA will also have available a brand new daisy wheel cleaning system and their popular range of preventative maintenance products including a disk drive head cleaning kit.JCL SOFTWARE - Stand B27/ A26: - will be showing their new MKIII EPROM Programmer which will program 64 K and 128 K EPROMS as well as the popular earlier types. One of these units is used by CBM at Slough for software development.

JCL will also show a new IEEE bus adaptor for the Commodore 64 and VIC-20, which allows the use of all normal PET peripherals - printers, disk drives, etc., but does not exclude use of the serial bus. An enhanced version of the popular Business ROM for the 700 series will be launched together with a new hotel guest accounting system.

## JENTECH SERVICES LIMITED -

Stand B76: - will be demonstrating a new option to their existing Digitmaster package. The new option is a colour graphics screen on which drawings may be directly created and merged. With this new feature, Digitmaster will resemble a conventional 2 screen system with full prompting capability. This adds immediacy and flexibility in altering and deletion to the extreme accuracy of the existing plotter based system.

KOBRA MICRO MARKETING Stands C56/B57/C58/C59: - is one of the UK's leading distributors of business and systems software for the Commodore 8000 and 64 computers. Well known brand name products on show on the Kobra stand are 'Calcresult' -the only 3-D spreadsheet for Commodore computers; 'Paperclip' - the powerful but low cost word processor; 'Mupet I and II' - the leading multi-user systems for Commodore machines; Power and Pal professional programming aids; and VIC and 64 switch for low cost multi-user systems. Other products include 'Forth', 'Stat', and 'Diary' for the Commodore 64.
McDOWELL KNAGGS AND ASSOCIATES LIMITED - Stands B72/73: - will be demonstrating 'Finplan' a financial planning modelling package which simulates financial strategies. The new up-dated version-of 'Finplan' on show incorporates graphics


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are the only approved
independent maintenance and repair company for Commodore business computers. Being demonstrated for the first time at The Commodore Computer Show are the company's field and workshop services on the 9060 and 9090 hard disk drive units.

MMS SOFTNARE LIMITED Stands B46/47: - are exhibiting 'Microfacts', a totally integrated accounting package designed to process open item sales and purchase ledger, nominal ledger, stock, invoicing and costing. New versions of 'Microfacts' for the Commodore 8096 and Commodore 700 series will be launched at the Show.

PRECISION SOFTWARE LIMITED - Stand C35/B36/C38/B37: will be participating in this year's show with one area of their stand dedicated to their wide range of software for use of the Commodore 700. Precision Software will be showing Superscript II on the 700 and will launch a new package called Super Base. In another area, all software for the Commodore 64 will be on display including Super Office - an integrated office administrator. Precision Software will also launch Super Base on the Commodore 64 which has the added advantage of linking in to Easy Script and Easy Spell.

## SUPER CLERK LIMITED

who have been associated with JCL Software under the Reprodesign banner will be launching a new accounting, word processing, payroll and filing system aimed at satisfying the needs of small business concerns. The package has been written using JCL business BASIC and includes the unusual feature that selected dealers will be encouraged to modify the program for special applications using notes and listings supplied by Super Clerk.

SUPERSOFT - Stand B114: - will be exhibiting an extensive range of software for all Commodore computers, with particular emphasis on the Commodore 64. MICRO Assembler, Busicalc Spreadsheet and Busiwriter Word Processor are just some of the new products being demonstrated, together with programming aids, utilities and games for the Commodore 64.

TECHNICAL SOFTVNARE LIMITED - Stand A24: - will be demonstrating their Plan Kit program for project analysis. Also on show will be their suite of building services programs covering heat gain, heat loss, pipe and duct network and electrical lighting. A wide variety of technical programs will be available for demonstration.

THE COMPUTER ROOM - Stand
B39: - are to exhibit their two Commodore Approved Products; 'Epic,' a production control system designed to
run on the Commodore 8000 series machines, is used by many multimillion pound companies; and 'Moonship Supernews' is a low cost delivery and accounting package for newsagents.

TIRITH LIMITTED - Stand B63: - is exhibiting its range of micro-computer furniture. The Crompton Printer Stand to be launched at the Show has been designed to accommodate the complete range of Commodore printers. In addition, the Crompton Personal Computer Desk which has been ergonomically designed to take any combination of Commodore hardware; and the Crompton Printer Stand will be on show.

WEGO COMPUTERS LIMITED Stand B66/B67: - this year will feature their ancillary range of Commodore approved products. These include products such as Card Reader, Secret Switch Box, and Backpack. A second stand will display Word Pro II, III, and IV, plus a new Word Pro package for the Commodore 64.


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# Project Planning-A New Dimension 


#### Abstract

Whatever you are doing, whether it is constructing, controlling, manufacturing, maintaining, launching or anything, it will need to be planned. You may be planning a bridge, a car, a new lipstick or a dam: whatever you are planning, it might be a good idea to take advantage of Hornet, the project planning system produced by Claremont Controls.


Hornet is not a new system, in fact it has been out for the last two or three years, but it stands out as a comprehensive and yet open ended aid to management. Clearly benefiting from its use are the British Gas Corporation who have a Hornet installation in their High Holborn offices. Mike Mitson, Planning Systems Engineer at British Gas, uses Hornet to monitor the construction of buildings and production plant. Although this may seem a specialist application of Hornet, the system is equally suited to projects in all areas of commercial activity. Mike Mitson points out that the main reason British Gas chose Hornet was its flexibility, but it was also important to them that the system they chose was easy to use. Hornet uses every opportunity to ensure foolproof operation.

Obviously what Mike Mitson was ultimately seeking was something which would help him, not only with the complex task of scheduling work and monitoring progress, but also as an aid
to improved communications within his management structure. He volunteers, "It adds a new dimension to the way we present information."

## Management Reports.

Hornet sets high standards with its comprehensive repertoire of management reports: bar charts, histograms, schedules. These are all offered on paper or the screen and presented to a very high standard. British Gas acknowledge this fact and point to how they came to use colour reports. Hornet contains an advanced printer control option, which Claremont Controls claimed could easily be used to drive any printer capable of being connected to the computer. British Gas already had Digital III LA120 printers when they bought Hornet and these were quickly interfaced to the 8096 computers; when they obtained the DECOLOR option they decided to convert to colour. Mike Mitson recalls his surprise when after
following the instructions in the manual he ran off a full colour bar chart on this new configuration at the first attempt.
You may be wondering how a project planning system works. Hornet uses a well established technique called PRECEDENCE DIAGRAM. Setting the jargon aside, this is a FLOW CHART you draw to show how all the activities in your project relate to each other.

If you take this one stage further and estimate how long each activity should take, it is possible to produce a schedule stating when each of the activities can start and finish. This is known in the profession as CRITICAL PATH ANALYSIS.
Activity scheduling is an important aspect of Mike Mitson's work. It is his job to ensure that all members of several project teams always know what they are supposed to be doing. Chaos would ensue if this were not properly coordinated. Mike Mitson started to use Hornet nearly a year ago and says, "The


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* Text Mode
* Drawing Mode
* Digitising Reproduction Mode
follow the menus and the plain English control procedures to select the options you want, then insert the data requested by each screen . . . it's as simple as that!


desk top system gives every opportunity to try out our plans before putting them into action. This way, right from the start we are confident that co-ordination is feasible. Should something change, and it always does, we can absorb its effect smoothly using the excellent updating facilities offered by Hornet."
Keeping a project management system up to date is vital: once out of step, its information is worthless. When you realise that British Gas are scheduling perhaps seven or eight hundred activities at a time, you can imagine the potential for change. Since activities are inter-related, as shown on the precedence diagram, a change to one single activity may well cause a chain reaction through many more. Hornet keeps track of all this. As long as you give Hornet new information when you get it, Hornet looks after the rest and ensures that your reports always reflect the current position. Mike Mitson regularly feeds in new information and re-issues the schedules to key personnel.


## Management Code

Mike Mitson is very enthusiastic about management reports: they are clear reports which enable him to maintain the communication necessary for good management. He has made very effective use of the MANAGEMENT CODE facility in Hornet. This is a neat solution to the problem of sorting out the complexity which arises when several hundred jobs are being done by a large organization. Hornet invites you to create your own coding system and relates different activities to the various people responsible for them.


Set up a code similar to the one above, and then reports may be addressed to precisely the people concerned: they will only receive reports which include information about the jobs for which they are responsible.
As well as scheduling his projects in Hornet, Mike Mitson also manages their resource requirements. Men, materials, money: Mike Mitson specifies precisely what resources he is using, and allocates them at a pre-determined rate to all the relevant activities in the project. Hornet then gives him histogram reports showing exactly what he needs and when he needs it. This projection allows him to plan ahead carefully and make sure that costly resources are fully
employed with minimum wastage.
Hornet contains a programmable calculator which allows him to perform his own calculations using resource information. This is particularly useful to Mike Mitson: he is able to take a resource such as 'welders' and multiply it by the daily cost rate for welders; he adds the result to another resource called 'piping' which has been multiplied by its unit cost: the result is a new resource which is the 'cost of welded piping.
Mike sees this kind of sophistication as typical of Hornet's approach. "Hornet is deceptively simple to use," says Mike with a hand resting on the 8096 keyboard, "on the one hand its capabili-
ties are comparable with those which until recently you only got on mini or main frame systems, on the other, it is so easy to use that I am tempted to use it without reading the manual!"

## Secure Environment

Hornet's easy operation is achieved in several ways. Menus provide the usual means of selecting programme options. The RETURN key moves a flashing cursor down the menu: a shifted return accepts the option adjacent to the cursor. A double shifted return is consistently used to confirm menu selections or to accept new data. This may sound unnecessary but it minimises errors, forcing the operator to act twice before proceeding. STATUS LINES at top and bottom of the screen give a clear picture of what Hornet is doing and what is expected of you next.
All data entry is by FIXED SCREEN INPUT. This is a developed version of the old Commodore recommended standard input: pre-set fields, insert and delete within the fields, flashing cursor, reversed field used to highlight errors, shifted return to accept screen. Well tried and tested, this standard certainly provides a secure environment in which input errors are virtually impossible. An unusual feature, which could well be noted by other software houses, is the PROGRESS BAR. Whenever Hornet needs processing time, a kind of animated thermometer appears on the screen. It shows you how the system is getting on. Although only displayed briefly throughout the programme, this does reduce the worry of staring at a blank screen and wondering whether the system has "hung." As you would expect with a system of this quality, Hornet is crash proof. Mike Mitson recalls one occasion when a power failure occurred in the middle of an update to one of his projects. Thinking that he would have lost his data, he re-loaded the system and was amazed to see a message appear (complete with progress bar) stating "recreating index." Hornet sensed the illegal termination, remembered it, and when re-started spent the first five minutes validating its own data base!

Easy operation is not only confined to finding your way around the programme and inputting data. The screen is


## Diagram Logic Display.

used very effectively to display scrolling charts and resource histograms. These are the same as the printed reports, but allow you to assess the project quickly without the delays associated with printing. The screen becomes a window into the project and, rather like Visicalc, full scrolling lets you move around.
Good use of Commodore graphics is found in the LOGIC DISPLAY. Your initial precedence diagram is displayed rather like an electrical circuit: each activity becomes a component in the circuit, and 'wires' show how it is connected to the other components.

## Transfer Information

You may think that this already sounds like an extremely powerful system, but Hornet still has another trick up its sleeve: it interfaces with Silicon Office. Hornet puts all your data on one disk, using the other disk for its own programmes. Select the SILICON OFFICE LINK option on the menu and you can replace the programme disk with a Silicon Office data disk. Hornet then allows you to transfer information freely, in either direction, directly between the two data disks. British Gas use this combination to take advantage of
the Silicon Office wordprocessor, its calculator and data base facilities which it couples to the programme management facilities of Hornet. Mike Mitson acknowledges both Hornet and Silicon Office as powerful systems in their own right, but combined he sees the potential as almost limitless: in fact, he thinks it is so good that he has started a Hornet/ Silicon Office User Group to encourage users to share their experience of the combined application.

Mike Mitson's enthusiasm for Hornet is undoubtedly. apparent, but he is not alone in his committment to the system. Claremont Controls who produce Hornet, confirm that his enthusiasm is typical amongst users.

Hornet is a powerful application of Commodore Microcomputers. It sets the standards you should expect of a user-orientated package. It comes complete with a clear and intelligent manual. Do not be put off by the apparent complexity of the system, if you are involved in project management of any kind, Hornet should be able to help. Further details can be obtained from Claremont Controls Ltd, Albert House, Rothbury, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE657SR.

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EASIFILE is appended to your BASIC code, and its commands replace the normal CBM file handling instructions. Read files randomly via the index. Add new records, update or delete existing records in a file, specifying only a key value.

## SPECIFICATION

Maxmum File Size - Capacity of 8050 disk
Max No of Easifiles per disk - 20
Max No of open Easifiles - 9 No of index files/data file - 4 (primary, 3 secondary, 1 sort) Max index key length - 20 characters

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# PaperClip 

Not another word processing package? Oh yes, but this month we look at one of the cheaper programs for the Commodore range of micros, and moreover one that has a number of features that users of other word processors will welcome, or more likely envy!

## Getting Started

Before doing anything, a security chip fits inside your PET into one of the two spare ROM sockets on the 8000 series machine. Once installed, the first program can then be loaded and run from disk : this is the master PaperClip program.

A bewildering variety of other programs also exist on the disk, and these are used to satisfy the requirements of your particular printer. Not all printers are the same, and many similar packages take up valuable memory space by trying to accomodate each one of them from within the main program. PaperClip defaults to communicating in PET ASCII, but you can easily alter this to suit your own printer.

That is all you need to do before beginning to use your Commodore PET as a word processor.

Those of you who are already familiar with the screen editing facilities of the PET will be pleased to know that PaperClip follows much the same rules. Inserting or deleting text, altering existing text, are all performed in the usual way, by use of Commodore's unique editing system. Move the cursor to the text that requires changing, and simply change it!

Ranges of text, be they complete screen lines, phrases within a paragraph, or columns of text (or figures) can also be accomodated, and moved or replicated to wherever you would like them to be.

Formatting your text for later output is NOT done as you type it in. Instead you have a large number of embedded control commands that be inserted wherever you like in your main text area, and these only come into effect either when printing out the finished result, or looking at it on the screen in video output mode. Thus you have to remember that you do not get what you see on the screen.

All the major features which you would like to see in a dedicated word processor are available in the formatting commands, such as altering margins, embedded margins, superscripts and subscripts (if your printer allows it), underlining, conditional hyphens, and so on.

## Drawbacks

Formatting text in this way has advan-
tages and disadvantages. An advantage is that you are not continually seeing your text jump around the screen as it desperately tries to fit everything into place. This is especially true when you're using one of PaperClips more advanced features, that of horizontal scrolling. In other words, you aren't confined to typing your text into a 40 column screen width.
On the other hand, embedding your commands into the text area does take up vital memory space. PaperClip does not allow the largest amount of memory to be stored anyway, and taking up 80 bytes just to skip a line seems a needless waste of space. Multiple commands can be stored on a single line, but you will probably use up at least one kilobyte of memory in a single file just by specifying a gap of one line every now and again.

## Annoying

PaperClip is a package that, after a few days of usage, proves to be extremely annoying. It can do so many things that are not within the grasp of other, more expensive, packages, but at the same time falls short in other areas.

You can, for instance, sort fields of text into ascending or descending alphabetical order, with up to 16 levels of subfields, but you can't sort numerical data. You can perform simple numerical addition and subtraction, and print the results as part of your text file, but you can't spool files from disk. Thus your machine is tied up whilst printing out.

As a consequence you find yourself liking the good aspects, and hating it for its shortcomings. It is nice to be able to perform multiple mailouts, and have files globally linked together for outputting documents longer than one file area, to have a word count for articles output to the screen, and produce a table of contents, but why can't you .... ?!

## Conclusion

PaperClip goes further than most word processing programs for home computers, and has many powerful functions not found on other, much more expensive programs. You will certainly find it easy to use, and your secretary shouldn't take too long in adapting to it. It will certainly replace his/her typewriter within a very short space of time.

But there is so much that it doesn't do. We've outlined the shortcomings earlier, so there's no need to go through them again, but when you see other programs than can do background spooling, that don't waste vast amounts of space when formatting text, or whatever, you do wonder why they didn't get it right with this! Oh well, we're left with the old adage of 'you pay your money, you take your choice'. But that choice is getting wider every day!

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## CP/M for CBM?

Most Commodore users have been brought up in an environment of software products which are firmly based on the principle of extracting the maximum performance from the 6502 chip set. Intel 8080 and Zilog Z-80 have been largely ignored, while $C P / M$ and its potential are virtually unknown.
A few inquisitive souls have ventured into this strange new territory by acquiring Z-80 alternative processors, either the CP/Maker from Tamsys or the Stuntbox from Small Systems Engineering.

Now, however, with the advent of new products from Commodore, all that is going to change. $C P / M$ in one or other of its forms will be a standard option on all new products. This article is intended as an introductory guide to some of the variations of $\mathrm{CP} / \mathrm{M}$ and what the user can expect from them.

## Brainchild

CP/M stands for Control Program for Microprocesors. It is the brainchild of Californian Gary Kildall and is now the baseline product of his company Digital Research, which has also developed a range of other products.
$C P / M$ is a basic operating system providing a standard set of facilities on Intel 8080/8085 and Zilog Z-80 chips. It consists of a number of integrated modules of which the most noticeable are the basic disc operating system (BDOS), the console command processor (CCP), and the basic input/output system (BIOS).

The latter is the part of $C P / M$ which is most obvious as it is customised and adapted to each manufacturer's hardware. CP/M has had a reasonably stable existence and has experienced only one major change when it was upgraded (about 18 months ago) to version 2.2, which is the current version.

Digital Research are aware of and responsive to user criticisms and have recently announced an enhanced but totally compatible version known as CP/M Plus (often referred to as CP/M 3) which has improved disk $1 / 0$ handling, error trapping and help features and provides bank-switching facilities which enable it to function with memory larger than 64 K . CP/M Plus is offered as an alternative operating system for those manufacturers who choose to implement it.

## Several Users

The next product in the family is MP/M, the multi-processing version of $\mathrm{CP} / \mathrm{M}$. Designed for machines which offer larger memory capacities, it employs bank-switching techniques to enable several users to work on the system via their own separate VDUs. It provides record contention and locking facilities to cope with this tricky area of multiuser systems.

MP/M had an erratic start, but the current version, 2.1, is a stable and useful product. CP/Net is a product often used withMP/M as it enables multiple single users to work with MP/M on a network basis.

So much for the 8-bit products; now what of the 16 -bit offerings? Whereas in the 8 -bit market Digital Research have had things very much their own way, there are competing products in the 16-bit market. Microsoft offer the single user MS-DOS, adopted by IBM for the PC as PC-DOS, and Xenix, a multi-user extension with features not unlike Unix, which in turn is proving popular on the 68000 based machines.

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peting products. CP/M-86 is functionally similar to the 8 -bit CP/M 2.2 , while MP/M-86 is for the multi-user market. The 68000 is catered for by CP/M-68K, but the product that really catches the eye is the Concurrent $\mathrm{CP} / \mathrm{M}$. This is basically CP/M-86, but with enhancements derived from MP/M type technology, which enable a user to perform many tasks simultaneously in a single processor station.

This means that, for example, four tasks are executed at the same time in their own segments of memory; each task uses a virtual console. The user can call up any of the virtual consoles onto physical console by control key.

## Graphic Tools

What sort of applications can users expect? On the 8 -bit front, both Microsoft and Digital Research offer a range of language compilers and interpreters under $\mathrm{CP} / \mathrm{M}$. On the 16 -bit side, both
companies' products only work with their own operating systems. Both manufacturers are also extending their products with Digital Research producing a range of powerful graphics tools while Microsoft are building their Mult tools family of standard applications.

Among other language tools on the market, the UK specialists Micro Focus have a collection of COBOL products available in both 8 -bit and 16 -bit. There are several good word processors with comprehensive mailing and spelling features, of which the Wordstar family is probably the best known. PET users weaned on a diet of Visicalc will find a plethora of spread-sheet programs and modelling packages.

One of the most recent arrivals in this area is Scratchpad, with an interesting feature: when it fills up the available core with part of a spreadsheet it writes away to disk and carries on regardless.

There are in fact several thousand packages written and implemented under $\mathrm{CP} / \mathrm{M}$. Among these are database management products ranging from the super-powerful MDBS III to the surprisingly cheap but clever Cardbox. dBASE II is a typical mid-range product which will surprise those Commodore users who have worked with Silicon Office.

For Commodore users the important question is which of the various systems options will be offered on the new machines?
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First then, Kactus for the 64. The program comes on cassette and is in a fairly plain box. Could be an improvement on the flashy cassette covers for games with not much inside. The idea of the game is to protect a Cactus from being eaten away at its base by a multitude of hornets and wasps.

The player is a Gopher situated under ground with two holes (at the start of the game). The Gopher can only fire at the hornets through the holes although if daring or foolish enough you can come up out of the hole and fire at the hornets and wasps. There are however a few more hazards to be overcome; the hornets have to be shot twice to be wiped out!! and there are buzzards that fly over occasionally and drop egg bombs at the Gopher.
As well as this the hornets and wasps leave behind them acid droplets that gradually sift down and through the earth; if they touch the gopher it dies. All the time you are zapping at and avoiding the hovering creatures they are slowly nibbling at the base of the cactus. The game is lost if they succeed in toppling the cactus.

There is also one last hazard to watch out for; a mole appears frequently and zooms across the screen; if it succeeds in getting to the nearest hole it will block the hole. The mole will blindly obliterate you if you get in its way as well. You can however thwart the mole by killing it; your reward will be anything from 100-250 points.

The points for the destruction of the other fellow beings are:-

Buzzard - 500 points.
Buzzard's egg - 500 points.
Hornet - 10-350 points.
The control keys are :-
$\mathrm{W}=\mathrm{UP} . \quad \mathrm{A}=\mathrm{LEFT} . \quad \mathrm{D}=$ RIGHT.
$X=$ DOWN. L = FIRE.
or you can use the joystick.
Out of the three games reviewed here Kactus is by far the best, in fact, the other two games are not even in the same class, given the restriction of the VIC compared to the 64.

The graphics are very good; no spare bits of garbage appear, while the sprites
are used for both the mole and the gopher and have been excellently programmed. The only disappointment was the fire button on the joystick, occasionally a little slow. The game is original, fast, addictive and generally fun to play. The sounds are well suited to the game. So all in all a well calculated and well programmed game for the 64.

Kactus is priced at $£ 7.95$ and is among the lower priced, high quality software. I think that a good mark of any software is that it should actually do what it is set up to do and in a way that is pleasing and comprehensible. Kactus certainly does just that.

The second of our three games is called Space Assault. From Lyversoft it is for the VIC and requires either 3 k or 8 k expansion.

I tried to load the game with 8 k expansion in and was told that as I had more than 3 k in place the VIC would rearrange the memory and that I should re-load the program. This was a bad start and I feel that the program should have handled this without any effort on my part, as it boasts 3 k or 8 k expansion.

Anyhow, on to the game, after this problem on expansion and waiting for the program to load as it is in two parts, I eventually got the game started. Having been told in the first program that the control keys were $\mathrm{Q}=\mathrm{up}, \mathrm{A}=$ down and 'f7' = Fire, along with a badly presented explanation of the game, I was ready to start, so I did. My first thought was another version of Scramble until I realised that it was not good enough to merit that description.

The object of the game, if you can call it that, is to guide your ship over the landscape and shoot down the enemy ships while avoiding the meteorites (I think that's what they are). You can also shoot at objects on the ground, some of which are fuel dumps. If you hit these or if you manage to dock with the refuelling ship you are refuelled! The game is very slow, the player's ship operates too slowly to avoid the objects, causing the player to crash. The game is written entirely in Basic though this does not ex-
cuse its slowness and sloppiness. The graphics have been programmed correctly, but the screen gets so crowded that it is often difficult to see what is going on.
To conclude, I don't think this should have been released; it is to my mind not fully debugged and not very original. The sound and colour are fairly bland, the graphics work but are not special and to finish it off the program regularly stops. One hopes as a reviewer and as a punter that this is a faulty tape or a faulty version.
Priced at $£ 5.95$ it is not for my collection.

The final game for this month for the 64 is from Llamasoft and is called Rox 64. There are no instructions on the cassette, but there are adequate instructions within the game. The object of the game is to protect your moon base from falling meteorites. To do this the player uses the following keys:-
V to fire diagonally to the left.
$B$ to fire up.
N to fire diagonally to the right.
SPACE to activate the panic button (this destroys the meteor, use only when you are in danger).

The game first displays the instructions and then you watch as your ship (a sprite), slowly descends. A nice touch and good usage of sprites. The game then commences and you must survive each attack. As well as the panic button you can also abort the game at any time by pressing ' $A$ '. Although the game is not as fast as it could be it is a good game and demonstrates some of the abilities of the 64 very well.
For every attack you survive you gain bonus points and if you survive the whole game, even if you have aborted, there is a bonus. The game also keeps a high score table as on arcade games. I was told before seeing the game that it was not very good, but although it is not up to Llamasoft's usual standard it is still good value for $£ 4.95$.
I was impressed by the sound effects and by the fancy use of colour in the game. It is worth having for your 64 even though it lacks speed. I almost forgot to mention that its best facility is the use of sprites and as it is written in Basic it is easy for the novice to go through the listing to get the feel of using his 64 .

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# SOUND \& VISION 

## This month we are going to take a look at a software package called SYNTHY-64 written by Roy Wainwright.

As the name suggests, the package is a music and sound synthesizer for the 64 It comes with a manual and some demonstration music.
The package enables the user to 'program' music into the 64 using special commands set up by synthy. The first line of the program must be 1 RUN which starts synthy. After that, all lines must contain only synthy commands. An example of the commands available is: + @WT which sets the waveform of voice 1 to Triangle. If the command @WT was preceded with a - sign, then it would be voice 2 and if the symbol was a $£$ sign, then it would be voice 3 .

Tone generator commands are as follows:
@An,@Dn,@Sn,@Rn,@Fnn,@Fnnn, @Gnn, @Mnn, @Pn, @Qnnnn,@Ynn,@Wn\$.
n is a value between 0 and 15 .
nn is 0 or 1 .
$n n n$ is 0,1 , or 2 .
nnnn is a value between 0 and 65535 .
Freq $(\mathrm{Hz})=\left((\mathrm{nnnn})^{*} 0.05965\right) \mathrm{Hz}$.
$\mathrm{n} \$$ is either $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{S}$, or T for waveform. @An - Sets the attack of the specified voice. Which is :The time it takes to get the output to maximum amplitude.
@Dn - Sets the decay. :The time it takes to drop to the sustain level.
@Sn-Sets the sustain level. :The level at which the note will remain until the release cycle is started.
$@ R n$ - Sets the release. :The time it takes to drop from sustain to zero amplitude.

These four values set up the 'envelope' of the voice.

| Value <br> (dec) | Attack rate <br> $(\mathrm{ms})$ | Dec/Rel rate <br> $(\mathrm{ms})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 2 | 6 |
| 1 | 8 | 24 |
| 2 | 16 | 48 |
| 3 | 24 | 72 |
| 4 | 38 | 114 |
| 5 | 56 | 168 |
| 6 | 68 | 204 |
| 7 | 80 | 240 |
| 8 | 100 | 300 |
| 9 | 250 | 750 |
| 10 | 500 | 1500 |
| 11 | 800 | 2400 |
| 12 | 1000 | 3000 |
| 13 | 3000 | 9000 |
| 14 | 5000 | 15000 |
| 15 | 8000 | 24000 |

The envelope comes into effect when the note is read from the program, the gate is turned on and the attack/decay/sustain cycle begins. When the duration is over, the gate is turned off and the release cycle starts. Therefore with a high release value, the note will be heard long after the duration is over provided that no note is played on that voice directly afterwards.

@Fnn - For voice 1 or 2, sets filter on or off.
@Fnnn - For voice 3, sets filter on or off or output off.
@Gnn - Turns the gate on.
@Mnn - Turns ring modulator on or off.
$@ P n-$ Sets pulse waveform value.
@Qnnnn - Sets a frequency in the voice instead of a note.
@Ynn - Turns sync on or off.
@Wn\$ - Sets the waveform of the voice.
All of these commands may be preceded with the voice symbols,,+- f to specify voice, except for the command @Fnn preceded by +, or - and @Fnnn preceded by $£$.
In addition to these commands, there are a few global sound commands. These are as follows:
$\mathrm{Vn}, \mathrm{Tnn}, \mathrm{Xn}, \mathrm{Yn}, \mathrm{Zn} \$$
Where n is a value between 0 and 15 ,
$n n$ between 15 and 255 , and $n \$$ either
H, L, or B.
Vn - Sets the volume of the output.
Tnn - Sets the tempo, 15 slow, 255 fast.
Xn - Sets the filter frequency.
Yn - Sets the filter resonance,
Zn\$ - Sets the filter bandwidth for high, low, or band pass.

These commands are NOT preceded with any voice symbol.
An improvement to the above program might be:
1 RUN
2 "(CLR)CHOOSEAN INSTRUMENT:"
10 "(2CD) 1 PIANO"
20 " 2 FLUTE"
30 " 3 ACCORDION"
40 " 4 END PROGRAM"
50 INPUT1000, 1100, 1200, 1300
60 GOTO2
70 V15 T100 C5/4 D E F G A6 B C 80 GOTO2
1000 + @A0 @D9 @S0 @R0 @WP @P8 GOTO70
1100 + @A4 @D0 @S10 @R5 @WT GOTO70
1200 + @A6 @D5 @S2 @R2 @Ws ZH X8 Y12 @F1 GOTO70 1300 END

This would allow the user to choose an instrument and play a scale using that instrument.
To watch the scale being played, Mr. Wainwright has included a trace function which displays what is contained in all of the registers and the line and position that the program is being read from.
To get the above program to trace,
change line 80 to 80 GOTO2 (the sign turns off the trace function), and put into lines 1000,1100,1200 a' ' after the line number to turn the trace on but remember the space.

The above program would then look like this:

1 RUN
2 "(CLR)CHOOSE AN INSTRUMENT"
10 "(2CD) 1 PIANO"
20 " 2 FLUTE"
30 " 3 ACCORDION"
40 " 4 END PROGRAM"
50 INPUT1000, 1100, 1200, 1300
60 GOTO2
70 V15 T100 C5/4 D EF G A6 B C
80 GOTO2
1000 + @A0 @D9 @S0 @R0 @WP @P8 GOTO70
$1100+$ @A4 @D0 @S10 @R5
@WT
GOTO70
1200 + @A6 @D5 @S2 @R2 @WS ZH X8 Y12 @F1 GOTO70
1300 END
Mr. Wainwright has also included a repeat function which enables a musical phrase to be repeated for however many times it is required. This is done thus:

## 10 (3 C5/4 D E F G A6 B C)

This would play the scale from $C$ to $C$ three times or whatever number succeeds the ( sign until a ) sign is reached.

The command Nn is used inside the repeat line and means skip the end of the repeat loop for $n$ times and play for the remainder. Note $n$ must be smaller than the repeat number at the beginning of the loop.

An example of this is:

## 10 (3 C5/4 D E F G A6 N2 B C )

This will play the scale from $C$ to $A$ twice and the third time it will play the whole scale.

When more than one voice is required to play at one time, synthy will scan forward to the next command and if it is preceded with a voice symbol other than the one being played at the time then that note will be played and the next command will be scanned. For example:

$$
10+C 5 / 4 D-D 5 / 4
$$

will play the note $C$ in the first voice on its own and then the note $D$ in both voices 1 and 2 at the same time, therefore allowing pseudo chords to be played. I say pseudo chords because only three notes of the chord may be played as there are only three voices available.

In sheet music, some notes are required to play for a length of time 1.5 times as long as a single note and other
extra lengths; so there are three symbols which may be added directly succeeding the note which mean:

- Extend note time by .5 times duration.
- Extend note time by .75 times duration.
! - Decrease note time to 677 times duration.
Another command that is entered in the same format as the notes is the Rest command which is set as R/4: this will rest for a quarter note.


## Debugging

When any error is reached, synthy will exit the program, tell you what the error was and show the trace display at the point of exit, therefore showing in which line and which position the error occurred. This is a tremendous help when debugging a program. The same display will also appear when the stop key has been pressed so that if a note does not sound right, the exact position of that note can be found and then altered.

Another aspect of sheet music is the need to sometimes tie two notes together when the total duration of the note is more than one. This is done with the symbol like this:

## 10 C/ 1 C/4

This will play the note $C$ for a duration of 1.25 times note.

The key signature may be selected using the command SGN $n$ or SGN\%n for sharp or flat keys. n is a value from 0 to 11.
Example: SGN 3 - key of G-sharp.
The key of $C$ is the default key if no key is set.

Remarks may be included in the program using the command REM or *. This will make synthy assume that everything following on that line is a remark.

As there is no FOR-NEXT loop available except the repeat loop, there is a command WAITn. This will pause for n seconds before continuing.

## Format

Now to play the notes. The format for the notes is $v \$ n \$ 0 / d$. An example is C5/4 plays middle $C$ to voice 3 for a duration of one quarter of a note. To play C sharp: C 5/4, for a flat: $£ \mathrm{C} \% 5 / 4$ and a natural: $£ C \$ 5 / 4$.

A simple program to play a scale would be:
1 RUN
2 + @A0 @D9 @S0 @R0 @WP @P8 3 V15 T100 C5/4 D EF G A6 B C 4 END

You may have noticed that there are no colons separating the commands;
that is because they are not needed using synthy but the commands must be separated with a space. Also the voice designator is only specified once because until either a - or a £sign is found it assumes the same voice. This also applies to the octave number and the duration but they are remembered for the voice concerned until changed.

## Equivalent

Along with the commands above, other commands are available such as GOTO, GOSUB, INPUT, RETURN, and a form of PRINT but without the command PRINT. The equivalent of PRINT'hello' in synthy is just 'hello'. The format of commands is very strict; in other words spaces must be where they are expected and not where they are not expected. In Basic, GOTO and GOSUB may have spaces between the command and the line number theyor may not; when synthy is running, the format must be without spaces, thus GOTO11111 and not GOTO 11111.

The input command is the same as Basic only in the way that you are inputting a number, but instead of having an input followed by an ON XX GOTO, the two commands have been merged together to form a single command thus:

## 10 INPUT 1000,2000,3000,4000 <br> 20 GOTO 10

would allow an input of a number from 1 to 4 and return to input line if outside these values.

There are two other commands available for advanced music programming; they are commands to sweep a scale with no discernible stepping. They are @ $n$ and @; n where $n$ is the multiplier used to determine the rate of sweep.
Direct commands in Basic are as usual with the addition of two commands. These commands are SHIFT K ,RETURN to kill off synthy and SHIFT C, RETURN to clear the music program and leave you with:
1 RUN"(CLR)"
63000 REM
$63005 \mathrm{REM}^{* * * * * * *}$
63010 @WP @P8 @A0 @D9 @S0
@R0 @FO RETURN PIANO
63020 @WT @A4 @D2 @S10 @R5 @FO RETURN FLUTE
63030 @WS @A6 @D0 @S10 @R1 ZB X10 Y12 @F1 RETURN TRUMPET
63040 @WP @P1 @A0 @D9 @S0
@R0 @FO RETURN BANJO
63050 @WS @A6 @D5 @S10 @R2
ZH X8 Y12 @F1
RETURN ACCORDION

This sets up a library of instruments for use in synthy programs that can be called by a GOSUB 630 n 0 where n is $1-5$.
The package SYNTHY-64 plus a number of demonstration music programs on cassette is available to readers
of Commodore Computing International for a special price of $£ 7.00$.

On the lighter side, below is a listing of a basic loader for a machine code routine for hi-resolution graphics on the 64. The loader has been checksummed
every ten lines of data so that if any errors in entering the data occur, only the ten lines need to be checked for the error.


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556 FEM 5 EG FE 脒 576 FED 560 REM 590 REM E60 FEM E1G FEM
 GSE FEM脨 E4G FEM：
E5G FEM事
EGE FEMW
G76 FEM家
GEG REM情
EOG REM
FGE FEM粎
710 FEH
20 FED
$760 \mathrm{FEH} \mathrm{H}^{2}$
74 EEEM
750 EEH
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FOKE ET1．RH
FOKE BTG，FC FOKE TE4，FII
STSCOT49）
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$1001 I=28672: E F=6:[T=0: F R I H T " M$
$1016 \mathrm{~T}=\mathrm{B}$
1 G20 FEHI A
1646 IF F2ess THEN 20 OUE
105 IF $\mathrm{A}=-1$ THEH SEOA
$1060 T=T+A: F O K E \quad I . F$
$16 \mathrm{~T} \quad \mathrm{I}=\mathrm{I}+1$
1060 GOTO 1020
2060 REM
2010 IF $T=F$ THEH 2020
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$2060 \mathrm{CT}=\mathrm{T}+1 \mathrm{CO}$
2046 BOTG 1616
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2016日 INTATE，186，72，152，72，32，32
$26016 \mathrm{IATH} 112,32,71,112,173,17,2 \mathrm{E}$
Z0190 IATHG，32，141，17，206，173，24
260136 IATH2EG， $9,8,141,24,266,164$
2046 IHTH168，104，176，104，160， 6,169
20060 IATRE4，133， $67,169,63,133,86$
$2 \mathrm{E} 460 \mathrm{IATF} 169,6,145,87,165,87,240$
20147 IATA5，193， $87,76,42,112,198$
20480 DATAES， $165,86,201,31,246,7$
20691 IATA169，255，136， $27,76,42,112$
20095 IATAF5 56
20160 IATASE，160，0，169，231，133， 87
29119 IRTA $169,7,133,86,165,89,145$
26120 IATAET，165， $67,240,5,196,67$
20156 IATATE， $81,112,196,88,165,66$
$2 \mathrm{E} 146 \mathrm{IATH} 2 \mathrm{E} 1,3,246,7,169,255,139$
2E156 IRTHET， $6,81,112,96,72,152$
$2016 \mathrm{GIHTHF} 2,153,72,160,6,24,152$
20176 IATA159， $95,165,96,201,1,144$
$20180 \mathrm{IATH} 12,261,1,268,6,165,85$
20190 IATA $201,64,144,2,236,95,165$
20195 IATAEC6S
20201 IATA $91,201,264,144,2,250,95$
26216 IHTH $165,95,246,6,104,170,104$
26220 IATF168，104，96，165， $69,41,7$
26250 IATA $133,94,169,7,56,229,94$
20246 IATH153，94，246， $9,168,169,1$
$2025 \mathrm{IRTH} 10,136,260,252,240,2,169$

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2026 IATF1，133， $94,165,91,41,7$ 20270 IIATH133，93，165，91，74，74，74
20280 IATA133，95，133．92，141，169，3
2096 IATA169， $0,133,91,133,96,141$
2025 IHTAPESS
20 SH IITHA10， $3,160,6,24,6,95$

2050 IATF24日，6， $5,96,230,96,268$
2063 IIATAE45，24，165，91，101，95，133
264日 IATHO1．165，92，101，96，133，92
2ES5G IATA16日，3，24，70，90，176．7
$20660 \mathrm{IHTH} 7 \mathrm{E}, 89,136,208,246,246,10$


2日G0 IIHTA $3,166,3,24,6,89,176$
2055 IRTA 499
20460 DATAF $6,96,136,263,246,246$
20410 IHTHE， $6,90,230,90,209,245$
20420 IATH169， $6,130,87,135,60,165$
20480 IITTH $6,24,161,91,133,67,165$
20440 IHTAES．101．92．133，E6．165．87
20450 IHTAE4，101，89，138，87，165，86
2046 IIATA161， $90,24,165,32,133,68$
2047 G IATAE4，160， $0,178,16,3,240$
20480 IATA15， $169,255,69,94,133,94$
20490 IIHTH177， $87,37,94,145,87,56$
20495 IATAT 419
2650 IATA176，6，177，B7，5，94，145
20516 IHTAB7，173，188，3．133，89，169
$20500 \mathrm{IHTH} \mathrm{E}, 133,90,130,91,133,92$
2950 IIATHE $4: 14,109,3.14 \cdot 169,3$
20546 IIATR14，169，3，173，169，3，133
20556 IATA $91,24,14,169,3,46,116$
2056日 IATHE，24，14，169，3，46．116
2057E IATAS，173，169，3，24，101，91
2066 DHTA133，91，173，110，3，101，92

24595 IIATH5495
2660 IATH $133,88,165,89,24,101,91$
20610 IHTH133， $87,165,92,101,63,24$
26506 DATA105，4，133， $88,173,111,3$
20GO IIFTA10，10，10，10，141，112，3
2EE4日 IRTA1E日，日，177，87，41，15，13
2056 INTH112， $3,145,87,169,1,141$
20E6 IHTA17，3，169，0，133，95，104

$20681 \mathrm{DHTH}, 201,32,268,1,232,189$
2060 IATFG，2，246，72，138，72，152
20G95 DHTHESS
$2076 \mathrm{IATAF} 2,173,64,3,56,297,60$
20710 IATA3，141， $68,3,173,65,3$
29720 IHTAEST，61，3，141，69，3，173
2075日 IIATHEE， $3,5 E, 27,62,3,141$
20740 IRTAFE，3，173，63，3，237，67
20750 INTA $1,141,71,3,169,1,141$
$2076 \mathrm{IITTH} 4,3,141,96,3.169 .0$
2076 INTH141，95，3，141，97，3，173
2676 IATAF1，3，41，128，240，6，169
2079 IHTAES5，141，94，3，141，95，3 20795 IATHEGT2
$20601 \mathrm{DHTA} 173,69,3,41,128,246,6$
21616 IHTH169，255，141，96，3，141，97
208 E IHTHB，173，69，3，41，128，24日
29 SO IATABE， $173,69,3,73,255,141$
$2044 \mathrm{DHTAF}, 3,24,173,68,3,73$
206E IHTHES5，165，1，141，72，3，173
2066 IHTAT $3,3,105,0,141,73,3$
26 BE IATFATE，112，11．4，173，68，3，141
$2068 \mathrm{EATFAT}, 3,173,69,3,141,73$
29896 IFTHS，173，71，3，41，126，246
2085 IATAE416
26960 IATABE，173， $71,3,73,255,141$
2016 DनTमिए， $24,173,76,3,53$
2090 InTFES5，106，1，141，74，3，173

2094日 IATHFG，1E1，114，173，76，3，141

$2060 \mathrm{IATHO}, 17,72,3,5,23,74$
$2097 \mathrm{DATH}, 141, \mathrm{BE}, 3,173,73,3$
2668 IHTHE $7,7,3,141,89,3,41$
2690 IATH12日，240，60，169，255．141，90
2095 ILATAESTS
21060 INTFB，141．91，3．169．0．141
21016 DHTA92，3，141，53，3，173．74

21636 IATH141，77，3，173，72，3，141
21946 INTFTR，3，173，73，3，141，75
2106 INTHB，173， $71,3,41,126,26$
21660 IATAFG，169，1，141，96，3，169
21076 IHTA $141,91,3,76,45,115$
21660 IATH $169,6,141,90,3,141,91$
$2169 \mathrm{IHTHB}, 169,25,141,92,3,141$
21695 INTAF941
2116 IHTH93， $173,72,3,141,76$
2116 INTAB．173，73，3，141，77，3
21126 IATFic $3,74,3,141,78,3,173$
21150 IATAPS，3，141，79，3，173，69
21146 IHTH $3,41,128,208,10,169,1$
21150 IRTA $141,92,3,169,6,141,93$
21160 INTAB，173， $76,3,141,82,3$
21176 IATA17 $3,7,3,141,83,3,176$
21160 IATATE，3，141，86，3，173，79
21196 IATHO，141，B1，3，173，TE，3
21195 IATHESGE
21206 IRTA5E，237，78，3，141，84，3
21216 IATH $173,77,3,237,79,3,141$
21220 IATABS， $3,78,77,3,116,76$
212S日 IATAO，173，78，3，56，237，76
21246 DATA $3,141,66,3,173,73,3$
2125 IIATA $27,7,3,141,87,3,173$

$2127 \mathrm{DATFB}, 138,69,17,61,3,183$
21286 IATAG日，173， $6,3,135,91,32$
21296 IHTA110，112，173， $37,3,41,126$
2129 IATASG29
21560 DATA $246,66,175,66,3,24,169$
2131 IHTHE日，3，141，8E，3，173．87
2152日 IATA $, 169,81,3,141,87,3$
213 B IATA173， $60,3,24,109,92,3$
21340 IATH141，6区，3，173， $1,3,169$
21,55 IHTHG3，3，141，61，3，173，62

21376 IATAB， $173,63,109,01,3$
$2136 \mathrm{IATH} 141,63,3,76,5,116,173$
21390 IATHBE，3，56，237，64，3．141
21395 IHTH5S 99
21296 IATREG，3，173，87，3， 37,85
21416 IHTHE，141， $7,3,17,6,613$
21420 IATFE $4,169,96,3,141,60,3$
2143 IIATH173，61，3，169， $97,3,141$
21440 IATFE $1,3,173,62,3,24,169$
21456 IHTHO4，3，141，62，3，173，63
$2146 \mathrm{IATH} 3,169,95,3,141.63 .3$
21470 IHTH173，82，3，56，283，1，141
21480 IATHE2，3，173，85，3，233， 1
$2149 \mathrm{IATH} 141,83,3,173,17,3,246$

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21495 IHTH5484
21501 IATH $465,95,26,16,173.63$
21516 DATHS，246， $3,76,119,115,176$
2152 E IATHES， $3,246,3,76,119,115$
21506 IHTA104， $163,164,176,164,96,72$
21540 IATH152， $72,136,62,173,10,3$
21556 IATAE46，5，169，255，141，163，3
21560 IATFITS，162，3，261，31，17E， 3
2157 E IATAP6，18，117，201， $64,144.14$
$2156 \mathrm{IHFTA} 4,261,96,144,3,76,16$
21590 IHTHA17，56，233，64，141．102．
21595 INTHP159

21616 IATRES $1,173,102,3,160,3,24$
$2162 \mathrm{IFTFitG}, 141 \cdot 162,3,165,2 \mathrm{E}, 105$
21630 IFTFiG， $135,252,173,162,3,136$
21646 IATHE日G，205，135，251，160，6．141
$21656 \mathrm{IfiTh} 166,3,173,14,226,41,254$
216E日 IATF141，14，226，165，1，41，251

21606 IHTH162， $3,165,1,9,4,136$

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21696 IHTH1,173,14,220,9,1,141
21695 INTATOEG
21760 IFTF14,2e日,173,106,3,240,E
21710 InTATP,162,3,141,102,3,176
21720 IFTAOG,3,141,165,3,173,93
21764 INTAG,141, 164,3,169,126,141
21740 IATA107,3,173,162,3,45,107
2175G IFITFS,240,18,175,164, 3,130
21760 IHTHEQ,173,105,3,133,96,176
E1776 IATH104, 3, 133,91,32,116,112
2176E INTHiTG, 167,3,246, 26, 173,104
21590 DHTAG,24,165,1.141:164,6
21795 matricsea
21040 IHTA173,165,3,165,6.141,165
2181E INTHO,7E,196,116,165,251,24
21820 IHTH105,1,153,251,165,252,105
21601 IHTHG, 1SS,252,24,268,160,3
21846 IHTFITE,G,20E,16E,3,240,3
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21806 InTH1E44.96
21ETG IHTH5GGG,-1
EEHilt'.
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The final program in this section is a simulation of sprites on the VIC－20．The program requires a super expander hi－resolution cartridge to be in place for the program to work．

The method is to hold the character re－ quired in an array and as it is moved， store the contents of the screen in that location into an array．When the character is moved to another postion， the display in the previous sprite posi－ tion is restored．This enables the character to be moved over the display without destroying it．

The program is set up to move a cur－ sor in the form of a cross over the screen in steps of three．The increment，size of the character and the character itself can be varied to suit the users re－ quirements．

```
1 REM USE THE FUNCTION KE''S TO MOUE THE CHFRACTER
2 REM F1 UP,F3 LEFT,FS RIGHT,FT DOWWH
10 REM FROGRFM TO MOVE A HIGH RESOLUTIOH CHFRACTER FEOUT
20 REM THE SCREEN UHDER COHTROL OF THE KE'TEORRI.
30 REM THE CHARFGCTER DOES NOT ERFEE EXISTING SCREEN
    IISFLFTS
40 FEM
50 REM SET COLDURS
EG GRFPHIC 2
TE COLOR 3,3,0,3
75 REM
G\varepsilon REM FILL ECREEN WITH CHARFCTERS
GE REM
90 FOF I=0 TO 19
G1 FOR J=0 TD 19
92 CHAR J,I,"昉"
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9 4 \text { HENT I}
95 REM
100 REM SET UP F'ARAMETERS
105 X=5:T=5:REM START POSITION
110 3=3:FEM CHFRRCTER MOVEMEHT
120 DIM C(5,5),M(5,5)
125 FOR I=1 TO 5
130 FOR J=1 TO 5
135 RERD C(J,I)
140 HENT J
145 NENT I
150 DFTF 0,0,1,0,01
155 DATA 0,0,1,0,0
160 DATA 1,1,1,1,1
1E5 DATF 0,0,1,0,0
170 DATA 0,0,1,0,0
19050T0 500
195 REM
200 REM IWPUT CHARRCTER MOVEMENT FROM KETEOARD
205 REM
210 A=FEEK(197)
215 <0=人:ヶQ=%
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220 IF F=47 THEN K}=%=%-5:GOTD 300
230 IF f=63 THEH 'T='T+S:GOTD 300
240 IF f=39 THEN Y=',-S:GOTO 300
250 IF F=55 THEN 
260 OOTO 210
295 REM
300 REM EHECK CHFRRRCTER WITHIN EOUNIS
305 REM
310 IF X<5 THEN K=E
320 IF %>165 THEN ¢}=16
330 IF YCS THEN Y=5
340 IF Y>165 THEH 'T=165
395 REM
409 REM ERASE PREVIDUS CHFRRCTER
405 REM
410 FOR I=-2 TO 2
420 FOR J=-2 TO 2
430 IF M<J+3,I+3)<>0 THEN 4E0
```



```
445 FEM
450 EOTO 470
455 REM
460 FOINT 4, (J+%G)*G,(I+'G)*6
470 NEXT J
480 NENT I
4 9 5 ~ R E E M
500 REM SFVE SCREEN COHTENTS
505 REM
510 FOR I=-2 TO 2
520 FOR J=-2 TO 2
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```
540 NEXT J
550 HEXT I
595 REM
600 REM FLOT NEW CHFRRCTER
G05 REM
610 FOR I=-2 TO 2
620 FOR J=-2 T0 2
E30 IF C(J+3,I+3)=0 THEN ESO
640 FOIHT 3, (%+J)米E, (Y+I)标6
650 [0T0 670
```



```
GTO NEXT J
680 NENT I
895 REM
900 REM DO FGFIN
9 0 5 ~ R E M ~
910 GOTO 210
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REFD'r'.

Footnote: Because of swapping points the program is rather slow.


Camp Beaumont, held in the Mill Hill Public School, is but one of the fine summer camps for young people created and organised by Stewart Wiley. Beaumont Summer Camps have been held in England for three years, and each year the organisation increases in popularity with both children and parents. The camps are intended for children between the ages of 4 , in the 'day crêches', and 17, enjoying interesting and varied activities during the school Easter and Summer holidays.

There are nine camps operating at the moment, but in a short while the tenth, in Nutsford just outside Manchester, will open. Further information as to the locations and timings of all the Beaumont Camps will be given at the end of this article, but for now let us concentrate on the Mill Hill Camp.

Camp Director for Mill Hill is a charming and sincere teacher-Richard Ryde. Richard is also a teacher at the Mill Hill

Public School, as are many of his assistants. To round out his staff of 35 are 29 student teachers, all of whom display heartening dedication to improving their interaction with young people. Their enjoyment of the camp is obvious to all observers-casual or deeply in-terested-and is only surpassed by that of the children themselves.
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Overall Camp Director Stewart Wiley must be thanked for this-the first holiday for children mixing both healthy out-door activities and computing together. For Camp Beaumont Mill Hill, Mark Line-an expert computer specialist-
has been drafted in from Germany to create the right teaching methods to enable the child to learn at his/her own pace, and, from the thundering cheer the children gave when asked their opinion, he is obviously doing a wonderful job.

The children have a choice of computers to work with - 16 VIC-20s, 10 of the elusive CBM64s, 44032 PETS, one robot and all the necessary peripherals the children could want. As an added bonus for the children there is the option of taking away one of the camp Commodore machines at half the shop price at the end of their visit (subject to parental consent). The maximum time that any child may use the machines during the day is $21 / 2$
hours, thus not contravening the time limit allowed by law.

The ratio of supervisors/monitors to children is carefully worked out. In the case of the younger children it is one adult over the age of $18: 4-6$ children, for the older children the ratio is one adult over the age of $18: 8-10$ children. On each camp there is a resident matron who is medically qualified to handle all but the most serious of accidents (of
which to date there has been none).
Altogether the whole package is one of value for money, but the greater value is that afforded to the children and parents. The children emerge happy, pleasantly tired, fit and a little maturer in their attitudes. The parents benefit by their own holiday from the demands of parenthood and welcome their children home with refreshed and loving arms.


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# The Smart Communicator 

## Interpod for Vic 20 \& Commodore 64

> One of the problems with using either the Commodore 64 or the VIC-20 is that neither has, as standard, an IEEE connector. Indeed, communicating with any external device, unless it happens to be one of
> Commodore's own disk drives or printers, is not the easiest of tasks.
> To our rescue comes Oxford Computer Systems, with a device called Interpod. So, this month let's take a look at Interpod, and see if it
> measures up to the claims of its manufacturers.

## First Encounters

Interpod consists basically of a smart, small and light white box, measuring just over 6 by 1 by 4 inches, and weighing in at 1.25 lb .

It is designed to be accessed from either a VIC-20 or a Commodore 64, either of which can be connected up via the serial port, which is normally reserved for Commodore's own disk drives and/or printers. There are two serial ports in Interpod itself, serial in and serial out. A third, similar looking port is in fact nothing more important than the power supply. Okay, it is important!
Two other connectors complete the family, namely an IEEE port (Commodore IEEE that is, not the real thing), and an RS232-C one. Communicating via the RS 232 is rather simple, as it has a reserved device address number, normally 4 , and thus can be treated just as you would a printer, say.
As the more expensive daisy-wheels tend to be RS232 driven anyway, this should present the user with no unacceptable and unfamiliar problems. The other connector, the IEEE one, is the one which would be of most interest to Commodore users: think of all those lovely disk drives just waiting to be accessed! So, we'll take a look at that one first.

## Down the IEEE Line

This is a full implementation of Commodore's own peculiar brand of IEEE, but the fact that it's fully compatible with Commodore is all we need to worry about. To use it is beautifully simple; all you have to do is connect your 64 or VIC-20 at one end, and your IEEE device at the other. For example, we could
have Commodore's own 8050 disk drive plugged straight in to Interpod and a Commodore 64 coming out of the other end.

From then on you just type away as if Interpod wasn't there : its use becomes totally transparent, as you merrily swop files from disk to machine and back again. Very straightforward, and very easy.
Ditto with RS232. Just plug in your device and communicate with it as you would normally. You have a choice of baud rate here, depending on what your peripheral device will handle and accept, and this ranges from a miserly 50 baud (I know people who can talk faster than that!) up to a much more respectable 7,200 . Everything else is equally selectable, including parity, stop bits and word length, and on power-up it all defaults to device 4 , communicating at 1,200 baud, with 8 bits and 1 stop bit (no parity).

If you attempt to access a device on the serial bus which isn't there, Interpod then searches along the parallel one. And if it doesn't find it there, a friendly error message comes back and tells you, basically, to plug something in.
Presumably, although this couldn't be tried here as we only had one Interpod to play with, they could be connected together in series, and thus have a link something like VIC to Interpod to disk drive, then onto another Interpod and a 64 at the end of it all.

Careful playing with device numbers could then possibly allow you to communicate from a VIC to a 64 and back again. However, whether anyone would want to pay $£ 250$ for the privilege of do-
ing this is another question.

## Conclusion

Interpod is extremely easy to use, and in use becomes transparent to the person sitting at the keyboard. It is neat, lightweight and very compact : mind you, it should be, as there is very little inside it! Its own 6502 takes care of everything.
Documentation is sparse, but then that doesn't matter. There's hardly an awful lot that you could do wrong.

To sum up, it fills a hole in the Commodore industry that should have been plugged some while ago, and makes the VIC and (especially) the Commodore 64 into viable business computers.

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# BOOK REVIEW 

## Programmer's Guide to the 6502 Micro



Accompanying the Sybex publications 'Programming the 6502' and '6502 Games', comes another gem from Sybex called '6502 Applications', the author of which, Dr Rodney Zaks, has given courses on programming and micros worldwide. The aim of the book is to design programs for the 6502, the user being helped along by a series of over 50 exercises designed to test your skill every step of the way, the programs in the book being applicable to any 6502 micro.

The problem with some of these books is that the user will buy them without realising that he hasn't got half the hardware required to put the programs to any use. Is the reader likely to fall into the same trap in this case?

Well I'm glad to be able to tell you that this is unlikely. From the outset, Zaks stresses that the main aim, assuming an elementary knowledge of micro programming, is to address the problem of writing applications that require the implementation of the minimum of actual hardware.

## Concise

The chapters, of which there are seven followed by six informative appendices and an index, are very concise and essentially self-contained in subject. For example, chapter two deals with input and output chips but it is not
necessary for the reader to understand all the principles of the PIO to start reading chapter three. If you still have the AIM 65 (Additional Input Monitor) board and do not want to bother with the SYM board or the outdated KIM, then you can virtually skip to the 'meat' of the book in chapter four.

This is where the well-illustrated book becomes really interesting, going through the basic techniques on how to build relays, switches and speakers. Such step by step applications are accompanied by helpful diagrams, photographs and program listings. Following on from this, Zaks goes in to more complex home and industrial applications such as A/D convertors and complete burglar alarms.

Not all the input/output devices are covered although any book would be hard pressed to cover the whole range. If you do not have this book, then you really are missing something.

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## Holmes and Watson Assembly Language



The second book to be reviewed this month is a successful follow-up to the 'Dr Watson Book of Assembly Language Programming for the Com-
modore PET 2/3/4/8000' which ran to two editions. Called 'Beginners Assembly Language Programming VIC20', this addition to the Dr Watson series was written by Dr Holmes and is already into its third edition (revised format).

For the complete beginner to assembly language it is a must to thoroughly understand the introduction and the ensuing chapters. Holmes goes to great pains to explain the principles and techniques concerned with assembly and machine code, kicking off with loading, debugging and running the assembler. This embraces a complete assembly listing accompanied by an error message reference guide, advice on SAVEing the program and what to do if it crashes. As a safety valve, if any errors do creep in there is a very simple and short program designed to clear them.

## More Advanced

At this stage of the book, the listings are very simple - take Holmes' example of adding one and two together. Naturally as the book progresses, the subject material gets a little more advanced, an example of this being to extend the operation to add one and two together so that it covers a wider range of numbers using the C flag, explaining that with one byte you can count up to 255; larger numbers are accounted for by adding more bytes.

The obstacles presented by hexadecimal input and binary are overcome, as is the technique of providing $\mathrm{M} / \mathrm{C}$ programs with colour and sound. After giving solutions to the various exercises and an abundant range of appendices, the author finishes with the USR command and the use of signed and floating point numbers.

Considering the book and tape are supplied directly for $£ 14.95$, this book is worth its weight in gold. If there was ever a good beginner's guide in this field, then this is it.

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## The Function Mystery

Included in this month＇s hints and tips for the VIC and the 64 are notes on screen control，a disable routine and what to do when the 1540 disk drive protests too much．
Here＇s a little program for the VIC：－
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E日 PRIHT＂GOGOIE IH MEMOR＇T THERE：＂
display，but beware，＇there are other ad－ dresses＇you must also adjust：addr． 201 －cursor $\log$（row）and 202 －input cursor log（column），as well as addresses 209－210 pointer to screen line，to change the cursor position．

## Disable Routine

Next a useful little routine for the VIC． There are many times when it would be very useful to disable the RUN－STOP RESTORE keys．The following routines will do this：

## FOKE G08．FEEK（30S）＋2：FOKE37150．FEEK（37150）FND127 <br> The aboue line disables <br> FOKE EQE FEEK（SQB）－2：FOKE37150．FEEK（37159）OR127 <br> The aboue line eriables


E9 FRIHT＂GOd LET＇S TE＇T IT＂


110 FOKE 198，1：FOKE E31．13
120 FRINT＂Glr．2egd＞＂：FRINT＂《wht．＞FiOTO 10日日＂



A brief explanation of the program． The control characters are：cd＝cursor down，clr $=$ clr home，rvs＝reverse key， off $=$ reverse off， $\mathrm{f} 1=$ the top function key，wht and blue refer to colour keys．

Lines $10-90$ explain that SYS 64802 is the power up call and that it will reset the machine but seems to leave machine code in memory．Perhaps someone could write in telling us why this is so？ Line 100 waits for the f 1 key to be press－ ed．Line 110 puts one character into the keyboard buffer and tells the VIC that the character is a carriage return．

Line 120 prints in white GOTO 1000， 22 lines from the top of the screen．Line 130 goes to the top of the screen， changes output colour to blue then lists the program from 60 onwards．After a list command any program will stop； thus the program stops with the cursor on the statement GOTO 1000．When a program has finished execution the keyboard buffer is emptied；in this case it now executes a carriage return on GOTO 1000 and re－enters the program． Line 1000 is a delay loop and then the cold start command．Crude，I know，but it does work，perhaps some readers have better ways of doing the same thing；if so please let us know．

## Screen Control

Some more information for the VIC this time on screen control．There are two useful locations in the VIC to aid screen control．The first is Dec． 214 hex \＄00D6；by PEEKing this location you can discover the line the cursor is on： ＇PEEK（214）＇．This allows a program to have control of freezing the display or changing lines．It does not however give you program control of screen scrolling， but a little subroutine will do this．

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10G FRINT"HIT Z TO COHTINHE"
20日 GET A$:IF Aま>>"Z" THEH 20日
30日 RETIFN
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You may of course stop on any line of the screen by simply adjusting the value of the PEEK．PEEKing 211 will return the current column the cursor is on． Therefore you are able to tell when you have reached the last position on the line and can control things like text display， character position etc．You can use a combination of these POKES and PEEKS to control the entire screen

Address 808 is the test stop vector and address 37150 is the interrupt register．Another interesting goodie！To make all keys repeat POKE 650，128，to restore to normal POKE 650，0．If after transferring the character memory by， POKE 36869，255，you wish to print recognisable characters you merely PRINT them in reverse．So POKE 36869，255：PRINT＇rvs THE VIC STILL PRINTS off＇，will print as nor－ mal，while the rest of the screen looks slightly disturbing．
This only seems to work for upper case characters；you can also still POKE characters to the screen by using their reverse equivalent，e．g．numbers from 128－255 will give a reverse field character when POKED．If you are using a VIC with more than 8 k change POKE36869，255 to POKE36869，207． This can save you time and memory when programming．

Another little quirk for the VIC ad－ dress 37159 is Timer one；it is usually set at 72 ；if you poke it with a number lower than this the IRQ will be accessed more often；thus slowing down BASIC＇s speed．If it is POKED with a number larger than 72 the IRQ is accessed less and BASIC speeds up．Therefore POKE37159，255 will access the IRQ the least，but be cautious when using this as it will affect the internal clock，change the cursor blink rate and POKEs and PEEKs to the screen．

## 64 Addresses

Now for a few small tips for the 64．A most useful address is hex \＄FCE2 or decimal 64738，so that SYS（64738） resets your 64．Address 0 and address 1 are also very interesting and useful，but beware of casually altering these ad－ dresses as they are rather unforgiving．In fact after my first few attempts at alter－
$\square$
ing address 1 I considered writing an ar－ ticle entitled（101 ways to crash your 64）．Anyway here is a short prog to con－ trol tape：

$10 \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{FEEK}(1) \mathrm{OR} 32: \mathrm{E}=\mathrm{FEEK}(1) \mathrm{FHIIE}$<br>26 FOKE 192． $\mathrm{H}:$ FOKE1，F：REM will 三tor tske motor<br>30 FFRIHT＂《Olr＞TAFE MOTOF ETOFFEII＂<br>46 IFECGTHEHE日：REM if ro switohes down then sume to ed<br>ST：FREIHT＂<br>EG IF $(F E E K(1)$ FHIIIE $)=$ GTHENE<br>76 FFIIHT＂FLL SNITCHES OFF＂

80 EHII

Before explaining the program let＇s have a look at address 1．It is the 6510 On－chip 8－bit input output register．Bit $0=$ loram signal（for switching in or out the Basic ROM）．Bit $1=$ hiram signal（for switching in or out the Kernal ROM）．Bit $2=$ character ROM（switch in or out character ROM）．Bit $3=$ cassette data line．Bit $4=$ cassette switch sense（look for tape switch，open or closed）．Bit $5=$ cassette motor control（turn motor on and off）．Bits 6 and 7 are undefined．
So as you can see this is a very power－ ful address．In the above program A is set to equal the contents of bit 5 （cassette motor control）． B is set to equal the contents of bit 4 （the cassette switch sense）．Line 20 POKEs A into both 192 and 1．The reason for POKEing A into 192 is because it is the tape motor interlock address．Therefore to stop the tape motor one needs to change Bit 5 in address 1 and the value in location 192.
It seems also advisable to use a variable for any PEEK of address 1，as the 64 tends to be too quick and over－ write your change if you don＇t．Line 20 will stop the tape motor．Line 30 is ob－ vious，line 40 tests to see if Bit 4 （cassette switch sense）is set to 16 （no key pressed on tape），if not then line 50 asks you to press stop on tape and line 60 tests again to see if it has been press－ ed（if bit 5 still 0 then key down and stay there until released）．Line 70 simply tells you that there are no keys down on cassette．
To find the current value of each bit in location 1，you merely look at the bit． For those of you not accustomed to the method of doing this，PRINT PEEK（1）AND1 will give you the value of Bit 0．PRINT PEEK（1）AND2 will give you the value of Bit 1．PRINT PEEK（1）AND4 will give the value of Bit 2．PRINT PEEK（1）AND8 will give the value of Bit

3．PRINT PEEK（1）AND16 will give the value of Bit 4．PRINT PEEK（1）AND32 will give the value of Bit 5 ．

So staying with address 1，if you POKE1，PEEK（1）AND254 this will take out the basic ROM．Unfortunately，this is not possible from Basic as the 64 does a warm start and resets address one． Also if you POKE1，PEEK（1） AND253 this switches out the Kernal ROM and again cannot be done from Basic；however，if you have now tried you have crashed your 64 and will need to turn off and back on again．Both bit 0 and bit 1 can only be called by machine code routines，（unless anyone can tell me another way of doing it？）．Bit 2 also crashes the machine if used from Basic． Therefore one should be very wary when using this address．

Here is a machine code routine to bank in another 8 k of RAM．
Addresses are in HEX：

| TUAE START | LIA 101 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 7602 | FHIL 牲FFE |
|  |  |
| 7906 | RTS |

The above gives you another 8 K RAM．Your programs can now reside from Hex \＄0800－CFFF or decimal 2048 $-53247$.

| 7 THEL CLEAR |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 7an2 | ORA \＃镍1 |
| 79月4 | STF |

This routine as mentioned before is only useable in machine code and you will need a monitor or an assembler to do this．Here is a routine that switches in the character generator ROM，reads it into RAM，switches out the generator ROM and switches the video chip back in．

```
10 CS=12-8G
2Q FOKE 56334, FEEKC5ESO4 FHII254
OG FOKE 1,FEEK(1)FHIES1
4G FOR I = SE TOIS + 2047
50 FOKE I, FFEKCSS4S+I-ES)
GQ HENT I
PO FWGE 1. FEEK(1)OR4
80 FOKE 5ES24, PEEK(56334)OR1
90 FIIKE 53272, (PEEK(53272)
    FNNI240) +12
```

Line 10 is the start in RAM of the new character generator．Line 20 and 30 switch in the character generator ROM Line 40 is the loop needed to read in all 256 characters．Line 50 reads in all 256 characters．Line 60 end of loop．Line 70 and 80 switch out character generator ROM．Line 90 reads characters from generator now in RAM instead of ROM． While the new character generator is in use you cannot use the 64＇s original character generator．To read from ROM POKE 53272，21．

## Using the 1540

One last interesting piece of informa－ tion for those of you with a 64 and a 1540 disk drive（or access to one）．I believe this originally came via Jim But－ terfield and may well be known to you．

There is a problem when trying to use the 1540 with the 64 ．It seems to be the fact that if you use the 1540 as normal with the 64，it will keep trying to refresh the screen and the 1540 will hang up and carry on whirring wildly，seemingly do－ ing nothing．If you blank off the screen before attempting to load or save from the 1540 you can now use it with suc－ cess．The way to do this is to POKE53265，11（this will blank the screen）．POKE 653265，27（this will bring back the screen）．Obviously you will be typing blind after the screen is blanked， so it is advisable to set the screen up before you start so that by hitting RETURN you can blank the screen，


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LOAD（SAVE or VERIFY），as well as br－ ing the screen back．To do this you lay the screen out so：

FOEE FGSGE．11（FEM：TOF LINE OF GCREEH？<br>（leate blank）<br>（leave blark）<br><br>（leaw blank）<br>（LEまいた blark）<br>（lezue blank）<br>（leave ELark）<br>FOKE 53265．27（REM：BRING SCREEN BACK）

To set the screen up without actually executing the statements，start at the top and after typing POKE53265，11，DO NOT press RETURN，but press SHIFT RETURN；this takes you to the next line down without execution of the state－ ment．You can then carry on leaving two blank lines，LOAD your program，leav－ ing four blank lines，the POKE to bring back the screen．One last SHIFT RETURN then PRESS the HOME key UNSHIFTED；this takes you to the top of the screen and you may now simply execute the statements by hitting RETURN．If you make a mistake you can hit RUN－STOP RESTORE to bring the screen back，or you can buy yourself a 1541 （for the 64）and forget about the above．Good luck with this！
We have been using it successfully．

## Dual Format

Our editor has recently received a NORMAL $51 / 4$ inch disk，with some music routines on it．So far nothing unusual until we noticed it had been for－ matted on both sides．On one side it was 8050 formatted and on the other it was 1540 formatted．We tried this with an old disk and it seems to work，but we don＇t understand why it should．If any of our readers do understand or have any ideas on the subject，please let us know．

## Input Routine

Lastly，the start of a program that could be turned into a word proccessor or any other use that you may be able to think of．This routine will work on any Commodore machine．

10 OPEN 4，0：
REM OPEN KEYBORRD AS A IEVICE
20 PRINTCHR（3（147）；：
REM CLERRS THE SCREEN

30 IIM Fiz（100）：REM SET UF ARRA＇FOR TEXT STORAGE
40 FOR I $=\overline{0}$ TO 10＠：REM IHFUT LGOF FOR TEXT
50 FRINT：REM SKIP TO START OF NEXT LINE
E0 IFAt《（I）＝＂＂THEN I＝10n：REM TEST FOR ENII OF IHFUT OF TEKT
70 HEXT：REM END OF IHPUT LOOP
100 FOR I＝© TO 10G：REM FRINTING OF TEXT LOOF
110 IFFto（I）$=$＂＂THEN 300 REM TEST FOR ENI OF FRINT LIOP．
120 FOR $J=1$ TO LEN（A末（I））：REM LOOF FOR LENGTH OF STRING
 FROM STRING

140 IF EF＝＂1＂THEN FRINT：GOTO 200
150 REM DO CFREAIGE RETURH IF EXCLAMATION MARK
1EQ FRINT E＊：REM FRINT CHERFICTER OF TEXT
200 HESTJ．I：REM CLOSE LOUFS
S60 ELOSE4：REM ELOSE KETEORRI CHRHNEL
4001 END

This program when running will not produce a prompt．It will wait for any in－ put（max 88 chars）．It will then carry on inputting until you RETURN on a blank line．It will then print out the text on the screen in the format that you input it．
This is just a simple start at using the keyboard to input，display and format text on the screen．There are obviously much better ways of doing this and we will be grateful for both comments and
updates，the idea being to explore the possibilities with the keyboard．

We hope to have a regular hints and tips section for all the Commodore machines．So any little routines that you have，if you think they are useful or in－ genious then please send them to us and we will incorporate them（with a credit） in this section．Until next month I hope you enjoy and find useful the informa－ tion and routines included this month．


#### Abstract

A worthy addition to our＇hints and tips＇section is this program for the 64 which is a machine code routine to define the four functions keys．It comes in the form of a BASIC loader and is therefore easy to understand for those of us who are not experts in machine code．The program listing is included below．


Now for a breakdown of the working of the program，for those readers who may wish to know how it＇functions＇and possibly improve or change it．If you do come up with any brilliant ideas please let us know．Line 1 jumps to the routine that loads the code into memory．Lines 2－9 inclusive are the strings that give you the functions．The numbers in F\＄do not correspond to the function key numbers．But they are related to the ASCII values of the function keys．Line 10 calls the machine code routine which is wedged into the Interrupt．Line 20 sets V as the starting location for the func－ tion key data．Lines $30-60$ POKEs the function key data one character at a time into memory and then ends the
program．Lines 200－280 contain the data for the machine code routine．Lines 300－330 reads the machine code data in－ to variables（including Z as an error check），then POKEs the data into memory．If there is no error the routine returns to the main program．

There is no doubt that this is a useful program and although it is not easily changeable it should not be impossible to utilise it to add other commands to the function keys，or indeed key com－ mands to other parts of the keyboard． A simple looking but very useful routine included here for the VIC．The program uses the WAIT command to test for Joystick Fire button to be pressed．Line 1000 displays a message which assumes

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that a game is being played．Line 10010 clears any previous fire button presses． Line 10020 WAITs for either FIRE button pressed or FIRE button released．This way the WAIT command can check for the relevant BIT and restart the program if the BIT is on or off．Thus this routine could obviously be useful for a numbe of applications，including games，sket－ ching and educational use．
Two functionally identical routines are provided here for bi－directed scrolling， one for the VIC and one for the 64．Line 10000 sets ADDRESS to the start of

BASIC．Line 10010 sets LINE to the next line number or the previous line number， depending on the input at Line 11000 Line 10020 clears the screen and prints in the background colour both LIST and LINE．Line 10030 POKEs into the keyboard buffer a HOME，CURSOR down，CHARACTER colour，carriage RETURN，CURSOR down，carriage RETURN and puts the number of characters into the keyboard buffer Lines $11000-11020$ is a loop for the input of plus and minus data and gets the in put and if none or not a plus or minus
sign returns for input．Line 12000 checks for the beginning of the line，and lines 12010－13000 are the set addresses for plus or minus input．Line 13005 checks for the start of a new line and if it is not， line 13010 inputs the text of the line data．The effect when using this routine is to be able to LIST your programs on line at a time either down the program or up by pressing plus for one forward and minus for one back．A very useful routine to tag onto the end of a program to aid debugging．Have fun with it！

```
9999 REM +/- LIST FOR 64
10000 ADDRESS=2048
10010 LINE=PEEK (ADDRESS+3)+PEEK<RDDRESS+4)目256
10020 PRINT""wGOTO11000":PRINT"LIST";LINE;
10030 POKEG31,19:POKE632,17:POKE633,159:POKE634,13:POKE635,19:FOKEE36,13:POKE198
,6:END
11000 IFFEEK(197)=40THEN12000
11010 IFPEEK(197)=43THEN13000
11020 GOTO11000
12000 IFPEEK\RDDRESS+S) COTHENRDDRESSmFDDRESS+1:G0T012000
12010 FDDRESS=ADDRESS+5:B0TO10010
13000. FDDRESSmFIDDRESS-1
13005 IFPEEK(ADDRESS)=0RNDPEEK(RDDRESS-4)<\ORNDPEEK(FIDNRESS-3)<\OTHEN 10010
13010 GOTO13000
9999 REM +/- LIST FOR VIC-20
10000 ADDRESS=PEEK(44)业256+PEEK(43)-1
10010 LINEmPEEK(ADDRESS+3)+PEEK(RDDRESS+4)䄸25G
10020 FRINT":#GOTO11000":PRINT"LIST";LINE;
10030 POKE631,19:POKE632,17:POKE633,31:POKE634,13:POKE635,19:POKE636,13:POKE198,
6:END
11000 IFPEEK(197)=5THEN12000
11010 IFPEEK(197)=61THEN13000
11020 G0T011000
12000 IFPEEK<RDDRESS+5) <\QTHENRDDRESS=PDDRESS+1:GOTO12000
12010 ADDRESS*RDDRESS+5;GOTO10010
13000 FIDDRESS=RDDRESS - 1
13005 IFPEEK<ADDREQS\mORNDPEEK<ADDRESS-4)<\ORNDPEEK<ADDRESS-3)<\OTHEN 10010
13010 G0TO13000
```

```
10 FORIm@TO64:POKE868+I, I NEXT I
20 PRINT"TYPE OLD KE'Y FOLLDWED BY NEW KEY"
30 GETOK$: IFOK$=" "THEN30
40 DK=FEEK(2O3): IFOK=39THEN10OD
50 PRINTTAB(10);OK今;"m";
GO GETNK$: IFNK家m""THENGO
70 NK=PEEK(203)
80 PRINTNK%
90 POKE8G7+OK,NK
100 GOTO 30
1000 DATA 120,8,72,138,72,169,81,141,143,2,169
1010 DATA 3,141,144,2,104,170,104,40,88,96
1020 DFTA 8,72,138,72,166,203,189,99,03,133
1030 DFTA 203,104,170,104,40,76,220,235,-1
1035 I=828
1040 REFDA
1050 IFF=-1 THENS'YS828:END
1060 FOKEI, F:ImI+1
1070 [0T01040
```



```
10010 WAIT 37137,32
10020 WAIT 37137,32,32
10030 REM PLRY GRME RGAIN
10040 END
```


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A joystick is a switch which has ten possible positions, eight compass bearing positions, a 'fire' button and a central off. The currently available joysticks for the VIC cost approximately $£ 20.00$. I therefore decided to build my own. I also decided that two joysticks would be advantageous.



On constructing various prototypes, the main problems were positioning the switches and the universal joint at the bottom of the stick, not to mention its final appearance. It was during the construction of these prototypes that the idea struck me to remove all moving parts and use touch sensitive switches instead.

Figure 1 shows a simple touch sensitive switch using a 4096 c-mos buffer. When the two contacts are touched at the same time, using a finger, the voltage at the input of the buffer is pulled low, because the skin resistance is much smaller than the 10 megohm resistor. With this low voltage on the input the output switches to a logic 1. When the finger is removed the resistor pulls the input to a logic. and the output then switches to a logic 0 .

This output can be used to drive the user port on the VIC. The 4096 i.c. contains six such buffers; four of them are used for the N, S, E and W switches. The output of these is wired to the least significant bits of the user port. This leaves room for another T.S.D.C. on the four most significant bits.

Figure 2 shows the complete circuit diagram. As can be seen the pull-up resistors of the four inputs go to one of the outputs of the two remaining buffers, which are wired in series. This is for the fire button. With no contact on the fire button the output is always at 5 volts, in which case the four gates operate as normal. When the fire button is touched all inputs are driven low and hence all outputs are driven high.
Figure 3 shows the codes obtained from the circuit, if wired as shown.

## Construction

The circuit of figure 2 is assembled on vero board or similar. Brass drawing pins were used for the touch-sensitive areas which were pressed through a plastic box (e.g. an old cassette case). Two drawing pins were fixed underneath the box so as to make contact with the user's palm. These were wired to the 0 volt rail. The drawing pins on the top are positioned as shown in figure 4.


## Fig 3



## Software

A demonstration program is shown in figure 5. The object of the game is to chase and devour your opponent-but only if you are large enough! Two blobs appear on the screen, both of which have separate T.S.D.C.s. The large blob can eat the hollow blob. The hollow blob must eat the green power pill,
which will find a new position on the screen every 10 seconds. Once the hollow blob has eaten this pill, the hollow blob becomes the big blob and vice-versa. Now the chaser becomes the chased. If the large blob eats the pill by mistake, the same-change over happens.

The program only allows N, S, E and W movements and the 'fire' button will move the appropriate blob to a randomly chosen part of the screen. Lines 100-300 show one way of decoding the signals from the two T.S.D.C.s.
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10G Q=7ESQ:Q=SETOQ:H=S1:M=8?
11G TIN="gectacu"
```




```
14E FOHEST1SE,G:FOKESESTS,10
15C FRINT"%"
1GE GOELIEGEQ
```



```
1EG FOHE[,G1,FORED+C,ECOQ?
1GE FOKEL,S1:FOKEG+C,CC61?
2EG F=FEE&&SP1SE?
210 %-=6口#240%-240
20日 TF%=1GTHEHT40
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206 IFEOE1ESTHEHE=E1SE
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30S=[+2- :PO&ESES7E 1EE:GOTOEEQ
SQQ SO+1 FOFESESGE, 1TE:LUTO2EG
```







```
440 IFF\OmegaS1S5HHE|F=S1SE
4EE IFFCTGSOTHEHF=7E80
4EQ FOHESEOTG,G
4G IFE=[1HENEJO
```





```
GG IFF=GTHEFSEG
ZQ IFPFEF&FO=GQTHENGIGUEESG
```



```
E1E POEF,N :FOHEO, Z2:FOKEF+C,OL<1?:POKEG+Q,1
"cg %-E,0%
```



```
G- GUTO206
SGG FRINT"GNHE ELOE HRE ERTEH| | THE OTHER"
EGG FFEMM"##IT H&'T' KE'T FOF NEH GHNE"
```



```
E1E FOKESEST5,%
6%g GOTOIEG
```



```
E4E IFH=S1THEHNH=G1:M=S7:GOTOESQ
E501 H=ET :N=81
```



```
EFG GOTOEOE
80日 FOKEH,32
EGE FOKEH+C, E
```




```
7%GFO&EH,GG:FONEH+C,5
7OG FETURH
74G IF%=1ETHEH7TQ
```



```
7EE GOTO44C
```



```
7E0 GOTO440
FEF['T.
```

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## Sales Validation

From mid-year onwards companies are setting sales budgets for the following year. These are necessary calculations to determine the income from expected sales throughout the year.

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The main factors to be taken into account to convert booked orders to invoiced sales are as follows:

1. A delay of say one weekfrom receipt of orders to invoicing.
2. Account has to be taken of four or five week months (periods).
3. Anticipated price rises throughout the year.
4. If certain customers pay a lower price because of bulk purchase etc. the net income will be less per annum by a small percentage. A discount factor has to be incorporated to handle this (i.e.
$-0.3 \%,-1.2 \%$ etc).
5. Individual valuations for various product sizes, variants etc. need to be added together to show group valuation summaries.
See table for example of a typical calculation.

Figure 1 shows a typical valuation for Bloggo soap powder, small and large sizes. An explanation of the listing is as follows:- (Note for $\$$ read $£$ ).

## Line

55

60
80-84

90-200 The ASCII code of each key pressed is checked. If it is a number or decimal point it is concatenated to the previous figure. If it is carriage return then value of string at this point is taken.

If space bar is detected the previous period value is automatically loaded into the array. So if one price is being used for every period it is entered once and the space bar hit 11 times. (It takes longer to explain than to do).
210-250 Lists periods and relevant prices for checking and option to re-input.
260-330 This pricing calculation is treated separately from the other 11 periods as some of period 12's order this year will actually be invoiced in period 1 next year. Hence, the request for period 12 booked orders.
After inputting period 12 and period 1 figures the delivered volume is calculated and period 1 delivered sales shown.
340-470 This loop requests the remaining 11 period booked orders. It checks them for a four or five week month and adjusts how many weeks of one month are added to the next. The delivered volume and sales are then calculated and shown.

480-510 Totals del. volume, booked volume and del. value.
515-536 Prints all results for the product in tabular form.
555-590 You have three options:' R ' - To re-input current product data.
' A ' - Input and calculate another size/variant of the same group.
' $T$ ' - Totals all product sizes/variants in a group.
600-620 Lists total period group sales and grand total sales by value.
630-635 Zero array/flags and enables run/stop key. (This may be omitted if not required).
640-650 Option to recalculate another group of products.

It should be possible to run this program on most micros with Microsoft Basic that allows concatenation of strings. It is also possible to check which key is being pressed by using the appropriate PEEK command if desired instead of checking ASCII code.
Lines 90-200 could easily be rewritten to provide conventional input commands at the expense of speed and would then be almost universally adaptable to all versions of BASIC.
As no special graphics are employed, all the results could be formatted to a printer for a hard copy if desired.

```
S REM
10 REM SHLES YFLURTIOH
2Q REN E'T I=CQHSHLIINE 2PノPOB2
3@ REM
```




```
55 FOKE144,49:REM DISHBLE RUH|STOF KE''
EQ IINA(13),SF(12), EB(12), Z(12),C(12),TS<12)
76 CM=E:G'r=0:FORH=1TO12:ACH\rangle=E:HEST
```





```
E4 K
G\boxed{4 FRINT"NEITFUIT FRICES FGR EFCH PERIOLI""}
1EG PRIHT"IF QURRENT PERIOI IS EAME AS LAST PRESS"
```



```
12E FORH=1TO12
13E PRIHT"PERIOL"H"PRICE?"
135 REN CHECK KE'' FRESSED & COHOATEHATE STRIHGS
```

140 GOEUEGT0



190 GOTO 46
2 EA HEXT
216 GUSUB660：FRIHT＂天E＂
220 FOFN＝1TO12：FRINT＂PERIOD＂N＂末＂SPくNり：NEKT

240 FRINT＂TO COHTINUE．＂：GOSUB676
256 IFA末＝＂R＂THENG日



290 PRIHT＂思PER 1 DEL YOL（DOZ）＝＂；2く1）

$31 \mathrm{C} C(1)=I H T(\langle E+5(1), 16(1) / 16$
3201 PRINT＂MPER 1 DEL SFLES $=F " ; \mathrm{C}\langle 1\rangle$
$330 \mathrm{~A}(1)=\mathrm{A}(1)+\mathrm{C}(1)$
335 REM IHFUT REMAINING PERIODS $2-12$ \％OLUMES
340 FORH＝2TO12
350 IFH＝3ORH＝60RH＝90RH＝12THENK $=4,5: G O T O S 70$
$360 \mathrm{~K}=3 \mathrm{~K}^{\prime} 4$
370 IFH $=40 \mathrm{RH}=70 \mathrm{RH}=10 \mathrm{THENL}=5: 00 \mathrm{TO} 390$
$3601 \mathrm{~L}=4$
390 goslibe9a

416 PRINT＂${ }^{\circ}$

436 FRIHT＂SPER＂N＂DEL YOL（DOZ）＝＂；2（N）




486 FORH＝1TO12：CH＝CM＋Z《N〉：HEXT
496 PRINT＂MPPER1－12 DEL O ［GZENS＝＂：CM


515 REM FORMIAT TAELE：


52，FRINT＂M12＂；THE《11＋FNAくB》）？
536 FORH＝1T012




536 FRINTTHEく1E＋FHAくATゝ）： $\mathrm{FH}^{\prime}$
555 FRIHT＂㶾O REIHPUT TYPE ERE
S6区 FRINT＂GIPRESS＊HE FOR FHOTHER SIZE，＂月RIANT＂

5S＠IFA末＝＂R＂THENTG


590 FRINT＂M＂：GOTOSES
E04 FORN＝1TO12
G1E FRINT＂FER＂N＂TOTAL SALES＝末＂，TSUN ：HEKT
ESE PRINT＂EFER 1－12 TOTAL FRODUCT SALES＝\＄＂：CS
630 FORN $=1$ TO12：TS《H $=61: H E X T: C S=6$
ESE PGKE144，4E：REM EHABLES RUHASTOP KE＇
E．40 FRIHT＂BTELPRESS FHY KE＇T FOR FHOTHER PRODUCT．＂
656 GOSUEG？：FRIHT＂M＂：GOTOPE
E6E FRINT＂思即FRESS FH＇T KEY TO COHTINUE＂
670 GETH末：IFA末＝＂＂THENGTE
GSE RETURH

7EG FREINTL $=$
710 RETUFH

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## Sprite Editor

The first is a sprite editor allowing the editing of up to 32 sprites. There is no facility for multicolour sprites but there is a full choice of colours, the ability to move the sprite being edited around the display, and to write the sprites as data statements on to the end of the program. When the program is started, any sprite data that is stored at the end of the program is read into the sprite locations straightaway so that if you have not finished editing the sprite, save it as data, save the program and continue on it some other time.

Commodore 64 users will only have to make a couple of changes to the program in order to have it up and running on their machines. Throughout, the program is POKEing and PEEKing to and from the screen, and as we all know the screen memory locations on the 40 column PETs range from 32768 to 33767, and on the Commodore 64 from 1024 to 2023. Thus, just change any reference to numbers in the range 32768 to 33767 to numbers for the Commodore 64 screen locations.


```
10 REM EFRITE GENERHTOR
12 REM
14 FEM
2G FOKE 529.223
2FEM
GG FEM IF FHH' SFRITE IATA, SET UP EFRITE
3 1 \mathrm { FEM }
4G FOKE S2B,0
SGEEAI SF
E. IF SF%GTHEN 810
6 9 ~ R E M
TG REM NO NORE SPRITE DHTH
T1 REM
80 GOSUB E60:POKE53281,2:POKE5S2Q6,2
90 DEFFHA(Z2)=10E4+F%:4E+C
1010 U=53248:HU=FEEK(32?)
110 XL=0:'r'L=1:8G=16:8E=21:%''=23:NM=29
120 SL=39:FRIHT"N"
130 FOKE 2G4G,HO:FOKE v+EE, 1:FOKE \psi+N'r,1
140 FOKE 
156 FOKE %+%G,0
160 %=255:''=190
169 REM
179 EEM SET UF IIEFLF't
171 FEM
186 FRINT"SIM I
185 LOL=E4*WU:FRINT"g"
190 FORI=LOCTOLOC+62STEFS
204 FORJ=6TO2
210. 22=FEEK(I+J)
20G FOFK=7TU0STEF-1
2% H=INT(<2ZHWINF%(K))/H%(K))
240 IFF=1THENFRINT" "% ":GOT0266
250 FRINT"ヨ.";
2GU HENTK
270 NENTJ
20日 FRINT
290 HEXTI
364 EOSUB1060
```

```
30% KEM
310 FEM GFRITE GET UF ON THE ECREEH
SEG REN IHFUT CHANGES
321 FEN
30 E=E:[=E
34日 Z=FNA(C)
35@ FOKEZ+54272,0
604GETHF:IFH&=""THEHO6@
3%G FOKEZ+54ET2,1
301 IFFF="Q"THEHFEINNT"m":EFHI
396 IFA末="听FHIN=2STHEN C=E:GOTOS4日
400 IFF&="㣙THEFN:=C+1:GOTOS4E
410 IFH末="\1"HNDC=6THEHC=2G:GOTOS40
420 IFA末="N"THEFHC=C-1:GUTOS4G
```



```
440 IFF%=","THENR=R+1: [OTOS4E
```



```
460 IFF末="马"THEFHE=R-1:GOTO:46
```



```
400 IFAF="m"THEHGOGUE115G:GOTOG40
490 IFH车="+"THEH56星
EGE IFF末="一"THENFSO
510 IFA末="W"THENH216
EEQ IFA末="E"THEN1456
50 IFA#="C" THEH 14EG
546 IFFま="%"THEHG66
556 IFA ="H"FH/IDHO-223631THEHHO=HO+1:GOTO13O
56日 IFA%="E"THEHEGG
50 GOTO 346
574 FEM
STS EEM FIDI FOIHT
5 7 6 ~ E E M
504 Z=FHH(6)
5012 Z1=FEEK(2)
604 IFZ1=E1THEHS4日
E10 FOKEZ, E1
620 E'TTE=INTCLGO+F*S
ES EIT=7-(C-INT(C,B)&S)
E40 FOKEE:'TE+NO:*G4,FEEK(E'TE+ND:*S4)ORG%(EIT)
E5G EOTO 346
654 REM
ES5 EEM IHFUIT EFRITE # TO EIIT
65G FEEM
```




```
GTG IFSGOORGO1THEHGGO
E日G IF HO=223+STHEH2Z=1: 00TOT0G
604 NO=223+5
```



```
T16 IF2Z=1THEHEZ=0:GOTOS4E
720 DOTO 150
724 FEM
725 FEM IELETE FOINT
TEG FEM
7012=FHA(0)
740 21=FEEK(2)
75 IF21=46THEN 340
TGQ FOKE 2,4E
TTG E'TE=INT(C/E)+R娄
TGE EITT= F-(C-INT(C,B)*S)
```



```
806 EOTO 340
804 FEM
BG5 REM IF FHH'NHTA, SET EFFITES UF'
806 FEM
810 LOCO=6F:采4
g20 FOR I=LOC TO LOC+62.
BSO FEAI F:FOKE I,F
```


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```
840 HENT I
850 GOTO 56
854 FEM
855 REM SET HEEH't NITH POWEFS DF TWO
85G REM
B00 FOF I=G TO 7
BTQ F%(I)=2けI
GEQ NENT I
GG6 FETUFN
B4
B95 EEEM IHFIIT FOR EXFAHID
896 REM
```






```
940 FOKEW+%'%,1
950 50T0980
GEG IFFEEK (Y+%%=1 THEHFOKEW+%N, 0:GOTOQG0
970 FOKEU+XM, }
```



```
990 G010 340
9 9 4 ~ F E M
95 EEM IISFH'' COHTROL OPTIOHS
9 6 6 ~ F E M
```





```
1620 FRINTSFG(25)"植堅T GFRITE #"
10G0 FRINTSFT(25)"时悬UE GFRITE"
```




```
1060 FRIHTSFC(25)"即䍚 FDII IOT"
```



```
1080 FRINTSFC(25)"証堙SIC INATA"
```



```
1100 FRIHT:FEINTSFC(25)"USE CURGUR"
1110 FRIHTSFG(25)"OUNTROL TO"
1120 FRIHTSFLGS)"POSITION"
11SO FRINTSFICOS)"CLIRGOR."
1140 FETURH
1144 FEM
1145 FEN CLEAR: FRESENT SFRITE
114E FEM
1156 FORI= 1TOG2:FOKEHO:64+I, G:HEXTI
1160 FORI=GTO20
1170 FORT=GTOES
1100 FOLE16E4+I㐁40+J,46
1190 HEMT,T,I:R=0:C=0
12G0 RETIINH
1204 EEM
12GS REM MOWE EFRITE AROUNI SCREEN
12EE FEM
```



```
1220 FRIHT"质ETURH TO RETUFN TO EIIITING"
1236GETHま:IFHま=""THEN1230.
1248 IFF丰="唯FHIN<S19THEFH%=%+2
12501 IFHF="|I"FHIM>1THENM=%-2
1260 IFF:="的"FHIN'T<S54THENH'= ''+2
```



```
1280 FOKE U+'TL,'T
1290 FOKE \psi+%G,INT(X,255)
13G0 FOKE ,
```



```
1320 GOTO1219
1300 FOKE Y+ML,255
```


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[^2]```
1340 FOKE U+'TL.190
1SE FOKE U+%G,G
1360 %=255: ' =190
```



```
1380 FREIHT"
#"
1390 [0\O 340
1394 EEM
135 FEM CHANGE SFRITE COLOUR
1396 FEM
```




```
1410 IF EOCEORCOD15THEH14EO
142G FOKE W+5C.CO
```



```
1440 GOTD 346
1444 EEM
1445 FEM EFEFTE IHTH STHTEMENTS FOR
1446 FEN FFESENHT SFRITE
1447 FEM
```



```
1460 FOKEESE,FEEK(E2S)+1:FORI=0TOS
1476 FFINTFEEK(828)+30000"INTA";
1400 FOFT=6TO6
1490 EE=FEEK(NO:W4+I*T+J)
1564 EF%=RIGHT&(STR& (FE),LEN(STR末(EE))-1)
1510 FREINTEE:;",";
15QQ NE&T T
15s@ FRIHT"HI ":FOKES2B,FEEKGE2B%+1
1540 NE&T I
1556 FFRIHTFEEK(SES)+30RE40; "IATH-1"
1560 FRIHT"FUHEGTS"
1570 FOKE 198,12
15GO FORI=GTO11:FOKEGS1+I, 13:HENT I
1590 FOKES29,NO:EHD
20160 IHTTH22S
20001 INTA2G6,231,119,136,146,36,256
2G602 IIHTH226,38,40,162,36,262,151
20605 IIHTHS9,0,0,0,286,296,236
Q0404 IHTA156,68,169,202,68,174,138
20E05 IRTFE8,170,236,228,23:3,0,0
20006 IATAED,0,0, 0, 0,234,0
20607 IFTA6,138,0,14,238,0,0
20068 IIATA162,0,0,226,0,6,0
20469 IHTHE, 61,6,0,255,255,255
2 0 9 9 7 ~ R E M ~
2998 FEN GFRITE IIRTR STOREII FROM HERE
29999 REM
SO01 INATA -1
FEEFIT'.
```


# BASIC PROGRAMMING 

## Character Editor

The second program is for a character editor for the 64；this program is set up in the same way as the sprite editor except for the colour which cannot be changed．The thing to remember with the character editor is that before you return to review the character that you have created，you must first update the character using the＇$=$＇key．This will show the values of each byte of the character as it is updated．

On both programs，the sprite or the character being edited can be cleared by hitting SHIFT CLR／HOME．Also both programs use the cursor keys so there is no need for a joystick．We hope that you will find these two programs very useful．

```
1 FEN EHAFHETEF EUILDIHG
```



```
3 FEM
10G FEM
11E EEM
12G FEM
125 KEN
```




```
150 FOLEE 82G.6
1EW FLHN 170
176 E:S=1220%
175 FOKE 5ESS4.FEEKく56S34)FHNDS4:FOKE 1,FEEK(1)FHNIG1
1SG FOR I=GS TO ES+2047
190 FOKE I, FEEKC5%4B+I-CS)
2GE HENT I
2G5 FOKE 1,FEEK(1)OR4:FOKE 5ESS4,FEEK(5G3S4)OR1
210 FEINT"FE RUN 2EG"
zg FKINT"F|H"
SGOKE 19G.3
24E FOKE EO1.19
SE FIVE EOS,13
ZG FOKE ESS,1S
FG EHII
G0 G=1024:CL=40
206 %=12208
3G6 CR=E: LH=S60GG+FEEK(B2B)
30}F=24:EG=1:EF=
20 FOKE 5, %80, z:FOKE 5%281, 2
```




```
S6 GOTO 1EEG
```



```
30 FRIHT"***":FOR I=0, TO 7
GG F'RIHT". . . . . . ":F'FIHT
%0}\textrm{HEKT}I:F=
```



```
41E Z=FHF(G)
4G IF F=6 THEH 4EG
40 IF Z=2L THEN 456
44 FOMKE ZL,IL:ZL=Z:IL=FEEK゙(ZL)
450 FOKE Z+54272.6
466 FORE Z+54272.0
```



```
4G6 FOKE こ+54272,1
4% FEM
5GG RER EUFGOF EOHTFOL OFTIONS
SES FE|
S16 IF H#="@" THEH 15GE
5Q IF F%="和" FHII C=7 THEH C=E:GOTO 41E
50% IF F#="价" THEN C=C+1:GOTO 41E
546 IF F%="E|" HNII E:=0 THEN E:=7:GOTO 41E
55G IF F%="!|" THEN, C=C-1:GOTO 416
```


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```
STE IF H&="目" THEN F=F+1:[OTO 41E
```



```
506 IF H:="']" THEN R=F-1:GOTO 410
```



```
810 IF F=1 THEN E0G
EOS PEM
TGE FEM IIEFINE NEN CHFR:HCTER OFTIOHE
705 EEM
71日 IF F车:"+" THEN FOKE こ.E1:GOTO 41G
F20 IF F$=="-" THEN FONE Z.46:GITO 410
70 IF H$="=" THEN 1EG0
74日 IF H:#="m" THEN STE
```



```
FGQ IF H$="E" THEN EGEW
7%G BOTO 410
75 FEM
GOE FEM FEYIEN CHARHOTER SET OFTIOHS
BGG FEM
B1日 EF=FHE(Q)
E2G IF A$="H" THEN FOKE 53272,21:GOTO 366
```



```
840 GOTO 410
955 FEM
1EOG FEM IISFLA'' CHARFIGTER SET OFTIONS
1040.5 FEM
1010 FOKE 58272,(FEEK(53272)FH|D40)+12:F=4:C=0
1020 ZL=FHF(0):IL=S2
106G F=1:FRIHT"m":
1046 FREIHT"M A E C: II E F Gi"PRIHT
105G FRIHT"H I J KL MN G":FRINT
10E0 FRINT"F Q E S T U U W":FRINT
1076 FRINT",\ YZ [ ] + ¢":FFINT
16日日 FRIHT" ! "CHE*(34)" # 幸% & "":FRINT
1EOG PRINT"() 来 + , - , '":FRINT
110日 FFINT"Q1 2 3 456 7":FRINT
1110 FRINT"S 9: < = ? ?"FFINT
112Q FFIHT":3"SFC(25)"利FTIONG賭":FRIHT
1130 FRINTSFOC(2)"吋NEN DHAR:M":FRINT
1140 FRIHTSFG(22)"䬺 EIIT CHARE"PRRINT
1150 FRINTGFC(2))"alo QUITM"
1160 EC=FEEK(55296)
1170 EOTO 410
1195 FEM
12GO FEM EIIIT OPTIONS
12G5 FEM
1210 FFINT"囫="SFC(25)"20FTIOHE賭":FRINT
1220 FRINT
1290 FRINTGPC(F)"朴国 AII IOT":FRINT
1246 FRINTSFC(F)"朴冝 ERASE":PRINT
12504 FRINTSFG(F)"味星 LIFINTE":FRINT
12G0 FRINTSFC(F)"槚 REWIEN":FRINT
12FG PRINTEPC(P)" &NW QUIT":FRINT
12SO FRINTSFC(F)"距眰ADD IATA":FRINT
1200 FRINTSFC(F+1)"STRTENENT"
1306 RETUFN
1495 FEEM
15GO FEM DUIT
1505 EEM
1.510 FEM
1520 FOKE 53272,21
1560 FOKE 5%281,G:FOKE 5S2E6,14
1540 FRIHT"M E'TE!"
1550 ENII
1595 FEM
1600 REM UFDRTE
1605 REN
1610 FRINT"备";
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    ! "##%%
< \ 索 + , - , ?
12 34567
日g: < = %
```


## BASIC PROGRAMMING

```
1620 8=0S+8*DR
10S0 FOR R=6 TO 7:SM=0
1E46 FOR C=0 TO T:I=P-C
1650 Sid=SM-2+IN(FEEK (FHA(E) )=81)
166@ NENT C
1670 FOKE %+R,SM
1ES6 FRIHTSFC(17):SN:FRINT
```



```
1706 GOTO 410
1795 REM
1BOD FEM EIITT EHAR:
1065 FEM
1E10 FFINT"#"
1820 < = CS+8:OR
1BSQ FOF R=E TO 7:'=PEEK(X+R)
1840 FOR C=6 T0 7:Z=FNF(0)
1850 Q=46: T= '%2
1860 IF Y
1G7G FOKE Z,Q:FOKE Z+54272,1
1GGU NEXT C.,R
1690 F= [1:C= = 1
1900 508UE 1200
1910 GOTO 410
1995 FEM
2060 REM AIII IIHTH STATEMEHTS
2005 FEM
2010 % C C + B%CR
2020 FRIHT "MEIRTETENTME|
20日G FRINTLH: "IATA";
2040 FEINTRIGHT$(STRF%多),LEN(STR$(X))-1);
2050 FOR I=X TO X+7
2060 FRINT",";
207区 FRINTR:IGHT&(STR*(FEEK(I)),LEN\STR&(FEEK(I)))
```



```
2090 PRINT: FRINT"RUNH *्ञ"
2100 FOKE 828,FEEK(828)+1
2110 FOKE 198,G
2120 FOR I=6 TO S
2136 FOKE I+631,13
2140 NEST I
2160 ENII
FEEHIT'.
```



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Adapted for the Vic from the PET version the object of this game is to transfer the white frogs to the positions previously occupied by the green and vice versa．

```
10 FOKE 5E,FEEK(50)-2:FOKE 52,FEEK<56)-2:FOKE 51,FEEK<55):CLE
20 FKINT"#":FOKE S6879,42
S6 GUSUE 2040
46 FOKE 36869,255
160101MA(19)
110 Fक(0)=" "
120 F&(1)="旡"
15目F(2)="ご
156 F吽\(1)="䭒""
100 F性(こ)="の?"
170 FH|\\3)=F$(0)
200 FFF="沮NE|M"
20. FEM
260 T1车="萉而 - 目"
2ア0 T1&=T1ま+CHFF(13)+" "
```



```
520 FOEK=1T0S
5% F(K)=1:F(K+E)=2
546 HENT:A(E)=0
500 C=0
500 FRIHTT1专:FRINT:FRIHT
50. FORK=1TO11
560 FRIHTFま(F(K));
590 HEXT:FRIHTT"REM"
EGET FRINT
619 FRINT".TM123456769:;"
EEG FRINTFFF:"RIREMEM"
ES@ FRIHT"GEEHTER: YOUR MOVE! - ###;
640 GOSUE1346:FF=0
656 FRINT"和":TI=15060
666 IFH(S)=6THEN14P0
6T0 IFAES(S-E)\ETHEN156G
60 IFE>11THENFFF=1:E=12
70日 }\textrm{X}=
710 FRINTFFF*;TAE(E-1);:
720 IF F( 
T0 FRINTHNN(2);
750 FORL=1 TU5GE:NENT
TE0 FRINT"䬱"HN$(3);
7PG FOKL=1TOS@:HEKT
780 FRINTFF*;TAB(E-1); FN*(F(S));
70日 FOFR L=1 TO SGG:NEXT L
EQU FORK=1 TO150: FENT
E10 FRINT"湢Fま(H(S));
E20 C=L C+1
8%G F(E)=F(\sigma):F(S)=6
S40 FORI=1TUE
850 X=%+F(I)悉10+I
860 HERT
870 IFFFTHENHEGG
```




```
950 FOKE6669,246:FRINT"吗
960 FEINHT"TAROUU FINISHED, FT LAET!!!"
970 50T0162E0
90% IF C<SE THEN16E0
1066 F'RINT" <"A
```

$\qquad$

``` ＂
1010 FRINT"I新OT A ERI RESULT!!!"
1ETOE FRIHT"WROU NEEDEIIC"MONES
                                    TO SOLVE THE FROIELEM"
1030 FRINT"YOUU REFLL'Y'SHOUULI DO EETTER!!"
```


## BASIC PROGRAMMING

1046 GOTO1246
166 IFC 4 GTHEH 12 O
16TE FRIHT＂ $\qquad$ ＂

1690 FEIHT＂睤＇OU SUCCEEIEI TO
COHFLETE THE GRHE IN＂
1160 FFINT＂OHL＇＂C＂MONES－FH FEOME FVEFFIGE FESULT！＂：GOTO124E
1120 IFC＝ 5 THEH1196
1136 FRINT＂${ }^{20 y}$ $\qquad$ －＂
1146 FRINT＂7EEXGELLENT！！HOUL FFE F FEFL EXFERT！！！＂
1150 PRINT＂RTOU HANE IONE IT IH OHLT＂C＂MOWES，THIS＂
1160 FFIHT＂IS HLHOST THE EEST FOSSIELE FEGULT．＂
1170 GOTO1246
1190 FRINT＂${ }^{201}$

121E FRINT＂RYOU COMFLETED THE GHNEIN 55 STEFE．＂
1220 FRIHT＂THIS IS THE FESOLUTE MIHIMM．＂
1246 FRIHT＂REAOULIT TOU LIKE TO FLF＇T＇AGAIH？〈Y＇Fけ＂

1269 IFH $\ddagger=" \%$ THEHFOKE $3669,255: G 0 T 0520$
1261 FUKE 56．FEEK（56） 2
1262 FOKE 36869， 246
1263 FUKE 36679,27
127E FRINT＂RHTHAN：KS FOR：FLA＇TINT LEAF－FROG＇－＂
1286 EHII
$1346 \mathrm{FOKE} 98, \mathrm{Q}$
$1350 \mathrm{DEL}=\mathrm{ET}$ ：FRINT＂．］＂
136日 FRINTTAE（23）；＂听FOM T］＂；

1360 GUGUE182G：IF IEL THEN FRINT＂I＂：GOTO 135G

$1400 \mathrm{FOR} I=1$ TO 11 ：IF $\mathrm{F}(\mathrm{I})=6$ THEN C $=\mathrm{E}=\mathrm{STR}$（I）
1461 HEST

$1416 \mathrm{E}=\mathrm{WHL}$（C）：FETURH
1470 FRIHT＂
1460 FRIHT＂＂FFLEASE TRY FIGHIN！＂：GOTO156日

1560 TII＝3604
157日 FOFK＝ 1 TOTI： HENT
$1580 \mathrm{TI}=36001: 60 T 0560$

1610 FRINTF\＆（A（E））；
$162 \mathrm{~A} \ddagger=" \%$ \＃
16 F 0 FRINT ＂gREREN＂；TAE（12）；
1649 FOFK $=1 T 026$


1676 HENT：FRINT＂MESTMEU＂
1609 FRINT＂ $\qquad$ ＂
1690 FRINT＂动UN LOOK WHAT TOU HAVE IUOHE！！＂

$1710 \mathrm{FOEK}=72$ TOESTEF－4

1750 FORL＝1TOK： HEXT
1746 FRINTFま（D）＋＂HIR＂；
$1750 \mathrm{HE} K \mathrm{~T}: \mathrm{F}(12)=0$
1760 FFINTF $\ddagger$（6）；＂TIIIT］＂：GOTO1246
1620 GETC⿻三丨． $\operatorname{IFC}="$＂THEN1 820
$18 \mathrm{~S}_{6}$ IFC $=\mathrm{CHF}$ \＆ 26 ）THENIIEL＝1：RETUFN




1 EE0 GETCCE：IFCC\＆＝＂＂THEN1889

1960 IFCC

2601 FOR $I=1$ TO 15

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```
CG10 REAII &
2GOQ FOR J=0 TO 
20%9 FEAD K
2G4G FOKE X+J,K
2050 HEXT I, I
OUGG RETUFH
210日 INTH T424,目,目,0,0,0,0,日,0
2101 IATH F560,16,48,16,16,56,0,0,01
2102 IHTA P568,56,8,56,32,56,0,0,0
21日G INTA P5,76,56,8,56,8,56,6,6,0
2104 IIATA P584,40,40,60,8,8,0, 日, 区
2105 INTH 7592,56,32,56,8,56,0,0,0
210E INTA P600,56,32,56,40,56,0,0,6
210, IATA TEG8,56,6,16,16,16,0,0,0
210G IATA PE16,56,40,56,40,56,6,6,6
2109 INTA 7624,56,40,56,8,56,6,8,0
2116 INTH T682,46,166,42,42,126,6,6,6
2111 IINTA PE40,36,106,36,36,126,6,0,6
2112 DATA 7664,24,165,255,60,126,66,195,6
2113 IATH T6,2,153,169,126,60,126,66,66,195
2114 IATA 7552,56,40,40,40,56,0,0,0
FEFII'T.
```


## Arrow

This Vic program was adapted from the PET version，which appeared in the December issue of this magazine．Dexterity is required to steer the arrow safely through the point scoring blocks without hitting the sides of the game．

```
10 REN FRROM
```



```
SE FEM
G4 REM
35 FEM FIND START OF SCREEN FHD COLOLR MEMOR'T NAFS
36 REM
46 YF=FEEK(648)*256
50 KE=3E40G: IFWFOT6BGTHEHNE=37680
60 GuSUET7E
FQ FOKESQQ.6
E0 DINF(80)
90 KL(1)=1:KL(2)=3:KL(3)=5:KL(4)=7:S=0
1G6 FORI=1TO4:REAINF(I):NEXT:IATHE,F,H,T
110 I(Q)=22: I(1)=60: I(2)=E2: I(3)=36:T6=3599
120 T9=WF
1301 CS=4F
140 C1=22 :REN SCREEN WIITH
144 REM
145 REM DISFLRY BORDER RRGUNI SCREEN
146 REM
150 FRIHT"an SCORE: 0 TOF"FEEK(828);
```



```
170 FORI=1TO20
1BG FRINT"苗 ":NENT
190 FRINT" #
1 9 4 ~ F E E M
195 FEM. SET TIME TO ZERO FHII FLF''t GRME
1 9 6 ~ F E M
206 V=15:H=16:V1=0:H1=-1
210 F2=10: I1=1:TI末="606000"
220 FRINT"业";RIGHT&(TI*,2):IFTI\T6GOT05E0
230. GET2*:IFZ*=""THEN280
```



```
250 NEXT:IFZC)INT(2)ORZCEORZ\3GOTO2801
260 D1=2:II=2-1.5:41=INT(AESS(I))目GGN(D)
```



## BASIC PROGRAMMING

```
270 H1=GGHCI)-41
2g9 U=%-U1:H=H+H1 : GOSUEF4日
2g0 F=CE+W:WC.1+H:KL=INT(FND(1)彞4+1):KL=KL(KL)
GG FOKEKF+W票C1+H,KL
310 F'G=FEEK(F)
320 RE=R7:R7=R7+1:IFR7\FOTHENRT=6
30-F1=F(RT):F(R7)=F
340 IFF1人QGHENFOKEF1,S2:FOKEF1-DS+KR,7
356 FOKEF,I(IN):F1=F(R6):IFF1 OQTHEHFOKEF1,81
860 IFF9@-SQG0T0496
3TQ IFFHI< 1)\. E5THEHE2G
```



```
SG0 FORHS=H2-1TOH2+1:IFFEEK(FO+H3)<102GOTO416
406 FONEFS+H3,32
416 NESTHS,4B:T=G:FOKEFE, S2
420 W2=INT(FND(1)*18)+3:H2=INT(ENIM(1)*19)+2
```



```
440 FORH: =H2-1TOH2+1 : IFFEEK (F3+H3)<32GOTO42Q
```



```
46@ FORHS=H2-1TOH2+1:FOKEFS+H3,102
```



```
480 FUKEFB,49+T:GOT0220
406 IFFOC102THEM550
504 T$=TI$
516 T=T-1:S=S+1:FOKEFB,T+49
```



```
530 GOEUEESE:IFTO=OTHEN510
540 F2=F2+1:TI$=T$:G0T036E
5 4 4 ~ R E M
545 FEM HIT MFLL OF 'TOURSELF
5 4 6 ~ F E M
550 FOKES6G77.220:FOFL=15TOGSTEF-1:FOKESESTB,L
GGQ FORN=1TOGGM:NEXT :HENT
```



```
50% IFSG=FEEK (8ES)THENG10
```



```
60G FRINT"廹"FOINTS.":FOKEEEE, S:GOTO 6SE
G10 FRINT"TEREEHIOH GCORE IS";FEEK(ESE);
62G FRINT"|I. ":FRINT"RIMR'OU GOT : "S"|l.
600 FRINT"METEHHOTHER [iO (TNH? ?
646 GETZ$:IFZ&=""THEHE40
```



```
6EQ IFZま+>"H"GOTOG46
G70 FRIHT"T2": FOKESE879,27:ENII
6 8 0 ~ F E M ~ M U S I C :
608 FOKESGG7G,15:FOFL=2019TO240:FOKES6E76,L
FEW FOEN=1TOS:HENT:HENT
710 FOKESEGB,G:FOKESEG76,0
720
30G RETURN
740 FOWESGG7G,15:FOKEOEST6,2eG
750 FORL=1TO5:NENT:FOKESESTE,G
TGE EETUFN
TE4 FEM
TES FEM INSTRUCTIOHE
TEG REM
76 FOKESEST3.42
```



```
PGG FRINT"眭OU ARE FN ARFOW"
BGG FRINT" HOYIFG FROUNII THE"
B10 FRIHT" GDEEEN.TR"Y TO HIT ".
g2G FRIHT" THE EOSES FOR: FOINTS."
B36 FRINT"RTUU MONE WITH :"
B40 FRIHT" T T=UF"
650 FRINT"
BE0 FRINT"
8T0 FRIHT"
S00 FRINT"
```



# BASIC PROGRAMMING 

E96 FRINT＂RTUU MUST FVIUN THE＂ 960 FRINT＂WFLLE FHI YOUFSELF：＂
910 FRINT＂FS TIME GOES OH THE＂
920 FRINT＂RFFOLH GETS LOHGER．＂

530 FRIHT＂RTOU HAWE EG SECOHIDS＂
940 FREIHT＂咀IT FHH＇KE＇T TO START国＂
950 GETHF：IFF $\ddagger="$＂THEN 950
960 FRINT＂m＂：RETURN
REFDT＇

## Pinball

Finally Pinball，and as the REM statement in line 150 invites you，you can have a ball with this one！It is designed to work on a Basic 2 or 440 column screen，as it is not using any machine code，and the only input required is pressing the＇$=$＇key to operate the flippers．This is activated in line 2214，in case you want to use a different key．
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```
190 FFINT"REISE =' KEY' TO RCTIVATE FLIPFEFS"
```



```
216 FRINT"F HEW ENLL IN FLAH""
220 FRIHT"晻HITTIHG FLL THE * * 中 WITH"
230 FRINT"OHE EFLL GETS YOU A FFEE EFLL."
246 FRINT"GIEMATCH THAT YOU IOHNT HIT FH'T' WFOHG"
250 FRINT"KE'TS, FHII WATCH THAT YOU DOH'T REUSE"
260 FRINT"THE "=' KE'', OR YOU'LL TILT THE HACHINE!"
27@ FRINT"期IF YOU HFUE SOUNI, TURN IT UN.":LET冷
2G0 FRIHT"RIINFRESS 2EPHCEE TO BEGIN"
290 GET<手:IFK未=""GOTO290
300 E=5
```



```
320 GOTOE10
```



















```
M, TT\/|",
```




```
500 RETURH
```



```
5 9 0 ~ R E T U E N H
EG6 GOTT0600
```



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E20 GOSUE 3OG:REM IRRW TAELE
E30 GUSUE 5BU:REM FRIHT SCORE
E46 IFE=ETHEH 1950 : REM GATME OVER
E56 GOGUE 17561 REM NEN EFLL
EEG KEM EEGIH MOVEMEHT
670 IFERHSEDOTHENGOSUE2290
$680 \mathrm{~F}=\mathrm{PEEK}(\mathrm{F}+\mathrm{JIF}): I F F=32 T H E H 2210: \mathrm{REM}$ MUVE
710 IFF $\bigcirc 77$ THEHE10:REM LEFT IIRGOHAFL
720 GOSUF24E0:REM 'EEEF'
730 IFH=1 THEHN=3: GOTO2210
T40 IF $\mathrm{H}=2$ THEN $\cdot \|=6: G 0 T 02210$
750 IFH=3THENH=1:G0T02216
P60 IFH=4THEHN=3: G0T02210
770 IFH=5THEFH:N=7:G0TO2216
760 IFH=ETHEH $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{H}}=2: \mathrm{GOTO} 210$
390 IFH=7THEF H: $=5$ :GOTO2210
BU0 IFH= $\mathrm{BTHEH} H \cdot=4$ : GOTU2210
810 FEM FIGHT IIIFGOHAL
820 IFF $78 T H E H E 20$
ES6 GUSUF24EE: REM EEEF'
840 IFH $=1$ THEFH: $1=7:$ GOTO2210
856 IFH=2THENH=6: G0T02216

876 IFH=4THENH: $=8: G 0 T 02216$
860 IFH $=5$ THEF $H=3: G 0 T 02210$
890 IFH=ETHEFH: $=2: G 0 T 02210$
960 IFN=7THEN N $1=1: G 0 T 02210$
916 IF $\mathrm{H}=8 \mathrm{THE} \mathrm{H} \cdot \mathrm{H}=4: \mathrm{GOTO} 2210$
920 KEM HORIZÜUTAL
$950 \mathrm{IFF}=120 \mathrm{THEH} 4960$
946 IFF $=121$ THEH 9664
950 IFF $) 64$ THEN1650
960 GUEUE2460:REM 'BEEF'
97 E IF $=1$ THEK $\mathrm{H}=5:$ G0T02210
980 IFH=2THEF $\cdot \mathrm{H}=8: G 0 T 0221 \mathrm{C}$
990 IFH=3THENH: $=7$ : $60 T 02210$
10610 IFN $=4$ THE $\cdot \mathrm{H} \cdot \mathrm{A}=6: G 0 T 02210$
1016 IFN $=5$ THE $\cdot \mathrm{H} \cdot \mathrm{A}=1: 60 \mathrm{TO} 2216$
102 I IFN $=6$ THEHN $=4: 60 T 02210$
$169 \mathrm{IFN}=7$ THE $\|=3:$ GOT02216
$164 \mathrm{IFH}=\mathrm{STHEH} \cdot \mathrm{H}=2$ : GOTO2216
105 EEFM VERTICFL
$1660 \mathrm{IFF}=117 \mathrm{THEN} 1096$
1070 IFF $=118$ THEN 1690
1060 IFF $\bigcirc 93$ THEH 1180
1090 GUSUB2460: REM 'EEEP'
$1100 \mathrm{IFH}=1$ THENH $=5: G 0 \mathrm{~T} 02210$
1110 IFH=2THE $\mathrm{H} \cdot \mathrm{A}=4:$ GOTO2210
1126 IFH=3THENH:时: GOTO2210
1120 IFH: $=4$ THEH $H=2: 60 T 02210$
1140 IFN $=5$ THEFHH=1:GOT02210
1156 IFH=6THEH $H=6: G 0 T 02216$
1160 IFH= T THE $H \cdot \mathrm{H}=3:$ GOT02210
1170 IFH $=8$ THEN $N=6$ : GOTO2210
1180 REM SHIFT O,P (79, B0)
$1190 \mathrm{IFF}=$ 79THEN 1210
1200 IFF $<>80$ THEV 1230
$1210 \mathrm{G}=\mathrm{INT}$ (RHIS(1)数3) +2
$1220 \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{G}: \mathrm{GOSUB2460}: \mathrm{GOTO2210}$
1230 REM 102 (SHIFT \&)'EFLL DRHIN'
1240 IFF 3102 THEF 1290
$1256 \mathrm{FOKE} 3541,32$ : $\mathrm{FOKE} 33542,32:$ POKE $33544,32:$ FOKE 33545,32
1260 FUKEF, $32: G 05 U E 24 E 0: \mathrm{FEM}$ ' EEEUOUUF!
$1270 \mathrm{~S}=5+1060: G 05 \cup \mathrm{~B} 580$
$1260 \mathrm{~B}=\mathrm{B}-1: \mathrm{GOTO} 46$
1296 REM POINT EOUNCES, 87
1306 IFF $\bigcirc 81$ FNDF $<>8$ THEN1360
1305 POKEP + IIR, $16 E-F$
1310 M=120: $005 \cup 122570$

## BASIC PROGRAMMING

```
1320 S=S+1640 F0GLIEB0
1336 G=4:IFF=81 THENG=2娄INT < RHD(1)絭2)+3
1340 H=H+G: IFN>8THEHN}=|=\textrm{H}-
1350 60T02210
136日 REN COFHER EUMMFERS 74,75,76,85
1370 IFF=74THEN1410
1380 IFF=75THEN1416
1300 IFF=7ETHEN1416
1406 IFF人)ESTHEH1460
1410 M=55:GOSUEO576:REM 'FLIHK'
1420 5=5+50:G0SUB580
1430] G=INT(RHI\(1)家)
1440 IFH>STHEHNH=H-8
1450 GOTO2210
14E6 REM GFRI SUITS E5,83,85,90
1470 FEMM GET FLLL 4 GN 1 EHLL
1480 REM TO LIGHT SPECIFL
1490 FEM FHII GET ENTRH EFLL
1596 IFF=65THEHAま=H%+"尔":GOTO1550
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1520 IFF=ESTHENAF=A%+"中":GOTO1556
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154日 [iOT01610
1550 6=5+560 606018580
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1570 M=55:GOSUE2504:M=100:GOSUEO5TQ:REM SOUHI
1580 SF=SP+1:IFSF=4THENE=B+1:GOSUB2140:F=F+4G1:GUSUE2110
1596 FOKEF+IIIR. 32
1000 H=7
1610 REM MHGTEF'H IIRECTION GIZMD :
1620 IFF<)42THEH17SO
1 6 3 0 ~ R E M ~ F 4 = L O G H T I O N ~ * *
1640 P4=F+IIIF
1650 FOKEF,32:REM ERHSE BALL
1660 FOKEF4,170:M=50:GOSUF2570
1670 POKEF4,42:M=6G:GOSUE2570
1680 FOKEF4,170:M=70:G0SUN2570
1690 PGKEF4,42:M=E0:GOSUE2570
1700 N=INT(RND(1)絭8)+1
1710 5=5+250:G0SUR5E0
1720 [0TO2210
1736 N=N+1: IFN\STHENH=N-S
1740 GOTO 2210
1750 REM HEW ERLL
1760 PRIHT"曾 "
177Q FRIMT" ":5F=0
1780 FRINT" "
1799 F}=33633:POKEF,8
18006 A䒠=""
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1820 FRIHT"勿";
1830 G05LE209G0
1840 GOSUF2110
1850 GETD多:IFE$=""THEN1850
1860 N=3:IIR:=I(N):FUKES3673,32:FOKE33713,90
1ETG FORT1=1T0250:NEXTT1
1880 FOKE33713,32:POKE33753,90
1690 FORT1=1T05G00:NEXTT1
1906 FOKES3753,32:FOKES3713.90
1910 POKE33713,32:POKE33673,90
1920 M=2010 00SUB2460
1930 FOKEF,32
1940 RETURH
1950 REM GAME OVER
1960 GUSUF2050
```



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1980 FRINT"SjMME"
1990 FRINT"EOVER"
2006 FORTIEL=1TC2000:HEMTDEL
```



## BASIC PROGRAMMING

```
2026 PRINT"OMER"
2000 FURTIEL=1T025@:HEXTIEL
```



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2050 IFE:="Y"THEFHRUH
206@ IFE产="N"THEHFRINT""d"
```



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2086 EHID
2096 FEM EMFTTY KETEOARDI EUFFER
2160 FORXG=1TO10U:GETQF:NENTXS:RETURN
2110 FEM RESTORE SUITS
```



```
2130 RETURH
2140 REM FREE EHLL WHOOP-DE-DOO
2156 FORH=150TO10STEP-10
2166 FRIHT"渒盾FEE"
2170 FRIHT"EHLL":GOGUE25T0
```



```
2190 FRIHT"証FLL旡":HEXTM
2060 RETUFN
```




```
2215 IFERHSE=GTHERERASE=5
2216 60T02250
```



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2250 IIR=IN(N)
```



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2270 FOKEF+IIR,S1:FOKEF, 32:P=P+DIR
2250 GuT0EE0
2290 REM FLIFPERS
2506 OHER'HSEGOTO2345,2310,2310,2310,2340
2310 FOKES3541,120:FOKES3545,120
2%0 FOKEOS542, 120:FONES3544,120
2350 GOTU2O50
2340 FOKES3541,77:FOKES3545,78:GOTO23504
2345 POKES3541,32:FOKE3S545,32:FOKE33542,32:POKES3544,32
2356 EFHEE=ERHSE-1
2360 FETUFH
2370 REM TILT! (START NEN EFLL)
2300 FOKE33541, 32:FUKE3354%,32:POKE33544,32:FOKE33545,32
2390 FORQ2=1T06
2460 FOKEF, 32:FRINT"暞ILT!"
2410 GOSUE2590:PRINT"沙和ILT!"
2420 GOSUB2620:MEXTG2:GOSUE2E50
2 4 \mp@code { 6 ~ F R I H T " 睩 ~ " }
2440 E=E-1 : IFE=9THEN1950
2456 GOSUE1750:G0TOGE0
24E6 REM SOUNI (EOUHLE)
2470 FOKE594G7,16:FOKESS46E,15:FOKE594E4, 230:GUSUE265G :RETURH
2480 REM SOUHUD (BRLL IIRAIN)
2490 FOKE59467, 16:FOKES9466,15
2506 FORF=36T0150
2510 POKE59464,F F NEXTF:POKE5946E,0
2520 FORDEL=1TO250: NEXTIEL
2530 IFE=1THEH2560
2540 FOKE59466,15
2550 FOKE59464, 250:FORDEL=1TO100:HENT
2560 GOSUE2650:RETUFH
2500 REM SOUNID (EUMFER)
2560 POKE59467,16:FOKE59466,15:POKE594E4,M:GOSUE26501:RETURH
2590 FEM FHSEERRY LOW (TILT)
2606 FOKE594ET,16:FOKE5946E,16:FOKE5S464,206:FORDEL=1TO25:HENTIUEL
2E10 GOSUE2EFG:RETURN
2G2b REM FFSEEFRTY HIGH (TILT)
2G50 FOKE59467,16:FUKE594E6,15:FOKE594E4,75:FORTEL=1TOE5:FNEKTIEL
264日 GOSUE2E5G:RETURH
2650 REM EHI ROUTIHE (RESET TAFE)
2EEO REM SOUHD GENERATGR IISABLE
2670 POKE59466, 6:FOKE594G7,0:POKE5946S,12:RETUFN
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# A Programme to Format Basic Listings 

It is well-known that a compact Basic program is not easy to read. The main factors causing this are:
(1) BASIC is unstructured;
(2) More than one statement can be put on a line;
(3) Cursor control commands are printed as meaningless characters;
(4) The contents of For/Next loops are not indented.

These make it very difficult to follow the action of a program from a normal listing. This formatter overcomes factors (2) to (4) and provides additional features to improve the appearance and legibility of a listing.

It allows you to write efficient Basic programs with more than one statement per line and without redundant spaces. The formatter does nothing about the structure of your program; that is left to you.

The one remaining snag is that of REMarks. These take up extra RAM and slow down the running of a program. However, they are very necessary to compensate for Basic's limitations of two characters for a variable. If neither speed nor space is important they can be left in. Normal practice is to keep two versions of a program-one for listing with as many remarks as are felt necessary and another for running, stripped of nearly all remarks. This formatter will not help you in getting rid of remarks but it does provide you with more than one way of using one.

The main features of Formatter are:
(1) It is entirely in machine code so there is no loss in printing speed;
(2) Any size of program can be listed as each line is taken from disk into a line buffer, formatted and printed before going on to the next;
(3) Each statement on a line between colons is printed on a separate line;
(4) Redundant spaces, outside REMs and quotes, are removed and replaced by single spaces;
(5) A REM at the end of a line is printed before the operational parts of the line;
(6) Automatic paging with a header consisting of enhanced name, date and page number is printed. The starting page number can be set;
(7) Choice of upper or lower case;
(8) Ability to set left and right margins;
(9) The contents of For/Next loops are indented and multiple Nexts are unscrambled into separate Nexts-(NEXT N,M);
(10) Cursor control characters are printed as (RVS) (OFF) (CLS) (HOM) (CLF) (CRT) (CUP) and (CDN);
(11) Right justification of line numbers;
(12) Ability to choose start and stop line numbers;
(13) Extra line spacing and highlighting with REMs depending on the character immediately after the REM:
(a) A space will make the printer skip a line before printing the REM line;
(b) A - will result in the REM line being extended to the right margin with asterisks;
(c) $\mathrm{An}=$ acts as a space but in addition the REM line is printed with double width characters;
(d) Any other character leads to the REM line being printed as received.
All of this can best be understood by comparing the two listings in Figs. 1 and 2. Fig. 1 is the normal listing of part of a Basic program. Fig. 2 is the same program formatted.

I have used the program extensively without uncovering any bugs. However, it would be foolish to claim that there are none. The program could be made more compact but there is little point unless it is to be put on EPROM.

Formatter has been used with the 3022 and 4022 CBM printers, the 3032 and 3016 PETs and the 4040 disk drives. It will obviously fit into an 8K PET and there should be no problem with a 3040 disk drive. The Hex. listing shown is for the 3000 series, new ROM Pets.

## Entering the Program

Type in the two optional lines of BASIC:
10 Rem $^{* *}$ Formatter 1.0**
20 sys1458:rem\$05b2
Enter the MLM by typing SYS4 and then .M 05B2 0671 for the first screenful.

Enter each screenful of code, pressing
the RETURN key at the end of each line of eight.

Save the complete program by putting a disk in drive zero and typing
. $\mathrm{S}^{\prime \prime} 0:$ FORMATTER1.0",08,0401,0DB7.

## Checking the Program

Type $s=0:$ fori $=1458$ to $3510: s=s+$ peek(i):next:print s

If 205067 is printed, it is likely that you have correctly entered the program. Otherwise you may use the table below, which has a line for each screenful of code, to help you locate errors. After entering

$$
\begin{aligned}
& s=0: \text { fori }=x \text { to } y: s=s+\text { peek }(i): \text { next } \\
& \text { :print } s
\end{aligned}
$$

check whether the correct number has been printed or not. If it has move on to the next line; if not, display the block of code at fault and check it. Re-enter the line to check the entire program and take appropriate action.

The program is not relocatable.
Machine code will not be listed correctly.

| B lock | From To | $\times$ | $y$ | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | \$0562-50671 | 1453 | 1649 | 11883 |
| 2 | \$0672- | 1650 | 1841 | 10718 |
| 3 | \$0732- | 1842 | 2033 | 22211 |
| 4 | \$07f2- | 2034 | 2225 | 21741 |
| 5 |  | 2226 | 2417 | 24442 |
| 6 | \$0972- | 2418 | 2689 | 21488 |
| 7 | \$0332- | 2610 | 2881 | 28843 |
| 8 | \$0af2- | 2802 | 2933 | 19078 |
| 9 | \$0bla2- | 2934 | 3185 | 22234 |
| 16 | \$0c72- | 3186 | 337 | 19756 |
| 11 | \$8d32-Acilos | 3378 | 3510 | 11473 |

## Using Formatter

Load Formatter into the computer, put the disk containing the program to be listed into either drive and position the paper so that a line of perforations is just above the print head.

After typing RUN or SYS1458, respond to the following prompts. There is no cursor but the normal screen editing facilities are available.
(1) 'program name?' - Enter the name or back-arrow to end.
(2) 'drive?' - Enter 0 or 1 - defaults to 0 .
At this stage, Formatter checks the existence of the named program. If it is not found, 'disk error' is printed and you are returned to (1).
(3) 'list from line?' - Enter the desired starting line or 0 to start from the beginning.
(4) 'to line?' - Enter the last required line or a number large enough to include the whole program.
(5) 'left margin?' - Enter any number in the range 0 to 36 . I normally use 10.
(6) 'right margin?' - Enter a number at least 40 greater than the left margin, up to 76 . I use 76. If you enter an unusable combination, the message 'margin error' will be displayed and question (5) repeated.
(7) 'first page?' - Usually 1.
(8) 'upper or lower case (u/I)' - Enter u or 1 .
(9) 'date?' - Up to 15 characters.

Listing will now start. It can be stopped at any time by holding down the STOP key. The current line will be completed before Formatter closes down.
Do not attempt to remove the disk in use while the disk drive LED is on.
One penalty paid for better listings is that more paper is used-a small price for more readable code!

## Description

After the various parameters have been entered by the user, the first line of the Basic program is taken from disk and stored in an 80 character long linebuffer.
(The first two address bytes of the program are dumped). Successive lines are input until the line number is equal to or greater than the first line to be listed. Should the end of the program be reached before this, Formatter closes down.

The two link bytes are checked for end-of-program before being dumped. The rest of the line from the line number bytes to the final zero are stored in the line buffer.

The characters from the linebuffer are processed and the formatted text for the line is put into a printbuffer ready for printing. The length of the printbuffer is set equal to the right margin. If it is not long enough, the overflow goes into a second printbuffer of the same length. Its contents are printed on the next line.

Each of the three buffers has an associated pointer to keep track of the working position within the buffer.
The linebuffer is scanned twice. On the first pass a REM token is sought. If this is found at the start of the line, the complete line is formatted according to the REM protocol mentioned earlier. The REM line is printed with its line number. However, if the REM is found within the line, the preceding colon is replaced by a zero to simulate end-ofline on the second pass. The REM sec-
tion is handled as before but without the line number being printed.

In this latter case Formatter is returned to the beginning of the same line to treat it afresh. Of course it will not find a REM this time round. Note that the section before the REM will be printed without a colon at the end.

The two line number bytes are converted into an ASCII string and right justified in a five character field. This is placed at the left margin position in printbuffer1. (At the end of the previous line printing, the two printbuffers would have been cleared).

The first of the text is placed two positions to the right unless modified by a For/Next indentation.
Each byte from the linebuffer is checked to see if it is a zero, colon, for, next, quote, token or none of these

A zero or colon results in the printbuffers being printed and cleared. If the line ends in a zero, a new line will be input from disk. If a colon occurs, formatting will continue from the colon.

A For will indent the text position of all following lines up to a Next being read. A Next is printed on its own line. A routine checks for Next, NextA, Next $B, A$ etc. The latter is printed on separate lines.

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following bytes in the linebuffer being copied unaltered into a printbuffer unless a print control character is detected．Such a character is decoded from a look－up table to（RVS）etc．A closing quote，colon or end－of－line ter－ minates this．

An opening quote or REM is noted so that shifted characters are left unaltered． Normally bit 7 is removed since the last character of a word in the Token Table is indicated by a shifted character．Colons are also treated as ordinary characters while either of these flags are set．

A long string of cursor control characters and a narrow margin setting can result in the second printbuffer overflowing．Overflow is indicated by a shaded block（ ）being printed at the end of the second line．Since spaces are common in the cursor control strings it was thought prudent not to use（SPC） for this reason．

A token is translated into its cor－
responding word from the PET＇s ROM Token Table．A special＇spaces＇table is used to decide how many spaces，if any， are to be added to the word：
$0=$ none
$1=$ space at front
$2=$ space at end
$3=$ space at both ends

Any other character is transferred to a printbuffer with its bit 7 （shift）removed． After each line is printed，a line counter is updated and，if necessary，a new page taken and a．header printed． The header buffer is filled at the start of the program．Only the page number has to be updated and changed into an ASCII string for each new page．It should be remembered that the name is printed double width，and therefore care should be taken to avoid exceeding the width of the paper，and thus upsetting the paging．

The STOP key is checked before each line is processed．Printing will cease when either it is pressed or the upper line number or end of program is reach－ ed．A new page is taken and the chan－ nels to printer and disk closed．A＇soft start＇to keyboard control is finally given．

## Memory Usage

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\＄05b5－Messages．
\＄0655－Message table．
\＄066b－Cursor control table－Token followed by replacement．
\＄06a1－Spaces table－for Token words．
\＄06ec－Formatter routines．
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