

Program 2.

10 GRAPHIC 2 20 REGION 5 50 DEFFNA(X) = INT(RND(1) * X) + 1100 FOR X=1 TO 1023 STEP FNA(10)+10 110 DRAW1, X, 0T01023-X, 1023 120 NEXT 200 FOR X=1 TO 1023 STEP FNA(10)+10 210 DRAW1, 1023, XTO0, 1023-X 220 NEXT 300 FOR X=1 TO 1023 STEP FNA(10)+20 310 DRAWØ, X, ØTO1023-X, 1023 320 NEXT 400 FOR X=1 TO 1023 STEP FNA(10)+20 410 DRAWØ, 1023, XTOØ, 1023-X 420 NEXT 500 GOTO 100

Program 3.

10 GRAPHIC 2
20 REGION 5
50 DEFFNA(X) = INT(RND(1)*X)+1
100 FOR X=1 TO 1023 STEP FNA(70)+10
110 DRAW1,X,0TO1023,X
120 DRAW1,0,XTOX,1023
130 DRAW1,X,0TO0,1023-X
140 DRAW1,1023,XTO1023-X,1023
150 NEXT

Program 4.

10 GRAPHIC 2
20 REGION 5
50 DEFFNA(X)=INT(RND(1)*X)+1
100 FOR A=1 TO 2
110 FOR X=1 TO 1023 STEP FNA(10)+10
120 DRAW1,1023-X,XTOX,0+X
130 DRAW1,X,1023-XTO0+X,X
150 NEXTX,A

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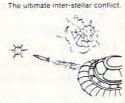
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Download/Upload For The Atari

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Use this to transfer programs and text files to or from your Atari using a modem and the telephone lines.

The program described in this article was developed over several months, with feedback from many people. I started writing it primarily because I was too cheap to go out and buy one. I wanted to try out my new communications hardware and look into some of the electronic bulletin boards that I had heard about. Furthermore, I used a mainframe computer in my work, and I thought that it would be convenient to be able to access it from the privacy of my home.

My first approach was to copy a short BASIC program by Henrique Veludo from **COMPUTE!** (February 1981, #9). This worked fine until I realized that a lot of the text went by too fast for me to read. I tried POKEing the incoming characters into a string, hoping to print it out later, but this was too slow; characters were being dropped, making things a bit hard to read. This led to an assembly language routine to speed things up a bit, and before I knew it I was on my way.

It wasn't long before I had added the upload capability so that I could transfer programs and text files to friends who had computers and modems. About this time I joined the downtown Atari club of Washington, D.C., and discovered their ARMUDIC bulletin board, developed and operated by Frank Huband.

After several weeks of enjoying the capabilities of this system and downloading lots of useful programs, I discovered that some of the members did not have terminal programs that would do some of the things that mine would do. I offered to give my program to the club and subsequently uploaded it to the ARMUDIC BBS.

I got calls about problems. I got calls with complaints. I got calls with suggestions. When I next talked to Frank Huband, I discovered that he had picked up a few suggestions and complaints too. We started working together to incorporate as many of the more reasonable ideas as we could, and over the next few months the program grew.

Since this article was intended to be utilitarian rather than tutorial, I have included no discussion of how the program does what it does. Instead, I have included complete instructions on its use and the BASIC listing. There are, however, a few peculiarities about the program that should be pointed out before we get into its operation.

Two Cautions

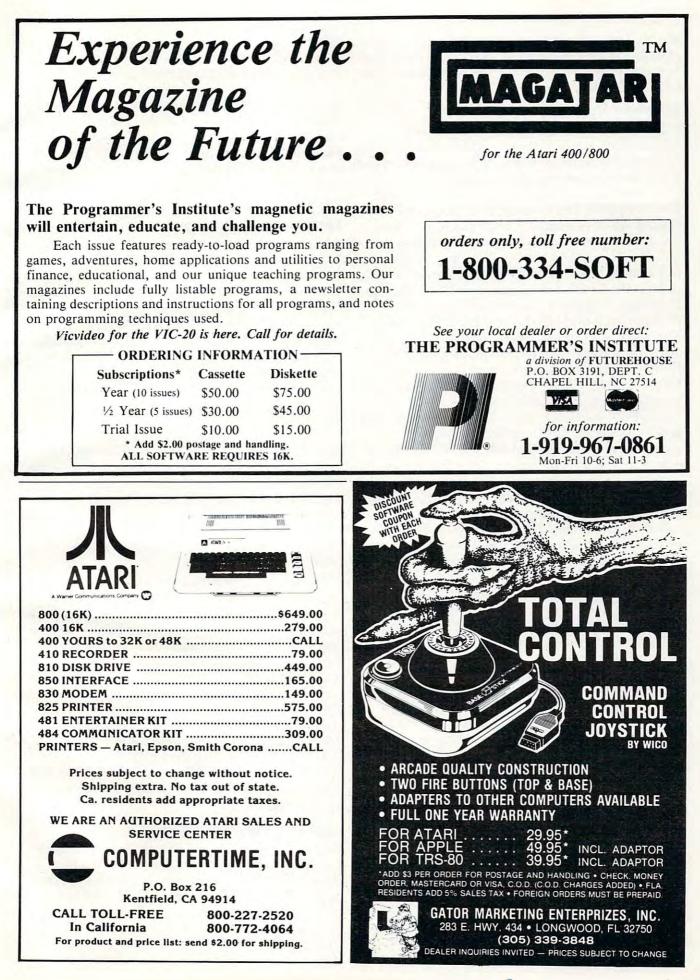
You may have already noticed that the statements on line 90 are preceded by a REM so that they are not executed. This line is to be used only by those people who find that the BREAK function does not work as described on their machines. The fault lies not in the computer, but in the 850 Interface Module.

Whenever concurrent I/O is turned on, the RS-232 port handler substitutes its own interrupt handlers for the ones in the OS ROM. This is necessary because concurrent I/O handles the serial bus interrupts differently from the way the operating system handles them. The machine language portion of JTERM detected pressing of the BREAK key by sensing what the 850 interrupt handlers did with it. Of course, this was too good to last: newer versions of the 850 Module handle the BREAK key by ignoring it (undocumented).

This leads us to line 90; it's a patch into the interrupt handler (new version) that enables the BREAK key. *Warning:* if the BREAK function works on your machine without line 90, *don't use it;* it will cause a crash if used with the older version handlers. So try it without line 90 first, and remove the REM if you find the BREAK key does nothing when you press it.

A further warning: this program should not be renumbered unless the subroutine at lines 2080-2110 is changed. This routine removes all of the data statements and initialization code after they are used to gain as much memory space as possible for the text buffer. If the program is renumbered and this routine is not changed accordingly, it will perform fatal surgery, and whatever is left won't be of much use. (To find out more about how this routine works, see my article in *COMPUTE!'s Second Book Of Atari*.)

For those of you who have some download capability already, the latest version of this program is available (free) from the ARMUDIC BBS (202) 276-8342. The program is available under the name of JTERM32 (or JTERM33 or... who knows what version will be available by now; this thing seems to have a life of its own). For the rest



of you, type it in, being very careful with the data statements; an error here will probably make the system crash. Then read the instructions and start communicating.

Starting Up

JTERM is a download/upload terminal program for the Atari. It was written in BASIC and assembly language to combine ease in setting up and speed when in the actual terminal mode.

Note that an AUTORUN.SYS file with the RS-232 handler boot routine *must* be on disk and booted when you turn on your machine, if you are using a disk. The DOS command will cause the RS-232 handlers to be overwritten, so you must either have a MEM.SAV file on your disk or re-boot the handler after making a DOS call. Furthermore, it appears that the NEW command damages or wipes out the port handler as well. Therefore, you should always reboot the handler after using this command. An additional note: JTERM assumes that the modem is connected to RS-232 port #1. Also, the 850 Interface must be switched on *before* booting the disk.

JTERM is LOADed as a BASIC program, and when RUN it POKEs the machine language routine into a string called PROG\$. While this is going on, the screen is black. After this set-up period is over, the first menu appears on the screen, along with information about the size and location in RAM of the available text buffer. All menu choices are made by simply typing the appropriate key that is highlighted in inverse video. (Type an ordinary character, not an inverse video one.)

The first choice to make is whether you wish to Download a file from the host computer or Upload a file to the host computer. If you wish to do simple communication without file transfer, Download is the proper mode to choose. After you choose between the Download and Upload modes, your next choice is between no translation (None), Light translation, and ATASCII. With Light translation, all high order bits are stripped from all outgoing and incoming characters, and the ATASCII EOL character (155) is changed to the ASCII CR character (13) on output and vice versa on input. No translation and ATASCII modes means that the 850 Interface Module does no changing of characters during either input or output. However, be warned that the program does some translation itself - more about that later.

The next choice is between the various modes of outgoing parity setting. (Note: incoming parity is not checked or changed by this program.) You should always select None if you have selected no translation because setting the parity on output will change the high order bit that was presumably to be preserved. This option was included for the users who wish to access mainframe computers that require certain parity configurations.

At this point, if you choose Upload you will be asked for the filespec of the file to be uploaded. When this has been entered, the file will be loaded into RAM and then listed to the screen as a check. You will then enter the terminal mode. But if you choose Download, you will go directly from the parity choice to the terminal mode without going through the file loading routine.

Terminal Operations

Whenever you enter the terminal mode, the flag (i.e., inverse video word) TERMINAL will appear at the top of the screen. This informs you that you are now in the machine language portion of JTERM. While you are in this mode, you may send data to and receive data from a host computer, provided all of the appropriate connections have been made. You may toggle the memory save function off and on by pressing the SELECT button; the flags MEMSTORE ON and MEM-STORE OFF will be printed on the screen as you toggle the memory.

While the memory save option is in effect, all incoming characters will be stored in sequence until the buffer is full. If the buffer should fill up, the flag MEMORY FULL will be printed on the screen. Note: If you have filled your buffer prior to an Upload, you should *not* turn on the memory save feature until you have completed the Upload. Otherwise, the incoming characters will overwrite your file.

When you enter the terminal mode, you will be in full duplex (i.e., only those characters that are received are printed on the screen and stored in memory). If the host computer echoes all characters that it receives, these characters will be incoming and will be printed and saved if desired. If the host computer operates in half duplex, it cannot send and receive at the same time, so it will not echo the characters that it receives from you. In this case you should turn on the half duplex mode. You can toggle between half and full duplex by pressing the OPTION button. Whenever you do, the flags HALF DUPLEX and FULL DUPLEX will be printed on the screen as appropriate.

Leaving Terminal Mode

When you are ready to leave the terminal mode, you may do so by pressing the START button. When you do, one of three things will happen, depending on the circumstances. If you have chosen the Upload option and have not yet uploaded the file, you will go into the upload mode. The flag UPLOADING will appear on your screen, and the buffer will be printed, 25 characters at a time, to the computer on the other end of the line. During this period you will still see all incoming characters displayed on your screen, so, if the host computer is echoing your transmission, you can watch the upload progress. When the upload is complete, you will reenter the terminal mode, this time in Download mode.

If you exit the terminal mode without saving anything to memory, you will automatically bail back out to the main menu, and you may start another session with different parameters if you wish.

If you were in Download mode and saved anything at all in memory, when you press START you will be asked for the filespec of the file to which you wish to save your memory, or you can type RETURN for further options (more about this in a moment). If you enter a filespec, this can be the cassette (C:), the printer (P:), the screen editor (E:), or a disk file (D:FILENAME). After you enter the filespec, the saved memory will be written to the file, and you will be told that you may reenter the terminal mode by pressing START.

If, however, you wish to save the memory to another file before returning to the terminal mode, press START and, *before releasing the start button*, press the OPTION button. This will bring you back to the request for a filespec. This may be repeated as many times as wished.

If you simply type RETURN instead of a filespec, you will be presented with a menu of three alternative choices. Pressing OPTION will erase your memory buffer and return you immediately to the terminal mode without changing any parameters. Pressing START will erase the buffer and return you to the main mode selection menu where you may reset any or all parameters. Finally, pressing SELECT will return you to the main mode menu while *preserving* everything saved in the memory buffer.

Internal Translations And Other Features

When you choose between Light and No translation in the second menu, you are choosing the configuration of your 850 Interface Module RS-232 ports. You should read your 850 instruction manual for information about these configurations. This program does some additional translation of its own, however.

First of all, nothing that comes in from the port is changed at all before it is stored in memory. Therefore, if you choose ATASCII or No translation for your port, you will save in memory everything *exactly* as it was sent. There will be some translation, however, before it is displayed on the screen. For example, no control characters (ASCII values < 32) are displayed. This means, for instance, that you will not see line feeds; they will, however, be stored and can mess up a program that you are downloading. You should *not* ask for line feeds; you do *not* need them even if the test messages are single spaced.

The carriage return character (ASCII 13) is translated to the ATASCII EOL character. The printer bell character (ASCII 7) is translated to the console bell (ATASCII 253). Finally, the ASCII backspace character (ASCII 8) is changed to the ATASCII DELETE/BACKSPACE (ATASCII 126). Again, none of this translation affects what is stored in memory; everything is stored exactly as it is received.

In ATASCII mode, no translation is done on any outgoing characters; everything is sent exactly as it comes from the keyboard. In the No translation mode, two characters are changed. The DELETE/BACKSPACE character is changed to the ASCII backspace character so that the key will have the same function with most host computers that it does in the Atari. Also, the RETURN key or EOL (ATASCII 155) is changed to the ASCII carriage return (ASCII 13) before it is sent. In light translation, the 850 module would do this translation automatically, but in the no translation mode it would not be done. There were enough situations in which inverse video characters (ASCII values > = 128) could be sent and received, but the host computer would still not recognize the EOL character to warrant this feature.

In half duplex operation, after a character has been sent to the port it is handed over to the input routine and handled just like any other incoming character.

An additional feature of JTERM is the ability to send a computer "BREAK" by simply pressing the BREAK key. This will cause the screen to flash, a beep to sound, the flag BREAK to be printed on the screen, and, last, a true break signal (approx. 0.5 sec. of SPACE tone) to be sent. (If all of this doesn't happen, see the discussion in the introduction.) Sending the BREAK signal will not be of much use when you are connected to a BBS since most of them do not recognize it, but it can be essential when you are connected to a mainframe computer whose attention cannot be gotten any other way.

You should note, however, that the BREAK routine passes briefly through BASIC. Should it be pressed more than once in rapid succession, you can cause a standard BASIC BREAK and terminate the program. If you should terminate the program, accidentally or on purpose, do not attempt to re-RUN it. Instead, *restart it with GOTO* 100. When the program is RUN for the first time, all of the DATA statements and most of the initialization statements are removed to make more room for the buffer; it cannot, therefore, be reinitialized without crashing.

One added note: when the terminal mode is entered for the first time, the DTR line on RS-232 port #1 is set for those modems that monitor this line.

Guidelines For Using JTERM

The JTERM menus were designed to provide maximum flexibility in communicating with many different types of computers, terminals, and bulletin board systems. This may cause some confusion, so here are some general guidelines:

 Most often, you will select Download, Light Translation, No Parity, and Full Duplex. This should work fine when communicating with information utilities such as CompuServe and The Source, as well as with most bulletin boards.

 For communicating between Ataris, choose the ATASCII mode instead of Light Translation. This allows full compatibility between characters sent and received. Also select half duplex instead of full duplex.

 For downloading TRS-80 graphics from TRS-80 bulletin board systems, choose No Translation.

 Usually you won't have to select a Parity option unless communicating with a mainframe computer.

 The half/full duplex option accomplishes with software what the half/full duplex switch on some modems does with hardware. This option was included for those users whose modems lack the duplex switch.

- 10 REM JTERM(3 SPACES) (VERSION 3.2) {12 SPACES}by Frank C. Jones July1 0,1982
- 20 DIM PROG\$ (379), PROG2\$ (7), SPOOL\$ (15), IN\$ (26)
- 30 CON=53279:POKE 559,0:IF PEEK(ADR(P 350 IF A=ADR(TXT\$) AND ROG\$))=104 AND PEEK(ADR(PROG\$)+378)=216 THEN 50
- 40 FOR I=1 TO 379:READ A:PROG\$(I,I)=C 370 IF HR\$(A):NEXT I
- 50 DIM MSG\$(65):RESTORE 2000:FOR I=1 TO 65:READ A: MSG\$(I, I)=CHR\$(A):NEX TI
- 60 DIM S\$(5),T\$(8),U\$(9):FOR I=1 TO 5 400 IF PEEK(CON)=6 THEN 400 :READ A:S\$(I,I)=CHR\$(A):NEXT I:FOR 410 IF PEEK(CON)=2 THEN 360 I=1 TO 8:READ A:T\$(I,I)=CHR\$(A):N 420 GOTO 320 430 EXT I
- 70 FOR I=1 TO 9:READ A:U\$(I,I)=CHR\$(A):NEXT I:DIM BR\$(7):FOR I=1 TO 7:R EAD A: BR\$(I, I) = CHR\$(A): NEXT I
- 80 FOR I=1 TO 7:READ A:PROG2\$(I,I)=CH 435 R\$(A):NEXT I:FLAG=0
- 90 REM FOR I=1 TO 3:READ A:POKE 8457+ I, A:NEXT I:FOR I=1 TO 8:READ A:POK 440 E 1663+1, A:NEXT I
- 95 GOSUB 2080: N=FRE(0)-256: DIM TXT\$(N)
- \$(13):PROG\$(192,192)=CHR\$(8) 110 POKE 82,0:PRINT "(CLEAR)";

120 PRINT N-1; " BYTES OF MEMORY AVAIL 460 IF I=3 THEN 320 ABLE":PRINT "FROM-"; ADR(TXT\$);" T 465 GOTO 445

- 0-"; ADR (TXT\$) +N-2
- 130 CLOSE #1:OPEN #1,4,0,"K" 140 POKE 752,1:PRINT "{2 DOWN}{TAB}Op eration Mode: ": PRINT : PRINT (TAB)";CHR\$(196);"ownload":PRINT :PRINT "{TAB}";CHR\$(213);"pload"
- 150 POKE 559, 34: POKE 752, 0: GET #1, ANS : IF ANS=68 THEN UPLD=0:GOTO 180
- 160 IF ANS=85 THEN UPLD=1:GOTO 180
- 170 GOTO 110
- 180 POKE 752, 1: PRINT "{CLEAR} (2 DOWN} (TAB) Translation Mode: ": PRINT : PR INT "{TAB}"; CHR\$ (206); "one": PRINT :PRINT "{TAB}";CHR\$(204);"ight"
- 190 PRINT :PRINT "(TAB)";CHR\$(193);"T ASCII"
- 200 POKE 752,0:GET #1,ANS:IF ANS=76 T HEN MODE=0:GOTO 240
- 210 IF ANS=78 THEN MODE=32:60T0 240
- 220 IF ANS=65 THEN MODE=32: PROG\$ (200, 200) = CHR\$ (155) : PROG\$ (192, 192) = CHR \$(126):GOTO 240
- 230 GOTO 180 240 POKE 752,1:PRINT "(CLEAR) (2 DOWN) (TAB)Parity: ": PRINT : PRINT " (TAB) ";CHR\$(206);"one":PRINT :PRINT (TAB)";CHR\$(207);"dd"
- 250 PRINT :PRINT "(TAB)";CHR\$(197);"v en":PRINT :PRINT "{TAB}";CHR\$(211);"et"
- 260 POKE 752,0:GET #1,ANS: IF ANS=78 T HEN PARITY=0:GOTO 310
- 270 IF ANS=79 THEN PARITY=1:GOTO 310
- 280 IF ANS=69 THEN PARITY=2:GOTO 310
- 290 IF ANS=83 THEN PARITY=3:GOTO 310 300 GOTO 240
- 310 IF UPLD THEN GOSUB 490
- 320 PRINT "{CLEAR} (2 TAB}"; T\$: POKE 65 ,0:IF NOT FLAG THEN A=ADR(TXT\$)
- 330 CLOSE #2: OPEN #2, 13, 0, "R": XID 38, #2, MODE+PARITY, 0, "R": XID 34, #2, 19 2,0,"R":XIO 40,#2,0,0,"R"
- A=USR(ADR(PROG\$), A, ADR(TXT\$)+N-1, 340 ADR(MSG\$)): IF PEEK(207)=128 THEN 590
 - NOT UPLD THEN CLOSE #2:60TO 100
- 360 ON UPLD+1 GDSUB 430,650
 - UPLD THEN UPLD=0:TXT\$="":GOTO 320
- 380 PRINT "PRESS "; S\$; " TO RE-ENTER T ERMINAL MODE"
- 390 IF PEEK(CON) <>6 THEN 390

 - CLOSE #2:? "(CLEAR)(4 DOWN)(TAB)E NTER OUTPUT FILENAME":? " (4 SPACES) OR HIT (RETURN) FOR OPT
 - IONS":? :? "{TAB}"; POKE 702,64: POKE 65,3: TRAP 560: IN PUT SPOOL\$:FLAG=0:IF SPOOL\$<>"" T **HEN 470**
- ? "{CLEAR}{2 DOWN}<START> erases buffer; to menus":? "<SELECT> ret ains buffer; to menus":? "<OPTION > erases buffer; to terminal" 100 SETCOLOR 2,9,0:PROG\$ (200,200) = CHR 445 I = PEEK (CON): IF I=5 THEN FLAG=1: GO
 - TO 100 450 IF I=6 THEN 100

470 CLOSE #3: OPEN #3, B, O, SPOOL\$: IF SP OOL\$(1,1)="E" THEN SETCOLOR 2,9,0 TXT\$(A-ADR(TXT\$)+1)=" ":PRINT #3; 1060 DATA 2,201,255,240,54,162,32,169 480 TXT\$:CLOSE #3:RETURN 490 PRINT "{CLEAR} (4 DOWN} (TAB)ENTER UPLOAD FILENAME": PRINT : PRINT " (TAB)";:POKE 702,64:INPUT SPOOL\$: 500 TRAP 560: CLOSE #3: OPEN #3,4,0, SPO 1080, DATA 162, 32, 32, 86, 228, 164, 226, 20 TXT\$="" OL\$: TRAP 4: POKE 65,3 510 AD=ADR(TXT\$):XX=INT(AD/256):WW=AD 1090 -XX*256:ZZ=INT((N-1)/256):YY=(N-1) - ZZ = 256IOCB=3:GOSUB 620:TXT\$(QQ+1)="" 520 1100 530 IF PEEK(883)=136 THEN 550 PRINT "ERROR "; PEEK(883); " DURING 540 TEXT LOAD":STOP 550 CLOSE #3:PRINT TXT\$:FOR I=1 TO 50 1110 **O:NEXT I:RETURN** 560 PRINT "{CLEAR} (4 DOWN) (TAB) UNABLE TO OPEN "; SPOOL\$: PRINT " (TAB) PRE SS ";S\$;" WHEN READY" 570 IF PEEK(CON) <>6 THEN 570 580 GOTO PEEK(186)+256*PEEK(187)-10 590 CLOSE #2:SETCOLOR 2,13,10:SOUND 0 ,30,10,15:XID 34,#2,2,15,"R":FOR 1140 I=1 TO 20:NEXT I:XIO 34,#2,3,0,"R 600 SOUND 0,0,0,0:SETCOLOR 2,9,0 610 PRINT BR\$:GOTO 330 620 POKE 834+IOCB#16,7:POKE 836+IOCB# 16, WW: POKE 837+IOCB#16, XX: POKE 84 O+IOCB#16, YY: POKE 841+IOCB#16.ZZ 630 K=USR(ADR(PROG2\$), IOCB\$16) 640 QQ=PEEK(840+IOCB#16)+256*PEEK(841 +IOCB#16):RETURN 650 PRINT "{CLEAR} (4 DOWN} (2 TAB}";U\$ 660 LL=LEN(TXT\$):LN=INT(LL/25)+1 670 FOR I=1 TO LN 680 IF I=LN THEN PRINT #2; TXT\$((I-1) # 25+1);:GOTO 700 690 PRINT #2; TXT\$((I-1) #25+1, I #25); ,204 STATUS #2, B: BY=PEEK (747) : IF BY TH 700 EN GET #2, A: PRINT CHR\$ (A);: GOTO 7 2060 DATA 213, 208, 204, 207, 193, 196, 201 00 710 NEXT I 720 FOR I=1 TO 20 730 STATUS #2, B: BY=PEEK (747) : IF BY TH EN GET #2, A: PRINT CHR\$(A);: GOTO 7 30 740 NEXT I 750 PRINT "{TAB}UPLOAD COMPLETE":FOR I=1 TO 500:NEXT I:RETURN 2090 1000 DATA 104,104,133,213,104,133,212 ,104,133,215,104,133,214,104,133 ,225,104,133,224,169,128,133,216 200 ,169,0 2100 1010 DATA 133,226,133,207,172,31,208, 192, 7, 240, 112, 192, 6, 208, 1, 96, 192 5,208,32,172,31,208,192,5 1020 DATA 240, 249, 164, 216, 192, 255, 240 ,90,152,73,128,133,216,208,6,169 , 12, 133, 217, 208, 36, 169, 25, 133, 21 1030 DATA 208, 30, 192, 3, 208, 67, 172, 31, 208, 192, 3, 240, 249, 164, 226, 152, 73 ,128,133,226,208,6,169,51,133

1040 DATA 217, 208, 4, 169, 38, 133, 217, 24 , 165, 224, 101, 217, 141, 68, 3, 165, 22 5, 105, 0, 141, 69, 3, 169, 14, 141

1050 DATA 72,3,169,0,141,73,3,169,11,

141,66,3,162,0,32,86,228,169,0,2 40, 2, 240, 137, 173, 252

,11,157,66,3,169,0,157,72,3,157, 73, 3, 162, 16, 157, 72, 3

1070 DATA 157,73,3,169,7,157,66,3,32, 86,228,201,126,208,4,169,8,208,6 ,201,155,208,2,169,13

> 8,50,165,17,208,9,169,128,133,17 133, 207, 96, 240, 243, 162, 32, 169

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> DATA 208,4,169,155,208,20,201,7, 208, 4, 169, 253, 208, 12, 201, 8, 208, 4 ,169,126,208,4,201,32,144

1120 DATA 18,160,11,140,66,3,160,0,14 0,72,3,140,73,3,162,0,32,86,228, 165,215,197,213,144,16

1130 DATA 240,2,208,136,165,214,197,2 12, 144, 6, 240, 4, 169, 0, 240, 135, 169 255, 133, 216, 165, 224, 141, 68, 3

DATA 165,225,141,69,3,169,13,141 ,72,3,169,0,141,73,3,169,11,141, 66, 3, 162, 0, 32, 86, 228

1150 DATA 169,0,240,216

2000 DATA 155,205,197,205,207,210,217 ,160,198,213,204,204,155,205,197 ,205,211,212,207,210

2010 DATA 197,160,207,206,160,155,205 ,197,205,211

2020 DATA 212,207,210,197,160,207,198 , 198, 155, 200, 193, 204, 198, 160, 196 213, 208, 204, 197, 216, 160, 155

2030 DATA 198,213,204,204,160,196,213 ,208,204,197,216,160,155

2040 DATA 211,212,193,210,212

2050 DATA 212, 197, 210, 205, 201, 206, 193

,206,199,155,194,210,197,193,203 ,155,104,104,104,170,76,86,228

2070 DATA 32,128,6,141,14,210,169,0,1 33, 17, 96

2080 POKE 842,13:? "{CLEAR}":POSITION 2,6:FOR I=1000 TO 1150 STEP 10: ? I:NEXT I:? "CONT":POSITION 0,0 :STOP :LIST 100,200

? "{CLEAR}":POSITION 2,6:FOR I=1 0 TO 90 STEP 10:? I:NEXT I:? "CO NT": POSITION 0,0:STOP :LIST 100,

? "(CLEAR)": POSITION 2,6:FOR I=2 000 TO 2100 STEP 10:? I:NEXT I:? "G.2110":POSITION 0,0:STOP

2110 POKE 842, 12: RETURN



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Commodore 64 Architecture

Jim Butterfield, Associate Editor

This guided tour of the new Commodore 64 allows you a peek inside the computer's structure and demonstrates some of its extraordinary features.

Let's build a Commodore 64 – at least in principle. We'll put the memory elements together and see how they all fit.

RAM – 64K

We start with a full 64K of RAM. That's the maximum amount of memory that the 6510 chip can address.

If we stopped at this point, we'd have problems. First of all, the screen is fed from memory, but it would contain nonsense. We'll need to put in two extra things: a video chip, and a character generator for the video chip to use. Then again, we have no programs of any sort, and no way to get them into RAM.

Building It Out

Here's what we will do: we'll add the extra features we need by piling them on top of RAM. That way, RAM will be "hidden" – if we look at that part of memory, we will see the new memory elements. But we'll include a set of switches which will allow us to "flip away" the overlaying material and expose the RAM beneath any time we choose. More about these later.

Keep in mind: the RAM is still there, but it's hidden behind the new memory chips.

Input/Output

We'll take the block of memory at hexadecimal D000 to DFFF and reserve it for our interface chips. This includes: two CIA's for timing and input/ output, a SID chip for sound, and a video chip to deliver a screen to the television set.

About the 6566 video chip: its "registers" are located at hex D000 to D02E; these locations control how the chip works. But when the video chip needs information to put on the screen, it gets it directly from RAM memory. For example, the usual place for the screen characters is hex 0400 to 07E7. There's a distinction here: we control or check the chip by using its register addresses, but the chip gets information from almost anywhere it likes.

The video chip needs to look at RAM to get characters for the screen. It also needs to look somewhere else to get a "picture" of each character; this allows it to light up the individual dots, or "pixels," that make up a character. There needs to be a table which gives details of each character: what it looks like, and how to draw it. This table is called the "Character Base" table; hardware types may just call it the "character generator."

We could put this character base table in RAM and point the video chip to it. In fact, we are likely to do this if we want to define our own graphics. But on a standard 64, we'd just as soon have these characters built in – in other words, we'll put the character base table into ROM memory.

Now comes the tricky bit. We will put our ROM character base (it's 4K long when we allow for both graphics and text) into locations hex D000 to DFFF. Wait a minute! We just put our interface chips there!

No problem. We just pile the memory elements higher. The ROM character base sits above the RAM, and then we put the I/O on top. Any time we peek these locations, we'll see the I/O. The video chip, by the way, has a special circuit allowing it to go directly to the ROM character base, so there's no confusion there.

If you wanted to look at the character ROM, you'd have to flip it to the top somehow. It turns out you are allowed to do this: clearing bit two (mask four) of address one to zero will do the trick. But be sure you disable the interrupt first, or you're in serious trouble. After all, the interrupt routines expect the I/O to be in place. Bit 2 of address 0 is called the CHAREN control line.

Let's look at a small part of the character base – in BASIC! Be sure to do this on a single line, or as part of a program. First, to turn the interrupt off and back on again:

POKE 56333,127: ... : POKE 56333,129

Now, while the interrupt is in force, flip in the character base:

POKE 56333,127:POKE 1,51: ... POKE 1,55:POKE 56333,129

Finally, let's PEEK at part of a character:

POKE 56333,127:POKE 1,51:X = PEEK(53248): POKE 1,55:POKE 56333,129:PRINT X

You should see a value of 60; this is the top of the "@" character. To see its pixels, we would write it in binary as ..xxxx.. and to see the next

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line of pixels we would repeat the above code with X = PEEK(53249).

Remember that this is ROM; we can PEEK but can't POKE. If we wanted a new character set, we would point the video chip to some new location.

Kernal ROM

To allow the computer to work at all, we must have an operating system in place. The 64's system is called the Kernal: it's in ROM, and placed above RAM at addresses E000 to FFFF.

We can flip the Kernal away and expose the RAM beneath by clearing bit one (mask two) of address one. Be very careful! The computer can't exist for long without an operating system. Either put one into the RAM, or be prepared for a crash.

Even if you flip out the Kernal for a moment, you must be sure to disable the interrupt. The interrupt vectors themselves are in the Kernal; if the interrupt strikes while the Kernal is flipped away, we'll have utter confusion.

Flipping out the Kernal automatically flips out BASIC as well. So bit 1 of address 1, called the HIMEM control bit, switches out both ROMs. We can switch BASIC alone, however, by using bit 0 – the LOMEM control bit.

BASIC ROM

To run BASIC, we have another ROM which is placed above RAM at addresses A000 to BFFF. We may flip it out by clearing bit zero (mask one) of address one.

This is a very useful thing to do. When a word processor, spread sheet calculator, or other program is in the computer, we may not need BASIC at all. Flip it away, and we have extra memory for our program.

Do Your Own BASIC

We can do even more. If we copy BASIC – carefully! – from its ROM into the RAM behind it, we can get BASIC-in-RAM ... a BASIC we can change to meet our own needs.

Let's do this, just to show how. Write the following program into your Commodore 64:

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100 FOR J = 40960 TO 49151
110 POKE J, PEEK(J)
120 NEXT J
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Run the program. It will take a minute or so. While it's running, let's talk about that curious line 110. What's the point in POKEing a value into memory identical to what's already there? Here's the secret: when we PEEK, we see the BASIC ROM; but when we POKE, we store information into the RAM beneath. The program should say READY; now we have made a copy of BASIC in the corresponding RAM. Flip the ROM away with POKE 1,54. If the cursor is still flashing, we're there. BASIC is now in RAM. How can we prove this?

Let's try to fix one of my pet peeves (PET peeves?). Whenever I try to take the ASC value of a null string, BASIC refuses. Try it:

PRINT ASC(" ")

.. will yield an ?ILLEGAL QUANTITY ERROR.

Now, it's my fixation that you should be able to take the ASCII value of a null string, and have BASIC give you a value of zero. (Don't ask why; that would take a couple more pages). By peering inside BASIC, I have established that the situation can be changed by modifying the contents of address 46991. There is usually a value of eight there. Normally, we couldn't change it: it's in ROM. But now BASIC is in RAM, and we'll change the ASC function slightly by:

POKE 46991,5

Now try PRINT ASC(""); it will print a value of zero. In every other way, BASIC is exactly the same.

Just for fun: you can change some of BASIC's keywords or error message to create your own style of machine. For example, POKE 41122,69 changes the FOR keyword ... you must type the new keyword to get the FOR action. Say LIST and see how line 100 has changed. Alternatively, POKE 41230,85; now you must say LUST instead of LIST.

You may go back to ROM BASIC at any time with a POKE 1,55.

Combination Switch

When we use the HIMEM control to flip out the Kernal, BASIC ROM is also removed. Is there any point in flipping both HIMEM and LOMEM? If you do, the I/O and character generator also disappear, giving you a solid 64K of RAM. You can't talk to anybody, since you have no I/O ... but you can do it.

We have named three control lines: CHA-REN, which flips I/O with the character base; HIRAM, which flips out Kernal and BASIC ROMs; and LORAM, which controls BASIC. In my memory maps (**COMPUTE!** #29, October 1982), I've called them D-ROM switch, EF-RAM switch, and AB-RAM switch in an attempt to make them more descriptive.

But there are two other control lines, and your program cannot get to them. They are called EXROM and GAME and may be changed only by plugging a cartridge into the expansion slot. When these lines are switched by appropriate wiring

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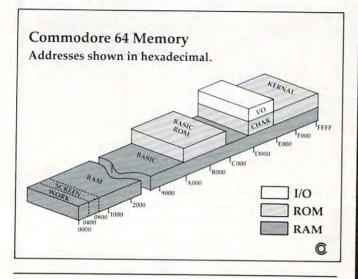


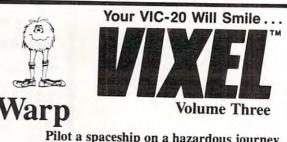
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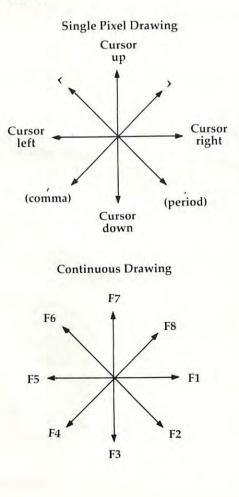
VIC Pencil

Ken Bowd, Huntsville, Ontario

This High Resolution Drawing Program will run on a 5K VIC with 1K in reserve. When the RUN command is given, the screen will turn black (POKE 36879,8). You will have to allow a few seconds for the VIC to execute the loops. Hit the "D" key, and one pixel will light on the screen; hitting "E" will extinguish it.

The pencil can be moved either continuously or one pixel at a time. The continuous movement is controlled by the function keys, while singlepixel writing is done with the "," "," " "" ">" and cursor control keys. The pencil will write left, right, up, or down, as well as in four directions diagonally. The "S" key stops all movement of the pencil. It is also possible to move the pencil without writing by hitting the "M" key.

Pencil Control



You can clear home or clear the screen by using standard VIC operating procedures. Line 50 reserves some memory from BASIC; line 60 tells the VIC to go to RAM location 7168 for description of characters. Line 70 clears our reserved memory, and line 80 turns the screen black and clears the screen. Lines 100 through 120 set up a mini screen.

Line 130 is the beginning of the main program. It asks the operator for instructions, and from this point down to line 380 the values of X and Y are assigned according to what character was "gotten" from the keyboard. Lines 390 to 420 check to make sure the pencil is on the screen. On down to line 490 the proper bit is selected, and the proper POKE is made to either turn the bit on or turn it off.

Although this is really a novelty program, the kids will probably enjoy drawing on the computer. You will also find after a little practice that it is possible to draw arcs and curves. It should be noted that, although you can't draw on the entire screen, you can address 4096 different spots as compared to the usual 506.

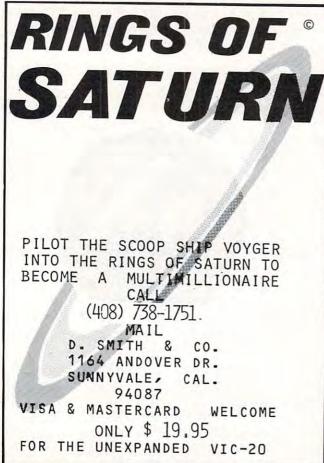
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50 POKE56,24:POKE52,24
60 POKE36869,255
70 FORI=7168T07679:POKEI,0:NEXT
80 POKE36879,8:PRINTCHR$(147)
90 FORI=7680T08191:POKEI,160:NEXTI
100 FORL=0T07:FORM=0T07
110 POKE7841+M*22+L,L*8+M
120 NEXT:NEXT
130 GETB$
140 IFB$="D"THENC$="D"
150 IFB$="E"THENC$="E"
160 IFB$="M"THENC$="M"
170 IFB$="{HOME}"THENX=0:Y=0
180 IFB$="S"THENA$=""
190 IFB$="{F1}"ORB$="{F2}"ORB$="{F
    3}"ORB$="{F4}"ORB$="{F5}
    "ORB$=" {F6 } "ORB$="
    {F7}"ORB$="{F8}"THENA$=B$
200 IFB$="{CLEAR}"THEN220
210 GOTO230
220 FORI=7168T07679:POKEI, 0:NEXT
230 IFB$="{RIGHT}"THENX=X+1
240 IFB$="{LEFT}"THENX=X-1
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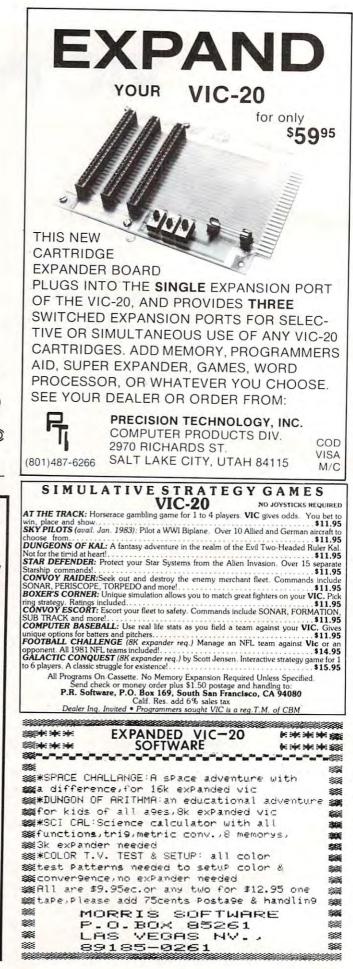
250 IFB\$="{UP}"THENY=Y-1

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260	IFB\$="{DOWN}"THENY=Y+1
270	IFB\$ = ", "THENX = X - 1: Y = Y + 1
280	IFB\$="<"THENX=X-1:Y=Y-1
290	IFB\$="."THENX=X+1:Y=Y+1
300	IFB\$=">"THENX=X+1:Y=Y-1
310	IFA\$="{F1}"THENX=X+1
320	$IFAS = "{F3}"THENY = Y + 1$
330	$IFAS = "{F5}"THENX = X - 1$
340	
350	$IFA\$ = "{F2}"THENX = X + 1 : Y = Y + 1$
360	$IFA\$ = "{F4}"THENX = X - 1: Y = Y + 1$
370	$IFA\$ = "{F6}"THENX = X - 1: Y = Y - 1$
380	IFA\$="{F8}"THENX=X+1:Y=Y-1
390	IFX <othenx=0< td=""></othenx=0<>
400	IFX > 62THENX = 62
410	IFY<0THENY=0
420	IFY>62THENY=62
430	
440	RO = (Y/8 - INT(Y/8)) * 8
450	BY=7169+8*CH+RO
460	BI = 7 - (X - (INT(X/8) * 8))
470	IFC\$="D"THENPOKEBY, PEEK(BY)OR
	(2 1 BI)
480	IFC\$="M"THENPOKEBY, OORPEEK(BY)
490	IFC\$="E"THENPOKEBY,0
500	GOTO130 Q





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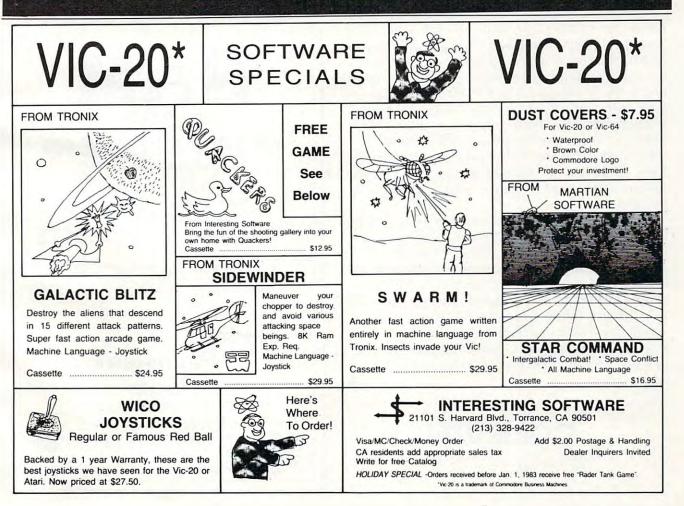
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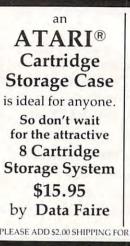
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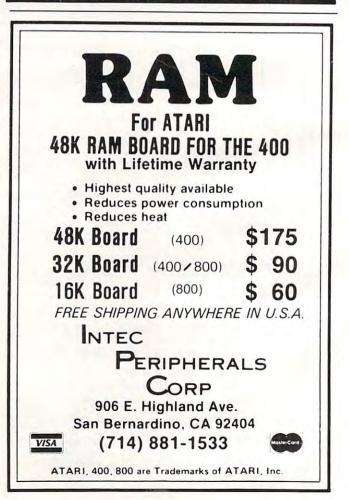
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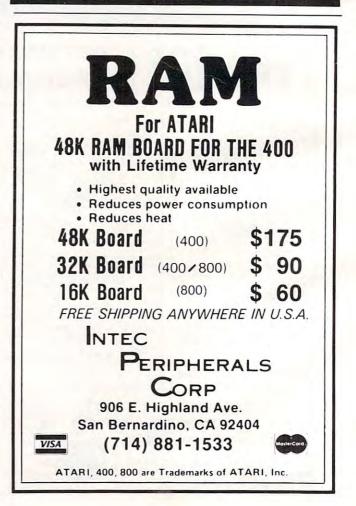
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VIC Personal Accountant

Peter Mendall, Monmouth, ME

Much ado is made about IRA accounts these days. Can you really be a millionaire, or is this a fantasy even less real than an eight-color printer for your home computer? For unexpanded or expanded VICs.

Here is a program with a four-option menu which demonstrates the growth power of an exponential function. This is especially true if it is non-taxed money!

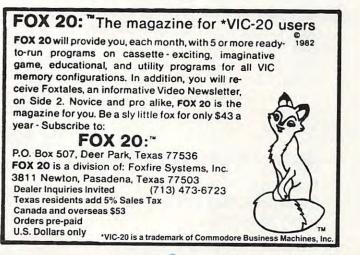
Remember that IRA money will be taxed sometime and carries a penalty for early withdrawal. However, a 10% one-time "linear" deduction can be offset by an investment compounded exponentially.

This program will provide you with instantaneous delight at the thought of investing ten dollars out of your weekly pay check for 40 years (if you are 25 or younger).

Option one gives you the future value of your choice of payment, interest rate, and payment per year. Option two gives you the payment needed for your choice of future value. The third option prints a table showing how quickly you can multiply your money by factors of two through ten given your interest rate and the frequency it is compounded. The fourth option shows what happens to a one-time investment under compounded interest.

```
1 REM PETER MENDALL
2 REM NO. MAIN ST
3 REM MONMOUTH, ME
5 PRINT" {CLEAR}
10 REM: COMPOUND INTEREST
15 PRINT" {CLEAR}
20 P=PM=I=N=0
30 PRINT"COMP INTEREST MENU"
35 PRINT
40 PRINT" <1>FUT VAL:REG DEP"
45 PRINT
50 PRINT" < 2> REG PMT FOR FUT VAL"
55 PRINT
60 PRINT"<3>COMPOUNDING TIME"
65 PRINT
70 PRINT" <4>FUT VAL:SINGLE DEP"
80 PRINT
85 PRINT"<5>END"
92 PRINT
95 PRINT"MENU CHOICE";
97 INPUT X
100 REM PROGRAM
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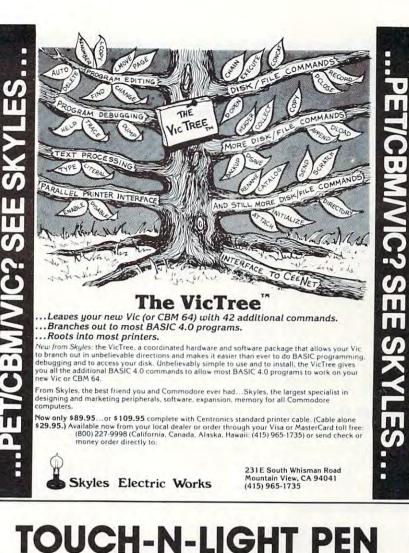
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110 ON X GOTO 1000,2000,3000,4000,10000
230 FOR W=2T010
1000 REM FUTURE VAL
1005 PRINT"{CLEAR}
1010 P=PM=I=N=0
1100 PRINT"P=# OF PER/YR:P=";
1102 INPUT P
1105 PRINT
1110 PRINT"PM=PMT/PER:PM=";
1112 INPUT PM
1115 PRINT
1120 PRINT"I=RATE/YR:(.XX)";
1122 INPUT"I=";I
1125 PRINT
1130 PRINT"N=# OF YR:N=";
1132 INPUT N
1135 PRINT
1140 PRINT"IS INPUT OK? Y OR N"
1145 PRINT
1150 GET A$
1160 IF A$="" GOTO 1150
1170 IF A$="N" THEN 1000
1200 REM CALC I/PER=IR
1210 \text{ IR}=((1+1)\uparrow(1/P)-1)
1220 N=N*P
1300 REM CALC FUT VAL=FV
1310 FV=(PM*(((1+IR)^N-1)/IR))
1320 FV=(INT((FV+.005)*100))/100
1400 REM PRINT FUT VAL
1410 PRINT"# PER", N
1415 PRINT"PMT", PM
1420 PRINT"I/YR", I
1425 PRINT"FV", FV
1430 PRINT
1440 PRINT" <1>FV <2>MAIN MENU"
1450 GET X
1460 IF X=0 GOTO 1450
1470 ON X GOTO 1000,5
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2000 REM PMT FOR FUT VAL 2010 PM=FV=IR=N=P=I=0 2020 PRINT"{CLEAR} 2100 PRINT"FV=TOT AMT DESIRED" 2110 INPUT"FV=";FV 2115 PRINT 2120 PRINT"I=INT/YR:(.XX)"; 2130 INPUT"I=";I 2135 PRINT 2140 PRINT"N=# OF YR:N="; 2150 INPUT N 2155 PRINT 2160 PRINT"P=#PMTS/YR:P="; 2170 INPUT P 2175 PRINT 2180 PRINT"INPUT OK? YORN" 2185 GET A\$ 2190 IF A\$="" THEN 2185 2195 IF A\$="N" THEN 2000 2200 REM CALC I/PER=IR 2210 IR= $((1+I)\uparrow(1/P)-1)$ 2220 N=P*N 2300 REM CALC PMT FOR FV 2310 PM=((FV*IR)/((1+IR) îN-1)) 2320 PM=((INT((PM+.005) *100))/100) 2400 REM PRINT PM 2410 PRINT"FV", FV 2415 PRINT"#/Y",P 2420 PRINT"I", I 2425 PRINT"PMT", PM 2430 PRINT"<1>PMT<2>MAIN MENU" 2440 GET X 2450 IF X=0 THEN 2440 2460 ON X GOTO 2000,5 3000 REM COMPOUNDING TIME 3003 DIM A(12) 3010 P=I=IR=N=0 3030 PRINT"{CLEAR} 3100 PRINT"COMPOUNDING TIME" 3105 PRINT 3110 PRINT"I=INT/Y:(.XX):I="; 3120 INPUT I 3125 PRINT 3130 PRINT"P=COMPOUND FREQ /Y:P="; 3140 INPUT P 3145 PRINT 3150 PRINT"INPUT OK? YOR N" 3155 GET A\$ 3160 IF A\$=""THEN 3155 3170 IF A\$="N"THEN 3010 3200 REM CALC I/PER=IR 3204 PRINT"CALC TIME=20-50 SEC" $3210 \text{ IR}=((1+1)\uparrow(1/P)-1)$ 3220 N=1 3230 FOR W=2T010 3240 N=N+1 $3250 X = ((1+IR) \uparrow (N))$ 3260 IF X>=W THEN 3280 3270 GOTO 3240 3280 A(W)=N 3290 NEXT W 3300 REM PRINTING 3400 PRINT"FACT #PER #OF YRS" ca

3405 PRINT 3410 FOR W=2TO 10 3412 NY=A(W)/P 3414 NY=(INT((NY+.05)*10)) /10 3420 PRINTW; TAB(5)A(W); TAB (11)NY 3430 NEXT W 3435 PRINT 3440 PRINT"<1>COMP TIME" 3450 PRINT" < 2>MAIN MENU" 3460 GET X 3470 IF X=0 THEN 3560 3480 IF X=1 THEN 3010 3490 GO TO 5 3560 GET X 3570 IF X=0 THEN 3560 3580 IF X=1 THEN 3010 3590 GO TO 5 4000 REM SINGLEDEPOSIT 4010 FV=PV=IR=N=0 4020 PRINT" {CLEAR} 4100 PRINT"PV=SINGLEDEP:PV=" 4110 INPUT PV 4115 PRINT 4120 PRINT"I=INT/YR:(.XX):I="; 4125 INPUT I 4127 PRINT 4130 PRINT"#PER/YR:P="; 4135 INPUT P 4137 PRINT 4140 PRINT"# OF YR:N="; 4145 INPUT N 4147 PRINT: PRINT 4150 PRINT"INPUT OK? Y/N" 4160 GET A\$ 4170 IF A\$= ""THEN 4160 4180 IF A\$="N" THEN 4000 4190 PRINT"3" 4210 $IR=((1+I)\uparrow(1/P)-1)$ 4220 N=P*N 4300 FV=PV*((1+IR) îN) 4310 FV=(INT((FV+.005)*100))/100 4400 REM PRINT FV 4405 PRINT"FUT VAL SINGLE DEP" 4407 PRINT 4410 PRINT" #PER/YR", P 4412 PRINT 4414 PRINT 4415 N=N/P 4416 PRINT"# OF YR", N 4418 PRINT 4420 PRINT"DEP", PV 4425 PRINT 4430 PRINT"I/YR",I 4435 PRINT 4440 PRINT"FV", FV 4450 PRINT 4455 PRINT 4460 PRINT" <1>SINGLE DEP" 4462 PRINT 4465 PRINT" <2>MAIN MENU" 4470 GET X 4480 IF X=0 THEN 4470 4490 ON X GOTO 4000,5 10000 PRINT"END PROGRAM" 0 10010 END



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UXB On VIC

To produce the correct alternate character set for the VIC version of UXB (November 1982, p. 56) the following lines must be added to Program 1:

596 POKE51,0:POKE58,28:POKE55,0:POKE56,28:CLR: CB=7168

597 READ A:IF A=-1 THEN 600

598 FOR N=ØTO7:READ B:POKE(CB+A*8+N),B:NEXT 599 GOTO 597 900 DATA 1,153,219,189,153,129,66,36,36

910 DATA 17,126,255,199,203,211,227,255,126 920 DATA 24,36,36,36,36,60,36,66,129 930 DATA 26,4,24,24,60,126,126,126,60 940 DATA 32,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0 950 DATA -1

Pack Up Your DATA

There is an error in line 130 of the example program which condenses PET or VIC data for files (October 1982, p. 162). The line should read: 130 V%=V/256:L=V-(V%*256)

VIC Superchase

The VIC version of this game (October 1982, p. 66) requires several changes. Lines 10 and 22 should be removed from the program. In line 12100, a semicolon should be added after the CHR\$(142). Also in that line, the characters shown as underlined ampersands (&) are typed in by holding down the Commodore logo key and hitting the "+" key. The characters shown as underlined dollar signs (\$) in line 14010 are typed in by holding down the logo key and hitting the "(a" key.

VIC Pixelator

The author sent in some additions and clarifications on his custom character editor (October 1982, p. 141):

Under certain circumstances, the "Pixdata" program will not adjust the end-of-program pointers causing the program to reappear and interfere with the newly written DATA statements. This can be taken into account by changing two lines in the program and adding two new lines. Notice that you must type the abbreviations pO and pE for POKE and PEEK to fit line 170 into the computer:

- 10 C=PEEK(56):POKE51,0:POKE52,20:POKE55,0:POK E56,20
- 170 A2=INT(AA/256):A1=AA-A2*256:B=PEEK(43)+256 *PEEK(44):POKEB,A1:POKEB+1,A2:POKE56,C
- 180 ZZ=ZZ+257-AA+B:Z2=INT(ZZ/256):Z1=ZZ-Z2*256

190 POKE251,Z1:POKE174,0:POKE175,0:POKE46,Z2:P
 OKE45,PEEK(251)

Also, memory expansion of 8K or more on the VIC usually moves the screen memory so that there is not enough room between the end of the screen and the beginning of the last available character map area in RAM for the "Pixelator" to operate. Before loading the Pixelator, 8K users should enter the following as a single line and then hit RETURN:

POKE43,0:POKE44,2244::POKE45,00:POKE46,24:POKE 47,0:POKE48,24

This moves the start-of-BASIC memory to 6144. Now type:

POKE6143,0:POKE6144,0:POKE6145,0

and hit RETURN. This simply cleans up the area. Now LOAD the Pixelator, delete line 30, and make this change:

20 XX=5120:SC=4096:CL=37888

4010 SYSXX-16:PRINT"{HOME}":PRINT"LOOKING AT ;S5\$:POKESC+33,C0

SAVE the program before using it. Make the following change in both Pixaver and Pixeloader:

10 XX=5120

Make these changes in Pixdata:

10 C=PEEK(56):POKE51,0:POKE52,32:POKE55,0:POK E56,32 20 XX=5120

40 ZZ=8192:AA=ZZ

8K users can access the RAM character set by typing:

POKE36869, PEEK (36869) ANDNOT150R13

Finally, the symbols appearing in lines 70, 80, and 90 of the printed listing of Pixelator might be confusing. A more attractive display can be achieved by changing the underlined slashes to Commodore-P (hold down the Commodore logo key while typing "P"); the underlined apostrophe (-) should be Commodore-M; the underlined percent sign (%) should be Commodore-G; and the underlined 7 should be Commodore-Y.

Atari Mathman Improvements

Our thanks to John Bergen for the following enhancements to this program (October 1982, p. 72). With these changes, Mathman can recover the incorrect answer after it is sent off the screen, print the correct response, turn the screen a new color after each trial, and also show a student the current question number:

- 11 Y=INT(RND(0)*15):SETCOLOR 4,Y,6:SE TCOLOR 2,Y,4 375 POSITION 0,22:?"SCORE-";SCO;"
- 375 POSITION 0,22:?"SCORE-";SCO;" (3 SPACES)TURNS-";O
- 1070 POSITION 8,10:?"(4 EPAPES)":POSI TION 10,10:? B*C;"ECOFFECT Answe
- 1071 POSITION 8,12:?"(4 EPACES)":POSI TION 10,12:? AS;"-Your Answer We
- 1072 FOR Z=1 TO 200:NEXT Z

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How To Type COMPUTE!'s Programs

Many of the programs which are listed in **COMPUTE!** contain special control characters (cursor control, color keys, inverse video, etc.). To make it easy to tell exactly what to type when entering one of these programs into your computer, we have established the following listing conventions. There is a separate key for each computer. Refer to the appropriate tables when you come across an unusual symbol in a program listing. If you are unsure how to actually enter a control character, consult your computer's manuals.

Atari 400/800

Characters in inverse video will appear like: ECCERENT VERSE Enter these characters with the Atari logo key, {A}.

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(CLEAR)	ESC SHIFT <	5	Clear Screen
(UP)	ESC CTRL -	+	Cursor Up
(DOWN)	ESC CTRL =	+	Cursor Down
(LEFT)	ESC CTRL +	*	Cursor Left
(RIGHT)	ESC CTRL #	+	Cursor Right
(BACK S)	ESC DELETE	4	Backspace
(DELETE)	ESC CTRL DELETE	51	Delete character
(INSERT)	ESC CTRL INSERT	13	Insert character
(DEL LINE)	ESC SHIFT DELETE	G	Delete line
(INS LINE)	ESC SHIFT INSERT		Insert line
(TAB)	ESC TAB		TAB key
(CLR TAB)	ESC CTRL TAB	G	Clear tab
(SET TAB)	ESC SHIFT TAB	E	Set tab stop
(BELL)	ESC CTRL 2	5	Ring buzzer
(ESC)	ESC ESC	Ę.	ESCape key
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Graphics characters, such as CTRL-T, the ball character • will appear as the "normal" letter enclosed in braces, e.g. {T .

A series of identical control characters, such as 10 spaces, three cursor-lefts, or 20 CTRL-R's, will appear as (10 SPACES), (3 LEFT), (20 R), etc. If the character in braces is in inverse video, that character or characters should be entered with the Atari logo key. For example, (**m**) means to enter a reverse-field heart with CTRL-comma, (5**m**) means to enter five inverse-video CTRL-U's.

Commodore PET/CBM/VIC

Generally, any PET/CBM/VIC program listings will contain bracketed words which spell out any special characters: {DOWN} would mean to press the cursor-down key; {3DOWN} would mean to press the cursor-down key three times.

To indicate that a key should be *shifted* (hold down the SHIFT key while pressing the other key), the key would be underlined in our listing. For example, <u>5</u> would mean to type the S key while holding the shift key. This would result in the "heart" graphics symbol appearing on your screen. Some graphics characters are inaccessible from the keyboard on CBM Business models (32N, 8032).

Sometimes in a program listing, especially within quoted text when a line runs over into the next line, it is difficult to tell where the first line ends. How many times should you type the SPACE bar? In our convention, when a line breaks in this way, the – symbol shows exactly where it broke. For example:

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shows that the program's author intended for you to type two spaces after the word *GAME*.

All Commodore Machines

Clear Screen {CLEAR}	Cursor Left {LEFT}
Home Cursor { HOME }	Insert Character {INST}
Cursor Up {UP}	Delete Character {DEL}
Cursor Down { DOWN }	Reverse Field On {RVS}
Cursor Right [RIGHT]	Reverse Field Off { OFF }

VIC/CBM 64 Conventions

Set Color To Black	{BLK}	Function Two	{F2}
Set Color To White	{WHT}	Function Three	{F3}
Set Color To Red	{RED}	Function Four	{F4}
Set Color To Cyan	{CYN}	Function Five	{F5}
Set Color To Purple	{PUR}	Function Six	{F6}
Set Color To Green	[GRN]	Function Seven	{F7}
Set Color To Blue	(BLU)	Function Eight	{F8}
Set Color To Yellow	(YEL)	Any Non-implem	ented
Function One	{F1}	Function	{NIM}

To enter any color code, hold down CTRL and press the appropriate color key. Use CTRL-9 for RVS on and CTRL-0 for RVS off.

8032/Fat 40 Conventions

Set Window	Тор	SET	TOP }	Erase To Beginnin	g[ERASE BEG]
Set Window	Bottom	SET	BOT }	Erase To End	{ERASE END}
Scroll Up		SCR	UP}	Toggle Tab	{TGL TAB}
Scroll Down	{SCR	DOWN	1}	Tab	{TAB}
Insert Line	[INST	LIN T	IE}	Escape Key	{ESC}
Delete Line	{DEL	LINE	:}		C. T. G. C.

When you see an underlined character in a PET/CBM/VIC program listing, you need to hold down SHIFT as you enter it. Since the VIC-20 and Commodore 64 have fewer keys than the PET/CBM, some graphics are grouped with other keys and have to be entered by holding down the Commodore key. If you see any of the symbols in the left column underlined in a listing, hold down the Commodore key and enter the symbol in the right column. Just use SHIFT to enter all other underlined characters.

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Apple II / Apple II Plus

All programs are in Applesoft BASIC, unless otherwise stated. Control characters are printed as the "normal" character enclosed in brackets, such as {D} for CTRL-D. Hold down CTRL while pressing the control key. You will not see the special character on the screen.

TRS-80 Color Computer

No special characters are used, other than lowercase. When you see letters printed in inverse video (white on black), press SHIFT-0 to enter the characters, and then press SHIFT-0 again to return to normal uppercase typing.

Texas Instruments 99/4

No special control characters are used. Enter all programs with the ALPHA lock on (in the down position). Release the ALPHA lock to enter lowercase text.

Timex TS-1000, Sinclair ZX-81

Study your computer manual carefully to see how to enter programs. Do not type in the letters for each command, since your machine features single-keystroke entry of BASIC commands. You may want to switch to the FAST mode (where the screen blanks) while entering programs, since there will be less delay between lines. (If the blanking screen bothers you, switch to the SLOW mode.)

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A Beginner's Guide To Typing In Programs

The first few times you type in a computer program, things can be quite confusing. We have prepared this guide to help new readers adjust to the novelties of program entry.

What Is A Program?

A computer cannot perform any task by itself. Like a car without gas, a computer has *potential*, but without a program, it isn't going anywhere. Most of the programs published in **COMPUTE!** are written in a computer language called BASIC. BASIC is easy to learn and is built into most computers (on some computers, you have to purchase an optional BASIC cartridge).

BASIC Programs

Each month, **COMPUTE!** publishes programs for many machines. To start out, type in only programs written for your machine, e.g., "TI Version" if you have a TI-99/4. Later, when you gain experience with your computer's BASIC, you can try typing in and converting certain programs from one computer to yours.

Computers can be picky. Unlike the English language, which is full of ambiguities, BASIC usually has only one "right way" of stating something. Every letter, character, or number is significant. A common mistake is substituting a letter such as "O" for the numeral "0", a lowercase "I" for the numeral "1", or an uppercase "B" for the numeral "8". Also, you must enter all punctuation such as colons and commas just as they appear in the magazine. Spacing can be important. To be safe, type in the listings *exactly* as they appear.

Brackets And Special Characters

The exception to this typing rule is when you see the curved bracket, such as "{DOWN}". Anything within a set of brackets is a special character or characters that cannot easily be listed on a printer. When you come across such a special statement, refer to the appropriate key for your computer. For example, if you have an Atari, refer to the "Atari" section in "How to Type COMPUTE!'s Programs."

About DATA Statements

Some programs contain a section or sections of DATA statements. These lines provide information needed by the program. Some DATA statements contain actual programs (called machine language); others contain graphics codes. These innes are especially sensitive to errors. If a single number in any one DATA statement is mistyped, your machine could "lock up," or "crash." The keyboard, break key, and RESET (or STOP) keys may all seem "dead," and the screen may go blank. Don't panic – no damage is done. To regain control, you have to turn off your computer, then turn it back on. This will erase whatever program was in memory, so always SAVE a copy of your program before you RUN it. If your computer crashes, you can LOAD the program and look for your mistake.

Sometimes a mistyped DATA statement will cause an error message when the program is RUN. The error message may refer to the program line that READs the data. *The error is still in the DATA statements, though.*

Get To Know Your Machine

You should familiarize yourself with your computer before attempting to type in a program. Learn the statements you use to store and retrieve programs from tape or disk. You'll want to save a copy of your program, so that you won't have to type it in every time you want to use it. Learn to use your machine's editing functions. How do you change a line if you made a mistake? You can always retype the line, but you at least need to know how to backspace. Do you know how to enter inverse video, lowercase, and control characters? It's all explained in your computer's manuals.

A Quick Review

1) Type in the program a line at a time, in order. Press RETURN or ENTER at the end of each line. Use backspace or the back arrow to correct mistakes.

2) Check the line you've typed against the line in the magazine. You can check the entire program again if you get an error when you RUN the program.

3) Make sure you've entered statements in brackets as the appropriate control key (see "How To Type COMPUTE!'s Programs" elsewhere in the magazine.)

4) Save the program to tape or disk before you RUN it. Consult your computer manuals if you aren't sure how to do this.

5) If you get an error when you RUN the program, check your listing against the published program.



NEWS&PRODUCTS

Peripherals For The VIC

DATA 20 corporation has introduced its new line of four peripherals for the VIC-20: Video Pak, Printer Interface, Expansion Chassis, and Memory Cartridge. All are designed to give the VIC-20 added capability at an affordable price.

The Video Pak cartridge plugs right into the VIC-20 expansion port, instantly giving a standard 24-line display with a choice of 40 or 80 upper-and lowercase characters. It also increases memory from 5K to 20K or even 70K, enabling the VIC-20 to run Commodore business software. Video Pak also includes a terminal emulator and screen print feature. Printer Interface matches the VIC-20 to most popular printers and gives a continuous visual monitoring of the data transfer functions. Status lights indicate if the printer is hooked up, if the buffer is full, and if data is being transmitted. The Printer Interface comes complete with cable and connector and needs no assembly.

Expansion Chassis lets the VIC-20 run a series of four compatible memory, software, or game cartridges with the standard 22 pin edge connector at the same time, while protecting the VIC-20 power supply with a built-in 500ma fuse.

Memory Cartridge boosts the brainpower of the VIC-20 to 20K and features 200ns RAMs for added reliability. Housed in a rugged plastic case, the Memory Cartridge is an ideal first add-on to any VIC-20. For further information on these four VIC-20 peripherals, contact:

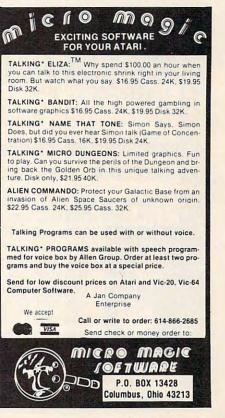
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New Products From Krell Software

Krell Software has announced several new products. *Connections* is a game system designed to extend and develop the mental capacities of children of all ages. Users select from a variety of game formats as they search for logical connections and learn the



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principles of scientific reasoning. Connections draws subject matter from all fields of science and the humanities. Connections may be played competitively or cooperatively. Players may set difficulty levels and may add additional data as desired.

Available disks on Commodore, Apple, Atari, Franklin, Radio Shack, and IBM personal computer systems, Connections costs \$99.95 (includes one data base).

The Amazing Ben is designed to introduce programmers of all ages to the art of artificial intelligence. Extensive documentation is provided to help users create programs which learn from their environment. Ben's language enables him to sense his surroundings, to write and read messages, to ask questions and interpret answers, to move at will across the screen, and to create his own memory structures.

grams starts by teaching you Ben's language. It guides the user in writing a series of increasingly difficult programs to help Ben traverse mazes that he has never seen before. The user can control Ben and see what he sees as he follows the different mazes for while both the user and Ben are learning.

> The Amazing Ben sells for \$79.95. It is available for Apple, Atari, Commodore, Franklin, Radio Shack, and IBM personal computer.

The Ciarcia High-Resolution Sprite Graphics board enables you to maintain as many as 32 sprites (single-color figures of 8x8 or 16x16 pixels) at one time or hires alphanumerics, all with a solid-color backdrop.

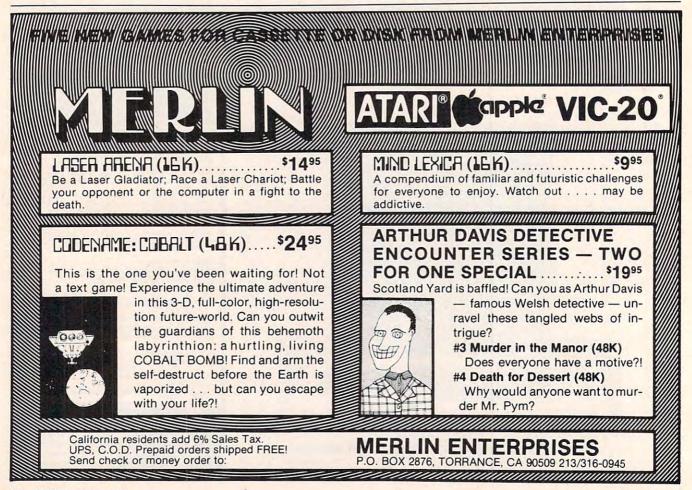
Apple (C) slot-compatible. Since it comes with Krell's Multi-Video Board, only one monitor is needed to display both normal The Amazing Ben set of pro- Apple (C) video or sprites.

The Sprite Graphics Board comes with two disks (demonstration software and the sprite editor), with full documentation. The price is \$325.

The College Board 1983 SAT Exam Preparation Series includes 42 programs covering vocabulary, reading comprehension, word relationships, mathematics, and the test of standard written English. It is available for Commodore, Apple, Atari, Franklin, IBM and Radio Shack microcomputers for \$299.95.

Krell is also the marketing agent for the Socrates Chess Corporation's Shelby Lyman Chess Tutorial Series for Apple, Atari, Commodore, Franklin, and IBM personal computers.

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An educational program, *Math Drill* allows the user to select addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division. Written for elementary school aged children, *Math Drill* displays flashcard-style math and keeps score.

*Golf* allows up to four players to play 18 holes.

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When using the video cartridge, you may choose between a 25 x 40 and a 25 x 80 character mode (25 lines of 80 characters each). This enables you to use the programs written for the 2000, 3000, 4000 and 8000 CBM computers without major alterations.

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- 40 or 80 column display (switchable with BASIC, without losing any program in memory).

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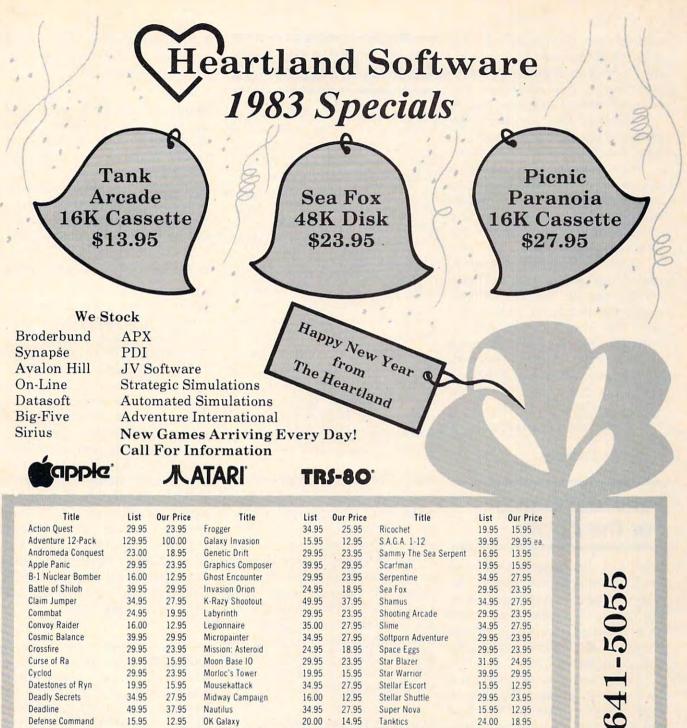
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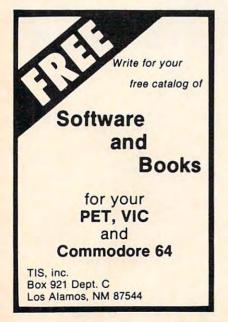


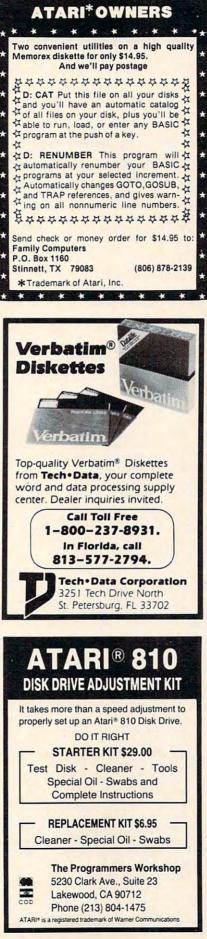
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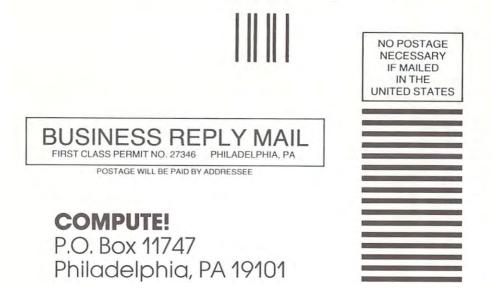
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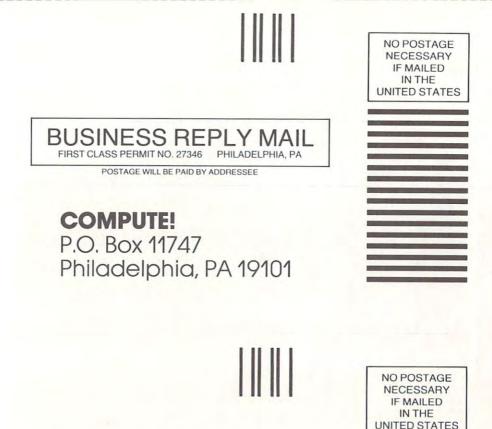
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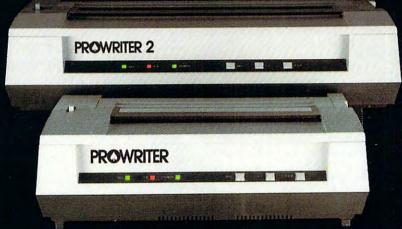
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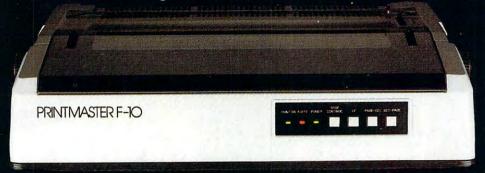
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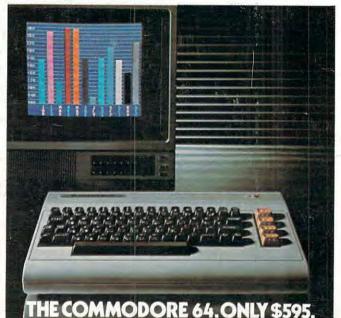
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