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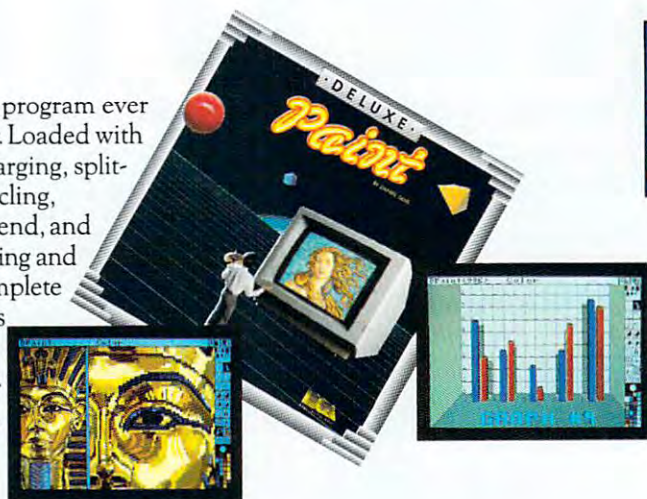
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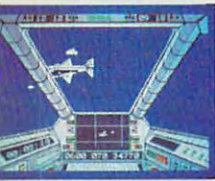
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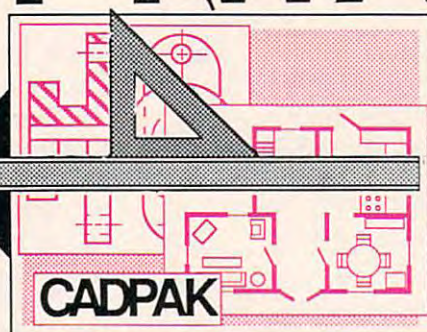


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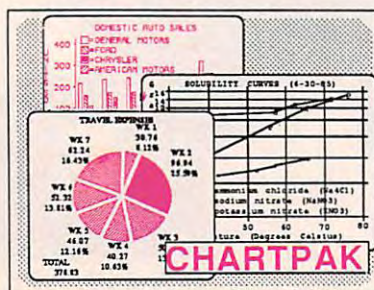
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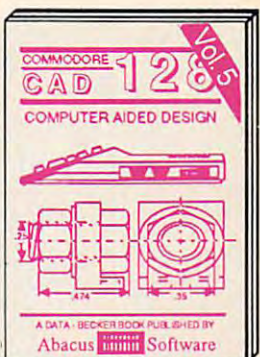
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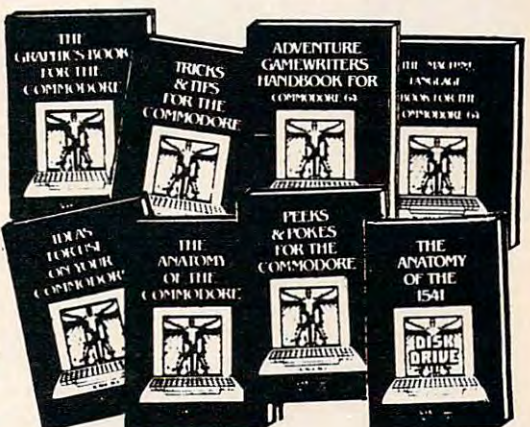
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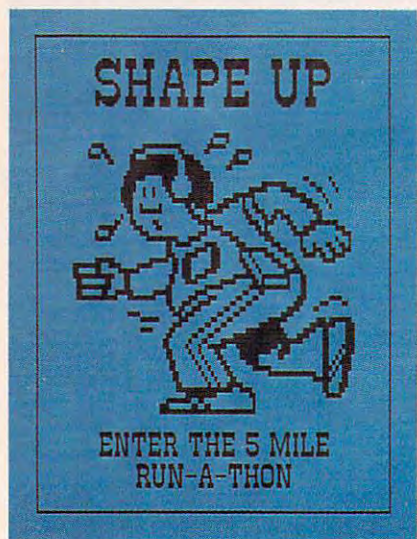
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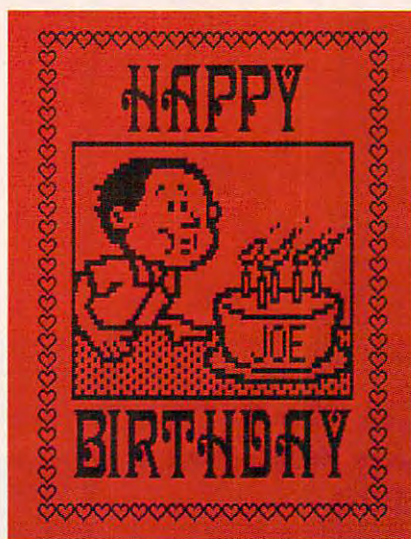
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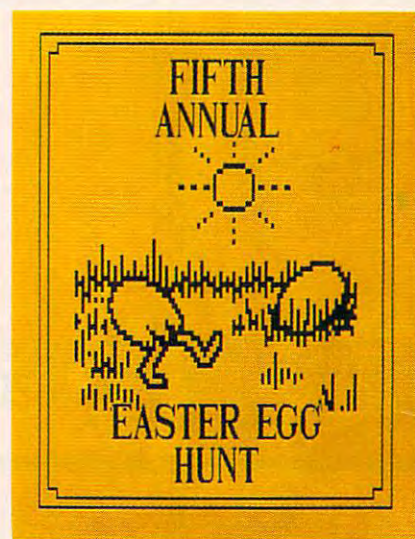
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A recent book, *Alan Turing: The Enigma*, is a fascinating study of the life of a brilliant scientist and of the development of early "computing engines" which helped decode secret German messages and significantly contributed to the Allied victory in World War II.

Turing worked with primitive decoders. Called *Bombes* because they ticked loudly, they were something like old-style adding machines, computing with gears and wheels—all mechanical in the days before the electronic revolution. In fact, much of the computation was done by hundreds of women on an assembly line:

...the *Bombes* ticked away, getting on with the work...while the Wrens [Women's Royal Naval Service] did their appointed tasks, without knowing what any of it was for. He [Turing] was fascinated by the fact that people could be taking part in something clever, in a quite mindless way.

Machines, and people acting like machines, had replaced a good deal of human thought, judgment, and recognition. Few knew how the system worked, and for anyone else, it was a mystic oracle, producing an unpredictable judgment. Mechanical, determinate processes were producing clever, astonishing decisions.

Indeed, this large room of workers surrounding the *Bombe* suggested nothing to Turing so much as a giant machine. Here a group was mechanically adding results; over there was another crew responsible for feeding information back into the *Bombe*. Some people had to file information, some had to compare a template against each new pattern as it was passed down the line. We can now easily recognize that these activities are the elements of computers and software: RAM, ROM, masking, CPU, feedback loops, branching, and so forth. In those days, however, it took genius to see that the *Bombe* could be expanded to take over and speed up the functions of the hundreds of clerks working around it.

U-boats were sinking ships all over the Atlantic. Turing and his associates were always working against time, trying to decode messages faster. Eventually, they began to experiment with ways to store information electronically.

It's intriguing to read of their efforts to hold onto a few bits of information for a brief time. One of the best solutions they came up with was to store the bits in a cathode ray tube, an early TV screen. This had the advantage that you could amuse yourself by watching the bits flickering while they briefly rested until needed again by the central processor.

But Turing's most famous contribution to computing is the related concepts we now call the *Turing machine* and the *Turing test*. His idea of the machine revealed that he achieved the first comprehensive understanding of the possibility of artificial intelligence. He imagines a universal machine, one that could perform the job of all the other, more specialized, machines. Adding machines operated according to fixed rules which were reflected in their metal cogs and gears. The *Bombe*, too, performed its job because its mechanism was physically shaped in certain ways.

Turing thought of "tapes" which could contain instructions describing the "state of mind" of the adding machine, the *bombe*, or any other calculating engine including human "computers." A tape could be fed into a supermachine, and it would then adapt to the state of mind, the description of some other machine, contained on the tape. In this way, the supermachine could "perform the equivalent of human mental activity. A single machine to replace the human computer! An electric brain!"

By the 1950s, Turing had completely formulated another startling concept: How can you tell if a machine is truly *thinking*? The Turing test is deceptively simple: If a questioner cannot tell the difference between written answers from two intelligences, then, for any practical purpose *there is no difference between the intelligences*.

He imagined a game in which an interrogator would have to decide, on the basis of written replies alone, which of two people in another room was a man and which a woman.... They would alike be making claims such as "I am the woman, don't listen to him!".... A successful imitation of a woman's responses by a man would

not prove anything. Gender depended on facts which were *not* reducible to sequences of symbols. In contrast, he wished to argue that such an imitation principle did apply to "thinking" or "intelligence." If a computer, on the basis of its written replies to questions, could not be distinguished from a human respondent, then "fair play" would oblige one to say that it must be "thinking."

...he produced an argument in favor of adopting the imitation principle as a criterion. This was that there was no way of telling that other people were "thinking" or "conscious" except by a process of comparison with oneself, and he saw no reason to treat computers any differently.

Turing expected a machine to pass his test around the end of this century:

I believe that in about fifty years' time it will be possible to programme computers, with a storage capacity of about 10^9 , to make them play the imitation game so well that an average interrogator will not have more than 70 per cent chance of making the right identification after five minutes of questioning. The original question, "can machines think?" I believe to be too meaningless to deserve discussion. Nevertheless I believe that at the end of the century the use of words and general educated opinion will have altered so much that one will be able to speak of machines thinking without expecting to be contradicted.

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Nonetheless, Turing's machine, his test, and his other ideas continue to have enormous impact, and *Alan Turing: The Enigma* is a lively, understandable portrait of a major thinker's life and ideas. If you're curious about where computers came from and where they're likely to go from here, you'll enjoy this book very much indeed.

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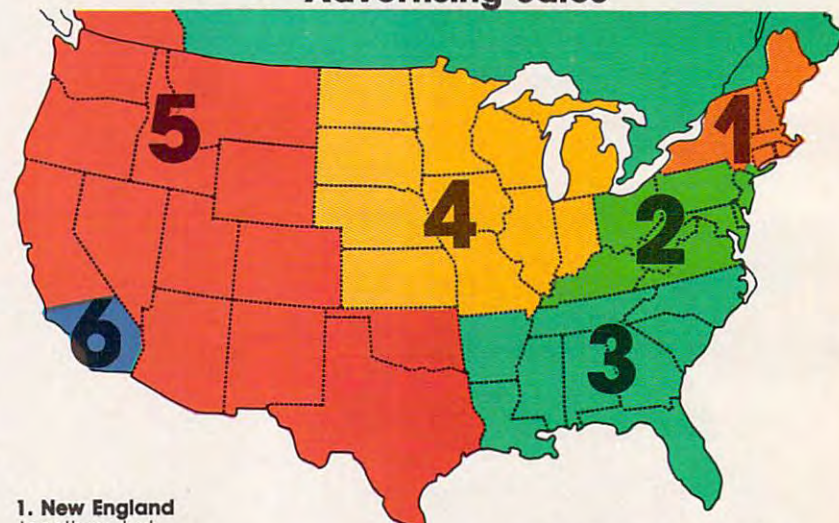
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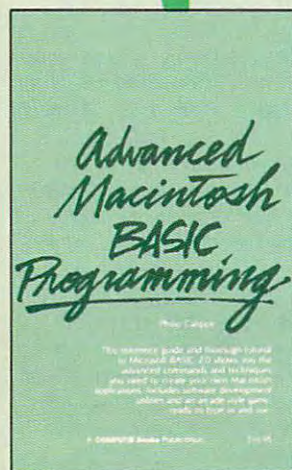
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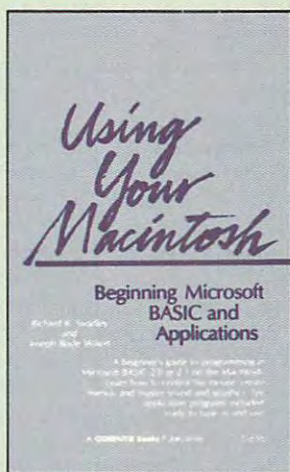
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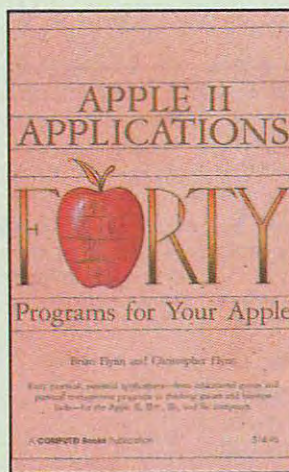
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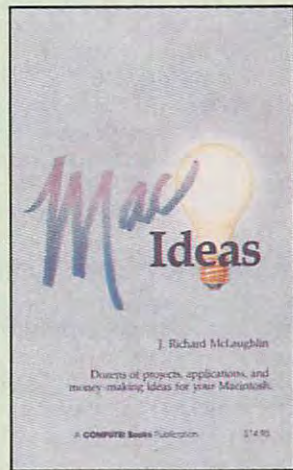
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Unique Random Numbers

I am writing a program that requires random numbers to control the game, but the problem is I want to filter out the random numbers that have already been picked. I'm using an Atari computer. What's the solution?

Daren O'Brien

There are a couple of solutions to this problem, and they apply to nearly any version of BASIC. Which method is fastest and most efficient depends on the particular requirements of your program. You may be writing an arcade-style game which needs to position characters or objects randomly about the screen, each in a different location; or you may be writing a card game simulation that requires a "shuffled" pile of 52 random numbers.

The most common approach is to generate a random number, check it against a list of previously generated random numbers stored in an array, and then generate a new number if there's a match. This can be done by a subroutine that your program calls whenever it needs a unique number. Here's an example in Atari BASIC that works with little or no modification in most other BASICs:

```
10 SIZE=100: DIM ARRAY(SIZE): A=1
20 FOR J=1 TO SIZE: ARRAY(J)=0: NEXT J
30 GOSUB 1000: REM GET UNIQUE RANDOM NUMBER
40 PRINT "UNIQUE VALUE #"; A-1; " = "; RNUM
50 IF A<SIZE+1 THEN 30
60 END
1000 RNUM=INT(RND(1)*1000+1)
1010 PRINT RNUM
1020 J=1
1030 IF RNUM=ARRAY(J) THEN 1000
1040 J=J+1: IF J<SIZE+1 THEN 1030
1050 ARRAY(A)=RNUM: A=A+1: RETURN
```

Line 10 defines the size of the array which stores the random numbers and sets A=1 as an index into the array. You can change the variable SIZE, of course, to create any size array you need. Line 20 clears out the array with zeroes. The statements in these two lines should be placed in the initialization section of your program, followed by your own code.

Line 30 calls the random number subroutine, which begins at line 1000. The statement in line 1000 generates a random number (RNUM) between 1 and 1000 in Atari BASIC. Make whatever changes are appropriate for your particular program or version of BASIC. Line 1010 can be omitted in your own program—it simply prints the newly generated random number on the screen for this demonstration. Lines 1020-1040 set up a loop which compares RNUM to each element in the array. If a match is found—meaning the random number was previously generated and stored in the array—the program goes back to line 1000, which makes a new random number and repeats the process. If no match is found anywhere in the array—meaning the random number is unique—the program continues to line 1050. This line adds the number to the array, increments the array index (A=A+1), and finally ends the subroutine with a RETURN.

(Incidentally, some of you may be wondering why we didn't use a FOR-NEXT statement for the loop in lines 1020-1040. We didn't because the IF-THEN statement in line 1030 frequently jumps out of the loop back to line 1000 whenever it finds a match, and this could eventually cause a stack overflow and out-of-memory error.)

Lines 40 and 50 can be omitted from your own program. They merely print the random numbers on the screen for this demonstration.

This method of generating unique random numbers works, but suffers from a few problems. For one thing, if you need a great many random numbers, or if you can't predict how many you'll need as your program runs, your computer may not have enough memory for the large array that's required. Also, if the number of random numbers you need coincides with the allowable range of the random numbers, this routine slows down almost to a crawl as it struggles to generate the

last few unique numbers.

An example of the latter problem is when you're programming a card game simulation and need a randomized list of 52 unique numbers from 1 to 52, each number representing a card. To see a demonstration, set SIZE=52 in line 10 and modify line 1000 so it generates random numbers restricted to the range of 1-52. When you run the program, at first it has no trouble coming up with unique numbers. But soon it begins exhausting the possibilities. By the time it reaches the forty-fifth unique number, it is having real trouble generating numbers which haven't been made before. The fifty-second number is the hardest of all—it might take a minute or longer. (There are better ways to shuffle a list of numbers for card games, but we haven't room to cover them here.)

If repeated calls to this subroutine slow down your program too drastically, rewrite it slightly to fill the array with all the unique numbers your program will need. Then call the routine just once, as your program initializes. Later, whenever your program needs a unique random number, it can simply pull a number out of the array, incrementing a counter each time so the same number isn't retrieved more than once.

Wide SpeedCalc Printouts

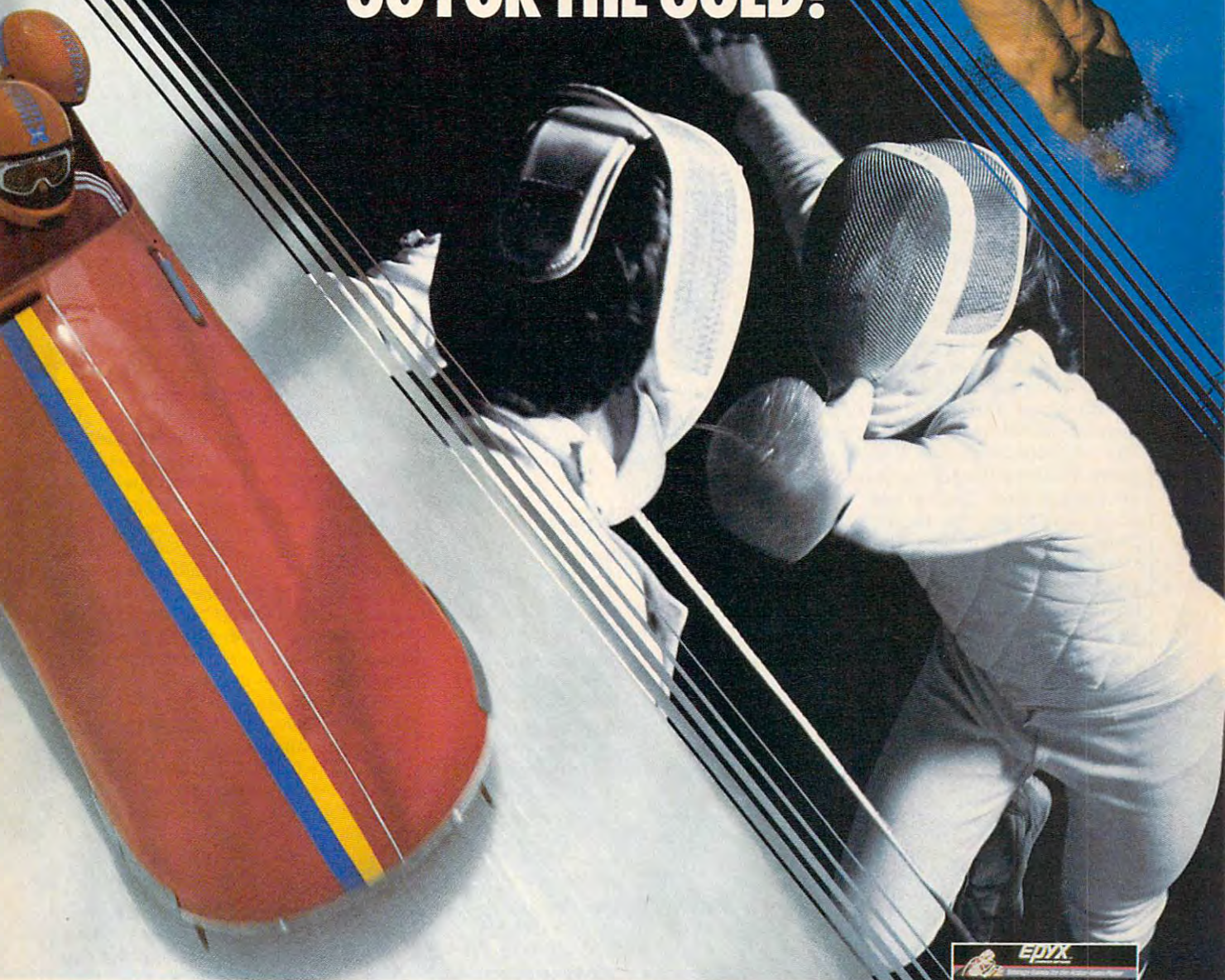
Does SpeedCalc work with the Sideways program? I would like the ability to print out a spreadsheet with lots of columns.

Stephen Forstein

Because SpeedCalc allows as many as 50 cells per horizontal row, many worksheets can't be printed on a standard 80-column printer. For example, a 12-month worksheet with an extra left cell for row titles and an extra right column cell for totals will be 126 columns wide (if you use the default column width of nine characters per cell). If you print this in the normal manner, you'll find that each worksheet row wraps to one and a half lines on the printout, making the sheet difficult to read.

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your printer supports it (Commodore printers do not). On most printers this allows a 132-character line, enough for more than 14 default-width cells across. You'll need to set the printer for condensed printing before you run SpeedCalc, either by setting the appropriate DIP switch on the printer or by sending the proper command codes. For example, CHR\$(15) works for Epson and Epson-compatible printers. You may have to use "transparent mode" to send this command through your interface. For instance, Cardco interfaces require OPEN 4,4:PRINT#4,CHR\$(15):CLOSE 4.

With the Commodore (January 1986) and Apple (February 1986) versions of SpeedCalc, the commercial program Sideways does let you print your sheets vertically down the page instead of horizontally across. This allows you to print spreadsheets of virtually unlimited width. The only restriction is that Sideways requires ASCII text files. For the Apple, just use Open Apple-CTRL-P to print a copy of the sheet to disk. For the 64/128, the procedure is slightly more complicated, since Sideways requires that the data be in a SEQ (sequential) file and SpeedCalc prints a PRG (program) file to disk. (The SpeedCalc article in the January issue is in error when it states that printing to disk stores the data in a sequential file.) To use Sideways with Commodore SpeedCalc, you must print (not save) the sheet to disk, then convert the printed data file from PRG format to SEQ format. The short program below performs this conversion:

```
10 PRINT "{CLR}{DOWN}{RVS} PRG
{SPACE}-> SEQ FILE CONVE
RTER " :Z$=CHR$(0):OPEN 3
,8,15,"I0:" :GOSUB 100
20 FP$="":INPUT "NAME OF PRG-TY
PE FILE";FP$:IF FP$="" T
HEN 20
30 OPEN 1,8,8,"0:" +FP$+",P,R":
GOSUB 100:IF S THEN CLOS
E 1:GOTO 20
40 FS$="":INPUT "NAME FOR SEQ-T
YPE FILE";FS$:IF FS$=""
{SPACE} THEN 40
50 OPEN 2,8,9,"0:" +FS$+",S,W":
GOSUB 100:IF S THEN CLOS
E 2:GOTO 40
60 PRINT "WORKING...":GET#1,A$
,A$
70 GET#1,A$:A$=ASC(A$+Z$):S=ST:
PRINT#2,CHR$(A$):IF (S O
R ST)=0 THEN 70
80 IF (S<>64) OR ST THEN A$=""
:GOTO 120
90 CLOSE 2:CLOSE 1:CLOSE 3:PRI
NT "DONE":END
100 INPUT#3,S,A$:IF S=0 THEN P
RINT:RETURN
110 IF (S=62) OR (S=63) THEN P
RINT "{RVS}":A$:RETURN
120 CLOSE 2:CLOSE 1:CLOSE 3:PR
INT "{DOWN}{RVS}DISK ERRO
R: ";A$
```

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Atari ST Languages

What languages are available for the Atari ST?

Randy Johnson

Atari includes ST BASIC and Logo with the purchase of an ST system. Below is a list of additional languages available or under development for the ST at the time of this writing (mid-February). This list is by no means complete—new ST applications, including languages, are announced on an almost daily basis. Your Atari dealer is a good source of information about new products. You should also keep an eye on the product evaluations in COMPUTE!'s "Reviews" and "News & Products" sections. Advertisements are timely information sources as well, since it's common for a developer to announce a product in ads before actually releasing it on the market.

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Reading Apple Keys

I have just read Apple SpeedCalc in COMPUTE!'s February 1986 issue and noticed that the program's commands use the Open Apple and Closed Apple keys. How do you read those keys? They don't show up in INPUT statements or when the keyboard is read. Can I access them from BASIC or only from machine language?

David Reed

The Open Apple and Closed Apple keys, which appear only on Apple IIe and IIc computers, are easy to read from BASIC or machine language. Both can be read in BASIC by PEEKing certain memory locations. The value in location 49249 (\$C061) is 128 or greater if the Open Apple key is pressed, and less than 128 if it is not.

Location 49250 (\$C062) gives the same information for the Closed Apple key. Here's a program fragment that gets a keypress and also checks these two special keys:

```
100 GET K$:REM WAIT FOR A
KEYPRESS
110 OA = PEEK(49249):CA =
PEEK(49250)
120 IF K$="a" AND OA >= 128 AND
CA < 128 THEN GOSUB 1000
```

These statements call a subroutine at line 1000 if Open Apple-A is pressed, but not if Open Apple-Closed Apple-A is pressed.

Amiga Graphics Update

We enjoyed your article on the graphics for Commodore's new Amiga computer ["Amiga's Amazing Graphics," COMPUTE!, November 1985]. Most of the information was very accurate, and the picture describing bit plane graphics was particularly effective. There was some inaccuracy, however. The actual color map at 640 X 200 resolution is the same as it is at 320 X 200, and there are no restrictions on adjacent pixels. Somehow, you must have gotten some old documentation. Also, although Intuition supports dual playfield mode, it does not do multiple screens using dual playfield mode—it uses the video co-processor to rewrite the display parameters. This is much more flexible, as any display parameter can be changed instead of just the color map. You can change resolution, color map, or number of bit planes between screens running simultaneously.

Glenn Keller
Commodore-Amiga, Inc.

We appreciate your comments. At the time we wrote the article, we were working with the prerelease Hardware Manual, which described an earlier version of the graphics chips.

As you say, the final graphics hardware does not impose any restrictions on color resolutions. Early graphics chips could not fully change the color signal between adjacent pixels in 640 X 200 mode, but the current hardware permits any of 16 colors (from the palette of 4,096 colors) at any pixel position, or 32 simultaneous colors for the 320 X 200 mode. The 400-line interlaced modes have the same color capability as 320 X 200 and 640 X 200.

Since the Workbench uses only four colors (two bit planes), we assumed that dual playfields (where two independent screens can be overlapped and merged) were used to support pull-down custom screens. Since every multitasking application can call for its own custom bitmap, Intuition allows these custom screens to be overlapped and repositioned vertically with the mouse. This effect can be seen

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TI Tips Book

In an effort to provide easily accessed documentation to TI users, I have put together a TI tips booklet that consists of 99 tips for the TI-99/4A. These are a compilation of suggestions given in our user group newsletter. They include PEEKs, POKEs, listings, hints, and so on. Also included is a complete disk drive memory map, summary of Extended BASIC commands, and a sorting program written in BASIC and machine language. One such tip that may interest your readers allows them to disable FCTN = (QUIT) in Extended BASIC. To do this, enter this statement:

```
CALL INIT :: CALL LOAD(-31806,16)
```

To enable it again, type CALL LOAD(-31806,0). Another POKE allows you to prevent Extended BASIC programs from being listed. Type CALL LOAD(-31931,128) to do this. To unprotect Extended BASIC programs, enter CALL LOAD(-31931,0). The TI tips booklet is available through the Central Iowa 99/4A Users Group for \$4 (the cost of materials, printing, and postage) at the following address:

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John Hamilton

Thank you for providing this information.

Setting Atari Tabs

I read with interest your examples of programming Atari tab stops using memory location 201. This location is in the BASIC zero page RAM because it is

used only by BASIC, and can only be used with PRINT statements containing commas. The true tab function is executed by the operating system (the text editor). It is associated with memory locations 675-689. These memory locations form the tab set map. The highest bit of location 675 corresponds to column zero, and the lowest bit of location 689 corresponds to column 120 of the logical line. Normally every eighth bit is set (as can be seen by experimenting with the TAB key). This can be changed either with the TAB CLEAR and TAB SET keys or by POKEing values to the map locations. For example the following program clears the map with POKEs, then prints the heading while using the TAB SET character, CHR\$(159). Then the names and addresses are printed while using the TAB character, CHR\$(127).

```
10 FOR I=675 TO 689:POKE
  I,0:NEXT I
20 DIM NAME$(10),ADDRESS$(
  25),TAB$(1),TABSET$(1
  )
30 TAB$=CHR$(127):TABSET$
  =CHR$(159)
40 PRINT "NAME(13 SPACES)"
  ;TABSET$;"ADDRESS"
50 PRINT
60 FOR A=1 TO 4
70 READ NAME$;ADDRESS$
80 PRINT NAME$;TAB$;ADDRE
  SS$
90 NEXT A
100 END
110 DATA ADAMS,12 MAIN ST
  REET
120 DATA ARTHUR,1515 SUNN
  Y STREET
130 DATA SMITHSON,100 CIR
  CLE DRIVE
140 DATA WEEKS,2 DONNA LA
  NE
```

Sherwood Stolt

Thank you for the additional information.

Custom Characters For Plus/4 And 16

I was wondering how the Commodore Plus/4 can generate user-defined characters and where I would POKE them into memory.

Sean Donovan

The following program redefines the @ character as the familiar Commodore logo symbol.

```
FX 10 FORA=828TO860:READB:POKE
  A,B:NEXT:SYS828
AM 20 POKE65298,PEEK(65298)AND
  251
HP 30 POKE65299,PEEK(65299)AND
  30R60
SR 40 FORA=15360TO15367:READB:
  POKEA,B:NEXT
JA 50 DATA 169,60,133,3,169,0,
  133,2,133,4,169,208,133
AC 60 DATA 5,162,3,160,0,177,4,
  145,2,136,208,249,230
SK 70 DATA 3,230,5,202,16,242,
  96
```

```
HD 80 DATA 98,146,130,130,144,
  98,0,0:REM CUSTOM CHARAC
  TER DATA
```

Two memory locations are important for custom characters on the Commodore Plus/4 and 16. Bit 2 of location 65298 controls whether character data is fetched from ROM or RAM. The POKE in line 20 switches from the normal ROM character definitions to a custom character set in RAM. The upper six bits of location 65299 tell the computer where the character set is located in memory. When POKEing to location 65299 it is important not to disturb its lower two bits. To determine the number to POKE into this location, divide the starting address of the custom character set by 256. Since the example program puts the character set at location 15360, we use the POKE in line 30.

The program uses a machine language routine to copy the character set from ROM to RAM beginning at location 15360. To copy the character set to some location other than 15360, replace the second number in line 50 (currently 60) with the number you POKEd into line 30. Line 40 reads the custom character data from line 80 and POKEs it into the area reserved for the definition of the @ symbol.

IBM Mazes And Movement

I am trying to write a maze game for the IBM. How could I write the program to randomly generate a simple maze, allowing me to choose the dimensions, and make sure that it is a solvable one?

Aaron Greenberg

Few COMPUTE! programs have spawned so many offspring as Charles Bond's maze generation algorithm, originally published in the December 1981 issue. The short and simple procedure generates a maze that's different every time the program is run, yet is always solvable. Here's a PC/PCjr adaptation for SCREEN 1, the medium-resolution graphics screen (for the PC, this requires a color/graphics adapter). In place of the PEEKs and POKEs of the earlier versions, this one uses BASIC's SCREEN, LOCATE, and PRINT statements:

```
OK 100 KEY OFF:SCREEN 1,0:COLOR
  1,0:CLS:RANDOMIZE TIMER
DJ 110 MAXROW=23:MAXCOL=40:DIM P
  (3,1):FOR J=0 TO 3:READ P
  (J,0),P(J,1):NEXT
IE 120 DATA 0,2,-2,0,0,-2,2,0
DM 130 HL=8:YPOS=2:XPOS=2:LOCATE
  YPOS,XPOS:PRINT CHR$(5)
OO 140 J=INT(RND(1)*4):X=J
MP 150 NY=YPOS+P(J,0):NX=XPOS+P(
  J,1):IF NY<1 OR NY>MAXROW
  OR NX<1 OR NX>MAXCOL THEN
  N 170
JP 160 IF SCREEN(NY,NX)=0 THEN L
  OCATE NY,NX:PRINT CHR$(J+
  1):LOCATE (YPOS+P(J,0)/2
  ),(XPOS+P(J,1)/2):PRINT CH
  R$(HL):YPOS=NY:XPOS=NX:GO
```




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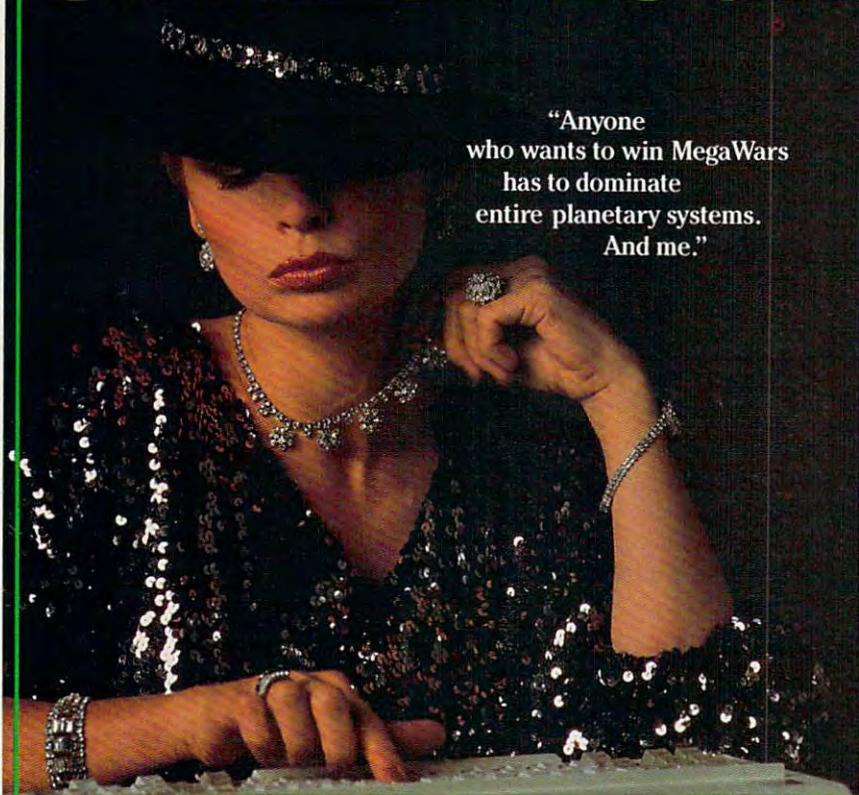
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```

TO 140
OC 170 J=(J+1)*-(J<3):IF J<>X TH
EN 150
JK 180 J=SCREEN(YPOS,XPOS)-1:LOC
ATE YPOS,XPOS:PRINT CHR$(
HL);:IF J<4 THEN YPOS=YPO
S-P(J,0):XPOS=XPOS-P(J,1)
:GOTO 150
HB 190 GOTO 190
    
```

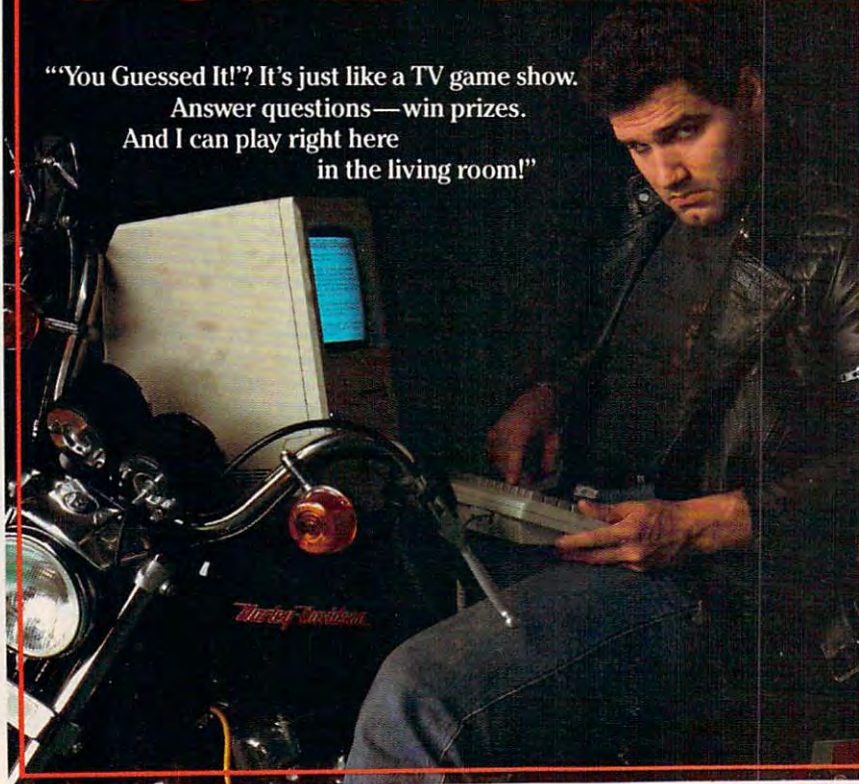
To customize the routine for your own use, change MAXROW and MAXCOL (line 110) for the maximum number of rows and columns in the maze. (Don't make MAXROW greater than 23, since printing on the bottom two lines of the screen causes scrolling.) As it stands now, the routine always starts constructing the maze from the upper-left corner. You can change this by changing the values of XPOS and YPOS (line 130). The values should always be at least 2, but less than MAXROW and MAXCOL. The variable HL (line 130) defines the character used for the paths of the maze. You can change this to any character you desire, but its value must be greater than 5 (lower values are used to draw the maze) and less than 128 (higher values are not available on the graphics screen). Unfortunately, this set of characters does not include a reverse space that would draw solid paths for the maze. It's up to you to define which end point is the finish of the maze.

Now that the maze is in place, it's an ideal time to answer a letter from R.C. Loveland, who wants to know how to use the IBM joystick. The joystick is an ideal tool for maneuvering a player through the maze, and BASIC's STICK and STRIG functions make it easy to read. IBM joysticks are "positional"; they return values that reflect the horizontal and vertical deflection of the stick relative to a simple coordinate system. In this system, coordinate 0,0 means the stick is pushed to the upper-left corner, and 255,255 means the stick is pushed to the lower-right corner. STICK(0) returns the horizontal (x) coordinate of the first joystick, while STICK(1) returns the vertical (y) coordinate. STICK(2) and STICK(3) perform the corresponding functions for the second joystick. The only special rule is that STICK(0) must be read first, before any other directions. (Even if you only want positions from the second joystick, you must read STICK(0) first.)

STRIG reads the status of the joystick buttons—most IBM joysticks have two, but only one per joystick can be read unless you're using BASICA. You must use the statement STRIG ON before you can read button status. After enabling button reading, STRIG(0) returns -1 if the primary button on the first joystick has been pressed since the last time STRIG(0) was called, or 0 if it has not been pressed. STRIG(1) is slightly different—it returns -1 if the primary button on the first joystick is currently pressed (regardless of its previous state), or 0 if it is not

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pressed. STRIG(2) and STRIG(3) perform the corresponding functions for the primary button on the second joystick.

This system makes it easy to determine the position of the joystick. But in a situation like navigating the maze drawn by the routine above, what you really need to know is the direction in which the stick is pressed. Add the lines below to the maze-drawing routine above:

```

LD 190 CH=1: XPOS=2: YPOS=2: LOCATE
      YPOS, XPOS: PRINT CHR$(CH)
NK 200 XMOV=STICK(0)-XCTR: XJOY=S
      GN(XMOV): IF ABS(XMOV)<10
      THEN XJOY=0
JH 210 YMOV=STICK(1)-YCTR: YJOY=S
      GN(YMOV): IF ABS(YMOV)<10
      THEN YJOY=0
DB 220 NY=YPOS+YJOY: NX=XPOS+XJOY
      : IF NY<1 OR NY>23 OR NX<1
      OR NX>40 THEN 200
CD 230 IF SCREEN(NY, NX)=0 THEN 2
      00
JG 240 LOCATE YPOS, XPOS: PRINT CH
      R$(8): LOCATE NY, NX: PRINT
      CHR$(1): YPOS=NY: XPOS=NX: G
      OTO 200
  
```

Line 190 defines character 1 (the reverse-smiling face) as the player, then positions it at the start of the maze. Lines 200-210 calculate two directional values, XJOY and YJOY, based on how far the stick is moved from the center positions (XCTR and YCTR). XJOY is -1 if the stick is moved to the left, 1 if the stick is moved to the right, and 0 if the stick is not moved horizontally. YJOY is -1 if the stick is moved up, 1 if the stick is moved down, and 0 if the stick is not moved vertically.

The advantage of this system is that the screen player can be moved very simply in relationship to the joystick by adding the XJOY and YJOY values to the current position and using the LOCATE statement (lines 220 and 240). The sensitivity of the joystick can be adjusted by changing the value in the ABS test (lines 200-210). As shown, the joystick must be moved at least 10 increments in the desired direction for the change to register. This prevents small jiggles of the stick from causing unwanted movement. The test in line 230 prevents the player from leaving the maze. The SCREEN function returns 0 if no character has been printed in a position, while a maze path position will hold the value defined by HL in the maze-drawing routine.

One additional step is required to use this joystick routine. Each joystick returns slightly different readings, so it's difficult to predict what the values for the center coordinates will be. Thus, it's necessary to calibrate the joystick at the start of every program that reads it. The following lines show how this can be done:

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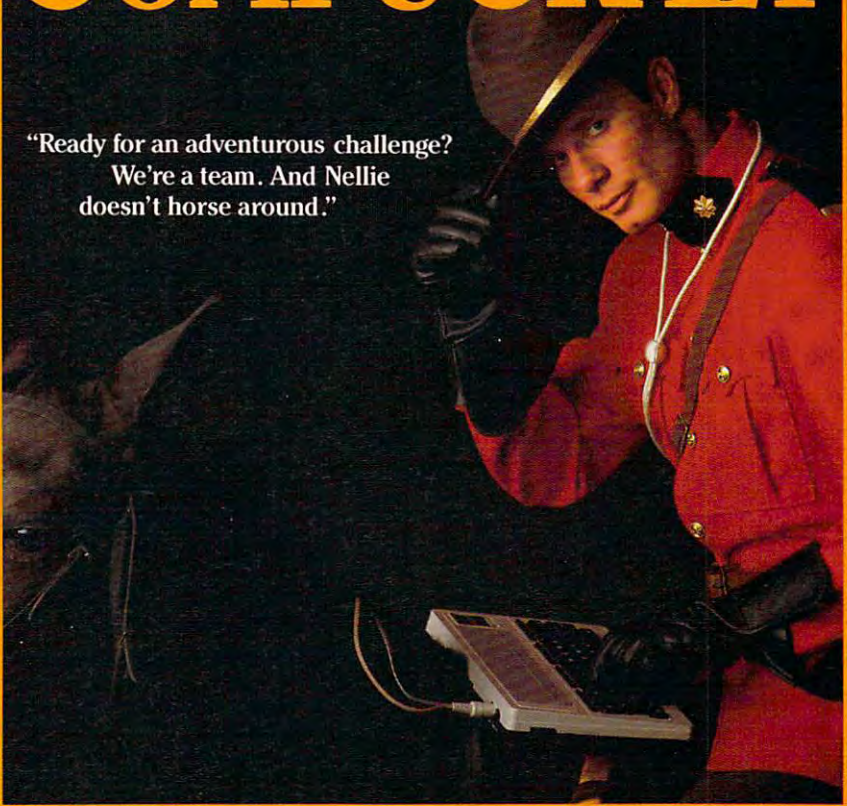
PC 10 CLS: WIDTH 40: STRIG ON: PRIN
      T "Press fire button to se
      t center position."
PL 20 IF STRIG(0)=0 THEN 20
CD 30 XCTR=STICK(0): YCTR=STICK(1
      )
  
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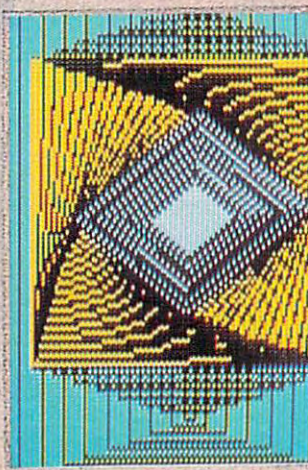
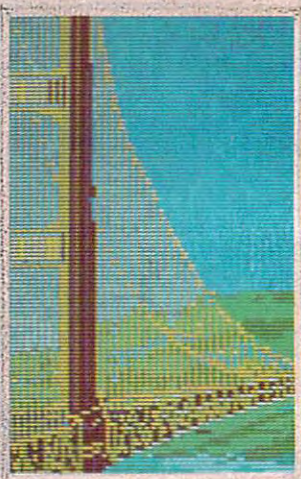
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Maybe you've never thought of yourself as an artist, but maybe you've never had the right tools to experiment easily with shapes and colors. There's a lot of software available—ranging from simple drawing programs to digitizers to sophisticated animation creators—that lets you explore your talent. Some is even used by professional artists and animators.

Before there were words, there were pictures. Human beings have always communicated with art. Although the media have changed over the centuries, the need to express ourselves through pictures has always existed, even if it's just doodling on a legal pad while talking on the telephone.

Computers got into the act about 25 years ago when Ivan Sutherland, a graduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, programmed a computer to draw a straight line. Since then, computer-generated graphics have evolved rapidly. And they've been used for many business applications as well as for aesthetic purposes.

We're at an interesting stage in the evolution of microcomputer graphics in 1986. Many programs have been developed over the last few years for casual use on home

computers. But the new 68000-based machines, such as the Atari ST and Commodore Amiga, offer graphics capabilities previously seen only on mini- and mainframe computers. The little computers are starting to catch up with the big ones.

You probably see more computer-generated graphics every day than you realize, especially if you watch much television. Makers of rock videos use computers extensively to produce bizarre images and special effects. Station promos and title screens for movies, TV shows, and newscasts are commonly created with computers. Weather forecasters use computer equipment not only to track and predict weather conditions, but also to prepare graphic presentations for viewers. Usually, the graphics you see on TV

are created with dedicated work stations—special computers and programs designed specifically for advanced graphics applications.

As the early microcomputer programmers explored applications for their machines, they came up with simple drawing programs. Though many of these programs were crude and difficult to use compared to what's available today, they allowed nonprogrammers to do something they couldn't do before: create images on a computer screen, using the keyboard or a joystick to select options and draw pictures.

In 1984, something happened that pushed the evolution of microcomputer graphics a bit further: Apple introduced the Macintosh. Two elements of this computer's design had a great impact on the next step in computer graphics. First, it used Motorola's 68000 microprocessor, a more sophisticated chip that allows higher-resolution bitmapped screens. Second, its user interface, incorporating pull-down menus and mouse control, made the Mac very easy for the average person to use.

In 1985, the Atari ST and Commodore Amiga hit the market, of-

fering similar ease of use and superior graphics capabilities, including color. And since they cost less, both machines are opening up the computer graphics field to even more software developers and consumers.

When you draw and paint a picture using traditional artist's tools, there are several processes required after visualizing what you're going to draw—though the order may vary from person to person. You draw shapes and fill some of them in. You mix different colors of paints to come up with just the right shade. You create backgrounds. And sometimes, you scrap the whole thing and start over.

Many draw-and-paint programs for computers let you do all of those things, but take advantage of the computer's processing powers to help with some of the detail work. Many of them use similar terms to describe these features, and here are some of the most common:

DRAW You can choose the width of stroke you want to use and draw your own shapes freehand.

FILL You can select a color or predefined pattern (or create your own pattern) and paint the inside of a hollow shape or the background. This doesn't require painting the area with the input device as you would with a paintbrush; you just indicate the area you want filled and press a button or key. It fills almost instantly.

ZOOM or MAGNIFY This lets you zoom in on one tiny area to draw in detail, pixel by pixel. With some programs, you can see the magnified area and the overall picture simultaneously, or at least by flipping screens.

CIRCLE or BOX By defining two points (centerpoint and radius for a circle or two opposite corners of a box), you can instantly create a shape between those points. Many programs have a variety of shapes to choose from. Before you actually set the second point, most programs let you preview the shape and adjust its size. This is called a "rubber band" effect because of the way the shape stretches on the screen.



Amiga LIVE, a peripheral that accommodates digitization of real images on the computer screen, was used to create this picture. (Courtesy of Commodore-Amiga.)



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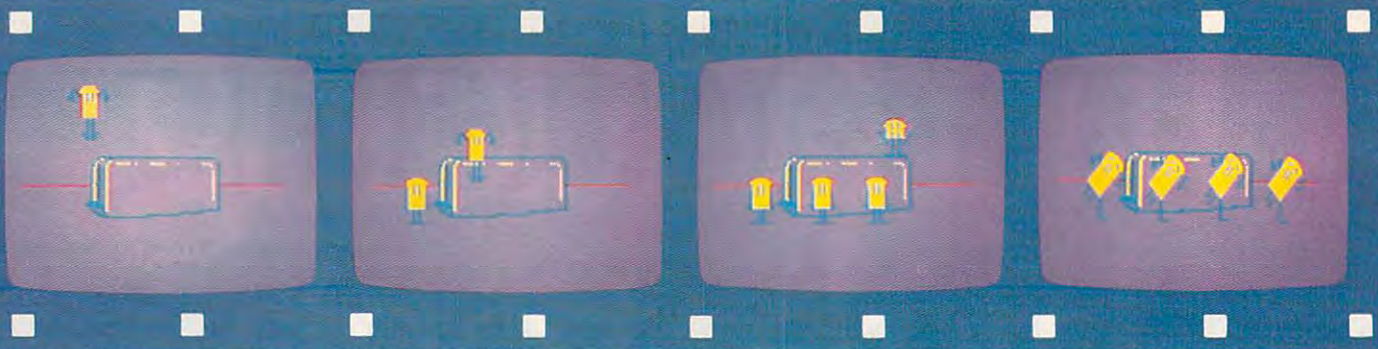
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Movie Maker, designed by Interactive Picture Systems and published by Electronic Arts, is used by many professional animators. With some practice, even the casual user can create sequences like the one shown above. These four frames were excerpted from a minute-long cartoon of four pieces of toast popping out of a toaster, performing a short dance, taking their bows, and popping back in.

FLIP Using this option, you can invert or otherwise reorient a shape so it sits at a different angle.

SPRAY PAINT or **AIR BRUSH** This simulates what an airbrush does, something like fine-tuned spray-painting. Most programs let you select from a variety of widths, densities, and colors.

MIRROR IMAGE This feature lets you reverse an image you've already created, producing a mirror-image effect. With some programs, you can draw while this mode is active and see a reversed reflection of what you're drawing on the other half of the screen.

ERASE or **UNDO** There are usually two separate commands for deleting mistakes. One erases only the last thing you've done, and the other erases the entire picture. Also, you can use the input device as an eraser, moving around and deleting individual areas by redrawing them in the background color.

TEXT Some programs let you design your own character sets and integrate text with illustrations.

These are just some of the most common features found in drawing programs; each has its own additional options. The basic look of these programs is fairly similar, though. Lately, many of them have imitated *MacPaint* by displaying option icons around the perimeter of the screen. You select the icon representing the function you want, move onto the drawing surface, and begin using the function. At any time you can move off the drawing surface and choose another icon. Pull-down or drop-down menus are becoming popular, too. Input devices range from the keyboard to joysticks, light pens, graphics tablets, or mouse controllers.

When you're done with a picture, you can save it on disk or tape, print it out in black and white or color (most programs are compatible with popular printers), exchange it with other enthusiasts, hang it on a wall, or use it as an illustration in a newsletter or other publication. (Many of the figures appearing in *COMPUTE!* and *COMPUTE!* books have been created or conceptualized on a Macintosh.) Programmers can use the finished drawings as backgrounds or title screens. For instance, the drawing program that comes with an Atari ST system, *Neochrome*, has



Aegis Images was also used in designing this picture. Aegis Development recently began shipping Aegis Animator, an animation package that includes the Images program.

been used by at least one commercial software company to produce impressive effects in a graphics adventure game.

Though many drawing programs developed for the newer 16-bit computers are aimed at the commercial market (see "Creating with CAD: Computer-Aided Design" in this issue), there are several programs that are inexpensive and easy to use, ideal for people who like to experiment without investing a lot of money. That's who Tom

Hudson had in mind when he designed *Degas*.

Hudson had seen some demo programs for the Atari ST last June and was impressed with the machine's graphics capabilities. More of a programmer than an artist, Hudson sought out the advice of several artists and started writing his own drawing program.

The result is *Degas*, published by Batteries Included. *Degas* offers a palette of 500 colors and works in any of the Atari ST's three screen modes. The number of colors that can be displayed simultaneously depends on the mode—from 16 colors in low resolution (320 × 200) to black-and-white only in high resolution (640 × 400). In addition to these colors, the program also offers a selection of 60 patterns. Unlike many drawing programs, the actual working area is separate from the menu screen; you click the ST's mouse to move back and forth. *Degas* retails for \$39.95.

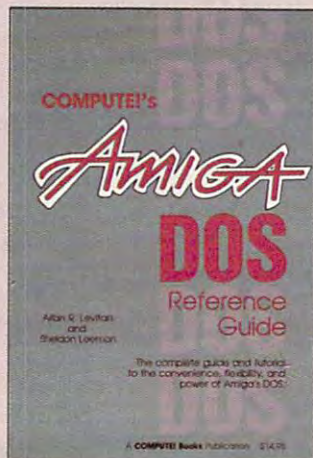
One of the best drawing programs for Apple computers is Broderbund's *Dazzle Draw*. This package for the Apple IIc or 128K Apple IIe uses a Macintosh-like user interface, multiple windows, cut-and-paste editing, and help screens. It allows ten shapes in 16 colors and 30 patterns in any one picture, and is compatible with a mouse, graphics tablet, KoalaPad, or joystick. *Dazzle Draw* also supports Apple's new UniDisk 3.5, which expands the program's slide show capacity to more than 40 images. It retails for \$59.95.

Graphics programs were among the first software packages introduced for the Commodore Amiga, and with good reason. It's a powerful graphics machine, capable of producing almost TV-quality

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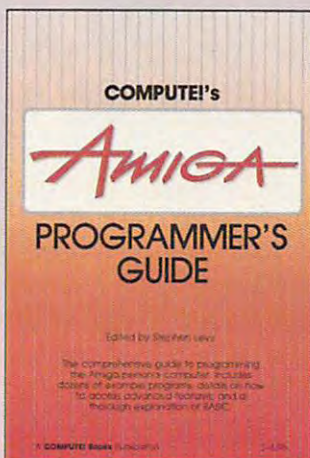
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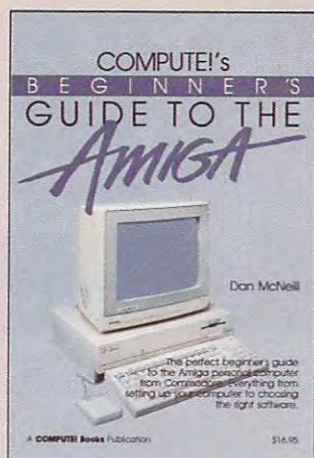
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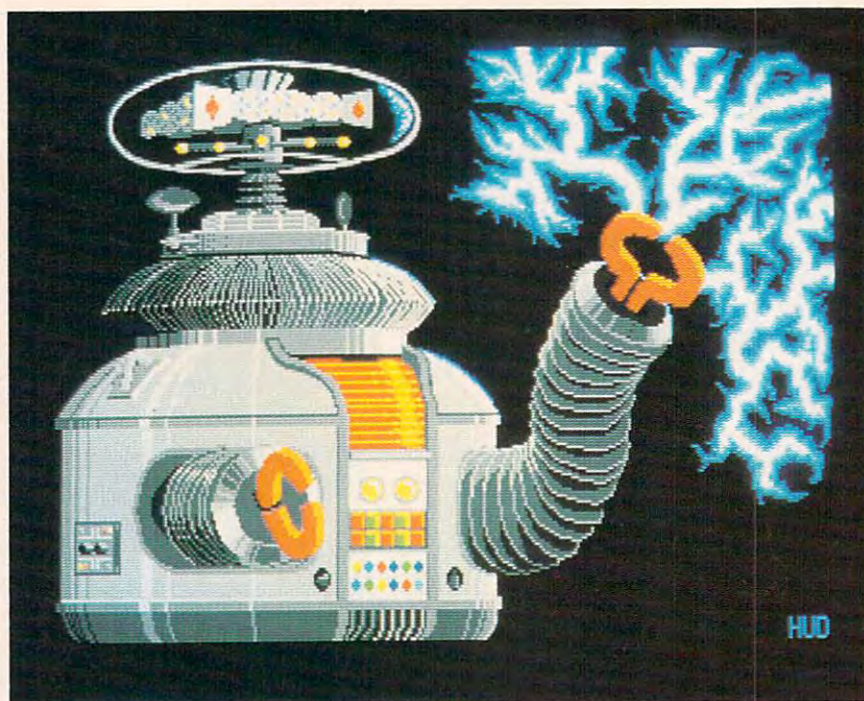
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Tom Hudson, designer of Batteries Included's *Degas* for the Atari ST, used the product to create this picture.

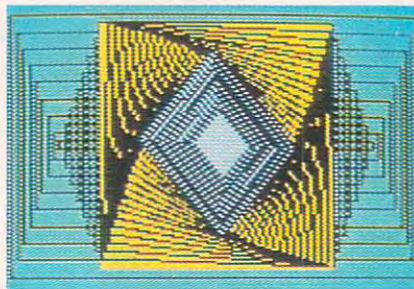
pictures. Electronic Arts has released *Deluxe Paint* for the Amiga, a very sophisticated paint program. Beyond the usual features, *Deluxe Paint* has a special palette window that lets you easily mix any combination of the Amiga's 4,096 colors. With *color cycling*, you can make parts of the picture appear to move, like a waterfall flowing or Christmas lights twinkling on a tree. Brush size can vary from a single pixel to a full screen, and any piece of a picture can be picked up and used as a brush. *Deluxe Paint* retails for \$99.95.

The next step, logically, is software which can take a static screen picture and add animation. This is an extremely complex procedure that taxes the power of even the fastest of today's personal computers. But even though the kind of animation seen in Saturday morning cartoons is still a few years away, you might be surprised at what can be done already.

Fantavision, from Brøderbund, is so easy to use that you can turn out an animated sequence in a few minutes. It incorporates the same kind of user interface adopted by many drawing programs—you pick up icons on the border of the

screen, move to the drawing surface and work, then move back to the border to change functions. When you've finished each frame, you save it, then move on to the next. When you're done, you execute a command that runs the sequence.

Fantavision employs an unusual animation technique. In the past, conventional animation has required artists to draw each frame of a sequence when there is the slightest change. It takes thousands of drawings for even a short piece of animation. But *Fantavision* uses *tweening*, a process that automatically fills in the transitional frames, making the sequence run smoothly.

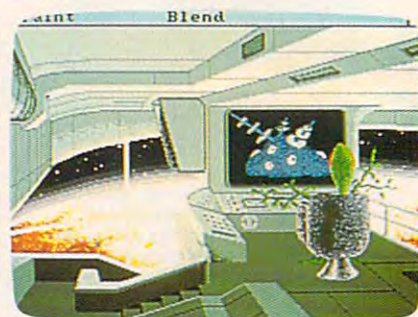


This still shot from Brøderbund's *Fantavision* gives you an idea of what the program's palette allows you to do. Its real power, though, lies in its incredibly easy-to-use animation features.

In effect, you tell the program where to start and end, and it fills in the middle. *Fantavision*, available for Apple II-series computers with at least 64K, retails for \$49.95.

Movie Maker, designed by Interactive Picture Systems and published by Electronic Arts, is a bit more complicated to use, but the payoff is more sophisticated animation. So sophisticated, in fact, that some professional animators use it.

Using *Movie Maker*, you can produce an animated sequence composed of up to 300 frames, with up to six video tracks and three sound tracks. The program consists of four main areas. In *Compose*, you create files of characters and backgrounds. *Record* asks you to recall those files and order them in the sequence you want, adding sound where appropriate. *Smooth* automatically rounds off the rough



Deluxe Paint, from Electronic Arts, was one of the first products shipped for the Commodore Amiga. This scene, created with the product, illustrates the sophisticated shapes and shading possible.

Commodore 64 (\$34.95), Atari (\$32.95), and Apple (\$39.95).

The Graphics Magician, designed by Polarware and published by Penguin Software, is actually two programs. *The Graphics Magician Painter* lets you draw pictures and save them in a very compact format on disk; *The Graphics Magician Animator* animates them. It's \$59.95 for the Apple II series and \$79.95 for Macintosh.

At this point, the way to create the most lifelike graphics on personal computers is to make digital images of real objects. *Computereyes*, from Digital Vision, Inc., lets you feed an image from a

videocassette recorder, video camera, TV, or any other video source into a computer and digitize it on the screen. The image can then be incorporated in a game or dumped to a printer. (An upgraded version of *Computereyes* that makes it compatible with both *The Newsroom* and *The Print Shop* can be purchased for \$15.) The *Computereyes* software is sold both separately and as part of a package along with a black and white video camera. *Computereyes* is available for the Commodore 64, Apple, and Atari (\$129.95; \$399.95 with video camera) and IBM PC family (\$249.95; \$519.95 with camera).

Two peripherals which have been announced for the Amiga allow video mixing and digitizing. The Genlock mixes external video signals with the computer's own video, and the Amiga Live digitizer



Powerful personal computer software is closing the gap between what an artist can do with state-of-the-art drawing tools and what a photographer can do with a camera. This ring was created using Amiga's GraphiCraft program. (Courtesy of Commodore-Amiga and artist Jack Haeger.)

edges, and *Play* runs the movie. *Movie Maker* is available for the captures external video images in

color and in realtime. Hippopotamus Software has announced a black and white digitizer for the Atari ST, with plans for an Amiga version later.

As technology advances, a debate rages over two issues related to computer-generated art. First, will these sophisticated tools mean that anyone can be an artist? Some people feel they could compete with traditionally trained artists if they had the right tools. They feel that they lack only the mechanical—not the artistic—abilities.

Second, can a computer ever be creative in the same way human beings are? Will it ever be the artist, and not just an artists's tool? No one knows yet, but if the evolution of computer graphics continues at the pace it's been going, it may not be too many years before we have some answers.



Pawn, a new graphics and text adventure from Firebird Licensees, Inc., contains numerous sharp images like this. The program's graphics were developed using Neochrome, a graphics package included in the Atari 520 ST's development system.

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Creating With CAD:



COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN

Selby Bateman, Features Editor

From a simple floor plan to the most complex electronic circuitry, computers are changing the worlds of design and engineering in virtually every field. Formerly the sole province of mainframe computers and expensive graphics terminals, sophisticated computer-aided design (CAD) software is now available for a wide variety of personal computers. Even for casual users, CAD programs are practical design tools that can also be entertaining and educational.

In an automobile factory, a design engineer puts a new axle through a series of stress and endurance tests. In an aircraft plant, another engineer studies how a breakthrough in fuselage design improves the agility of a jet fighter. And in the civil engineering department of a major city, a highway planner examines how a new thoroughfare changes the urban landscape.

Yet, all of these projects are merely sketched in phosphor on computer screens. The axle, the fuselage, and the highway have never been constructed. But the computer-aided designs are so accurate that they won't have to be built until they've been thoroughly analyzed and tested.

Each year, engineers and designers save millions of dollars in time and effort by modeling new projects with a computer before actually manufacturing them. In high-risk endeavors, such as aircraft design, lives can be saved by discovering design bugs on a computer monitor rather than watching them appear at 30,000 feet. Whether today's designers are creating new shoes or rockets, they're finding that computers dramatically change the way they work.

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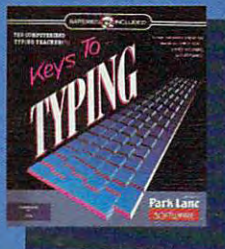
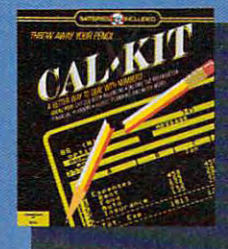


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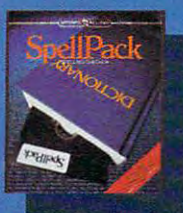
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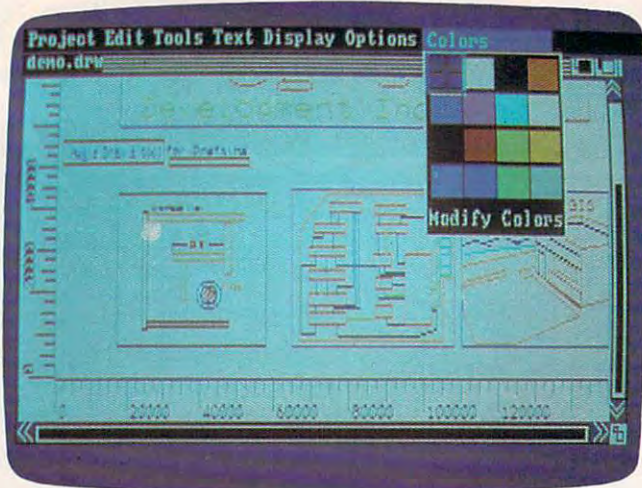
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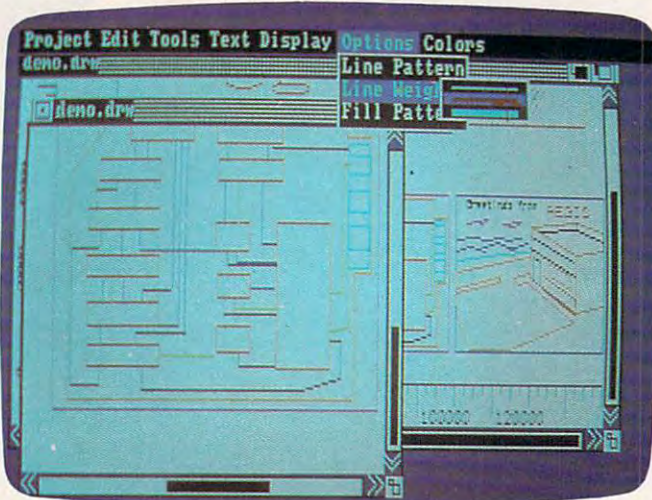
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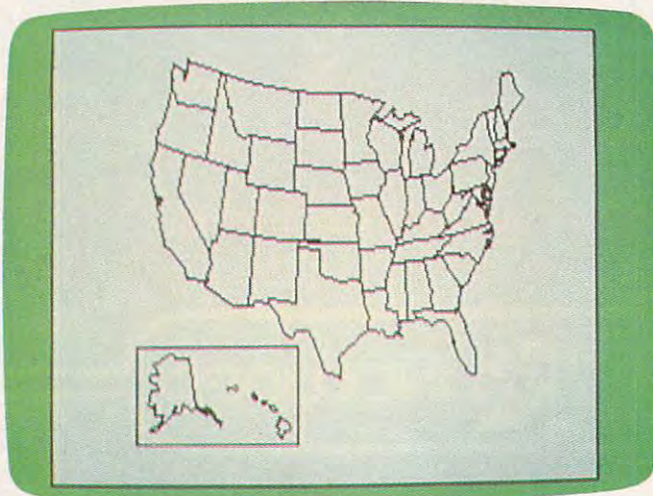
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A computer-aided design created with Aegis Draw on the Amiga.



Aegis Draw uses the Amiga's multitasking capability to permit more than one onscreen window to be used actively in a CAD project.



A design created on the Commodore 64 with CADPAK (Enhanced Version) from Abacus Software.

gin to approach such tasks.

But that's changing, thanks to computers like the Apple Macintosh, Atari ST, and Commodore Amiga. Already there are numerous professional CAD programs for the IBM PC family, though the PCs may have a difficult time keeping up with the CAD capabilities of the newer computers in the future. The Amiga in particular, with its versatile graphics and built-in multitasking, offers considerable power to CAD users. Simpler CAD work can even be done on some eight-bit computers with good graphics systems, such as the Commodore 64 and Atari 400/800/XL/XE series.

The variety of CAD projects is virtually limitless—flow charts, family trees, building designs, neighborhood maps, floor plans, architectural drawings, circuit designs, topographical maps, landscaping plans. All of these tasks, and many more, are being accomplished every day with micro-computers.

Advanced CAD programs for personal computers share many basic concepts, though the execution and ease of use varies from program to program. Whether these programs use the keyboard, a light pen, mouse, or some other input device, they reduce the tedious and repetitive work that has traditionally impeded the design process.

A few common features of CAD programs include:

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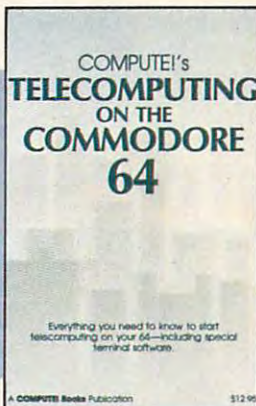


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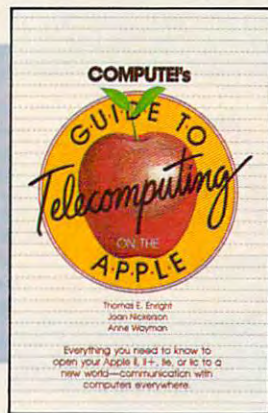


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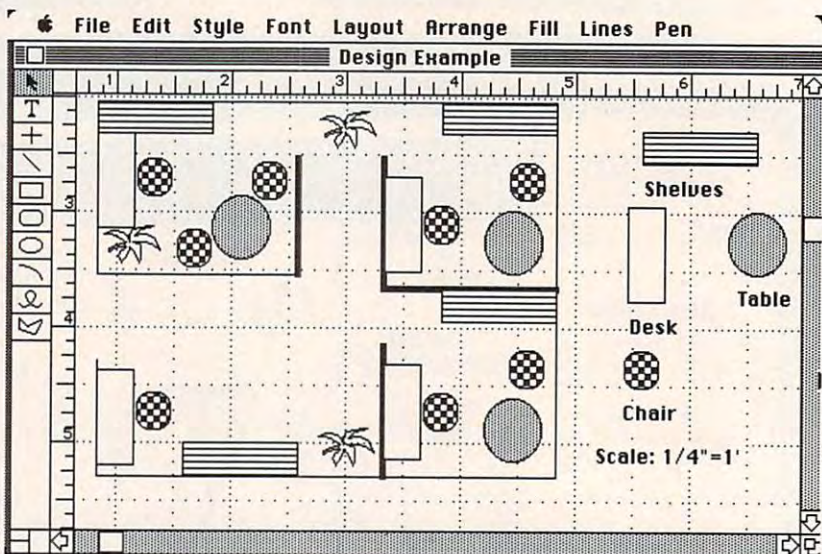
CAD software doesn't require the user to be an artist. Most CAD packages incorporate functions for creating lines, polygons, arcs, circles, rectangles, rounded corners, angles, and pattern fills, and for duplicating and resizing objects. In addition, built-in rulers and grid patterns take the guesswork out of precisely placing objects and text.

• **Object-based versus pixel-based programs:** With a CAD program, you can create and name a shape, then move it around the screen, recall it from memory, and reuse it at will. The program treats the shape as an object rather than as a collection of individual pixels. Most paint programs can't identify an image as an object, while CAD packages must have this capability to be useful.

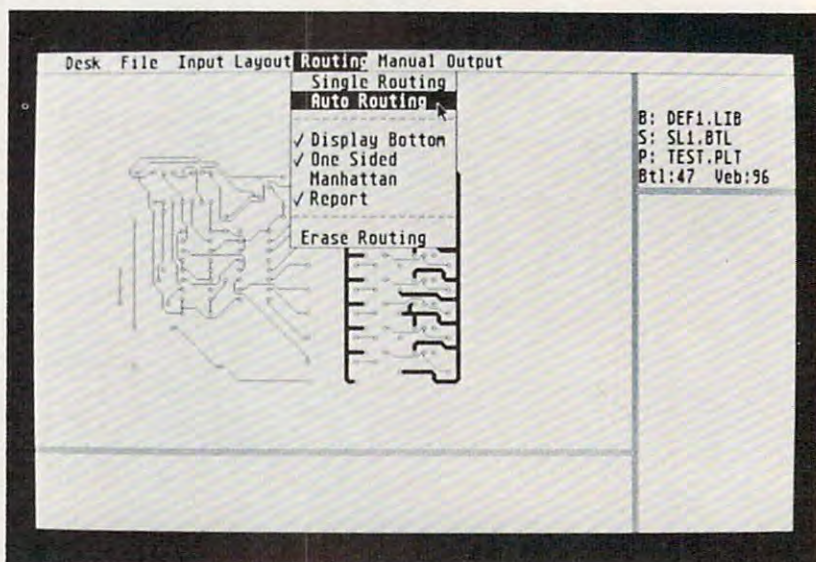
Obviously, there are many more features that make up a CAD program, and they vary from package to package, just as prices range from less than a hundred dollars to several thousand dollars. But even the most expensive CAD programs for personal computers cost considerably less than high-end CAD hardware and software; advanced solid-modeling, three-dimensional packages can cost tens of thousands of dollars.

One of the most popular and powerful CAD packages for personal computers is *AutoCad* from Autodesk, Inc., used by many professional designers. So popular has the program become that there are dozens of support packages which add a variety of specific architectural and engineering tools. In February, the first national convention and trade show devoted to CAD systems for microcomputers was held near Chicago—and not surprisingly, the show was called *AutoCadCon*. It focused primarily on the *AutoCad* package and its support programs. Response to the show exceeded expectations, and the *AutoCadCon* sponsors even arranged for as many as 1,200 universities across the nation to receive satellite downlinks from the conference's 20 technical sessions.

Whether your interest in CAD is professional or casual, there are a growing number of software packages at every level of price and



An office floorplan created with Apple Computer's MacDraw for the Macintosh.



Creating a printed circuit board layout is greatly simplified with Abacus Software's PCBoard Design for the Atari ST.

performance. However, it's difficult to understand how revolutionary and how widely applicable CAD can be until you've actually worked with one of these packages. What is it that CAD actually does for the designer?

"A word processor for drawing"—that's how software designer William Volk describes a good CAD program. Just as a word processor helps a writer assemble and edit words with unprecedented flexibility,

CAD programs offer drafting tools that are versatile, fast, and simple to use. And, just as a word processor can change the way a writer approaches writing, so a CAD package can alter your view of design.

Volk is the creator of *Aegis Draw*, a sophisticated CAD program from Aegis Development, Inc., for the Amiga. *Aegis Draw* represents the direction in which CAD developers are headed today.



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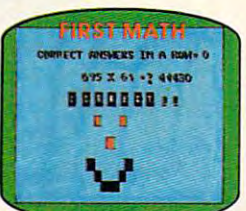
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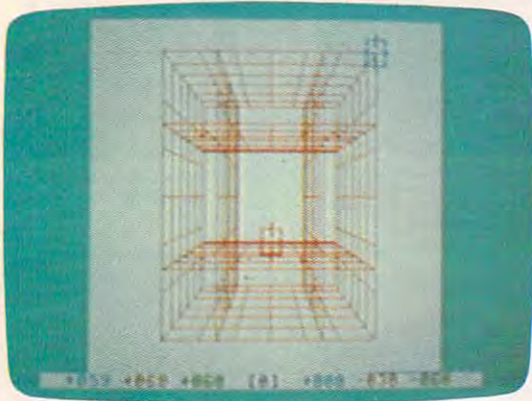
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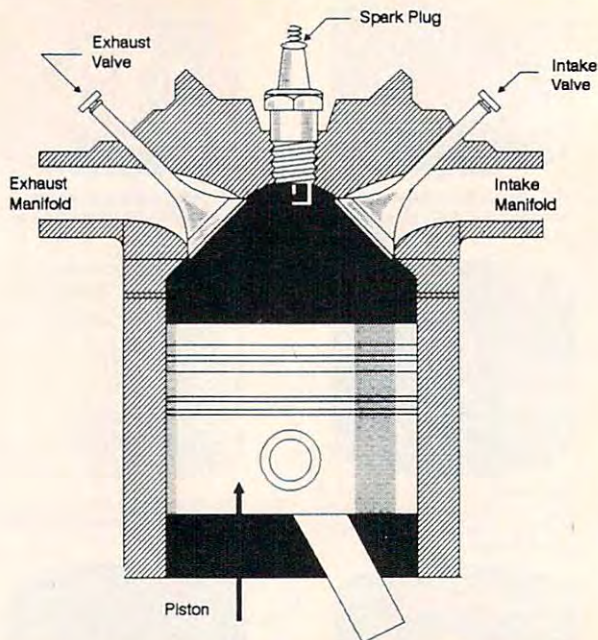
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A three-dimensional image constructed with CAD-3D for the Commodore 64 (above). Easy-Draw for the Atari ST is a structured drawing program with many CAD features (on right).



"High performance and ease of use," says Volk. "That's the philosophy of the program. We wanted to break new ground on that."

Volk and other CAD developers are taking advantage of the new generation of personal computers—chiefly the Amiga, ST, and Macintosh—to create CAD packages that are far more sophisticated and yet less expensive than previous programs. Faster, more powerful microprocessors, more memory, multitasking operating systems, and custom graphics chips are all contributing to an expanded universe for CAD developers and users.

On the Amiga, Volk was able to take advantage of the machine's multitasking in ways that would be very difficult or impossible on other computers. "The idea being that you should be able to have multiple windows on the same drawing so that you can actually work in detail on a drawing and still maintain an overall view," he says. In other words, while one window on the Amiga screen shows the entire design, a second window can zoom onto a tiny area of the image for detailed work. Make a change in one window and it's reflected in the other window as well—two windows, both active.

Aegis Draw has other advanced features as well, including an almost infinite level of zoom. For example, you could zoom from an

image of the Earth down to the level at which you could read a car's license plate. Additional features include object rotation as fine as .001 degree, angling, variable line thicknesses, and line patterning.

Volk sees two markets for his program and other CAD software: "One is the vertical application people—the engineers and the architects. And the other market is the people who aren't artistic enough to use [a computer paint program] accurately. In other words, if you want to create an organizational chart [with a paint program], typically people are not going to do a great job. But if you're using *Draw*, you can be rather clumsy and still end up with really accurate-looking drawings."

Although *Aegis Draw* can be used by both professionals and hobbyists, Aegis Development has a still higher-end package, *Aegis Draw Professional (Pro)*, that's upwardly compatible with *Aegis Draw*.

One of the most popular and easy to use design programs is Apple Computer's *MacDraw* for the Macintosh. Although not aimed at the professional design market, *MacDraw* and its companion program, *MacPaint*, broke new ground when they were introduced. Their use of icons, pull-down menus, command bars, and mouse-controlled cursor movement are all very well suited to CAD work. Similar user interfaces are becoming a

virtual standard among programs for the Amiga and Atari ST.

One interesting new CAD package, both from a professional and educational standpoint, is a program for the Atari ST that automates printed circuit board layouts. Called *PCBoard Designer*, this \$395 package was originally developed in West Germany and is now marketed in the U.S. by Abacus Software.

Aimed primarily at the narrow market of printed circuit designers, *PCBoard Designer* also offers valuable hands-on experience for high school and college electronics students. *PCBoard Designer* is a good example of how thousands of hours of development time can be eliminated by a computer with CAD software.

In printed circuit design, there are two phases of work that require large amounts of time, explains Arnie Lee, president of Abacus Software. One phase, called *tracing*, is the layout of circuit traces from one point to another on the board. None of the traces can overlap, or a short circuit would result. With *PCBoard Designer*, the tracing is handled by *autorouting*—automatically routing points that need to be connected on the PC board. The computer program determines the best layout for the traces in seconds.

The second time-consuming phase of printed circuit design is

when last-minute changes force the technician to redraw all traces from scratch. Again, what might have taken a couple of days of tedious tracing and retracing can now be done by the computer in seconds.

CAD programs can work similar wonders for all kinds of projects. Whether you're designing a printed

circuit, compiling a family tree, or planning an office flowchart, CAD packages are becoming as easy to use and as powerful as the new computers they run on. Even the most advanced three-dimensional solid modeling will one day be as common on personal computers as two-dimensional graphics are now.

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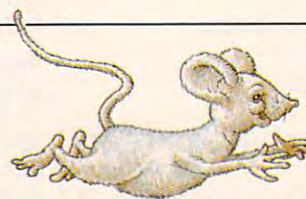
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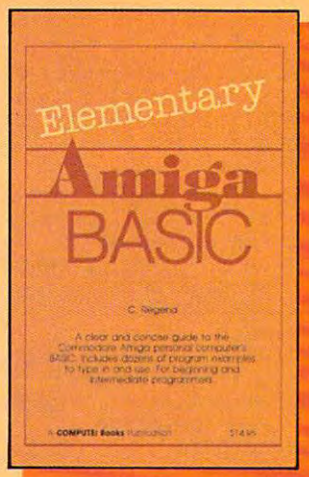
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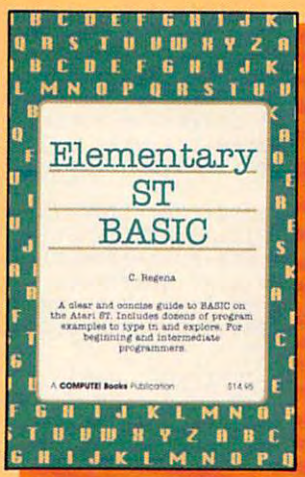


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song and displays some graphics as a reward. After three incorrect choices, the program automatically moves the clock hands to the correct position.

In the Commodore 64 version (which also works on the 128 in 64 mode), press the f7 function key to move the minute hand (the long green one), and the f5 function key to move the hour hand (short and yellow). If you press M at any point, the program returns to the main menu.

For all Atari versions (including the ST), press the H key to move the hours hand, press M to move the minutes hand, and press Q to return to the main menu. Before running the Atari ST version, you should select Low Resolution from the Preferences menu and turn off buffered graphics. (If your ST has the TOS operating system in Read Only Memory, there may be enough Random Access Memory left to run Hickory, Dickory, Dock without turning off buffered graphics.)

The Amiga version includes speech synthesis and uses the mouse pointer instead of keyboard controls.

In the Apple and IBM PC/PCjr versions, press the 1 key to move the minutes hand, press 2 to move the hours hand, and press ESC to return to the main menu.

Program 1: Hickory, Dickory, Dock For Commodore 64

For instructions on entering this listing, please refer to "COMPUTE!'s Guide to Typing In Programs" in this issue of COMPUTE!

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AF 10 POKE53281,0:POKE53280,11
CP 20 PRINT "{CLR}{WHT}{8 DOWN}
      "TAB(8)"HICKORY, DICKORY
      , DOCK!"
QR 30 PRINT "{10 DOWN}"TAB(14)"
      PLEASE WAIT"
XC 40 POKE56,48:CLR
DC 50 POKE650,128:X=RND(-TI)
GJ 60 DIM N(12),LO(12,6),CH(12
      ,6),NU(10,15),T1(12),T2(
      12)
MB 70 S=54272:FORI=0TO24:POKE5
      +I,0:NEXT:POKE5+24,15
MM 80 FORI=1TO30:READA$,A,B,C:
      NEXT
DB 90 V=53248:POKE2040,13
RM 100 FORI=0TO63:READA$:POKE83
      2+I,A:NEXT
FQ 110 POKEV+39,2:POKEV+37,1:P
      OKEV+38,6
SF 120 POKEV,150:POKEV+1,150
XM 130 POKEV+23,1:POKEV+29,1
MD 140 POKEV+28,1:POKEV+21,1
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PF 150 FORI=49152TO49152+81:RE
      ADA:POKEI,A:NEXT
CS 160 SYS49152
JJ 170 FORI=0TO143:READA$:POKE1
      2288+101*8+I,A:NEXT
CB 180 FORI=1TO12:READ N(I):NE
      XT
JR 190 FORI=1TO12:FORJ=1TON(I)
      :READLO(I,J):NEXT:NEXT
QS 200 FORI=1TO12:FORJ=1TON(I)
      :READCH(I,J):NEXT:NEXT
SM 210 FORI=0TO9:FORJ=1TO15:RE
      ADA$:IFA$="+ "THENNU(I,J
      )=160
KH 220 IFA$="- "THENNU(I,J)=32
ES 230 NEXT:NEXT
RJ 240 FORI=1TO12:READT1(I),T2
      (I):NEXT
DA 250 RESTORE:POKEV+21,0
DR 260 PRINT "{CLR}{3 DOWN}
      {WHT}CHOOSE ONE OF THE
      {SPACE}FOLLOWING:"
AX 270 PRINTTAB(5)"{2 DOWN}1.
      {SPACE}TEST - HOURS
SB 280 PRINTTAB(5)"{DOWN}2. TE
      ST - HOURS AND HALF HOU
      RS
AK 290 PRINTTAB(5)"{DOWN}3. TE
      ST - 5 MIN. INTERVALS
BR 300 PRINTTAB(5)"{DOWN}4. PR
      ACTICE
JJ 310 PRINTTAB(5)"{DOWN}5. EN
      D PROGRAM"
JK 320 GETKK$:IFKK$=""THEN320
KA 330 KK=VAL(KK$):IFKK<10KK>
      5THEN320
JE 340 IFKK=5THENSYS2048:END
HX 350 POKE53272,(PEEK(53272)A
      ND240)+12
SD 360 RA=0:WA=0
CD 370 PRINT "{CLR}{3 DOWN}"
PJ 380 PRINTTAB(19)"12"
XM 390 PRINTTAB(14)"11
      {9 SPACES}1"
HF 400 PRINT:PRINTTAB(11)"10
      {15 SPACES}2"
HR 410 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(11
      )"9{8 SPACES}Q
      {8 SPACES}3"
HS 420 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(12
      )"8{15 SPACES}4"
CP 430 PRINT:PRINTTAB(15)"7
      {9 SPACES}5"
DD 440 PRINTTAB(20)"6"
DP 450 PRINT "{3 DOWN}{YEL}F5=*
      ***"
BB 460 PRINT "{GRN}F7=*****"
QX 470 PRINT "{WHT}RETURN=ANS."
GP 480 PRINT "M=MENU"
JS 490 H=2:M=12:GOSUB950:GOSUB
      1060
BH 500 POKE1844,160:POKE1844+S
      ,2
GE 510 POKE1924,160:POKE1924+S
      ,2
XB 520 IFKK=4THEN2470
EM 530 C=H:D=M:PRINT "{WHT}
      {HOME}SET THE HANDS ON
      {SPACE}THE CLOCK:"
FB 540 GOSUB1590:H=A:M=B:GOSUB
      1230:GOSUB1450:H=C:M=D
KD 550 :
RP 560 POKE198,0
JF 570 K$="":GETK$:IFK$=""THEN
      570
DR 580 IFK$="{F5}"THENGOSUB111
      0
KG 590 IFK$="{F7}"THENGOSUB116
      0
KB 600 IFK$=CHR$(13)THEN640
JE 610 IFK$="M"THEN260
MR 620 GOTO570
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SJ 630 :
RK 640 IFH<>AORM<>BTHEN770
HP 650 PRINT "{HOME}{2 DOWN}"TA
      B(17)"{RVS}{7}RIGHT!"
KQ 660 GOSUB2310
DH 670 FORI=1TO10
FD 680 PRINT "{HOME}{2 DOWN}"TA
      B(17)"{RVS}{7}RIGHT!"
QX 690 FORT=1TO50:NEXT
MH 700 PRINT "{HOME}{2 DOWN}"TA
      B(17)"RIGHT!"
DS 710 FORT=1TO50:NEXT
CS 720 NEXT
DB 730 PRINT "{HOME}{2 DOWN}"TA
      B(17)"{6 SPACES}"
CK 740 WA=0:RA=RA+1:IFRA=5THEN
      RA=0:GOTO1700
MC 750 GOTO530
GB 760 :
HJ 770 PRINT "{HOME}{2 DOWN}"TA
      B(17)"{PUR}WRONG!"
FF 780 GOSUB2390:WA=WA+1
SF 790 FORT=1TO1000:NEXT
CR 800 PRINT "{HOME}{2 DOWN}"TA
      B(17)"{6 SPACES}"
GC 810 IFWA<3THEN570
KE 820 WA=0:PRINT "{HOME}{WHT}T
      HE CORRECT TIME IS:
      {7 SPACES}"
ME 830 GOSUB910:GOSUB1020
GK 840 H=A:M=B:GOSUB950:GOSUB1
      060
XK 850 FORT=1TO2000:NEXT
HH 860 PRINT "{HOME}{20 SPACES}
      "
HM 870 GOTO530
FK 880 :
FD 890 :CHANGE MINUTE HAND
AK 900 :
DQ 910 FORI=1TON(M)
CH 920 POKELO(M,I),32
PA 930 NEXT:RETURN
AQ 940 :
AD 950 FORI=1TON(M)
ME 960 POKELO(M,I),CH(M,I)
SX 970 POKELO(M,I)+S,5
JJ 980 NEXT:GOSUB2250:RETURN
HA 990 :
BB 1000 :CHANGE HOUR HAND
SX 1010 :
BH 1020 FORI=1TON(H)-1
PK 1030 POKELO(H,I),32
MJ 1040 NEXT:RETURN
PC 1050 :
RP 1060 FORI=1TON(H)-1
KS 1070 POKELO(H,I),CH(H,I)
PK 1080 POKELO(H,I)+S,7
GP 1090 NEXT:GOSUB2250:RETURN
GF 1100 :
KK 1110 GOSUB910:GOSUB1020
FA 1120 H=H+1:IFH=13THENH=1
MB 1130 GOSUB1060:GOSUB950
KG 1140 RETURN
FK 1150 :
PF 1160 GOSUB910:GOSUB1020
KD 1170 M=M+1:IFM=13THENM=1
KR 1180 GOSUB1060:GOSUB950
MM 1190 RETURN
AP 1200 :
QR 1210 : CHANGE HOUR NUMBER
GR 1220 :
CP 1230 IFH<10THEN1300
EX 1240 K=0
AB 1250 FORI=1796TO1956STEP40
SP 1260 FORJ=0TO2:K=K+1
XH 1270 POKEI+J,NU(1,K):POKEI+
      J+S,2
FJ 1280 NEXT:NEXT
FX 1290 TP=H-10:GOTO1310
EG 1300 TP=H
GD 1310 K=0
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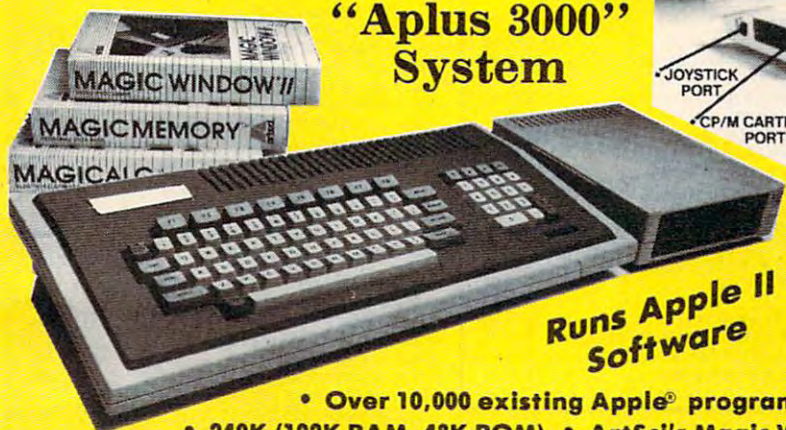
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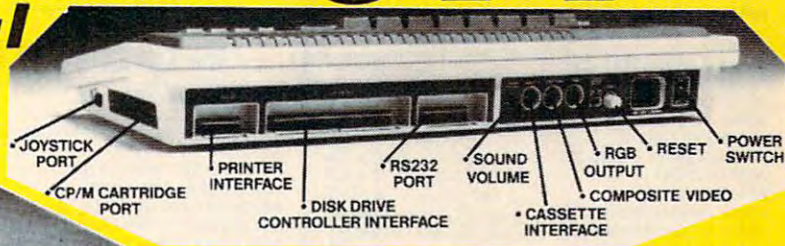
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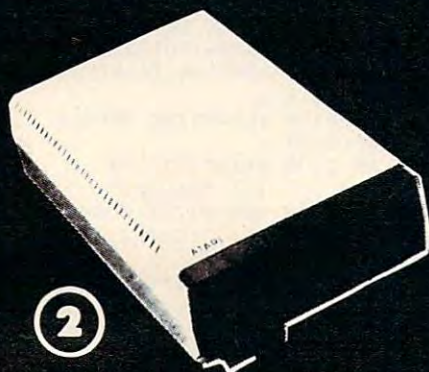
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DC 1320 FORI=1800TO1960STEP40
XX 1330 FORJ=0TO2:K=K+1
QS 1340 POKEI+J,NU(TP,K):POKEI
+J+S,2
GQ 1350 NEXT:NEXT
DX 1360 IFH>9THENRETURN
AK 1370 FORI=1796TO1956STEP40
KD 1380 FORJ=0TO2:K=K+1
XR 1390 POKEI+J,32:POKEI+J+S,2
BS 1400 NEXT:NEXT
RK 1410 RETURN
FK 1420 :
EX 1430 :CHANGE MINUTE NUMBER
XP 1440 :
SQ 1450 T1=T1(M):T2=T2(M)
XS 1460 K=0
PJ 1470 FORI=1806TO1966STEP40
HE 1480 FORJ=0TO2:K=K+1
MH 1490 POKEI+J,NU(T1,K):POKEI
+J+S,2
EE 1500 NEXT:NEXT
FA 1510 K=0
GD 1520 FORI=1810TO1970STEP40
QM 1530 FORJ=0TO2:K=K+1
FP 1540 POKEI+J,NU(T2,K):POKEI
+J+S,2
FJ 1550 NEXT:NEXT
KD 1560 RETURN
RE 1570 :
HB 1580 :GET RANDOM TIME
HF 1590 :
HD 1600 G=INT(RND(1)*12)+1:IFG
=ATHEN1600
CR 1610 A=G
FA 1620 J=INT(RND(1)*12)+1
MQ 1630 IFKK=1THENB=12:RETURN
JA 1640 IFKK=2ANDJ<6THENB=12:R
ETURN
MC 1650 IFKK=2THENB=6:RETURN
HJ 1660 B=J:RETURN
DM 1670 :
FX 1680 :HICKORY
RQ 1690 :
DC 1700 POKE53281,0:POKE53280,
11:PRINT"[CLR]"
JJ 1710 FORI=0TO24:POKEI+S,0:N
EXT
FX 1720 POKES+24,15:POKES+6,24
0
DE 1730 POKEV,250:POKEV+1,184
JG 1740 POKEV+21,1
SX 1750 PRINT"[3 DOWN]"TAB(30)
"[RVS]{2}{7 SPACES}"
PC 1760 PRINTTAB(30)"[RVS]{8}
{2 SPACES}B{2 SPACES}
{2}"
XM 1770 PRINTTAB(30)"[RVS]{8}
{2 SPACES}B{2 SPACES}
{2}"
KC 1780 PRINTTAB(30)"[RVS]{8}
{2 SPACES}Q*C{2}"
RP 1790 PRINTTAB(30)"[RVS]{8}
{5 SPACES}{2}"
RQ 1800 PRINTTAB(30)"[RVS]{2}
{7 SPACES}"
HB 1810 FORI=1TO9
XX 1820 PRINTTAB(30)"[RVS]
{2 RIGHT}{OFF}{YEL}-
{2 SPACES}{RVS}{2}"
RF 1830 NEXT
AM 1840 PRINTTAB(30)"[RVS]
{2 RIGHT}{OFF}{YEL}Q
{2 RIGHT}{RVS}{2}"
GC 1850 PRINTTAB(30)"[RVS]
{5 RIGHT}"
DC 1860 PRINTTAB(30)"[RVS]
{7 SPACES}{WHT}"
RF 1870 PRINT"[HOME]{5 DOWN}"
RX 1880 Z=7:GOSUB1970:PRINT
BK 1890 Z=8:GOSUB1970:PRINT
KS 1900 FORI=186TO50STEP-2:POK
EV+1,I:NEXT

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"Hickory, Dickory, Dock" for the Commodore 64 and 128, an amusing educational program for children.

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DX 1910 Z=4:GOSUB1970:PRINT
KM 1920 POKE133P,160:POKE1257,
194:POKE1298,206:POKE1
338+S,15:POKE1298+S,15
FS 1930 POKE1339,160:Z=4:GOSUB
1970:PRINT
KS 1940 FORI=50TO186STEP2:POKE
V+1,I:NEXT
DQ 1950 Z=7:GOSUB1970:GOTO250
FQ 1960 :
JE 1970 FORI=1TOZ
SM 1980 READA$,A,B,C:POKES+4,1
7
XJ 1990 PRINTA$;:POKES+1,A:POK
ES,B
QB 2000 FORT=1TOC:NEXT:POKES+4
,16
EE 2010 NEXT:RETURN
ES 2020 :
BX 2030 :
AS 2040 DATA "HICK",12,32,125,
"O",12,216,125,"RY",
14,107,125,"DICK",14,1
07,125
HX 2050 DATA "O",16,47,125,"RY
",18,42,125,"DOCK",
19,63,1000
JS 2060 DATA "THE",12,32,125,
"MOUSE",12,32,125,"",
12,216,125,"RAN",14,1
07,125
KH 2070 DATA "UP",14,107,125,
,16,47,125,"THE",18,4
2,125,"CLOCK",19,63,1
000
QP 2080 DATA "THE",14,107,125
,"CLOCK",19,63,250,"S
TRUCK",19,63,125
SE 2090 DATA "ONE",18,42,250,
"THE",18,42,125,"MOUS
E",16,47,250
HG 2100 DATA "RAN",16,47,125,
"DOWN",14,107,1000
PC 2110 DATA "HICK",14,107,125
,"OR",16,47,124,"Y",
14,107,125,"DICK",12,2
16,125
JS 2120 DATA "O",12,32,125,"RY
",10,205,125,"DOCK",
9,159,1000
MG 2130 :
DH 2140 DATA 5,64,84,5,64,84,5
,85
AK 2150 DATA 84,0,85,80,0,68,6
4,0
FJ 2160 DATA 85,64,16,81,65,16
,21,1
XX 2170 DATA 16,4,1,31,255,253
,15,255
SA 2180 DATA 252,0,255,192,0,2
55,192,0

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EM 2190 DATA 255,192,65,170,12
8,68,162,128
BD 2200 DATA 80,162,128,0,162,
128,0,17
GD 2210 DATA 0,0,17,0,1,81,80,
255
BP 2220 :
HA 2230 :MUSIC SUBS
XR 2240 :
CR 2250 POKES+5,0:POKES+6,2
DQ 2260 POKES+4,129
DC 2270 POKES,100:POKES+1,100
DJ 2280 FORT=1TO10:NEXT
SH 2290 POKES+4,128:RETURN
MA 2300 :
SA 2310 POKES+5,0:POKES+6,240
PB 2320 FORI=1TO10
XC 2330 POKES+4,17
KF 2340 POKES,100:POKES+1,20
XA 2350 FORT=1TO50:NEXT
GA 2360 POKES+4,16
DQ 2370 NEXT:RETURN
CG 2380 :
KX 2390 POKES+6,240:POKES+5,0
QG 2400 POKES+4,17
CR 2410 POKES,108:POKES+1,6
BS 2420 FORT=1TO300:NEXT
BQ 2430 POKES+4,16:RETURN
QM 2440 :
JR 2450 :LEARNING MODULE
GP 2460 :
XJ 2470 PRINT"[2 UP]
{11 SPACES}"
QX 2480 GOSUB1230:GOSUB1450
MP 2490 K$="":GETK$:IFK$=""THE
N2490
DD 2500 IFK$="{F5}"THENGOSUB11
0:GOSUB1230
CA 2510 IFK$="{F7}"THENGOSUB11
60:GOSUB1450
DA 2520 IFK$="M"THEN260
KE 2530 GOTO2490
PA 2540 :
MG 2550 :ML DATA
RC 2560 :
HK 2570 DATA 173,14,220,41,254
,141,14,220
RF 2580 DATA 165,1,41,251,133,
1,160,0
QJ 2590 DATA 185,0,208,153,0,4
8,185,0
KA 2600 DATA 209,153,0,49,185,
0,210,153
PA 2610 DATA 0,50,185,0,211,15
3,0,51
SF 2620 DATA 185,0,212,153,0,5
2,185,0
HA 2630 DATA 213,153,0,53,185,
0,214,153
HS 2640 DATA 0,54,185,0,215,15
3,0,55
AG 2650 DATA 200,208,205,165,1
,9,4,133
CJ 2660 DATA 1,173,14,220,9,1,
141,14
XG 2670 DATA 220,96
RM 2680 :
AM 2690 :
AS 2700 :CHAR DATA
GM 2710 :
XE 2720 DATA 1,2,4,8,16,32,64,
128
XG 2730 DATA 128,64,32,16,8,4,
2,1
JE 2740 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,3,28,22
4
KF 2750 DATA 0,0,1,14,112,128,
0,0
FD 2760 DATA 7,56,192,0,0,0,0,
0
RQ 2770 DATA 192,56,7,0,0,0,0,
0

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FK 2780 DATA 0,0,128,112,14,1,
0,0
GH 2790 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,224,28,
3
GS 2800 DATA 8,12,14,255,255,1
4,12,8
FD 2810 DATA 24,24,24,24,24,12
6,60,24
JQ 2820 DATA 31,15,15,31,57,11
2,224,192
DH 2830 DATA 192,224,112,57,31
,15,15,31
SC 2840 DATA 3,7,14,156,248,24
0,240,248
BP 2850 DATA 248,240,240,248,1
56,14,7,3
QX 2860 DATA 0,0,254,62,126,13
4,2,0
RH 2870 DATA 0,0,127,124,126,9
7,64,0
FS 2880 DATA 0,0,0,2,134,126,6
2,254
FC 2890 DATA 0,0,0,64,97,126,1
24,127
EG 2900 :
QK 2910 : HOUR HAND DATA
MJ 2920 :
CB 2930 DATA 3,5,6,5,3,4,3,5,6
,5,3,4
AG 2940 DATA 1405,1366,1327
EJ 2950 DATA 1405,1406,1407,13
68,1369
KM 2960 DATA 1445,1446,1447,14
48,1449,1450
CG 2970 DATA 1485,1486,1487,15
28,1529
FA 2980 DATA 1485,1526,1567
JE 2990 DATA 1484,1524,1564,16
04
XG 3000 DATA 1483,1522,1561
GD 3010 DATA 1483,1482,1481,15
20,1519
SQ 3020 DATA 1443,1442,1441,14
40,1439,1438
HC 3030 DATA 1403,1402,1401,13
60,1359
QS 3040 DATA 1403,1362,1321
SP 3050 DATA 1404,1364,1324,12
84
CD 3060 DATA 78,78,111
RE 3070 DATA 103,104,105,103,1
15
CP 3080 DATA 67,67,67,67,67,10
9
AG 3090 DATA 106,107,108,106,1
17
QB 3100 DATA 77,77,112
FC 3110 DATA 93,93,93,110
SF 3120 DATA 78,78,113
MS 3130 DATA 105,104,103,105,1
18
QR 3140 DATA 67,67,67,67,67,31
PD 3150 DATA 108,107,106,108,1
16
QJ 3160 DATA 77,77,114
CJ 3170 DATA 93,93,93,30
EJ 3180 :
JP 3190 : NUMBER DATA
GJ 3200 :
AX 3210 DATA +,+,+,-,+,-,+,-,+
+,-,+,-,+,-,+
SE 3220 DATA -,+,-,-,+,-,-,+,-
+,-,+,-,+,-
JD 3230 DATA +,+,+,-,+,-,+,-,+
+,-,+,-,+,-
KG 3240 DATA +,+,+,-,+,-,+,-,+
+,-,+,-,+,-
KR 3250 DATA +,+,+,-,+,-,+,-,+
+,-,+,-,+,-
BG 3260 DATA +,+,+,-,+,-,+,-,+
+,-,+,-,+,-

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MD 3270 DATA +,+,+,-,+,-,+,-,+
+,-,+,-,+,-
AF 3280 DATA +,+,+,-,+,-,+,-,+
+,-,+,-,+,-
GD 3290 DATA +,+,+,-,+,-,+,-,+
+,-,+,-,+,-
JS 3300 DATA +,+,+,-,+,-,+,-,+
+,-,+,-,+,-
DX 3310 :
JJ 3320 : MORE DATA
GA 3330 :
HJ 3340 DATA 0,5,1,0,1,5,2,0,2
,5,3,0
KQ 3350 DATA 3,5,4,0,4,5,5,0,5
,5,0,0

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Program 2: Hickory, Dickory, Dock For Atari 400/800/XL/XE

Version by Kevin Mykytyn, Editorial Programmer

For instructions on entering this listing, please refer to "COMPUTE!'s Guide to Typing In Programs" in this issue of COMPUTE!.

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PN 10 GOTO 30
IG 20 X=INT(XC-XR*COS(A)):Y=
INT(YC-YR*SIN(A)):RETU
RN
PC 30 DIM A$(5),K$(1),TIME$(
5):OPEN #1,4,8,"K:":PO
KE 82,0
BM 40 GRAPHICS 18:PRINT #6;"
1. TEST hours":PRINT #
6:PRINT #6;"2. TEST ho
urs and(6 SPACES)half
hours"
AL 50 PRINT #6:PRINT #6;"3.
TEST five minute
(4 SPACES)intervals":P
RINT #6:PRINT #6;"4. 
RACIES"
JB 60 PRINT #6:PRINT #6;"5.
QUE"
NL 70 GET #1,K:K$=CHR$(K):IF
K$<"1" OR K$>"5" THEN
70
QA 80 N=VAL(K$):IF N=5 THEN
GRAPHICS 0:END
HN 90 IF N=4 THEN 250
KM 100 GOSUB 290
LH 110 HR=INT(RND(1)*12)+1:M
N=0:IF N=2 THEN MN=IN
T(RND(1)+0.5)*30:GOTO
130
HF 120 IF N=3 THEN MN=INT(RN
D(1)*12)*5
EA 130 GOSUB 480:AMN=MN:HR=
HR:MN=0:HR=12
JN 140 GOSUB 440:GOSUB 540:I
F K$="Q" THEN 40
LP 150 IF K$<>CHR$(155) THEN
140
EF 160 POKE 656,0:POKE 657,8
:IF AMN<MN OR AHR<>H
R THEN 190
BE 170 NR=NR+1:NW=0:PRINT "R
IGHT!":FOR A=15 TO 0
STEP -1
FE 180 SOUND 1,121,10,A:SOUN
D 2,81,10,A:FOR T=1 T
O 10:NEXT T:NEXT A:GO
SUB 230:GOTO 210
DN 190 MN=AMN:HR=AHR:PRINT "
WRONG!":FOR A=10 TO
150:SOUND 1,A,12,15:N
EXT A:GOSUB 230:NW=NW
+1:IF NW<>3 THEN 130

```



This version of "Hickory, Dickory, Dock" runs on all Atari 400/800, XL, and XE computers.

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PC 200 NW=0:GOSUB 440:GOSUB
480:FOR TD=1 TO 1500:
NEXT TD:GOTO 110
MI 210 IF NR=5 THEN NR=0:GOS
UB 590
FP 220 GOTO 110
PB 230 SOUND 2,0,0,0:SOUND 1
,0,0,0:FOR TD=1 TO 60
0:NEXT TD:PRINT "
(6 LEFT)(7 SPACES)";:
RETURN
EM 240 FOR T=1 TO 1500:NEXT
T:GOTO 40
LC 250 GOSUB 290
GH 260 GOSUB 440:GOSUB 480:G
OSUB 540:IF K$<>"Q" T
HEN 260
DG 270 GOTO 40
PJ 280 REM DRAW THE CLOCK
LC 290 GRAPHICS 6:SETCOLOR 2
,0,0:GOSUB 410:COLOR
1:XC=80:YC=38:YR=28:X
R=YR*1.2:GOSUB 340:XR
=XR+8:YR=YR+6:YC=YC-4
OH 300 NW=0:NR=0:POKE 656,0:
POKE 657,25:PRINT "(H
)OURS(5 SPACES)(M)INU
TES(5 SPACES)(Q)UIT"
MM 310 FOR Q=1 TO 12:A$=STR$(
Q):A=Q*30+90:GOSUB 2
0:X=INT(X/8):GOSUB 38
0:NEXT Q:XR=XR-10:YR=
YR-10:YC=YC+4
DN 320 HR=12:MN=0:OMX=XC:OHX
=XC:OMY=YC:OHY=YC:RET
URN
EI 330 REM CIRCLE DRAWING SU
BROUTINE
CL 340 DEG :FOR A=0 TO 360 S
TEP 10:GOSUB 20
CA 350 IF A=0 THEN PLOT X,Y
BL 360 DRAWTO X,Y:NEXT A:RET
URN
IN 370 REM CHARACTER PLOTTIN
G SUBROUTINE
GD 380 CHROM=57344:SCREEN=PE
EK(88)+256*PEEK(89)+X
+Y*20-(LEN(A$)=2)
ND 390 FOR A=1 TO LEN(A$):CS
=CHROM+ASC(A$(A))*8
-256
KN 400 FOR B=0 TO 7:POKE SCR
EEN+B*20,PEEK(CS+B):N
EXT B:SCREEN=SCREEN+1
:NEXT A:RETURN
LK 410 DL=PEEK(560)+256*PEEK
(561):POKE DL+85,71:P
OKE DL+88,2:POKE DL+8
9,65
AM 420 POKE DL+90,PEEK(560):
POKE DL+91,PEEK(561):
RETURN

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AH 430 REM OUTPUT CLOCK TIME
DF 440 COLOR 0:PLOT XC,YC:DR
AWTO OMX,OMY:PLOT XC,
YC:DRAWTO OHX,OHY
FC 450 COLOR 1:A=MN*6+90:GOS
UB 20:PLOT XC,YC:DRAW
TO X,Y:XR=XR/2:YR=YR/
2:OMX=X:OMY=Y
MC 460 A=HR*30+90+MN/2:GOSUB
20:PLOT XC,YC:DRAWTO
X,Y:XR=XR*2:YR=YR*2:
OHX=X:OHY=Y:RETURN
EJ 470 REM OUPUT DIGITAL TIM
E
NK 480 POKE 656,0:POKE 657,8
:POKE 658,0:IF HR<10
THEN PRINT " ";
HE 490 TIME$=STR$(HR):GOSUB
520:PRINT CHR$(154);
DO 500 IF MN<10 THEN PRINT C
HR$(144);
CP 510 TIME$=STR$(MN)
IP 520 FOR A=1 TO LEN(TIME$)
:PRINT CHR$(ASC(TIME$
(A,A))+96);:NEXT A:RE
TURN
HH 530 REM CHANGE TIME ROUTI
NE
AN 540 GET #1,K:K$=CHR$(K):I
F K$="M" THEN MN=MN+5
:IF MN=60 THEN MN=0
FN 550 IF K$="H" THEN HR=HR+
1
JM 560 IF HR=13 THEN HR=1
GM 570 IF K$="M" OR K$="H" O
R K$=CHR$(155) OR K$=
"Q" THEN RETURN
GP 580 GOTO 540
FK 590 RESTORE 620
DJ 600 READ NT,L:IF NT=-1 TH
EN SOUND 1,0,0,0:RETU
RN
FG 610 SOUND 1,NT,10,15:FOR
A=1 TO L*40:NEXT A:SO
UND 1,0,0,0:GOTO 600
IG 620 DATA 81,1,72,1,81,1,9
1,1,96,1,108,1,121,5,
96,1,81,1,72,1,81,1,9
1,1,96,1,108,1,121,5
KH 630 DATA 96,1,108,2,108,1
,72,3,81,2,81,1,60,3,
81,1,72,1,81,1,91,1,9
6,1,108,1,121,6,-1,-1

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Program 3: Hickory, Dickory, Dock For Apple

Version by Tim Victor, Editorial Programmer

For instructions on entering this listing, please refer to "COMPUTE!'s Guide to Typing In Programs" in this issue of COMPUTE!.

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6F 100 PI = 4 * ATN (1)
ED 110 DIM DP(4,7),CX(12),CY(12)
77 120 GOSUB 840:GOSUB 960:GOS
UB 1120:GOSUB 1160:POKE
6,0:POKE 7,138
25 130 IF PEEK (190 * 256) = 76
THEN PRINT CHR$(4);"PR#A
$300":GOTO 150
BA 140 POKE 54,0:POKE 55,3:CAL
L 1002
32 150 HGR : GOSUB 510
39 160 HGR : HOME : GOSUB 600
1E 170 VTAB 19: HTAB 16: PRINT "
1": HTAB 16: PRINT "2"
1C 180 FOR I = 0 TO 1: HCOLOR= 5
+ I: FOR J = 0 TO 1: HPL

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OT 18,147 + J + 8 * I TO
52 + 8 * I,147 + J + 8 *
I: NEXT : NEXT
85 190 VTAB 21: HTAB 3: PRINT "T
O MOVE";: HTAB 14: PRINT
"PRESS": HTAB 2: PRINT "T
HIS HAND";: HTAB 13: PRIN
T "THIS KEY"
88 200 CH = 213: FOR CV = 138 TO
150 STEP 12: GOSUB 770:
NEXT
3C 210 FOR I = 1 TO 4:DD(I) = 10
: FOR J = 1 TO 7:DP(I,J)
= 0: NEXT : NEXT
E5 220 HH = 84:HV = 35:MH = 83:M
V = 24
DA 230 IF GM = 4 THEN 410
46 240 NW = 0:TH = INT ( RND (1)
* 12) + 1:TM = INT ( RND
(1) * 60)
1E 250 IF GM = 1 THEN TM = 0
86 260 IF GM = 2 THEN TM = 30 *
INT (TM / 30)
5C 270 IF GM = 3 THEN TM = 5 * I
NT (TM / 5)
77 280 HR = TH:MN = TM: GOSUB 61
0

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"Hickory, Dickory, Dock" for Apple computers offers children a fun way to learn about telling time.

```

C5 290 HR = 1:MN = 0
4C 300 VTAB 24: HTAB 2: PRINT "P
RESS RETURN TO ANSWER, ES
C FOR MENU";
4F 310 GOSUB 670
CF 320 GOSUB 460: IF A$ = CHR$ (
27) THEN 150
33 330 IF A$ = CHR$ (13) THEN 35
0
96 340 GOTO 310
23 350 IF TH = HR AND TM = MN TH
EN 390
47 360 NW = NW + 1: IF NW < 3 TH
EN VTAB 24: HTAB 2: PRINT
SPC( 38);: HTAB 5: PRINT
"THAT IS NOT CORRECT, TR
Y AGAIN";: FOR I = 1 TO 1
000: NEXT : GOTO 300
C8 370 HR = TH:MN = TM: GOSUB 67
0: VTAB 24: HTAB 2: PRINT
SPC( 38);: HTAB 7: PRINT
"THIS IS THE CORRECT ANS
WER";
DE 380 FOR I = 1 TO 1500: NEXT :
GOTO 240
37 390 VTAB 24: HTAB 2: PRINT SP
C( 38);: HTAB 10: PRINT "
CORRECT! GOOD ANSWER";
7F 400 FOR I = 1 TO 1000: NEXT :
GOTO 240
DD 410 VTAB 24: HTAB 11: PRINT "
PRESS ESC FOR MENU";

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89 420 HR = 1:MN = 0
89 430 GOSUB 610: GOSUB 670
DA 440 GOSUB 460: IF A$ = CHR$ (
27) THEN 150
1C 450 GOTO 430
2A 460 VTAB 24: HTAB 1: GET A$:
IF A$ = CHR$ (27) THEN RE
TURN
94 470 IF A$ = CHR$ (13) THEN RE
TURN
8E 480 IF A$ = "1" THEN HR = HR
+ 1 - 12 * (HR = 12): RET
URN
EF 490 IF A$ = "2" THEN MN = MN
+ 5 - 60 * (MN = 55): RET
URN
16 500 GOTO 460
56 510 TEXT : HOME : VTAB 6: HTA
B 8: PRINT "PRESS KEY TO
CHOOSE GAME:"
76 520 VTAB 10: HTAB 7: PRINT "1
: HOURS TEST"
E8 530 VTAB 12: HTAB 7: PRINT "2
: HOURS AND HALF HOURS TE
ST"
82 540 VTAB 14: HTAB 7: PRINT "3
: 5 MINUTE INTERVALS TEST
"
38 550 VTAB 16: HTAB 7: PRINT "4
: PRACTICE"
59 560 VTAB 18: HTAB 7: PRINT "5
: QUIT"
26 570 VTAB 24: GET A$: IF A$ <
"1" OR A$ > "5" THEN 570
58 580 IF A$ = "5" THEN END
68 590 GM = VAL (A$): RETURN
69 600 FOR I = 1 TO 12: VTAB CY(
I): HTAB CX(I): PRINT I:
NEXT : RETURN
CE 610 DE = 1:HC = 160:DC = INT
(HR / 10): IF DC = 0 THEN
DC = 10
AC 620 IF DC < > DD(1) THEN GOSU
B 790
45 630 DD(1) = DC:HC = 186:DE =
2:DC = HR - 10 * INT (HR
/ 10): IF DC < > DD(2) TH
EN GOSUB 790
6F 640 DD(2) = DC:HC = 220:DE =
3:DC = INT (MN / 10): IF
DC < > DD(3) THEN GOSUB 7
90
84 650 DD(3) = DC:HC = 246:DE =
4:DC = MN - DC * 10: IF D
C < > DD(4) THEN GOSUB 79
0
13 660 DD(4) = DC: RETURN
95 670 HCOLOR= 0: GOSUB 700: GOS
UB 720
A7 680 GOSUB 690: GOSUB 710: RET
URN
E3 690 A = (HR / 6 + MN / 360) *
PI:HV = 68 - 33 * COS (A
):HH = 84 + 44 * SIN (A):
HCOLOR= 5
F6 700 HPLLOT 84,68 TO HH,HV: HPL
OT 83,67 TO HH - 1,HV - 1
: RETURN
94 710 A = MN / 30 * PI:MV = 68
- 44 * COS (A):MH = 83 +
59 * SIN (A): HCOLOR= 6
DC 720 HPLLOT 84,68 TO MH,MV: HPL
OT 83,67 TO MH - 1,MV - 1
: RETURN
65 730 FOR I = - 2 TO 2: HPLLOT C
H + I,CV - 4 + ( ABS (I)
= 2) TO CH + I,CV + 4 - (
ABS (I) = 2): NEXT
IF 740 RETURN
58 750 FOR I = - 1 TO 1: HPLLOT C
H - 5 - (I = 0),CV + I TO
CH + 5 + (I = 0),CV + I:
NEXT

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23 760 RETURN
27 770 HCOLOR= 2: FOR I = - 2 TO
2: HPLLOT CH + I,CV - 2 +
( ABS (I) < 2) TO CH + I
,CV + 2 - ( ABS (I) < 2):
NEXT
27 780 RETURN
08 790 CI = 0:CH = HC + 10: FOR
CV = 132 TO 156 STEP 12:
GOSUB 830: IF DP(DE,CI) <
> PC THEN GOSUB 750:DP(DE
E,CI) = PC
FF 800 NEXT
7A 810 FOR CV = 138 TO 150 STEP
12: FOR CH = HC + 2 TO HC
+ 18 STEP 16: GOSUB 830:
IF DP(DE,CI) < > PC THEN
GOSUB 730:DP(DE,CI) = PC
5E 820 NEXT : NEXT : RETURN
CB 830 CI = CI + 1:PC = VAL ( MI
D$ (SS$(DC),CI,1)): HCOLO
R= 2 * PC: RETURN
F8 840 FOR I = 35456 TO I + 72 S
TEP 8: POKE I,128: POKE I
+ 7,128
DB 850 FOR J = 1 TO 6: READ A: P
OKE I + J,A: NEXT : NEXT
: RETURN
98 860 DATA 188,230,246,238,230,
188
B1 870 DATA 152,156,152,152,152,
188
75 880 DATA 188,230,176,140,230,
254
88 890 DATA 188,230,176,224,230,
188
9F 900 DATA 176,184,180,254,176,
176
5D 910 DATA 254,134,190,224,230,
188
79 920 DATA 188,134,190,230,230,
188
8A 930 DATA 254,224,176,152,140,
140
14 940 DATA 188,230,188,230,230,
188
88 950 DATA 188,230,230,252,176,
152
E8 960 FOR I = 768 TO I + 87: RE
AD A: POKE I,A: NEXT : RE
TURN
A4 970 DATA 216,120,133,69,134,7
0
58 980 DATA 132,71,166,7,10,10
59 990 DATA 176,4,16,62,48,4
A2 1000 DATA 16,1,232,232,10,134
4A 1010 DATA 27,24,101,6,133,26
8D 1020 DATA 144,2,230,27,165,40
7F 1030 DATA 133,8,165,41,41,3
6B 1040 DATA 5,230,133,9,162,8
28 1050 DATA 160,0,177,26,36,50
73 1060 DATA 48,2,73,127,164,36
57 1070 DATA 145,8,230,26,208,2
AF 1080 DATA 230,27,165,9,24,105
1F 1090 DATA 4,133,9,202,208,226
71 1100 DATA 165,69,166,70,164,7
1
5C 1110 DATA 88,76,240,253
A1 1120 FOR DC = 0 TO 10: READ S
S$(DC): NEXT : RETURN
02 1130 DATA 1011111,0000101,111
0110,1110101
14 1140 DATA 0101101,1111001,111
1011,1000101
8E 1150 DATA 1111111,1111101,000
0000
42 1160 FOR I = 1 TO 12: READ CY
(I),CX(I): NEXT : RETURN
AC 1170 DATA 2,18,5,22,9,23
23 1180 DATA 13,22,16,18,17,12
5B 1190 DATA 16,6,13,2,9,1
65 1200 DATA 5,2,2,6,1,12

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Program 4: Hickory, Dickory, Dock For IBM PC/PCjr

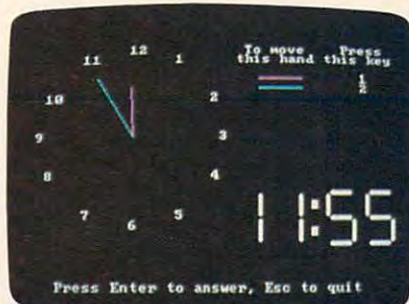
Version by Tim Victor, Editorial
Programmer

For instructions on entering this listing, please
refer to "COMPUTE!'s Guide to Typing In
Programs" in this issue of COMPUTE!

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PK 10 KEY OFF:RANDOMIZE TIMER
MN 20 DIM DD(4),DS(4,7),SS$(10),
CH(12),CV(12)
HD 30 DIM DH(5),DV(5)
FB 40 PI=4*ATN(1)
HP 50 GOSUB 900:GOSUB 940:GOSUB
840
6A 60 GOSUB 300
KC 70 SCREEN 1
CH 80 GOSUB 530:GOSUB 540:GOSUB
400
CH 90 FOR CP=0 TO 3:DD(CP)=10:FO
R SN=1 TO 7:DS(CP,SN)=0:NE
XT:NEXT
JM 100 HH=84:HV=36:MH=84:MV=21
BI 110 IF GM<4 THEN 160
DA 120 HR=1:MN=0:GOSUB 700:GOSUB
550
IA 130 LOCATE 25,11:PRINT "Press
Esc to quit";
PH 140 GOSUB 500:IF K$=CHR$(27)
THEN 60
GC 150 GOSUB 700:GOSUB 550:GOTO
140
PA 160 NC=0
NE 170 NW=0:HR=INT(12*RND(1))+1
LD 180 IF GM=1 THEN MN=0
PM 190 IF GM=2 THEN MN=30*INT(2*
RND(1))
OD 200 IF GM=3 THEN MN=5*INT(12*
RND(1))
BM 210 GOSUB 700:TH=HR:TM=MN:HR=
1:MN=0
LG 220 LOCATE 25,3:PRINT "Press
Enter to answer, Esc to q
uit";
EJ 230 K$="":WHILE K$<>CHR$(27)
AND K$<>CHR$(13):GOSUB 55
0:GOSUB 500:WEND
PL 240 IF K$=CHR$(27) THEN 60
CA 250 LOCATE 25,3:IF HR=TH AND
MN=TM THEN 280
IH 260 NW=NW+1:IF NW<3 THEN PRIN
T SPACE$(8) "That's not c
orrect"SPACE$(8):NC=0:FO
R DLAY=1 TO 500:NEXT:GOTO
220
LB 270 HR=TH:MN=TM:GOSUB 550:PRI
NT SPACE$(4) "This is the
correct answer" SPACE$(4
):FOR I=1 TO 1500:NEXT:G
OTO 170
JD 280 PRINT SPACE$(10) "You're
right!" SPACE$(11):NC=NC
+1:IF NC=5 THEN NC=0:GOSU
B 460
GB 290 FOR DLAY=1 TO 1500:NEXT:G
OTO 170
NO 300 SCREEN 0:WIDTH 40:CLS
BB 310 LOCATE 6,8:PRINT "Press k
ey to select game:"
DN 320 LOCATE 8,5:PRINT "1. Hour
s test"
IB 330 LOCATE 9,5:PRINT "2. Hour
s and half hours test"
LH 340 LOCATE 10,5:PRINT "3. Fiv
e minute intervals test"
DH 350 LOCATE 11,5:PRINT "4. Pra
ctice"
NC 360 LOCATE 12,5:PRINT "5. Qui
t"
NA 370 K$=INPUT$(1):IF K$<"1" OR
K$>"5" THEN 370

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"Hickory, Dickory, Dock" for the IBM
PC/PCjr.

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JN 380 IF K$="5" THEN END
PA 390 GM=VAL(K$):RETURN
IE 400 LOCATE 1,23:PRINT "To mo
ve Press";
DG 410 LOCATE 2,23:PRINT "this h
and this key";
CG 420 LOCATE 4,37:PRINT "1":LOC
ATE 5,37:PRINT "2"
DF 430 LINE (196,27)-(235,28),2,
BF
PA 440 LINE (196,35)-(235,36),1,
BF
NI 450 RETURN
CP 460 PLAY "mnt180o318gggaaal2g
14n018g14el8el4f18f12el4n
0"
LC 470 PLAY "18el4c18c14el8el4d1
8d14a."
KA 480 PLAY "ml18gagfed14c."
AA 490 RETURN
FI 500 K$=INPUT$(1):IF K$="1" TH
EN HR=HR+1+12*(HR=12)
EA 510 IF K$="2" THEN MN=MN+5+60
*(MN=55)
MD 520 RETURN
OM 530 FOR I=1 TO 12:LOCATE CV(I
),CH(I):PRINT MID$(STR$(I
),2):NEXT:RETURN
BA 540 LH=241:FOR LV=128 TO 149
STEP 21:LINE (LH,LV)-(LH+
5,LV+6),3,BF:NEXT:RETURN
QK 550 LINE (84,76)-(HH,HV),0
DN 560 LINE (83,75)-(HH-1,HV-1),
0
NL 570 LINE (84,76)-(MH,MV),0
BI 580 LINE (83,75)-(MH-1,MV-1),
0
IB 590 HH=84+48*SIN(PI*(HR/6+MN/
360))
FM 600 HV=76-40*COS(PI*(HR/6+MN/
360))
CH 610 LINE (84,76)-(HH,HV),2
GC 620 LINE (83,75)-(HH-1,HV-1),
2
DO 630 MH=84+63*SIN(PI*MN/30)
IJ 640 MV=76-55*COS(PI*MN/30)
OC 650 LINE (84,76)-(MH,MV),1
CD 660 LINE (83,75)-(MH-1,MV-1),
1
NO 670 RETURN
HO 680 LINE (83,75)-(HH-1,HV-1),
2
EK 690 MH=84+63*SIN(PI*MN/30)
MK 700 CP=0:DC=INT(HR/10):IF DC=
0 THEN DC=10
MK 710 GOSUB 760
DL 720 CP=1:DC=HR-10*INT(HR/10):
GOSUB 760
CJ 730 CP=2:DC=INT(MN/10):GOSUB
760
NM 740 CP=3:DC=MN-10*DC:GOSUB 76
0
NL 750 RETURN
IP 760 IF DD(CP)=DC THEN RETURN
ELSE DD(CP)=DC

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LL 770 SN=0:FOR SV=0 TO 40 STEP
20:GOSUB 810:IF DS(CP,SN)
<>HC THEN GOSUB 820:DS(CP
,SN)=HC
OD 780 NEXT
DM 790 FOR SV=0 TO 20 STEP 20:FO
R SH=0 TO 24 STEP 24:GOSU
B 810:IF DS(CP,SN)<>HC TH
EN GOSUB 830:DS(CP,SN)=HC
FL 800 NEXT:NEXT:RETURN
FP 810 SN=SN+1:HC=(MID$(SS$(DC)
,SN,1)="1"):RETURN
JC 820 PUT (174+CP*36-12*(CP>1)
,120+SV),DH,XOR:RETURN
ID 830 PUT (170+CP*36-12*(CP>1)+
SH,123+SV),DV,XOR:RETURN
LM 840 SCREEN 1:CLS
GG 850 FOR LV=0 TO 3:LINE (1+(LV
=1 OR LV=2),LV)-(18-(LV=1
OR LV=2),LV),3:NEXT
LG 860 GET (0,0)-(19,3),DH:PUT (
0,0),DH,XOR
LO 870 FOR LH=0 TO 3:LINE (LH,1+
(LH=1 OR LH=2))-(LH,16-(L
H=1 OR LH=2)),3:NEXT
ON 880 GET (0,0)-(3,17),DV:PUT (
0,0),DV,XOR
NE 890 RETURN
HB 900 FOR DC=0 TO 10:READ SS$(D
C):NEXT:RETURN
BI 910 DATA "1011111","0000101",
"1110110","1110101"
QO 920 DATA "0101101","1111001",
"1111011","1000101"
MN 930 DATA "1111111","1111101",
"0000000"
OD 940 FOR I=1 TO 12:READ CV(I),
CH(I):NEXT:RETURN
MN 950 DATA 2,16,6,20,10,21
N9 960 DATA 14,20,18,16,19,11
FD 970 DATA 18,6,14,2,10,1
N9 980 DATA 6,2,2,6,1,11

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Program 5: Hickory, Dickory, Dock For Atari ST

Version by Kevin Mykytyn, Editorial Programmer

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10 randomize 0:goto 30
20 z=a*.0175:x=int(xc-xr*cos(z)):y=int(y
c-yr*sin(z)):return
30 ch=16:goto 40:openw 2:clearw 2:ful
lw 2:ohx=130:omx=130:ohy=75:omy
=75
40 nr=0:xr=70:yr=60:xc=130:yc=75:got
oxy 0,5:color 6:print " 1. Test - hours"
50 print:print " 2. Test - hours and half ho
urs"
60 print:print " 3. Test - five minute inter
vals"

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The Atari ST version of "Hickory, Dickory, Dock."

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70 print:print " 4. Practice":print:print " 5
. Quit"
80 k=inp(2):if k<49 or k>53 then 80
90 if k=53 then ch=6:gobsub 470:end els
e if k=52 then 250
100 n=k-48:gobsub 280
110 hr=int(rnd(1)*12)+1:mn=0:if n=2 th
en mn=int(rnd(1)+.5)*30:goto 130
120 if n=3 then mn=int(rnd(1)*12)*5
130 gobsub 380:amn=mn:ahr=hr:mn=0:h
r=12
140 gobsub 340:gobsub 420:if k=113 then 30
150 if k<>13 then 140
160 color 2:if amn<>mn or ahr<>hr the
n 190
170 nr=nr+1:gotoxy 26,15:print "Right!":
b=1:c=5:gobsub 560
180 nw=0:gobsub 240:goto 220
190 gotoxy 26,15:print "Wrong!":b=5:c=1
:gobsub 560
200 gobsub 240:hr=ahr:mn=amn:nw=nw
+1:if nw<>3 then 130
210 gobsub 340:for td=1 to 4000:next:nw=
0:goto 230
220 if nr=5 then nr=0:gobsub 500
230 for t=1 to 500:next:goto 110
240 for td=1 to 300:next:sound 1,0:gotox
y 26,15:print "":return
250 gobsub 280
260 gobsub 340:gobsub 380:gobsub 420:if k=1
3 then 30 else 260
270 ' draw the clock
280 clearw 2:color 1
290 ch=6:gobsub 470:gotoxy 3,17:print "(H)
ours (M)inutes (Q)uit";
300 color 6:ch=16:gobsub 470:nr=0:nw=0:
for q=1 to 12:a=q*30+90:gobsub 20
310 x=int(x/8):y=int(y/8):if q=11 or q=
12 then x=x-1
320 gotoxy x,y:print q:next
330 xr=xr-7:yr=yr-7:xc=xc+28:yc=yc+
8:mn=0:hr=12:return
340 color 1,1,0:linef xc,yc,omx,omy:linef xc
,yc,ohx,ohy
350 color 1,1,2:a=mn*6+90:gobsub 20:line
f xc,yc,xr,yr/2:yr=yr/2
360 color 1,1,4:omx=x:omy=y:a=hr*30+
90+mn/2:gobsub 20:linef xc,yc,xr,yr
370 xr=xr*2:yr=yr*2:ohx=x:ohy=y:retu
rn
380 color 5:gotoxy 2,15:if hr<10 then prin
t " ";
390 q=hr:gobsub 410:print q$,"":if mn<1
0 then print "0";
400 q=mn:gobsub 410:print q$:return
410 q$=right$(str$(q),len(str$(q))-1):return
420 k=inp(2):if k=109 then mn=mn+5:i
f mn=60 then mn=0
430 if k=104 then hr=hr+1
440 if hr=13 then hr=1
450 if k=104 or k=109 or k=13 or k=11
3 then return
460 goto 420
470 poke contrl,12:poke contrl+2,1:pok
e contrl+6,0
480 poke ptsin,0:poke ptsin+2,ch
490 vdisys (0):return
500 restore 520:for nt=1 to 29:read a,b,c
510 sound 1,15,a,b,c*7:next:sound 1,0:retu
rn
520 data 8,5,1,10,5,1,8,5,1,6,5,1,5,5,1,3,5,1,1,5
,5
530 data 5,5,1,8,5,1,10,5,1,8,5,1,6,5,1,5,5,1,3,5
,1,1,5,5
540 data 5,5,1,3,5,2,3,5,1,10,5,3,8,5,2,8,5,1,1,6
,3
550 data 8,5,1,10,5,1,8,5,1,6,5,1,5,5,1,3,5,1,1,5
,6

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560 for a=b to c step 2*sgn(c-b):sound 1,1
5,a,6
570 wave 1,1,14,5,5:next:return

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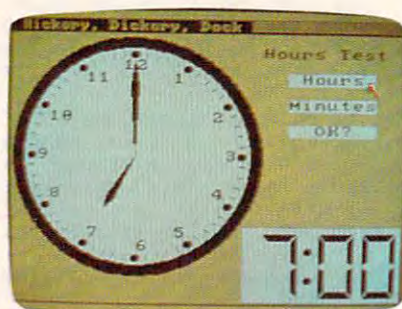
Program 6: Hickory, Dickory, Dock For Amiga

Version by John Krause

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CLEAR,30000-
GOSUB init-
loop:-
MENU 1,0,1-
IF MENU(0)=1 THEN ON MENU(1) GOS
UB practice,hours,half,five,quit-
IF p THEN GOSUB SetClock-
GOTO loop-
practice:-
COLOR 3,0:LOCATE 2,17:PRINT " Practi
ce "-
SAY TRANSLATE$("praktis.")-
p=1:hour=0:minute=0:GOSUB Updat
eAnalog-
HourDigital=0:MinuteDigital=0:GOSU
B UpdateDigital-
RETURN-
hours:-
p=0:COLOR 3,0:LOCATE 2,17:PRINT "
Hours Test "-
SAY TRANSLATE$("hours test.")-
FOR count=1 TO 5-
MinuteDigital=0:HourDigital=INT(R
ND*12)*12-
GOSUB GetAnswer-
NEXT-
GOSUB music-
RETURN-
half:-
p=0:COLOR 3,0:LOCATE 2,17:PRINT "H
alf Hours Test"-
SAY TRANSLATE$("half hours test.")-
FOR count=1 TO 5-
MinuteDigital=CINT(RND)*72:HourDi
gital=INT(RND*12)*12-
GOSUB GetAnswer-
NEXT-
GOSUB music-
RETURN-
five:-
p=0:COLOR 3,0:LOCATE 2,17:PRINT
" 5 Minute Test"-
SAY TRANSLATE$("five minut test.")-
FOR count=1 TO 5-
MinuteDigital=INT(RND*12)*12:Hour
Digital=INT(RND*12)*12-
GOSUB GetAnswer-
NEXT-
GOSUB music-
RETURN-

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Speech synthesis and mouse control are featured in the Amiga version of "Hickory, Dickory, Dock."


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quit:-
SYSTEM-
SetClock:-
answer=0-
IF MOUSE(0)=1 THEN-
IF MOUSE(3)>220 AND MOUSE(3)<29
0 THEN-
IF MOUSE(4)>27 AND MOUSE(4)<36 TH
EN-
GOSUB IncHour-
IF p THEN GOSUB IncHourDigital-
END IF-
IF MOUSE(4)>45 AND MOUSE(4)<54 TH
EN-
GOSUB IncMinute-
IF p THEN GOSUB IncMinuteDigital-
END IF-
IF MOUSE(4)>63 AND MOUSE(4)<72 AN
D p=0 THEN-
COLOR 1,0-
IF INT(hour/12)=HourDigital/12 AN
D minute=MinuteDigital THEN-
LOCATE 10,23:PRINT "Correct!"-
answer=2:SAY TRANSLATE$("corekt."
)-
ELSE-
LOCATE 10,23:PRINT "Wrong!"-
answer=1:SAY TRANSLATE$("wrong."
)-
END IF-
FOR i=0 TO 2000:NEXT-
LOCATE 10,23:PRINT SPACE$(9)-
END IF-
END IF-
RETURN-
GetAnswer:-
MENU 1,0,0-
GOSUB UpdateDigital:wrong=0-
loop1: GOSUB SetClock-
IF answer=0 THEN loop1-
IF answer=2 THEN-
RETURN-
ELSE-
wrong=wrong+1-
IF wrong<3 THEN-
GOTO loop1-
ELSE-
WHILE MinuteDigital<>minute:GOSU
B IncMinute:WEND-
WHILE HourDigital/12<>INT(hour/12)
:GOSUB IncHour:WEND-
count=count+1-
FOR t=0 TO 4000:NEXT-
END IF-
END IF-
RETURN-
music:-
FOR i=0 TO 27:SOUND f(i),t(i):SOUND 0,
1:NEXT:RETURN-
IncHourDigital:-
HourDigital=(OldHourDigital+12) MO
D 144-
GOSUB UpdateDigital-
RETURN-
IncMinuteDigital:-
MinuteDigital=(OldMinuteDigital+12
) MOD 144-
HourDigital=(OldHourDigital+1) MO
D 144-
GOSUB UpdateDigital-
RETURN-
IncHour:-
hour=(OldHour+12) MOD 144-
GOSUB UpdateAnalog-
RETURN-
IncMinute:-
minute=(OldMinute+12) MOD 144-

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hour=(OldHour+1) MOD 144-
GOSUB UpdateAnalog-
RETURN-
number:-
COLOR 1,2-
LOCATE r(i),c(i)-
IF i>9 THEN PRINT "1",-
PRINT CHR$(48+(i MOD 10))-
RETURN-
UpdateDigital:-
GOSUB DrawDigital-
OldHourDigital=HourDigital:OldMinu
teDigital=MinuteDigital-
GOSUB DrawDigital-
RETURN-
DrawDigital:-
IF OldHourDigital<12 THEN OldHourDi
gital=OldHourDigital+144-
IF OldHourDigital>119 THEN PUT (165,
139),d(0,1)-
PUT (200,139),d(0,(OldHourDigital\12
) MOD 10)-
PUT (245,139),d(0,INT(OldMinuteDigit
al*5/120))-
PUT (280,139),d(0,(OldMinuteDigital*5
\12) MOD 10)-
RETURN-
ClrAnalog:-
GOSUB MinuteHand-
COLOR 2:AREAFILL-
GOSUB HourHand-
AREAFILL-
i=CINT(OldMinute/12):IF i=0 THEN i=
12-
GOSUB number-
RETURN-
UpdateAnalog:-
GOSUB ClrAnalog-
OldMinute=minute:GOSUB MinuteHan
d-
COLOR 1:AREAFILL-
OldHour=hour:GOSUB HourHand-
AREAFILL-
RETURN-
MinuteHand:-
AREA (cx,cy)-
AREA (cx+60*x((OldMinute+143) MO
D 144),cy+60*y((OldMinute+143) MO
D 144))-
AREA (cx+80*x(OldMinute MOD 144),c
y+80*y(OldMinute MOD 144))-
AREA (cx+60*x((OldMinute+1) MO
D 144),cy+60*y((OldMinute+1) MOD 14
4))-
RETURN-
HourHand:-
AREA (cx,cy)-
AREA (cx+40*x((OldHour+142) MO
D 144),cy+40*y((OldHour+142) MO
D 144))-
AREA (cx+50*x(OldHour MOD 144),cy
+50*y(OldHour MOD 144))-
AREA (cx+40*x((OldHour+2) MOD 144
),cy+40*y((OldHour+2) MOD 144))-
RETURN-
init:-
SAY ""-
SCREEN 2,320,200,2,1-
WINDOW 2," Hickory, Dickory, Dock ",
2,2-
PALETTE 0,6,5,3-
PALETTE 1,0,0,0-
PALETTE 2,7,7,7-
PALETTE 3,0,0,0-
DIM s(300,6),d(300,9),x(143),y(143),r(1
2),c(12),f(27),t(27)-
MENU 1,0,1,"Test "-
MENU 1,1,1,"Practice "-

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MENU 1,2,1,"Hours "-
MENU 1,3,1,"Half hours"-
MENU 1,4,1,"5 minute "-
MENU 1,5,1,"Quit "-
MENU 2,0,0,"":MENU 3,0,0,"":MENU 4,
0,0,""-
RANDOMIZE TIMER-
pi=4*ATN(1):p=1-
FOR i=0 TO 143-
x(i)=COS(pi*(i/72.5))-
y(i)=SIN(pi*(i/72.5))*84-
NEXT-
FOR i=0 TO 6-
CLS:READ k-
FOR j=1 TO k:READ x,y:AREA (x,y):NE
XT-
AREAFILL:GET (0,0)-(32,48),s(0,i)-
NEXT-
FOR j=0 TO 9-
CLS:READ a$-
FOR i=1 TO 7-
IF MID$(a$,i,1)="1" THEN PUT (0,0),s(
0,i,1)-
NEXT-
GET (0,0)-(32,48),d(0,j)-
NEXT-
CLS:ERASE s-
FOR i=1 TO 12:READ r(i),c(i):NEXT-
FOR i=0 TO 27:READ f(i),t(i):NEXT-
cx=100:cy=85-
CIRCLE (cx,cy),100,1:PAINT (cx,cy),1-
CIRCLE (cx,cy),90,2:PAINT (cx,cy),2-
COLOR 1,2-
FOR i=1 TO 12:GOSUB number:NEXT-
FOR i=0 TO 143 STEP 12-
CIRCLE (cx+84*x(i),cy+84*y(i)),3-
PAINT (cx+84*x(i),cy+84*y(i))-
NEXT-
FOR i=0 TO 59-
dx=COS(pi*(i/30.5)):dy=SIN(pi*(i/3
0.5))-
LINE (cx+82*dx,cy+69*dy)-STEP(4*dx,
3*dy)-
NEXT-
LINE (185,135)-(320,200),2,bf-
CIRCLE (236,151),3:PAINT (236,151)-
CIRCLE (236,171),3:PAINT (236,171)-
GOSUB DrawDigital-
LOCATE 4,23:PRINT " Hours "-
LOCATE 6,23:PRINT "Minutes"-
LOCATE 8,23:PRINT " OK? "-
SAY TRANSLATE$("welcome to hickor
y dickory dock.")-
GOSUB practice-
RETURN-
DATA 4,0,1,0,21,4,19,4,5-
DATA 4,1,0,26,0,22,4,5,4-
DATA 4,27,1,27,21,23,19,23,5-
DATA 4,27,23,27,43,23,39,23,25-
DATA 4,26,44,1,44,5,40,22,40-
DATA 4,0,43,0,23,4,25,4,39-
DATA 6,1,22,6,20,22,20,26,22,21,24,5,2
4-
DATA 1111110,0011000,0110111,0111
101,1011001-
DATA 1101101,1101111,0111000,1111
111,1111101-
DATA 4,14,7,17,10,18,13,17,16,14,17,1
1-
DATA 16,7,13,4,10,3,7,4,4,7,3,10-
DATA 783.99,2,783.99,2,783.99,2,880,2
,880,2,880,2,783.99,11-
DATA 783.99,2,659.26,5,659.26,2,698.4
6,5,698.46,2,659.26,11-
DATA 659.26,2,523.25,5,523.25,2,659.2
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DATA 783.99,2,880,2,783.99,2,698.46,2
,659.26,2,587.33,2,523.25,11-

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Philips CD-ROM And The Electronic Encyclopedia For IBM

Tony Roberts, Production Director

Requirements: IBM PC with at least 256K RAM. Versions for other personal computers expected soon.

Recent years have unleashed an information explosion—an uncoordinated, unmanaged proliferation of data. New developments, however, indicate that we stand poised to harness this data and place the immense power of the information age at the fingertips of anyone with access to a personal computer.

The harbinger of this new era is the hardware/software combination of a CD-ROM (Compact Disc-Read Only Memory) player and a compact disc containing up to 600 megabytes of digitized data. The first such combination available is the Philips CM100 player and Grolier's *The Electronic Encyclopedia*. Available now for the IBM PC and compatibles, this package is an exciting look at the future of information retrieval.

The Electronic Encyclopedia is a 20-volume, nine-million-word encyclopedia with cross-referenced index encoded on a five-inch plastic disc (with about two-thirds of the disc to spare). Using this disc, a CD-ROM player, and an IBM PC running Activision's *Knowledge Retrieval System*, it's possible to access any article in the encyclopedia in seconds. In fact, you can find every occurrence of any keyword throughout the entire encyclopedia.

The System

The Philips CM100 system consists of the CD-ROM drive itself, a tan box about 14 inches wide, 6 inches high, and 10 inches deep; an interface card, which occupies one of the full slots in the IBM PC; and a connecting cable. Everything can be set up in a matter of minutes. The disc player, incidentally, cannot play audio compact discs, although the technology is quite similar.

Activision's *Knowledge Retrieval*

System is the link between you and the CD-ROM. It's so simple to operate that the 94-page instruction manual is practically superfluous.

The left quarter of the screen shows the commands available by pressing one of the ten function keys on the IBM. For instance, the F1 key, labeled About Keys, displays a map showing you where you are in the program and offers help on any of the functions available. The remainder of the screen displays options for your searches and the articles you call up.

A Simple Search

After viewing the title screen and pressing the function key labeled Word Search, you're ready to begin sifting through the encyclopedia. Let's say you're looking for references to the subject "information age."

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Narrowing the search parameters further, you can specify that *information* and *age* must appear in exact order: that is, "information age." This time, the program finally reports that there are two occurrences in one article. When you press F4, Show Titles, the program

loads and displays the titles of the articles located during the search. In this case, the article you're probably interested in is "Information Science."

Pressing F2 loads the article and displays the paragraph containing the first reference to the search words. The search words are highlighted throughout the article, so it's easy to scan it using the function keys labeled Next Page and Previous Page to find your information quickly. As it turns out, the "Information Science" article has only one relevant paragraph relating to "information age" (the other occurrence of the phrase appears in the bibliography at the end of the article). To print out a hardcopy, you can press F7, Make Copy. The result is the following paragraph:

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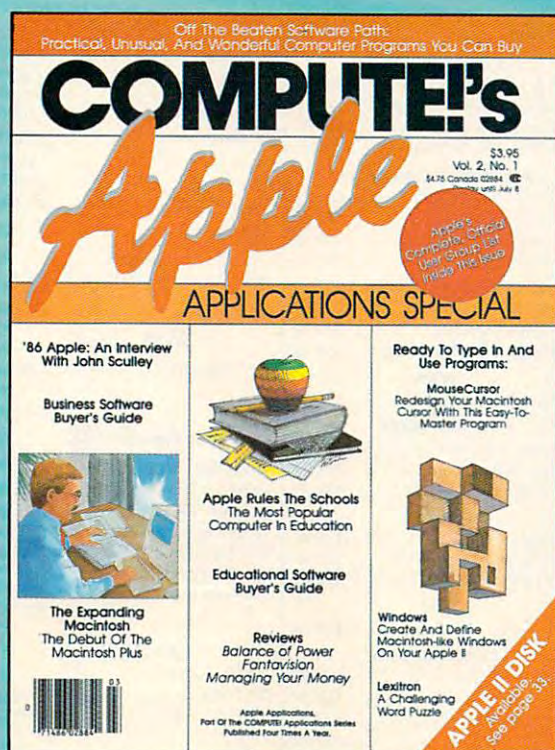
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Only A Beginning

This description of using *The Electronic Encyclopedia*, and the encyclopedia itself, are only beginnings. Much more complex searches are possible by using wildcards and negating certain words. For example, you could search for *horse* but not *iron* to eliminate articles about steam engines from your research on equestrians. Another timesaving feature is the Outline option. If you find yourself mired in a complex article,

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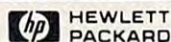
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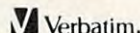
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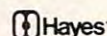
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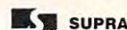
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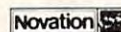
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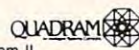
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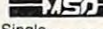
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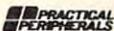
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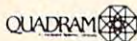
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The Body In Focus

Larry Krengel

Requirements: Commodore 64; Apple II-series computer with at least 64K RAM; IBM PC with color/graphics adapter; or an IBM PCjr. Disk only.

I'm always excited when I see computer software that displays impressive graphics. And *The Body in Focus* is exciting software. What's more, this human anatomy program is educational, accurate, and engaging.

I've been teaching biology for 15 years. When I first examined *The Body in Focus*, I found it to be technically correct. But why did I continue looking at the program long after I had assured myself it was biologically valid? Because I didn't want to miss any of the great graphic presentations.

For example, the designers must have burned the midnight oil to make the simulated body sneeze and even raise goose bumps. My kids thought they were seeing things when the skeleton swung its head around to demonstrate a pivot joint. (When you can't



With *The Body in Focus*, anyone can have X-ray vision. (Commodore 64 version.)

believe what you're seeing, one key-press repeats the action.)

The Body in Focus comes on two disks. The first contains tutorials, and the second presents questions based on the tutorials. Eight vital body systems are covered—including the circulatory, respiratory, endocrine, skeletal, nervous, digestive, muscular, and integumentary (skin, that is). A tour of each system takes 10 to 15 minutes.

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The second disk contains a library of more than 200 questions based on the tutorials. If you think you already know a lot about the human body, try the "body I.Q. test" before using the tutorials. Do you know how many taste buds there are on a human tongue? Or how long it takes your body to pump 3,000 gallons of blood? Or why you get goose bumps?

The Body in Focus is very simple to use. Which key do you press to view the digestive system? Or the skeletal system? You don't have to memorize these details—a soft plastic keyboard overlay lists all the key functions.

Another strong point of the program is its use of sound. With some software, you can often tell that sound was added as an afterthought. But with *The Body in Focus*, the sound is very functional. You quickly learn the different sounds for "your turn" and "that key doesn't do anything." Sounds are used intelligently for getting your attention at the right time and for signifying right and wrong responses.

As a parent, I would recommend

The Body in Focus for a youngster who is taking biology. As a teacher, I probably wouldn't use *The Body in Focus* as part of the curriculum because it is not sequential (some students may choose not to press "tell me more"). However, this program is exciting enough that I think students would invest their own time to travel through *The Body in Focus*. It would be great for enrichment.

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One-On-One For Amiga

Charles Brannon, Program Editor

Requirements: Amiga with 256K RAM. Joystick and 512K RAM recommended.

As promised, Electronic Arts has successfully translated for the Amiga several of its popular games originally written for the Commodore 64, Atari, and Apple. These programs are showcase pieces of game design. On computers like the Amiga, they can be even better, using the power of the machine to enhance the realism with additional color, detail, and smoother motion. The Amiga's stereo sound system can also be exploited for more realistic music and unusual sound effects.

Not all games can easily incorporate these new features without being redesigned, however. Because *One-on-One* is an adaptation, it is very similar to the original version running on, say, a Commodore 64. Although the Amiga version has a more colorful screen with true-to-life color schemes, basically the original game's graphics have been re-touched. For example, the basketball court is convincingly colored to look like a polished wood floor. This is possible due to the Amiga's ability to display up to 32 colors simultaneously on its low-resolution graphics screen. (The term *low resolution* is relative; the same resolution of 320 × 200 pixels is called *high resolution* on the Commodore 64.) Each color is chosen from a wide range of possible hues (4,096 in all), so it's easier to approximate real-life colors.

On the other hand, the sound effects in *One-on-One* are considerably enhanced, since the Amiga can play back digitally recorded sounds. You can hear the actual background noises of a basketball game, with the crowd murmuring, cheering, booing, catcalling,

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The Amiga version of *One-on-One* has more colorful graphics and real-life sound effects.

and roaring when a player makes a basket (if the Amiga is hooked up to a stereo sound system, you'll notice that the cheering is loudest from the scoring team's side). And if you listen closely, you can even hear a vendor wandering through the crowd ("Hot Dogs! Cold Beer!").

Two Superstars

For those unfamiliar with *One-on-One*, it's a two-man basketball game with a 3-D perspective of the court. The two ballplayers are none other than Larry Bird and Dr. J (Julius Erving). Consulting with Larry Bird and Dr. J, Electronic Arts has modeled the actual playing characteristics of the two superstars. You control the action with the mouse or a joystick. Push forward to move toward the basket, back to move away, and left and right to move laterally. A quick press of the button spins you around (a "360"). If you're holding the ball, a long press sends it flying towards the basket (you have to time it carefully). If you're not holding the ball, a long press sends your player leaping up for a rebound or attempted block.

The computer sometimes adjusts your player's position. When you're facing the basket and the opposing player shoots, you automatically turn around to face the ball so you can jump up and attempt to block it.

The game attempts to be realistic without encumbering arcade-style play. A bar graph at the bottom of the screen shows each player's remaining energy, a sort of exhaustion factor. As your energy drains, from strenuous running, leaping, and blocking, your player becomes sluggish, moves slower, is unable to jump very high, and misses more shots. If you stand still, your energy level builds as you rest. When either player takes a time out or when a quarter ends, both players are refreshed. This is an important part of the game, since if you had infinite energy, you could run the best players off the court.

Every feature of professional basketball is here: the 24-second shot clock, the three-point goal, and penalties for hacking, charging, blocking, and traveling. However, the game makes no attempt to charge you for goaltending—where you try to block a shot on its downward flight into the basket.

Although you have a choice of using the mouse or a joystick in *One-on-One*, the mouse doesn't make a very good controller in this game. You have to keep moving it constantly to keep your player going. This is difficult with limited desk space for the mouse. A joystick affords much better control. (Any Commodore or Atari joystick works with the Amiga.)

Master Of The Slam-Dunk

While playing *One-on-One*, I found that the simulation of the characters really doesn't seem to affect the game much. As in real life, Larry Bird is nearly always able to make a three-point shot and Dr. J. is the master of the slam-dunk, but there doesn't seem to be all that much difference between the players. (However, a 76ers or Celtics fan might instantly notice some subtle nuances.) In the end, it's joystick dexterity coupled with some basketball experience that determines the ultimate winner.

Pull-down menus that work with either the joystick or the mouse let you select the game's difficulty level, loser's outs versus winner's outs, and whether you are competing for points or against time. There are four difficulty levels: Park & Rec, Varsity, College, and Pro. You can also play against the computer, choosing which player the computer controls. If you can beat the computer playing at the Pro level, you can whip most human opponents.

As proof of the careful attention that went into this game, Electronic Arts has included several cute features that give the game a special character. When the computer considers that it's just observed a particularly interesting or amazing shot, it calls for an *Instant Replay* that repeats the last few seconds—quite flattering if your player made the shot, but bound to draw a sneer from your opponent. A sufficiently powerful slam-dunk can shatter the backboard, raining down slivers of glass. A little janitor waddles out with a broom, looks at you and grumbles, then sweeps the fragments into his dustpan. This happened twice within a few hours of play, so it's more likely to happen than in real life.

Although the graphics and sound are uniquely Amiga, the game play is consistent with earlier versions. A testament to careful research and clever pro-

gramming, perhaps this element of *One-on-One* doesn't really need improving, even on such a powerful computer as the Amiga.

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AtariWriter Plus

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Requirements: Atari 400, 800, XL, or XE computer with at least 48K RAM, a disk drive, and printer. Special version included for 130XE.

The original *AtariWriter* was by no means the first word processor for Atari computers, nor the most powerful—but it quickly became one of the most popular. Its manageable range of commands, ease of use, and pop-in cartridge convenience rapidly made it the word processor of choice for thousands of beginners and experienced users alike.

Now comes its successor: *AtariWriter Plus*. All new and improved, *AtariWriter Plus* nevertheless retains a familiar resemblance to *AtariWriter*. Significant new features include an integrated spelling checker program with 36,000-word dictionary, an integrated mail-merge program, a utility program that lets you construct your own printer driver in case you have an oddball printer, the ability to take advantage of the 128K RAM in the 130XE, selectable insert/strikeover modes, optional horizontal scrolling up to 249 columns, double-column printing, form-letter printing, support for dual-drive systems, and a larger failsafe buffer.

Buy One, Get One Free

AtariWriter Plus comes on two disks instead of a cartridge, and one of the disks is a floppy with a different version of the program on each side. One version works on all eight-bit Atari computers with at least 48K RAM, and the other version works only on the 130XE. The second disk contains the dictionary for the spelling checker.

There are disadvantages to this new arrangement, especially if you've grown accustomed to the instant start-up convenience and durability of the *AtariWriter* cartridge. *AtariWriter Plus* takes nearly a minute to load, and the program disk is copy-protected. That means if the disk fails after the 90-day warranty expires, you're out of action until you can get another (at the full

replacement cost of the program). Fortunately, the dictionary disk is not copy-protected, and that's the disk which may get the heaviest use, as we'll explain below.

When you boot up *AtariWriter Plus*, the first thing you see after a title screen is the main menu. It's almost identical to the main menu of *AtariWriter* with these additions: Verify Spelling, Global Format, Mail Merge, Index Drive 1, and Index Drive 2. Verify Spelling and Mail Merge load those corresponding programs, which we'll cover in a moment. The Index selections call up disk directories for one- or two-drive systems (*AtariWriter* allowed access to only one drive).

Global Format is a new option that changes the way you format a file for printing. The old *AtariWriter* always places a row of formatting commands across the top of your file; *AtariWriter Plus* eliminates this. Instead, Global Format brings up a screen that lets you adjust these settings for any file currently in memory. Settings include top and bottom margins, page length, paragraph indentation and spacing, type font, justification on/off, left and right margins, second left and right margins (for double-column printing), page numbering, line spacing, and page wait on/off (for single-sheet or tractor-feed paper). As before, all of these settings default to common values, and you can imbed additional formatting commands within your file if you need to change a setting partway through a document.

Although Global Format rids the writing/editing screen of distracting formatting codes, it adds them to the disk file. When you save an *AtariWriter Plus* document from the main menu, the program no longer saves the text in standard ASCII format as *AtariWriter* did. Instead, the formatting codes are tacked onto the file as a header. This restores the settings when you reload the file later, but also causes problems if you try to load an *AtariWriter Plus* document into another word processor or upload it via modem. Fortunately, Atari provided a solution: If you press CTRL-S at the main menu, a Save ASCII option pops up. It strips off the format header and saves the text in straight ASCII.

To convert an *AtariWriter* file for *AtariWriter Plus*, all you have to do is delete the print formatting line at the top of the document and reenter the codes on the Global Format screen. ASCII files created by other word processors are easily converted, too.

Adjustable Screen

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almost identical to *AtariWriter*'s. It defaults to a width of 38 columns and 20 lines. Below this area is a three-line command window that displays the tab stops, a pair of counters for the cursor position (column and line), system messages, and other information.

New additions to the command window are indicators for the typing mode, caps lock mode, and number of bytes free. The typing mode determines whether newly typed characters make room for themselves by pushing existing characters forward, or whether they simply replace existing characters. *AtariWriter* was limited to insert mode, which irked some people. *AtariWriter Plus* defaults to insert mode, but offers the strikeover mode as well. The caps lock indicator is only semi-useful, since you'll quickly discover if you've accidentally hit this key anyway. The free memory indicator is a little more practical, although it was only a keystroke away in the old *AtariWriter*.

By pressing **OPTION-C**, you can change the default 38-column screen to any width from 5 to 249 columns. Of course, no more than 40 columns can be displayed at a time, so the screen scrolls horizontally to bring additional ones into view. This makes it much easier to line up columns of numbers and the like. Since this setting can be altered at any time, you can type in 38- or 40-column mode if you find horizontal scrolling distracting, and then switch to a wider screen to check the alignment of your columns.

The column counter in the command window always displays the cursor position relative to the screen's full width, so it's easy to keep track of your location on a wide screen. However, the line counter doesn't do likewise—it stops at 20 when you reach the bottom of the writing/editing screen, no matter how far down you scroll through your document.

You can zip through your text a little faster in *AtariWriter Plus* because the **SELECT** and cursor-arrow keys let you move a whole word at a time left or right. Vertical movement is much quicker because the **OPTION** up-arrow and down-arrow keys now flip screens instantly rather than scrolling them slowly as in the old *AtariWriter*. And incidentally, the cursor itself has been changed to a blinking block instead of the blinking underline that was its precursor's cursor.

Memory In The Bank

If you're using a 48K or 64K machine, *AtariWriter Plus* leaves 12,645 bytes free for text (roughly 2,100 words). That's not much compared to other word processors for the Atari. Most of them, in-

cluding *AtariWriter*, leave at least 20K free.

If you're using a 130XE, the news is a little better. The 130XE version on the flip side of the *AtariWriter Plus* program disk takes advantage of the extra RAM to give you a total of 47,616 bytes free (roughly 7,900 words). But there's a catch—the program usually doesn't see this memory as one, continuous "blank page." Instead, the memory is divided into three sections called banks. The technical reasons for this are beyond the scope of this review, but they're related to the memory-addressing limitations of eight-bit computers. Although it's possible to get around these limitations, it's a programmer's nightmare.

As a result, *AtariWriter Plus* gives you three banks of 15,872 bytes on a 130XE. When you save and load from disk, the program *does* treat the banks as one continuous block of memory: a long document that occupies two or three banks is saved and loaded as a single file. Almost all other functions, however, require you to deal with each bank separately. For instance, to switch from bank to bank, you must press **START-B**. To move the cursor to the top or bottom of the file, you can't simply press **SELECT-T** or **SELECT-B** as usual; these commands move the cursor only to the top or bottom of the current bank. You can move blocks of text from one bank to another, but you can't define a text block that crosses a bank boundary. Search and replace operations won't bridge the bank boundaries either, but the search and replace strings remain intact so you can continue the operation after switching banks.

Another limitation is that you can't merge a file across banks. In other words, if you've got a 10,000-byte file in memory, you can't merge it with another file that is 6,000 bytes long or more without exceeding the banks' 15,872-byte capacities. (If you can merge the two files outside of the program—perhaps with DOS—you can load the joined file as a single document, though.)

One interesting command (**OPTION-F**) redistributes your text equally among all three banks. For instance, if you fill up bank 1, continue writing in bank 2, and later decide to insert a paragraph in bank 1, you can press **OPTION-F** to free up some memory. Your document will be split across three banks—somewhat awkward, but at least you'll have room for your insert. When you load a long file that won't fit in a single bank, this redistribution happens automatically.

Other Enhancements

Like *AtariWriter*, *AtariWriter Plus* pre-

serves deleted blocks of text in a failsafe buffer so you can restore them or paste them elsewhere in the document. But while *AtariWriter*'s failsafe buffer has only enough memory for less than two screenfuls of text, *AtariWriter Plus* sets aside all remaining text memory for the buffer. That means the failsafe buffer can range in size from more than 12,000 bytes to 0 bytes, depending on how much you've written. A new command (**START-E**) lets you erase the buffer if it gets too full to let you continue writing.

The 130XE version, however, always sets aside about 8K for the failsafe buffer.

Defining text blocks is handled a little differently, too. Instead of marking the beginning and ending points of a block with **CTRL-X**, as you do in *AtariWriter*, you mark the beginning with **OPTION-B**. When you move the cursor, the characters you're defining as a block become highlighted in inverse video. Then you mark the end of the block with a different command that depends on which operation you want to perform. For example, to indicate the end of a text block you want to delete, you press **OPTION-DELETE/BACK SPACE**. A **DELETE BLOCK Y/N?** message asks you to confirm your choice.

AtariWriter Plus lets you perform several other operations on text blocks as well. **OPTION-W** counts the number of words in a block. (When you press **OPTION-W** without defining a block, the program counts all the words in your document—or in the current bank on a 130XE.) **OPTION-A** alphabetizes all the words in a block. **OPTION-S** saves the block on disk. And **OPTION-E** copies the block into the failsafe buffer so you can paste it elsewhere.

Another new feature is form printing. Let's say you need to print out a number of form letters with different names, addresses, or other information inserted at certain points. You can indicate those points by pressing **OPTION-INSERT**; an arrow appears on the screen. Later, the printer will pause at those points and let you type up to 35 characters.

So many other improvements have been added to *AtariWriter Plus* that we can't cover them all in detail. For instance, you can search forward and backward, search and replace control characters and specify wildcards in search strings, turn the alert beep on and off (except for keystrokes and error messages), print text in double columns for newsletters, and construct your own custom printer drivers with a BASIC program that's included. Furthermore, the 80-column (horizontal-scrolling)

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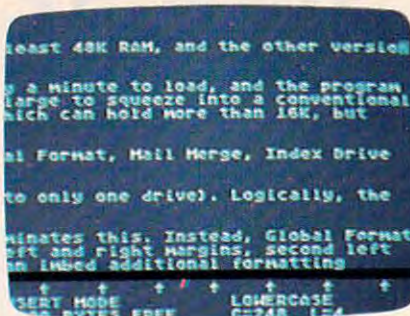
Editor On A Disk?

One of the most significant additions to *AtariWriter Plus* is *Atari Proofreader*, a spelling-checker program. Although it's integrated with *AtariWriter Plus*, it's not memory-resident. That means when you select Verify Spelling from the main menu, you have to insert the program disk and wait a half-minute or so as *Atari Proofreader* replaces *AtariWriter Plus* in memory. The same procedure is necessary when returning to the word processor from the spelling checker. Fortunately, your text file is preserved in memory during this exchange.

Once *Atari Proofreader* is up and running, you insert the dictionary disk and choose from several options (on a two-drive system, less disk-swapping is required). Highlight Errors checks the whole document and highlights in inverse video any words the *Proofreader* doesn't recognize; Correct Errors also highlights unrecognized words, but then pauses and lets you type in the correct spelling; Print Errors proofreads the document and dumps all unrecognized words on a printer; Dictionary Search lets you look up words on the dictionary disk by typing in your best guess as to how they're spelled; File Personal Dictionary saves on disk a short dictionary of your own special words; Add Personal Dictionary loads one of these special dictionaries from disk; Index Drive 1 or 2 calls up disk directories; Load File loads a document for proofing; Save File saves a proofed document; and Return To *AtariWriter Plus* exits the spelling checker back to the word processor.

Like all spelling checkers, *Atari Proofreader* lets you add your own list of special words to the dictionary. This keeps the checker from highlighting certain technical terms or proper names that you frequently use. Building a personal dictionary is easy. When proofing a file with the Correct Errors option, you can press a key that tells the checker to remember a word it didn't recognize. Later, you can save these words on disk as a personal dictionary. You can also build a dictionary by simply creating a new file with *AtariWriter Plus* and typing in a word list.

The personal dictionaries are fairly limited, however. *Atari Proofreader* remembers only the last 256 words it highlighted when checking a file. The maximum space available for a personal dictionary is 8,400 bytes on a 48K or 64K Atari—and, oddly, only 4,396



The writing/editing screen of *AtariWriter Plus* can now scroll horizontally as wide as 249 columns.

bytes on the 128K RAM 130XE. Since the average English word is about six letters long, that breaks down to about 1,200 words on a 48K/64K machine, or about 628 words on a 130XE. Of course, the kind of words you'll include in a personal dictionary will probably average longer than six letters, so these word counts may be misleading. To get around this limitation, though, you can create several personal dictionaries and proof a document in more than one pass.

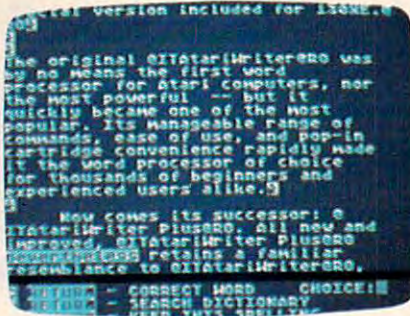
However, it takes *Atari Proofreader* quite a while to check a large document—mainly because it must read the dictionary disk constantly when proofing a file (a good reason for backing up the disk). This 3,000-word review, written with *AtariWriter Plus* on a 130XE with a 1050 disk drive, took the *Proofreader* 15 minutes to check. Of course, even a good copy editor (the kind that doesn't come on a disk) would take at least that long.

Mail Merge

Another integrated program is *Atari Mail Merge*. Like *Atari Proofreader*, it must be loaded from disk and swapped in memory with *AtariWriter Plus*. It's a general-purpose filing program that lets you compile a list of names and addresses (or any other kind of information, for that matter) and merge them into form letters.

Mail Merge can handle a file up to 22,292 bytes long. This file can include as many as 255 records, and each record can contain up to 15 fields of 20 characters each. When creating a file, you can design your own record format or use the default format. You can then edit, append, and print these files with *Mail Merge*.

To use *Mail Merge* with *AtariWriter Plus*, you press OPTION-M at the point in your document where you want to insert information from *Mail Merge*. A heart character appears on the screen, and you follow it with a number that indicates which field you want printed (1 to 15). When you print the docu-



Atari Proofreader, another new feature of *AtariWriter Plus*, checks your spelling against a 36,000-word dictionary and highlights any mistakes.

ment, the information from that field is inserted into your text. This is a particularly useful feature for printing out form letters and address labels.

You can also define a subset of a *Mail Merge* file. For instance, you could send form letters to only ten people out of a list of 100.

Integrated features like *Mail Merge* and the *Proofreader* elevate *AtariWriter Plus* to the upper rank of word processors for Atari computers. It's still not the most powerful or full-featured word processor you can buy for your Atari. But like its popular predecessor, *AtariWriter Plus* strikes a good balance between versatility and ease of use.

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Borrowed Time

Selby Bateman, Features Editor

Requirements: Commodore 64 or 128; Apple II-series computer with at least 64K RAM; IBM PC with color/graphics adapter and at least 64K RAM; Enhanced Model IBM PCjr; Atari ST-series computer; Commodore Amiga; or an Apple Macintosh. Disk only; color monitor recommended.

Your name's Harlow...Sam Harlow, private eye.

You're sitting in your office with your feet propped up, trying to figure out how to pay the rent, when the phone rings. "Sam, they want you dead," says a voice at the other end of the line. The voice fades, and you get the funny feeling someone's watching you. Before you know it, people—all kinds of people—are doing more than watching. They're coming after you. And you're living on borrowed time.

Your secretary, Iris Spencer, has taken a powder; Jerry the bartender freezes when you ask about Farnham; Hawkeye, the blind newspaper vendor, has a tip about Fred Mongo; Dave, who runs the corner hotdog stand, thinks you're trying to pin a hamburger rap on him. He keeps throwing hotdogs at you. And now someone's kidnapped your wife, Rita.

Life's tough in the big city for a down-in-the-heels gumshoe, and never tougher than in Activision's graphic-and-text adventure, *Borrowed Time*. But you don't have an opportunity to feel sorry for yourself. People keep breaking down your door, running after you in dark alleys, and unloading .38s in your direction. It's up to you, Sam. Find out who's sending all those thugs after you, and quickly. One more thing, Sam. You'd also better find out why.

Fun, Not Frustrating

In *Borrowed Time*, Activision has created a delightful game environment with the look and feel of those classic hard-boiled detective movies and novels. The game is also fun to work with, easier and faster than earlier graphics-and-text games (especially the ST and Amiga versions). Some computer adventures can be frustrating, limiting your options with complex puzzles to such an extent that just leaving a room can take hours of problem-solving. *Borrowed Time* offers a plot line and puzzles that are intriguing and challenging without demanding that you enroll in a code-breaking class.

The screen format and game movement are very well executed in *Borrowed Time*. The screen is divided into six sections: a graphics window showing scenes representing the action described in the text; a scrolling text window along the bottom third of the screen; an inventory window displaying what you're carrying; a compass showing north, south, east, and west; and two lists of words, verbs on the left and nouns on the right.

Using a joystick or mouse (depending on the computer), you can quickly select the direction you wish to travel, choose verb-noun commands from the lists, and even examine or drop what you're carrying by pressing the mouse or joystick button. Of course, you can still type in all the commands if you'd prefer, and the game's vocabulary is much more extensive than just the couple of dozen words listed on the screen at any one time. With the mouse or joystick, and especially with the fast disk access of computers like the ST, Amiga, and Macintosh, you can travel very rapidly from place to place with a minimum of typing. There is, naturally,



The Atari ST version of *Borrowed Time* has the best graphics of all.

much disk access. Depending on the computer, this can be frustratingly slow (Commodore 64 and 1541 disk drive) or amazingly swift (Atari ST).

Making a map of your travels through the city is almost mandatory. There are many different locations, and an engaging (and often dangerous) cast of characters. You can usually converse with the people you see, some of whom may not always tell you the truth. Just like any good private eye, you'll want to examine everything and watch the different screens for visual clues to help you solve the mystery or escape from tight spots.

Life Is Tough

As Sam Harlow, you're prone to meet with a lot of "accidents," resulting in the frequent untimely end of the game. But Activision has provided both a QUICKSAVE and a QUICKLOAD command that helps keep you in the action. If you hear someone pounding on your door, if a shadow suddenly looms behind you, or if there's the quiet click of a hammer being drawn back on a gun, you'd be well advised to use the QUICKSAVE command. Then, should something happen to you, use QUICKLOAD and you're back where you were just before your accident.

The designers of *Borrowed Time* obviously had a lot of fun putting the pieces together. There's a sense of humor in the text, and the visuals can be charming. Clothes hanging on a line ripple in the wind, a dog's tail wags and his tongue peeks out as he pants, the telephone receiver bounces in its cradle as it rings, and occasionally a character will glance at you from the corners of his eyes. As bullets whine over your head, your natural inclination may be to type in the command, DUCK!. All you'll get for that is the response, QUACK!.

In addition to a concise printed explanation of game rules and features, the program also contains a tutorial on the disk which helps first-time players get started. However, so intuitive is the

feel of *Borrowed Time* that you can boot the disk and start to play without knowing anything about the game. The program and the graphics can vary slightly from computer to computer, depending on the differing technical capabilities of various machines. But game play appears to be quite similar throughout.

You can have a lot of fun with *Borrowed Time*. Just keep checking over your shoulder, keep moving, and expect the worst.

Borrowed Time
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Europe Ablaze For Commodore And Apple

Neil Randall

Requirements: Commodore 64 (or 128 in 64 mode); or an Apple II-series computer with at least 64K RAM. Disk only.

Europe Ablaze is the third game from the Strategic Studies Group of Australia. Their first effort, *Reach for the Stars*, remains one of the most popular computer wargames ever released, and their second, *Carriers at War*, won the Charles Roberts Award at last year's Origins gaming convention for best computer game of the year. Add the fact that SSG's games are now being distributed by Electronic Arts, and we can see that SSG has quickly become one of the leading designers of computer wargames. And when you're at the top, people expect great things.

For those expecting excellence, *Europe Ablaze* will not disappoint. The game is a simulation of the World War II air war over Germany and England. The three scenarios included with the game cover the Battle of Britain, 1940 (the one with Churchill's famous speech); the summer 1943 U.S. and British bombing offensive; and the 1944 attempt to bomb Germany into submission.

Like *Carriers at War*, though, *Europe Ablaze* is not restricted to the scenarios provided. A detailed but remarkably easy scenario design kit allows you to alter the existing scenarios or add new ones of your own. One such scenario, which covers the Mediterranean bombing campaign of 1943, is

included in the design book. With sufficient research, historians and air war buffs can work up their own.

Like *Carriers at War*, *Europe Ablaze* is entirely menu-driven. By simply asking you to type Y or N, the menus guide you through all the game's activities, from formatting a disk to ordering an interception. You can command your squadrons to perform reconnaissance, execute sweeps and raids, or, at the heart of the game, fly bombing missions to the target of your choice. And you don't just send them someplace; you tell them how to get there and what to do. You can target bombs against ports, against communications facilities, against industry, or against population. And you can fly straight to the target or divide the flight into two or three "legs" to confuse the enemy. In other words, you must make the same kinds of choices your historical counterparts had to make.

Two Different Roles

To this end, *Europe Ablaze* is actually two games in one. If you want to avoid the detailed mission and squadron planning, you can assume the role of Commander-in-Chief. In this role, you issue general orders to each of your Air Fleets, and the computer carries out your orders. If you want to take your Commander-in-Chief's orders and carry out the actual missions, you can select the role of Air Fleet Commander. This role is more time-consuming, but because you have more to do it is also more interesting.

You need not restrict yourself to one or the other, however. At the beginning of the game, the program asks you which commands are to be human-controlled and which computer-controlled. If you're playing the game with friends (up to 12), each can take a different command, and the realism multiplies as each commander demands missions and materials to suit his own objectives. *Europe Ablaze* impressively establishes the levels of command; as Commander-in-Chief, you will be helpless once you've issued your orders, and as Air Fleet Commander, you must often make the best of orders you don't agree with. That's the way the Air Force works.

As mentioned earlier, those expecting excellence should be very satisfied by *Europe Ablaze*. But those hoping for innovation may not be. *Europe Ablaze* extends the menu-driven system of *Carriers at War*, smoothing it out and allowing the player a bit more freedom. But sometimes the game plays too much like its forerunner.

Still, we're beginning to see more and more refinements of existing war-

game systems, and as long as designers refine—and not simply copy—the result will be games of superior quality. *Europe Ablaze* is a fine simulation that uses a proven game system. We can't ask for much more.

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Ultima IV: Quest For The Avatar For Apple And 64

James V. Trunzo

Requirements: Apple II-series computer with at least 64K RAM (Mockingboard sound enhancer optional); or a Commodore 64 or 128 (in 64 mode). Disk only. The Apple version was reviewed.

Just when you thought it was safe to venture forth into the land of Britannia, along comes *Ultima IV: Quest for the Avatar*. The sequel to *Ultima III* certainly appears to live up to its advance notice. I say *appears* because I've spent only a dozen or so hours adventuring in the world of Britannia, and therefore can't claim to be all-knowledgeable about the surprises lurking in this game. However, considering the tremendous scope of *Ultima IV*, if I waited until completely finishing the game before reviewing it, *Ultima X* would probably be on the market by then. The world of *Ultima IV: Quest for the Avatar* is approximately 16 times larger than that of its predecessors.

But map size is hardly the only difference between *Ultima IV* and the other *Ultimas*. It is a tribute to the designers' programming skills and creative genius that *Ultima IV* quickly establishes its own identity while continuing the by-now familiar play format employed in *Ultima I* through *III*.

While *Quest for the Avatar* retains many of the standard features of the previous programs, it also has a heavy philosophical bent that comes very close to moralizing. At the least, it puts quite an emphasis on virtues that lead to a "good" life: honesty, valor, charity, etc. The player should never lose sight of this emphasis when making decisions throughout the game. Of course, philosophical contemplations are well

and good, but they aren't tremendously useful against the aggressive monster-types that beset you during your quest.

Recipes For Magic

Combat and magic are still of major importance in *Ultima IV*. The procedure for combat is unchanged, but a new level of sophistication has been reached for the use of magic. No longer can you simply cast a spell. Instead, reagents (ingredients) must be purchased and properly mixed before using a spell—and woe on you if you're struggling to prepare your magic while five trolls are attacking your party. The Book of Spells lists the ingredients you need, but in many cases it's up to you to discover the proper portions of each ingredient. What does it take to make a fireball—two parts bloodmoss and one part sulfurous ash, or vice versa?

There's more, of course. At the risk of revealing too much, be aware that in *Ultima IV* you do not pick your party of adventurers; they pick you. If you're unworthy of help from a powerful Paladin, for example, you'll have to gain more experience before receiving his aid. Even the creation of your player character is handled in a unique and fascinating way. You no longer simply state your preference for character type and race. I won't tell you what happens instead because it would rob you of one of the initial enjoyments when playing *Ultima IV*. After discovering this for yourself, you'll be glad I was discreet.

The package is similar to previous versions of the *Ultima* series. It includes a cloth map, a Book of Magic, a History of Britannia, and two game disks. All the material is top quality, and the manuals are eminently readable. If you get hopelessly stuck, a hint book will be available containing maps and clues. This makes it possible for less industrious adventurers (like me) to have a chance of completing the game in their lifetimes.

For those who have never experienced any of the *Ultima* games, note that it isn't necessary to have played the forerunners in order to enjoy *Ultima IV: Quest for the Avatar*. However, my bet is that once you play one, you'll want to play them all.

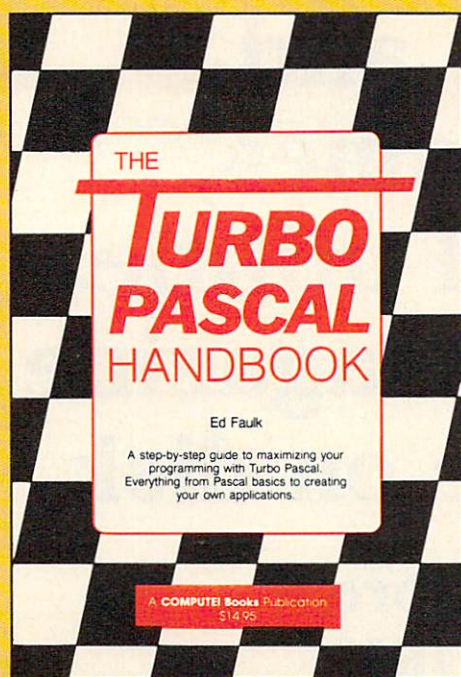
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Adding System Power To ST BASIC

Part 2

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The VDISYS command lets you fill in the gaps in Atari ST BASIC by calling system routines to do jobs that would otherwise be impossible. Part 1 of this series explained the fundamentals of VDISYS and examined a general-purpose drawing routine. This part shows how VDISYS can perform two other important tasks—reading the screen position of the mouse pointer and sensing the status of the mouse buttons. An example program lets you create a custom shape for your ST's mouse pointer.

Have you ever tried to read the Atari ST's mouse controller from BASIC? If you have, you already know that BASIC lacks commands to read the mouse position or button status. Like certain other tasks, mouse reading can be done from BASIC only with the aid of VDISYS. Once you know how to read the mouse, you may also want to change the mouse pointer's appearance. This article explains how to do both.

Before you type in the example program below, here are some tips that make it easier to enter ST BASIC programs. First, although it may be obvious to some of you, it is far easier to enter a program from the Edit window than the Com-

mand window. (To move to the Edit window, type EDIT at the Command window's OK prompt or choose the Start Edit option from the Edit menu.) The Edit window's full-screen editor is much more convenient for entering program lines than the Command window's single-line interface. You can also run a program directly from the Edit window (type RUN or choose the Start option from the Run menu). When the program is finished, control returns to the Edit window, so you can immediately modify or add new lines to the program.

The Edit window has one feature that you may or may not appreciate. Until you press RETURN, the line you're working on appears in *ghost mode* (the letters look gray and fuzzy). The purpose of ghost mode is to show which lines you have changed. That's helpful to inexperienced programmers, but an annoyance in many cases, since ghosted letters are harder to read than normal ones. To disable ghost mode, enter this line in the Command window:

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POKE SYSTAB+2,0
```

Another way to ease the task of program entry is to increase the speed of the cursor. This is done from the Control Panel. The second slider from the top (the one with a

rabbit and a turtle) controls the cursor speed. To increase the speed, click on the slider and drag it to the left (toward the rabbit). To slow it down, drag the slider to the right. You can also turn the keyboard beeping sound off and on by clicking the C key icon in the Control Panel.

Redesigning The Pointer

Two more steps are required before typing in the pointer-editing program. First, set the computer to medium resolution (use the Set Preferences option). Second, turn off buffered graphics from BASIC's Run menu. If your ST has more than 512K of Random Access Memory (RAM) or the TOS operating system in Read Only Memory (ROM), the second step may or may not be necessary, but it can't hurt in any case.

Now enter Program 1 and save it to disk. It lets you change the mouse pointer from the familiar arrow shape to a custom design of your own. When you run the program, a grid appears on the left side of the screen, and the word DONE is shown on the right. To edit the pointer shape, move the mouse pointer into the grid, then click the button on any square you want to change. Clicking on a square toggles it on or off—if the square is on

(dark) when you click, it is turned off (erased) and vice versa.

Once you're satisfied with the new pointer, move the mouse out of the grid and click on the word DONE. The program then asks for the location of the new pointer's *hot spot*—a single dot that the computer uses to tell exactly what the pointer is pointing at. On the normal mouse pointer, the hot spot is located at the very tip of the arrow. But you can place it anywhere within your custom pointer shape.

After you locate the hot spot, the new pointer appears on the screen. At this point, the program asks whether you want to save the pointer shape data to a disk file for later use. If so, press Y and enter a filename when prompted. If you press any other key, the program ends without saving the shape. Program 2 (see below) provides a method for reloading the shape data from the disk file and making the custom pointer appear in a BASIC program of your own.

Reading The ST's Mouse

If you're unfamiliar with the usage of VDISYS, CONTRL, and PTSIN, you may want to read Part 1 of this article (April COMPUTE!) before going any further. It explains the fundamentals of calling VDI routines from ST BASIC.

As mentioned earlier, ST BASIC has no commands to read the mouse or the state of the mouse buttons directly. Fortunately, there is a VDI routine (appropriately named Readmouse) which gives this information. Only three steps are needed to call this routine. Since Readmouse has an opcode of 124, we first execute POKE CONTRL,124 to tell the ST which VDI routine to call (line 90 in Program 1). This routine doesn't involve any vertices or attributes, so CONTRL+2 and CONTRL+6 are POKEd with zeros. Once that brief preparation is complete, the statement VDISYS(0) actually calls the routine.

As you may recall, Part 1 explained how to pass information from BASIC to a VDI drawing routine. When that routine was done with its work (drawing a graphic shape), we didn't care whether it passed any information back in the

other direction. But many VDI routines pass significant information back to BASIC. Thus, calling a routine like Readmouse involves a two-way information transfer. You must supply certain data before calling the routine; and when it returns control to BASIC, the routine sends other information back to you.

Part 1 also explained how the parameter blocks named PTSIN and INTIN are used to pass data from BASIC to a VDI routine. These parameter blocks are paralleled by PTSOUT and INTOUT, which perform the same operations in reverse. Though they're considered reserved variables (which you can use only in certain, predefined ways), PTSOUT and INTOUT each point to a block of special storage locations in memory called a *parameter block*. Like PTSIN, PTSOUT points to a temporary holding area for information about x and y position coordinates. Like the INTIN parameter block, INTOUT defines the area where other information (attribute data, etc.) is passed.

Position And Button Status

To read the mouse pointer's screen location, call the Readmouse routine and PEEK the memory locations defined by PTSOUT and PTSOUT+2. In Program 1, this is done at line 110. The statement X=PEEK(PTSOUT) transfers the value stored in PTSOUT in the variable x, representing the mouse pointer's horizontal position. Similarly, Y=PEEK(PTSOUT+2) makes y equal to the mouse pointer's vertical position.

To read the status of the mouse buttons, call the Readmouse routine and PEEK the locations defined by INTOUT and INTOUT+2. INTOUT returns information about the left button, and INTOUT+2 tells you the status of the right button. If a button is pressed, the value in the corresponding location is 1; if it's not pressed, the value is 0. Program 1 reads both mouse buttons at line 120. When the left button is pressed, the variable LBUTTON is set to 1; when the right button is pressed, the variable RBUTTON is set to 1. Table 1 outlines the information you need to use Readmouse.

Customizing The Pointer

Though the ST's familiar arrow pointer may be suitable most of the time, occasionally you might want it to look like something else. In a drawing program, for instance, why not reshape the pointer as a pencil or a paintbrush? Once you know how to modify the pointer's appearance, you can make it look like a pointing hand, a musical note, a scientific symbol, or whatever else is needed to give your program that unique, customized look.

The VDI routine that redraws the mouse pointer is called Set Mouse Form, usually abbreviated as SMF. Because the SMF routine requires a lot of information, its setup procedure is fairly complex. The first step, as always, is to POKE the opcode for the VDI routine into CONTRL. Since the opcode for SMF is 111, Program 1 performs POKE CONTRL,111 at line 210. Next, you must POKE the number

Table 1: Readmouse Parameters

Input Parameters

POKE CONTRL,124	(opcode)
POKE CONTRL+2,0	(number of vertices)
POKE CONTRL+6,0	(number of attributes)

Output Parameters

PEEK(PTSOUT)	(horizontal mouse position)
PEEK(PTSOUT+2)	(vertical mouse position)
PEEK(INTOUT)	(1 = left button pressed)
PEEK(INTOUT+2)	(1 = right button pressed)

of vertices (0 in this case) and the number of attributes (37) into CTRL+2 and CTRL+6 (lines 210-220).

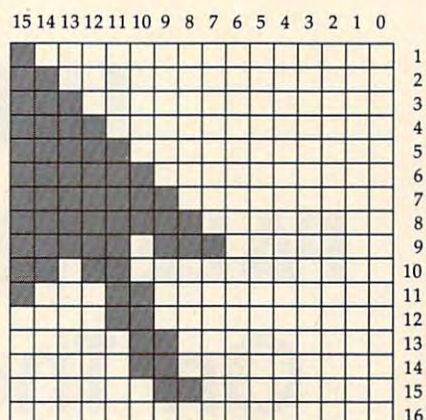
The mouse pointer can move anywhere on the screen, so there's no need to provide x and y coordinates for the shape as a whole. However, you must tell the system where, within that shape, it should put the hot spot. The hot spot's coordinates are defined relative to the upper-left corner of the new pointer shape. POKE the x coordinate value in INTIN and the y coordinate in INTIN+2. At the same time, you should also POKE a 1 into INTIN+4 (lines 220-230).

Who Was That Masked Mouse?

The mouse pointer you see on the screen is actually made of two separate parts—the pointer shape itself and a second shape called a *mask*. Both forms are the same size (16 pixels high and 16 pixels wide) and appear at the same place on the screen. Since the pointer and the mask can be different colors, this permits you to make a two-color mouse pointer. To create the illusion of solidity, for instance, you might draw the main body of the pointer in one color and add a darker shadow along its lower edges. To set the mask's color, POKE the desired color number into location INTIN+6. POKE the pointer's color into INTIN+8.

After you've defined the colors, you must supply shape information for both the pointer and the mask. Each shape requires 32 bytes (16 words) of data. The figure be-

low illustrates how the 16 words of shape data go together to make up the entire shape.



Mouse Pointer Data

If you visualize the pointer shape within a 16×16 grid, the first 16-bit data word is in the top row of the grid, the second data word represents the second row, and so on. To pass the shape information to the SMF routine, you must first calculate the 16-bit values represented by the "on" bits within this grid. When that's done, the data for the mask is POKed into locations INTIN+10, INTIN+12 ... INTIN+40. The pointer shape data is POKed into locations INTIN+42 through INTIN+72. Don't be concerned if that sounds a bit confusing. Program 1 does all the calculations and POKes for you automatically. For those who are interested, Table 2 outlines the information needed by the SMF routine.

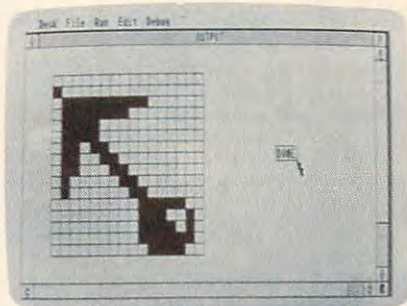
Saving Custom Pointers

Once you've created a custom pointer with Program 1, it appears on the screen and works just like the normal one. However, the pointer reverts to its usual shape as soon as you exit BASIC.

To help you incorporate custom pointers in your own BASIC programs, Program 1 lets you save all the pointer shape data in a disk file. Program 2 illustrates how to read the shape data from the disk file and recreate the custom pointer in another program.

The first two data items in the disk file are x and y coordinates for the pointer's hot spot. The next 16 data items are the 16 words (32 bytes) of shape data for the pointer and mask forms. After this data has been retrieved, it's simply a matter of performing the setup and calling the SMF routine just as we did in Program 1.

To incorporate this routine in your own program, replace the INPUT statement in line 10 with FN\$="FILENAME" using your own filename in place of FILENAME. Of course, you could also convert the shape data into DATA statements contained in the program itself.



This drawing grid (created by Program 1) lets you create custom mouse pointers for use in your own ST BASIC programs.

Table 2: Set Mouse Form (SMF) Parameters

Input Parameters

POKE CTRL,111 (opcode)
POKE CTRL+2,0 (number of input vertices)
POKE CTRL+6,37 (number of attributes)
POKE INTIN,X (X=hot spot horizontal coordinate)
POKE INTIN+2,Y (Y=hot spot vertical coordinate)
POKE INTIN+6,mask color
POKE INTIN+8,pointer color
POKE INTIN+10-INTIN+40,mask shape data
POKE INTIN+42-INTIN+72,pointer shape data

Program 1: ST Mouse Pointer Editor

```
10 FULLW 2: CLEARW 2: COLOR 1,1,1
20 DIM AR(16,16), SHAPE(30): FOR A =
  1 TO 16: FOR B = 1 TO 16: AR(A,B) = 0:
  NEXT B, A
30 FOR A = 50 TO 306 STEP 16: LINEF A,
  20, A, 148: NEXT
40 FOR A = 20 TO 148 STEP 8: LINEF 50,
  A, 306, A: NEXT
50 GOTOXY 48, 8: PRINT "DONE": Q = 43
  0: R = 72: LINEF Q, R, Q + 36, R: LINEF Q +
  36, R, Q + 36, R + 10
60 LINEF Q + 36, R + 10, Q, R + 10: LINEF Q,
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R+10,Q,R
70 GOSUB READMOUSE:IF LBUTTON
=TOGGLE THEN 70 ELSE TOGGLE
=LBUTTON
80 IF LBUTTON THEN GOSUB FLIP:GO
TO 70 ELSE GOTO 70
90 READMOUSE: POKE CONTRL,124
100 POKE CONTRL+2,0:POKE CONTR
L+6,0:VDISYS (0)
110 X=PEEK(PTSOUT):Y=PEEK(PTSOU
T+2)
120 LBUTTON=PEEK(INTOUT):RBUTT
ON=PEEK(INTOUT+2)
130 RETURN
140 FLIP: GOSUB LOCATE
150 IF XP>24 AND XP<27 AND YP=
8 THEN GOTO DEFINIT
160 IF XP<1 OR XP>16 OR YP<1 OR YP
>16 THEN RETURN
170 IF AR(XP,YP) THEN AR(XP,YP)=0:C
OLOR 1,0:GOTO 190
180 AR(XP,YP)=1:COLOR 1,2
190 FILL XP*16+44,YP*8+18:RETURN
200 DEFINIT: GOTOXY 43,12:PRINT "
CHOOSE HOT SPOT":GOSUB HOT
SPOT
210 POKE CONTRL,111:POKE CONTRL
+2,0
220 POKE CONTRL+6,37:HX=XP:HY=
YP
230 POKE INTIN,XP-1:POKE INTIN+2,
YP-1:POKE INTIN+4,1
240 POKE INTIN+6,0:POKE INTIN+8,1
250 FOR A=10 TO 40 STEP 2:T=0
260 FOR B=16 TO 1 STEP-1:T=T-2*(1
6-B)*(AR(B,A/2-4)=1):NEXT
270 POKE INTIN+A,T:POKE INTIN+A
+32,T:SHAPE((A-10)/2)=t
280 NEXT:VDISYS (0):CLEARW 2:GOTO
XY 32,0:PRINT "DEFINED"
290 PRINT "Do you want to save this sh
ape?":A=INP(2):IF A<>121 THE
N END
300 INPUT "Filename":FN$:OPEN "O",#
1,FN$:PRINT #1,HX,HY
310 FOR A=0 TO 15:PRINT #1,SHAPE(
A):NEXT:CLOSE #1:END
320 HOTSPOT: GOSUB READMOUSE:I
F LBUTTON=TOGGLE THEN 32
0 ELSE TOGGLE=LBUTTON
330 IF LBUTTON=0 THEN 320
340 GOSUB LOCATE:IF XP<1 OR XP>1
6 OR YP<1 OR YP>16 THEN 340 EL
SE RETURN
350 LOCATE: XP=INT((X-50)/16)+1:YP
=INT((Y-40)/8)+1:RETURN

```

Program 2: Pointer Loader

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10 DIM SHAPE(30):CLEARW 2:GOTOX
Y 0,0:INPUT "Filename":FN$:OPEN "I
",#1,FN$
20 INPUT #1,HX,HY:FOR A=0 TO 15:IN
PUT #1,SHAPE(A):NEXT
30 POKE CONTRL,111:POKE CONTRL
+2,0
40 POKE CONTRL+6,37
50 POKE INTIN,HX-1:POKE INTIN+2,H
Y-1:POKE INTIN+4,1
60 POKE INTIN+6,0:POKE INTIN+8,1
70 FOR A=10 TO 40 STEP 2:T=SHAPE(
(A-10)/2)
80 POKE INTIN+A,T:POKE INTIN+A
+32,T
90 NEXT:VDISYS (0):CLEARW 2:GOTOX
Y 0,0:PRINT "Defined" ©

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Using PALETTE USING On The PCjr

John And Jeff Klein

The IBM PCjr's PALETTE USING command lets you quickly change all screen attributes and colors in any graphics mode for a variety of effects. This article explains the details of PALETTE USING and demonstrates its usefulness with programming examples. An IBM PCjr with Cartridge BASIC is required.

Though Cartridge BASIC for the PCjr is very similar to BASICA for the IBM PC, the PCjr has extra graphics capabilities which the PC does not enjoy. One of these involves the PALETTE and PALETTE USING commands, which control color attributes. Before you can use PALETTE USING, you need to know how the simpler PALETTE statement works.

The PCjr offers 16 different colors, numbered from 0-15. An attribute is a number associated with a particular color. To explain what an attribute actually does, let's look briefly at the PCjr's color management scheme.

When you turn on the PCjr, there's a simple, one-to-one relationship between colors and attributes. Attribute number 1 corresponds to color number 1 (blue), attribute 2 corresponds to

color 2 (green), and so on. Table 1 shows this initial arrangement.

Table 1: Default PCjr Attributes

Color Number	Attribute	Visual Color
0	0	black
1	1	blue
2	2	green
3	3	cyan
4	4	red
5	5	magenta
6	6	brown
7	7	white
8	8	gray
9	9	light blue
10	10	light green
11	11	light cyan
12	12	light red
13	13	light magenta
14	14	yellow
15	15	high-intensity white

The PALETTE command lets you change this arrangement by assigning a different color to any single attribute. Here's the general form of the PALETTE statement:

PALETTE attribute, color

Attribute tells the computer which attribute you're working with, and color indicates which

Figure 1: PAL Integer Array

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4

color you want to assign to that attribute. To take a simple example, say that you turn on the computer and draw some shapes in blue (color 1). This statement changes every blue object on the screen to red:

PALETTE 1,4

In this example, the 1 refers to attribute 1, and the 4 refers to color 4 (red). Before the statement executes, attribute 1 is assigned to color 1 (blue), the normal arrangement. After it executes, attribute 1 is reassigned so that it equals red. In an eyeblink, every blue object turns red. Likewise, the statement **PALETTE 0,7** changes every shape that's initially black (color 0) to white (color 7). By performing a series of 16 **PALETTE** statements (**FOR J=0 TO 15: PALETTE J,4: NEXT**), you could change everything on the screen to red, regardless of its initial color.

In other words, **PALETTE** makes it possible to "rewire" the normal color scheme whenever you like. An object that starts out green can be changed to magenta; shapes that first appear in gray can be switched immediately to yellow, and so forth. If **PALETTE** were not available, such effects would be much more difficult and time-consuming; whenever you wanted a massive color change, you'd have to redraw every object of a given color in its new color.

After performing a number of **PALETTE** statements, you may want to restore the original color/attribute scheme. This can be done in two different ways, either by changing the screen mode, or by executing a **PALETTE** statement with no parameters (the keyword **PALETTE** followed by nothing).

USING A Shortcut

One disadvantage of **PALETTE** is that it affects only one attribute at a time. The more attributes you want to change, the more **PALETTE** statements you must perform.

Table 2: Attributes After PALETTE USING PAL(1)

Attribute	Array element linked with attribute	New color
0	PAL(1)	0
1	PAL(2)	4
2	PAL(3)	0
3	PAL(4)	4
—	—	—
—	—	—
15	PAL(16)	4

That's where **PALETTE USING** enters the picture. This special form of **PALETTE** can change all 16 attributes at once, assigning them to a set of 16 color values which are stored in an integer array. Here's the general format of the command:

PALETTE USING *arrayname*(*starting position*)

Arrayname identifies the array you want to use, and *starting position* tells the computer which array element belongs to attribute 0. The array can have any legal IBM array name, but it must be in existence before you execute **PALETTE USING**.

For example, let's say that you create an integer array named **PAL** with the contents shown in Figure 1 (array element 1 contains a zero

value, element 2 contains the value 4, and so on).

Now assume that you execute the following statement:

PALETTE USING PAL(1)

This single **PALETTE USING** command has the effect of reassigning all 16 attributes in one stroke. Table 2 shows the new color/attribute scheme which takes effect.

After a **PALETTE USING**, the values in the array replace the color numbers originally associated with each attribute. In this example, attribute 0 is still assigned to black (color 0), and attribute 4 is still assigned to red (4), but all the other odd attributes become black and all the even ones are changed to red. Since we specified a starting position of 1, the contents of array element 1 replace the color number for attribute 1; the other values follow in ascending numeric order.

In some cases, you may want to change some, but not all, of the 16 attributes with **PALETTE USING**. To retain the current color for a given attribute, make the corresponding array element equal to -1. For instance, if element **PAL(2)** equals -1 in the previous example, then attribute 1 retains its original color (blue), while the other 15 attributes are changed to black and red in even-odd order. Thus, the values you store in the integer array are limited to the range -1 to 15. The value -1 represents no change; values from 0-15 represent the colors shown in Table 1.

An interesting feature of **PALETTE USING** is its ability to start

Figure 2: Numeric Display Simulation

Second digit		First digit	
5		12	
1	4	8	11
6		13	
2	3	9	10
7		14	

anywhere in the array and begin changing attributes from that particular point (rather than always starting at the first array element). For instance, say that you have 100 different 16-color patterns stored in a single integer array (with a total of 1600 elements). To cycle through 100 different configurations, you need only execute a series of PALETTE USING statements, changing the starting position with each new command. The first statement could use a starting position of 1, the next a starting position of 17, and so forth.

Digital Countdown

Once you learn about PALETTE USING, many different effects come to mind. Program 1 demonstrates just one possibility, simulating the seven-segment numeric display seen on most electronic calculators and watches. Of course, calculators and watches create their displays with very different methods, but they still form the numerals 0-9 by turning various line segments on or off, just as we'll do here. Program 1 creates the line segments with the attributes shown in Figure 2 (note that attributes 0 and 15 are not used).

Line 20 creates the integer variable PAL, and line 50 READs the DATA values from lines 1000-1090 into the array. When that's done, the array contains all the patterns we'll need to form the digits 0-9. To display a new digit, we simply choose a different starting point for the next PALETTE USING command. As written, the program simply counts off seconds, but with a little additional programming, you can use it as a general routine to count any two-digit values. Lines 110-120 do the actual calculation based on the value of X, which can be any number from 0-99 inclusive.

Color Cycling

Program 2 shows how to create animated effects by cycling colors with PALETTE USING. When you run the program, it asks whether you want to draw squares, circles, ellipses, or random shapes, and whether you want the figures to be filled or empty (the fill option cannot be used with squares). When all the shapes are drawn, they'll seem to



The IBM PCjr's PALETTE USING statement simplifies color control for graphic displays.

begin moving in a complex, tunnel-like effect. Though the figures appear to move in and out, the effect is entirely illusory. In fact, we're simply cycling through a pattern that includes the background color (black in this case). When a shape is colored the same as the background, it seems to disappear.

This type of animation is fairly simple to create, provided that you begin with a clear mental picture of the final result. For complicated pictures, you may want to sketch the various shapes on paper beforehand, or use "The Screen Machine," a graphics-design program published in the April 1984 issue of *COMPUTE!'s PC and PCjr* magazine. Since one color must be reserved to match the background, you're limited to 15 different colors for visible shapes. Changing the color associated with the background attribute also changes the border color, so it's often a good idea not to change attribute 0.

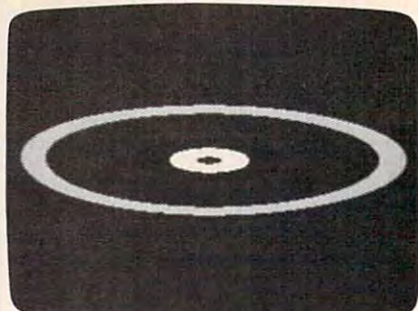
Program 3 employs similar techniques to create a colorful animated sign. In this case, only eight attributes are affected, leaving eight others free for additional effects.

These short examples barely scratch the surface of PALETTE USING. Once you learn the basics of this powerful command, you'll probably find yourself using it more and more often.

For instructions on entering these listings, please refer to "COMPUTE!'s Guide to Typing In Programs" in this issue of *COMPUTE!*.

Program 1: Digital Countdown

PJ 10 ' Program #1 - Simulates a
wo seven segment displays



"Tunnel Vision" for the IBM PCjr creates a convincing 3-D effect with PALETTE USING commands.

```

IE 20 CLEAR,,32768!:KEY OFF:SCR
EEN 5:CLS:DEFINT P:DIM PAL
(245):SOUND ON
PJ 30 C=0:X1=60:GOSUB 2000
AB 40 C=1:X1=150:GOSUB 2000
EO 50 FOR Z=0 TO 245:READ PAL(Z)
:NEXT
BB 60 X=0:PALETTE USING PAL(230)
:TIMER ON:ON TIMER(1) GOSU
B 100
JO 70 GOTO 70
PA 100 X=X+1:IF X=60 THEN X=0
LC 110 Y=X-(INT(X/10)*10):PALETT
E USING PAL(Y*23):SOUND 3
000,.5,15,0
EM 120 Y=INT(X/10):PALETTE USING
PAL(Y*23+7):RETURN
JN 1000 DATA -1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1,6,6,6,6,6,6,-1,-1
,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1
ME 1010 DATA -1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1,0,0,6,6,6,6,-1,-1
,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1
OF 1020 DATA -1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1,0,6,6,6,6,6,-1,-1
,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1
PE 1030 DATA -1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1,0,0,6,6,6,6,-1,-1
,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1
LN 1040 DATA -1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1,6,0,6,6,6,6,-1,-1
,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1
NG 1050 DATA -1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1,6,0,6,6,6,6,-1,-1
,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1
LH 1060 DATA -1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1,6,6,6,6,6,6,-1,-1
,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1
OI 1070 DATA -1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1,0,0,6,6,6,6,-1,-1
,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1
LD 1080 DATA -1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1,6,6,6,6,6,6,-1,-1
,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1
OI 1090 DATA -1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1,6,0,6,6,6,6,-1,-1
,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1
BD 1100 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
PD 2000 LINE (X1,30)-(X1+20,100)
,C*7+1,BF
FG 2010 LINE (X1,101)-(X1+20,170)
,C*7+2,BF
AG 2020 LINE (X1+60,101)-(X1+80,
170),C*7+3,BF
EE 2030 LINE (X1+60,30)-(X1+80,1
00),C*7+4,BF
LE 2040 Y=0:X=0:FOR Z=1 TO 16
BK 2050 LINE (X1+X,30+Y)-(X1+79-
X,30+Y),C*7+5
PB 2060 LINE (X1+X,170-Y)-(X1+79
-X,170-Y),C*7+7

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II 2070 Y=Y+1:X=X+1.3:NEXT
BM 2080 Y=0:X=0:FOR Z=1 TO 9
LM 2090 LINE (X1+X,100+Y)-(X1+79
-X,100-Y),C*7+6,BF
JB 2100 Y=Y+1:X=X+2.4:NEXT:RETUR
N

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Program 2: Tunnel Vision

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GN 10 ' Program #2 - Tunnel Anim
ation
IB 20 CLEAR,,32768!:KEY OFF:SCR
EEN 5:CLS:RANDOMIZE TIMER
CB 30 DEFINT P:DIM PAL(479):LOCA
TE 10,11:PRINT "ONE MOMENT
PLEASE"
KE 40 SPEED=30
OI 50 FOR Z=0 TO 479:READ PAL(Z)
:NEXT Z
IB 60 CLS:PALETTE:LOCATE 3,14:PR
INT "MAIN MENU":LOCATE 8,1
4:PRINT "1) SQUARES":LOCAT
E 10,14:PRINT "2) CIRCLE":
LOCATE 12,14:PRINT "3) ELL
IPSE":LOCATE 14,14:PRINT "
4) RANDOM SHAPES":LOCATE 1
7,14:PRINT "CHOOSE ONE"
OG 70 A$=INPUT$(1):IF A$>"4" OR
A$<"1" THEN 70
OP 80 LOCATE 20,14:PRINT "FILLED
IN (Y/N) ?":A$=INPUT$(1)
:IF A$<>"N" AND A$<>"n"
AND A$<>"Y" AND A$<>"y"
THEN 80 ELSE IF A$="Y" TH
EN A$="Y" ELSE IF A$="n"
THEN A$="N"
DC 90 CLS:ON VAL(A$) GOSUB 100,1
30,160,190:GOSUB 270:GOTO
60
FJ 100 ' *** SQUARES ***
CF 110 FOR Z=150 TO 10 STEP -10:
IF A$="N" THEN LINE (160
-Z,100-Z/1.5)-(160+Z,100+
Z/1.5),Z/10,B ELSE LINE (
160-Z,100-Z/1.5)-(160+Z,1
00+Z/1.5),Z/10,BF
NI 120 NEXT Z:LINE (157,98)-(163
,102),0,BF:RETURN
AC 130 ' *** CIRCLES ***
FP 140 FOR Z=150 TO 10 STEP -10:
CIRCLE (160,100),Z,Z/10:I
F A$="Y" THEN PAINT STEP
(0,0),Z/10,Z/10
GL 150 NEXT Z:CIRCLE (160,100),2
,0:PAINT STEP(0,0),0,0:RE
TURN
MC 160 ' *** ELLIPSES ***
NG 170 FOR Z=150 TO 10 STEP -10:
CIRCLE (160,100),Z,Z/10,,
3/12:IF A$="Y" THEN PAI
NT STEP(0,0),Z/10,Z/10
EJ 180 NEXT Z:RETURN
EI 190 ' *** RANDOM SHAPES ***
FK 200 FOR Z=1 TO 15
EB 210 ON INT(RND*4+1) GOSUB 230
,240,250,260
DO 220 NEXT Z:RETURN
QN 230 LINE (RND*320,RND*200)-(R
ND*320,RND*200),Z:RETURN
IL 240 CIRCLE (RND*320,RND*200),
RND*50,Z:IF A$="Y" THEN
PAINT STEP(0,0),Z,Z:RETUR
N
PF 250 CIRCLE (RND*320,RND*200),
RND*50,Z,,RND*2:IF A$="
Y" THEN PAINT STEP(0,0),Z
,Z:RETURN
NE 260 IF A$="Y" THEN LINE (RND
*320,RND*200)-(RND*320,RN
D*200),Z,BF:RETURN ELSE L
INE (RND*320,RND*200)-(RN
D*320,RND*200),Z,B:RETURN

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PF 270 ' *** MAIN ***
HH 280 FOR Z=1 TO 30:FOR SLOW=1
TO SPEED:NEXT
JM 290 PALETTE USING PAL((Z-1)*1
6)
HA 300 A$=INKEY$:IF A$<>" " THEN
RETURN ELSE NEXT Z:GOTO 2
80
MC 1000 DATA -1,-1,-1,0,-1,5,-
1,0,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,
4,-1
QO 1010 DATA -1,-1,-1,-1,1,2,1
4,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,4,-
1,0
FP 1020 DATA -1,-1,-1,1,-1,0,-
1,14,-1,-1,-1,-1,4,-1,
0,-1
HJ 1030 DATA -1,-1,1,-1,0,-1,
0,-1,14,-1,-1,4,-1,0,-
1,-1
PA 1040 DATA -1,1,-1,0,-1,-1,-
1,0,-1,14,4,-1,0,-1,-
1,-1
PP 1050 DATA -1,-1,0,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1,0,6,6,0,-1,-1,-
1,-1
FL 1060 DATA -1,-1,1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1,4,4,14,14,-1,-1,-
1,-1
KI 1070 DATA -1,0,-1,1,-1,-1,-
1,4,-1,0,0,-1,14,-1,-
1,-1
IN 1080 DATA -1,-1,0,-1,1,-1,
4,-1,0,-1,-1,0,-1,14,-
1,-1
NP 1090 DATA -1,-1,-1,0,-1,5,-
1,0,-1,-1,-1,-1,0,-1,1
4,-1
AF 1100 DATA -1,-1,-1,-1,4,-1,
1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,0,-
1,14
ON 1110 DATA -1,-1,-1,4,-1,0,-
1,1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,
0,-1
MH 1120 DATA -1,-1,4,-1,0,-1,
0,-1,1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,1
4,-1
KL 1130 DATA -1,4,-1,0,-1,-1,-
1,0,-1,1,-1,-1,-1,14,-
1,0
BF 1140 DATA -1,-1,0,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1,0,-1,1,-1,14,-1,
0,-1
CK 1150 DATA -1,-1,4,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1,-1,0,-1,2,-1,0,-
1,-1
OK 1160 DATA -1,0,-1,4,-1,-1,-
1,-1,-1,-1,14,-1,1,-1,-
1,-1
PA 1170 DATA -1,-1,0,-1,4,-1,-
1,-1,-1,14,-1,0,-1,1,-
1,-1
AG 1180 DATA -1,-1,-1,0,-1,4,-
1,-1,14,-1,0,-1,0,-1,
1,-1
IF 1190 DATA -1,-1,-1,-1,0,-1,
4,14,-1,0,-1,-1,-1,0,-
1,1
II 1200 DATA -1,-1,-1,-1,-1,0,
6,6,0,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,
0,-1
MB 1210 DATA -1,-1,-1,-1,-1,14,1
4,4,4,0,-1,-1,-1,-1,
1,-1
JE 1220 DATA -1,-1,-1,-1,14,-1,
0,0,-1,4,0,-1,-1,1,-
1,0
PE 1230 DATA -1,-1,-1,14,-1,0,-
1,-1,0,-1,4,-1,1,-1,
0,-1
IO 1240 DATA -1,-1,14,-1,0,-1,-
1,-1,-1,0,-1,5,-1,0,-
1,-1

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BI 1250 DATA -1,14,-1,0,-1,-1,-
1,-1,-1,-1,1,-1,4,-1,-
1,-1
HA 1260 DATA -1,-1,0,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1,-1,1,-1,0,-1,4,-
1,-1
IM 1270 DATA -1,-1,14,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1,1,-1,0,-1,0,-1,
4,-1
OI 1280 DATA -1,0,-1,14,-1,-1,-
1,1,-1,0,-1,-1,-1,0,-
1,4
CK 1290 DATA -1,-1,0,-1,14,-1,
1,-1,0,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,
0,-1

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Program 3: Animated Sign

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IA 10 ' Program #3 - Animated Si
gn
BA 20 CLEAR,,32768!:KEY OFF:SCR
EEN 5:CLS:DEFINT P:DIM P(9
5)
BH 30 C=1:FOR X=0 TO 310 STEP 8.
75:LINE(X,0)-(X+5,5),C,BF:
LINE(X,195)-(X+5,200),4-C,
BF:C=C+1:IF C=4 THEN C=1
OB 40 NEXT
JA 50 C=3:FOR Y=0 TO 190 STEP 8.
850001: LINE(0,Y)-(5,Y+5),
4-C,BF:LINE(305,Y)-(311,Y+
5),C,BF:C=C+1:IF C=4 THEN
C=1
OD 60 NEXT
HE 70 S$="BR6 BD1 H1 L4 G1 D1 F1
R4 F1 D1 G1 L4 H1 BUS BR6
;"
EN 80 I$="ND6;"
FC 90 G$="BD1 BR6 H1 L4 G1 D4 F1
R4 E1 U2 NL3 BU3;"
OG 100 N$="ND6 F6 U6;"
OO 110 FOR Z=1 TO 5:FOR A=1 TO Z
:Y=Z*30+A-15:FOR B=1 TO Z
:X=Z*20+B+50:S=Z*4:C=Z+3
PO 120 DRAW "BM=X;=Y; C=C; S=S;
XS$;BR2;XI$;BR2;XG$;BR2;
XN$;"
KP 130 NEXT B,A,Z
CG 140 LOCATE 3,25:COLOR 13,0:PR
INT "ALL THIS":LOCATE 5,2
2:PRINT "and still have":
LOCATE 7,22:A$="8 colors
open"
PD 150 FOR Z=1 TO 7:COLOR Z+8,0:
PRINT MID$(A$, (Z-1)*2+1,2
);:NEXT
IO 160 LOCATE 19,5:A$="TEXT":FOR
Z=1 TO 4:COLOR 9-Z,0:PRI
NT MID$(A$,Z,1);:NEXT
MG 170 FOR Z=0 TO 95:READ P(Z):N
EXT Z
HO 180 FOR Z=0 TO 5:PALETTE USIN
G P(Z*16):NEXT:GOTO 180
DB 1000 DATA -1,-1,4,0,6,2,
3,4,5,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1
HC 1010 DATA -1,4,0,-1,5,6,
2,3,4,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1
GD 1020 DATA -1,0,-1,4,4,5,
6,2,3,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1
EP 1030 DATA -1,-1,4,0,3,4,
5,6,2,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1
LI 1040 DATA -1,4,0,-1,2,3,
4,5,6,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1
LC 1050 DATA -1,0,-1,4,15,15,1
5,15,15,-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,-
1,-1

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Applesoft List Enhancer

Steven Roth

Tired of program listings that whiz across the screen at unreadable speeds? This short utility for Apple II computers lets you scroll through a listing at your own pace, one screenful at a time. For all Apple II-series computers with DOS 3.3 and ProDOS.

LIST is one of the most frequently used commands in Applesoft BASIC, yet it has some inconvenient features. The program listing scrolls upward too fast to read, unless you repeatedly press CTRL-S. If you pass the program lines you want to see, you have to LIST the program again.

"Applesoft List Enhancer" is a machine language program that solves both of these problems. It divides the program listing into pages, and each page consists of one screenful of the listing. Instead of scrolling through the listing in only one direction, you now page through it, either forward or backward.

Type in and save the program below, then run it. This BASIC program automatically creates a machine language file on disk named ALE. (Don't use the name ALE for the BASIC program or you'll get a FILE TYPE MISMATCH error.) Once that's done, you don't need the BASIC program again except to create new copies of ALE.

Enter BRUN ALE to install and

activate the List Enhancer. Now load any Applesoft BASIC program. To list it, type an ampersand (&) followed by an optional starting line number. If you don't enter any line number, the program is listed from the beginning.

The right and left arrow keys let you page forward or backward through the listing. Press the right arrow key to display the next screenful of program lines; the left arrow key displays the previous page. To exit listing mode so you can edit a line, press either the ESC key or CTRL-C.

Applesoft LIST Enhancer

For instructions on entering this listing, please refer to "COMPUTE!'s Guide to Typing in Programs" in this issue of COMPUTE!.

```
10 100 FOR I = 24576 TO 24847: R
    EAD A: POKE I, A: CK = CK +
    A: NEXT
10 110 IF CK < > 33557 THEN PRIN
    T "ERROR IN DATA STATEMEN
    TS.": STOP
40 120 PRINT CHR$(4) "BSAVE ALE,
    A$6000, L$110"
20 130 DATA 169, 32, 141, 245, 3, 169
    , 16, 141
52 140 DATA 246, 3, 169, 96, 141, 247
    , 3, 96
09 150 DATA 32, 12, 218, 32, 26, 214,
    165, 80
71 160 DATA 141, 32, 97, 165, 81, 141
    , 33, 97
24 170 DATA 32, 88, 252, 160, 0, 132,
    6, 200
66 180 DATA 132, 30, 132, 249, 177, 1
    55, 240, 75
8A 190 DATA 200, 177, 155, 170, 200,
    177, 155, 132
00 200 DATA 9, 133, 8, 134, 7, 32, 36,
    237
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10 210 DATA 164, 9, 169, 32, 32, 92, 2
    19, 165
E0 220 DATA 36, 201, 33, 144, 15, 230
    , 30, 165
82 230 DATA 30, 201, 23, 240, 48, 32,
    142, 253
61 240 DATA 169, 5, 133, 36, 200, 177
    , 155, 208
5E 250 DATA 81, 168, 177, 155, 170, 2
    00, 177, 155
50 260 DATA 134, 155, 133, 156, 32, 1
    42, 253, 230
A1 270 DATA 30, 165, 30, 201, 23, 240
    , 14, 160
08 280 DATA 1, 208, 177, 230, 6, 230,
    6, 169
60 290 DATA 0, 133, 249, 240, 17, 230
    , 6, 230
68 300 DATA 6, 164, 6, 165, 7, 153, 32
    , 97
45 310 DATA 200, 165, 8, 153, 32, 97,
    32, 12
08 320 DATA 253, 201, 155, 240, 18, 2
    01, 131, 240
A0 330 DATA 14, 201, 149, 240, 101, 2
    01, 136, 240
17 340 DATA 58, 32, 58, 255, 76, 150,
    96, 76
A4 350 DATA 208, 3, 16, 144, 56, 233,
    127, 170
CA 360 DATA 132, 9, 160, 208, 132, 15
    7, 160, 207
78 370 DATA 132, 158, 160, 255, 202,
    240, 7, 32
37 380 DATA 44, 215, 16, 251, 48, 246
    , 169, 32
82 390 DATA 32, 92, 219, 32, 44, 215,
    48, 5
17 400 DATA 32, 92, 219, 208, 246, 32
    , 92, 219
25 410 DATA 76, 64, 96, 165, 6, 201, 2
    , 240
5F 420 DATA 192, 56, 233, 4, 133, 6, 1
    66, 6
C7 430 DATA 189, 32, 97, 133, 80, 232
    , 189, 32
09 440 DATA 97, 133, 81, 32, 26, 214,
    32, 88
97 450 DATA 252, 160, 1, 132, 30, 132
    , 249, 76
CA 460 DATA 44, 96, 165, 249, 208, 22
    4, 240, 153
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Loading And Linking Commodore Programs

Part 3

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This month's installment shows how one program can automatically load and link to any other program. The methods described here work on any eight-bit Commodore computer with either disk or tape.

There are three major ways of connecting Commodore programs together. *Chaining* allows several programs to perform a job, each program continuing the work that a previous program has done. *Load-linking* enables one program to activate another, with the new program starting fresh on a new task. *Overlaying* allows a main program to call in additional subroutines, data tables, or display information. This article discusses load-linking.

When a first program has finished a job, it may decide to load-link to a second program to do a succeeding task. The new program is not a continuation of the previous program—it's a brand new job and won't share any information from the earlier program unless it happens to use a common data file. Load-linking is harder to achieve on Commodore computers than chaining (see Part 2 of this article,

April COMPUTE!). You must do a little extra work to load-link.

Why Load-Linking?

It's common, especially on non-Commodore machines, to have a disk start with a menu program which lets a user pick another program to run. The menu program has to load-link the chosen program, since the new program is not a continuation of the menu. Newcomers to Commodore computers often try to chain from the menu program to the other program. However, chaining requires the first program to be the larger of the two, and menu programs are almost always very short.

At other times, when a group of programs work with one or several data files, it's common for these programs to run independently of each other. Each may use the files in different ways, with data stored in various kinds of arrays for each job. Independent programs call for load-linking.

Sometimes, a series of modules are arranged to work together as a unit. There may be a main program, some machine language programs in varying locations, perhaps a high-resolution graphics screen, and possibly a special character set.

The Commodore B128 (called the 700 series in Europe, and not to be confused with the Commodore 128) often requires a transfer sequence program in order to run machine language programs. All the various parts need to be arranged in the proper areas of memory. A special program called a *bootstrap* or *boot* brings everything in. When the bootstrap program has completed its work, often you want to erase it from memory after it sets the main program into operation. Load-linking can accomplish this job, too.

Two Methods

There are two major ways to load-link programs. One technique is used at the end of the first program, setting up the load of the second. It's a variation of the dynamic keyboard technique. The alternative method is used at the beginning of the second program, cleaning up some of the things that have happened during the loading process.

The dynamic keyboard method is probably the simplest. Essentially, it simulates a user typing on the keyboard, giving LOAD and RUN commands. When you type LOAD as a direct command, the new program comes in fresh. It scraps the old program and retains

no variables or other data. That's what we want with a load-link, of course. RUN then sets the new program off to a fresh start.

The pointer cleanup method corrects conditions that result from program chaining. The start-of-variables pointer needs to be corrected so it is set directly behind the last byte loaded; then a CLR command erases any leftover variables and fixes up the other pointers. We'll try each method in turn.

Dynamic Keyboard

The dynamic keyboard technique is often described as "making the computer type on its own keyboard." To do this, a program stuffs characters into the computer's keyboard buffer and resets the buffer counter. When the computer discovers these characters in the buffer, it thinks they were actually typed on the keyboard and executes the commands they spell out.

Since the keyboard buffer normally holds only about nine or ten characters, we can't store a complete load sequence there. But we can use Commodore's screen-editing capability. We print a command on the computer's screen, move the cursor back onto the command line, then store one character (a carriage return, character 13) in the buffer. To perform LOAD followed by RUN, we print two command lines and store two RETURNS in the buffer. The effect is the same as if you typed in the LOAD and RUN commands by hand. The new program starts as a fresh, independent job—you'll have performed a successful load-link.

The keyboard buffer and its counter occupy various memory locations in different Commodore computers. You'll need to use the appropriate addresses for your machine. The following table will help:

To execute two command lines with this method, we'll POKE a value of 2 into the counter and a value of 13 (RETURN) into the first two locations of the buffer. The following example uses Commodore 64 addresses.

Dynamic Keyboard Example

Let's write two simple programs and let the menu program select which one to run. Type in this simple square root program:

```
100 PRINT "TABLE OF SQUARE ROOTS"
110 FOR J=1 TO 20
120 PRINT J, SQR(J)
130 NEXT J
```

You can try running the program if you want. It's not very exciting, but it does work. Now save it with the filename SQUARE (don't substitute any other filename). Type NEW and enter this simple cube root program:

```
100 PRINT "TABLE OF CUBE ROOTS"
110 X=1/3
120 FOR I=1 TO 20
130 PRINT I, I^X
140 NEXT I
```

Again, you might try running the program. Save it with name CUBE when you're satisfied that it works. Type NEW again. Now we'll write a simple loading program that uses the dynamic keyboard technique to perform load-linking. This program runs as listed on the VIC-20 and Commodore 64. For another type of machine, use the table above to change the POKE addresses in lines 280, 290, and 300.

```
100 DATA SQUARE,CUBE
110 READ A$(1),A$(2)
120 PRINT "WHICH ROOTS DO YOU
{SPACE}WANT--"
130 FOR J=1 TO 2
140 PRINT A$(J)
150 NEXT J
160 INPUT "WHICH (1 OR 2)";N
170 IF N<1 OR N>2 GOTO 120
180 PRINT CHR$(147)
190 PRINT
200 PRINT
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```
210 PRINT "LOAD";CHR$(34);A$(N
);CHR$(34);",8"
220 PRINT
230 PRINT
240 PRINT
250 PRINT
260 PRINT "RUN"
270 PRINT CHR$(19)
280 POKE 198,2
290 POKE 631,13
300 POKE 632,13
310 END
```

In this case, the menu program is longer than the programs it loads. But that doesn't matter. This method works the same regardless of the length of the programs involved. You will see the LOAD and RUN commands appear on the screen.

Pointer Cleanup Method

The previous method puts extra commands in the first program to load the second. Now we'll look at another method that adds commands to the start of the second program. At this point, the new program has been chained—the old variables and their pointers still exist. To start out fresh, we must erase the old variables and make sure that new variables go into the proper memory area. What we're doing is changing a chain into a load-link.

Our task is to set the start-of-variables pointer to the correct address and then perform CLR to erase the old variables. On the B128 and Commodore 128 in 128 mode, there's a slight difference. Here, we don't need to set the start-of-variables, since variables are held in a different memory bank. Instead, we set a different pointer (called end-of-BASIC) which doesn't exist on the other machines.

Now that we know which pointer to change, we must decide what value to put there. The value will be the address of the last byte loaded, plus one. Immediately after a load, we can find this address still in a pointer. Here's a table to show the various locations:

	Key Counter	Start of Buffer
VIC-20, Commodore 64	198	631
Commodore 128 in 128 mode	208	842
Commodore 16, Plus/4	239	1319
PET/CBM with 4.0 BASIC	158	623
Original ROM PETs	525	527
B-128 (Model 700)	209	939

	Pointer to be changed	Pointer where value is found
VIC-20, Commodore 64	45/46	174/175
Commodore 128 in 128 mode	4624/4625	174/175
Commodore 16, Plus/4	45/46	157/158
PET/CBM with 4.0 BASIC	42/43	201/202
Original ROM PETs	124/125	229/230
B-128 (Model 700)	47/48	150/151

After the pointer is fixed, be sure to perform CLR to reset all the other variable pointers. Again, these steps must be taken at the very beginning of the new program.

Pointer Cleanup Example

Here's an example similar to the previous one which demonstrates the second method. This is the menu program:

```
100 DATA SQUARE1,CUBE1
110 READ A$(1),A$(2)
120 PRINT "WHICH ROOTS DO YOU
    {SPACE}WANT--"
130 FOR J=1 TO 2
140 PRINT A$(J)
150 NEXT J
160 INPUT "WHICH (1 OR 2)";N
170 IF N<1 OR N>2 GOTO 120
180 LOAD A$(N),8
```

Notice that this menu program is much shorter than the first example. We'll do the extra work when we write the programs to be loaded. Save the menu program, then enter NEW and type these lines:

```
70 POKE 45,PEEK(174)
80 POKE 46,PEEK(175)
90 CLR
100 PRINT "TABLE OF SQUARE ROOTS"
110 FOR J=1 TO 20
120 PRINT J, SQR(J)
130 NEXT J
```

This is similar but not identical to the first square root program. The difference is the three extra lines at the beginning. Don't try to run this program yet; instead, save it with the filename SQUARE1. Enter NEW a second time and enter this simple cube root program:

```
70 POKE 45,PEEK(174)
80 POKE 46,PEEK(175)
90 CLR
100 PRINT "TABLE OF CUBE ROOTS"
110 X=1/3
120 FOR I=1 TO 20
130 PRINT I, I^X
140 NEXT I
```

Save this program with the filename CUBE1. If you have a computer other than the Commodore 64 or VIC-20, remember to change the POKE and PEEK values in lines 70 and 80 of both these programs according to the table above.

Now load the menu program and run it. You've seen two different ways to perform load-linking. A program can get another program off to a clean start by using either of these techniques.

Better Branching In Applesoft

Mark Russinovich

Are you ready to update the Applesoft BASIC on your Apple II-series computer? This handy utility adds extra flexibility by letting you branch to line numbers computed by variables or even complex expressions. For both DOS 3.3 and ProDOS.

Though it's been used to write a tremendous number of programs, Applesoft BASIC has some significant shortcomings compared to more recent versions of BASIC. One of these is the inability to use a variable or BASIC expression as the object of a GOTO, GOSUB, or RESTORE command. Applesoft BASIC requires you to use a line number as the destination of a GOTO, GOSUB, or RESTORE.

There are two disadvantages to this. First, line numbers contain no clue to the purpose of the branch: GOSUB DELAY makes the purpose of a subroutine more obvious to everyone than GOSUB 1000. Second, branching statements that are limited to constants can't be modified while a program is executing. Unlike line numbers, variables can change as a program runs, letting you modify the destination of a command just by changing the value of the variable. For example, you

could use GOSUB CHOICE*1000 to branch to subroutines at lines 1000, 2000, or 3000 depending on whether the variable CHOICE equals 1, 2, or 3.

Improved GOTO And GOSUB

"Enhancer" lets you substitute variables and even complex expressions as the object of GOTO, GOSUB, and RESTORE in Applesoft BASIC. To use it, first enter Program 1 and be sure to save a copy. Program 1 is a BASIC program that creates the machine language routine for Enhancer on disk, using the filename APPLE.ENHANCER. (Be careful to use some name *other than* APPLE.ENHANCER for Program 1 itself; otherwise, you'll get a FILE TYPE MISMATCH error when you run it.)

After you've created the APPLE.ENHANCER file, you won't need Program 1 again, except to make additional copies of the machine language. To load and activate the utility, add this line to the beginning of any BASIC program:

```
10 PRINT CHR$(4)"BRUN APPLE.
    ENHANCER"
```

Make sure the Enhancer machine language file is on the disk in the current drive. As soon as your

program executes this line, it can use the features of APPLE.ENHANCER. You can still use the normal form of GOTO and GOSUB (GOTO 100, GOSUB 20005, or whatever), but in addition, you can also use this format:

& GOTO expression
& GOSUB expression

Note the ampersand (&) symbol that precedes the GOTO or GOSUB. In place of *expression*, you can substitute any legal Applesoft variable name or expression. Here's a short example to show how the new commands work:

```

A8 10 BEGIN = 20
B8 20 INPUT "CHOOSE 1 OR 2 ";CHOICE
B5 30 IF CHOICE < 1 OR CHOICE > 2 THEN & GOTO BEGIN
A8 40 & GOSUB CHOICE * 1000
FA 50 PRINT "DONE."
F1 60 END
D1 1000 PRINT "FIRST ROUTINE"
D5 1010 RETURN
D8 2000 PRINT "SECOND ROUTINE"
D6 2010 RETURN

```

Notice how the improved GOSUB serves as a substitute for ONGOSUB. Depending on what value CHOICE has, the program branches to line 1000 or 2000. Likewise, the improved GOTO command can replace an ON-GOTO command.

RESTORE To A Destination

The RESTORE statement in Applesoft normally stands by itself; it simply resets the READ pointer to the beginning of the program. If you wish to READ a particular piece of data midway through the list, you first READ past every preceding DATA item in the program. With APPLE.ENHANCER in place, you can use this more convenient command:

& RESTORE expression

Again, you must include the ampersand before the command; replace *expression* with any legal Applesoft expression or variable. Now you can access any DATA line in the program instantly.

For instance, say that a program has many DATA statements containing information for three different graphics screens. Ordinarily, you'd have to READ through all the DATA for screens 1 and 2 before reaching the DATA for screen 3—a process that takes time

and increases the possibility of errors. The improved RESTORE command allows you to zero in on the precise DATA line you want, without time-consuming delays.

Program 2 demonstrates all the features of these new commands. Without these features, the program would be considerably longer and less flexible.

For instructions on entering these listings, please refer to "COMPUTE!'s Guide to Typing In Programs" in this issue of COMPUTE!.

Program 1: APPLE.ENHANCER Filemaker

```

ED 10 FOR I = 768 TO 887: READ A
: POKE I, A: CK = CK + A: NEXT
7A 20 IF CK < > 14482 THEN PRINT
"ERROR IN DATA STATEMENTS
": STOP
E1 30 PRINT CHR$(4)"BSAVE APPLE
.ENHANCER, A$300, L$77"
EE 40 DATA 169, 76, 141, 245, 3, 169,
16, 141
A8 50 DATA 246, 3, 169, 3, 141, 247, 3
, 96
E9 60 DATA 160, 0, 177, 184, 217, 115
, 3, 240
B8 70 DATA 11, 200, 192, 3, 240, 3, 76
, 20
C2 80 DATA 3, 32, 201, 222, 140, 118,
3, 230
BA 90 DATA 184, 208, 2, 230, 185, 32,
103, 221
95 100 DATA 172, 118, 3, 192, 1, 240,
10, 192
75 110 DATA 2, 240, 35, 32, 82, 231, 7
6, 65
A4 120 DATA 217, 169, 3, 32, 214, 211
, 165, 185
AA 130 DATA 72, 165, 184, 72, 165, 11
8, 72, 165
BF 140 DATA 117, 72, 169, 176, 72, 32
, 82, 231
63 150 DATA 32, 65, 217, 76, 210, 215
, 32, 82
96 160 DATA 231, 32, 26, 214, 56, 165
, 155, 233
43 170 DATA 1, 164, 156, 176, 1, 136,
133, 125
A5 180 DATA 132, 126, 96, 171, 176, 1
74, 0, 0

```

Program 2: Better Branching Demo

```

ED 10 PRINT CHR$(4)"BRUN APPLE.
.ENHANCER"
53 20 TEXT : HOME
EF 30 & RESTORE 100
CD 40 FOR I = 1 TO 3: READ A: &
GOSUB 50 + A * 10: NEXT I
F8 50 END
FC 60 PRINT "THIS IS STATEMENT 2
": RETURN
7E 70 PRINT "THIS IS STATEMENT 3
": RETURN
7E 80 PRINT "THIS IS STATEMENT 1
": RETURN
F8 90 DATA THIS IS UNWANTED DATA
55 100 DATA 3, 1, 2

```

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Random Numbers

In Machine Language For Commodore 64

Neil Boyle

Here are two different methods for obtaining random numbers from machine language on the Commodore 64. Even if you're not a machine language programmer, you may find the explanation of the RND function useful in BASIC programming.

Sooner or later, nearly every programmer needs to generate random numbers. They're useful for introducing an element of uncertainty in games, as well as many other applications. Random numbers are easily available in BASIC with the RND function, but it's not so easy to generate these numbers in machine language. Two different methods are available on the Commodore 64: The first involves the BASIC RND function, and the second uses the SID (Sound Interface Device) chip.

BASIC's RND Function

The BASIC routine which performs RND is at memory location \$E097 (decimal 57495) in the Commodore 64's Read Only Memory (ROM). This function generates values of different types, based on a seed number. Random numbers generated by the RND function are not truly random; rather, they are part of a very long, repeating number series (hence, the term *pseudo-random* numbers). However, they are usable as random numbers in most programs.

There are three different ways

to use RND in BASIC. If you supply a positive number inside the parentheses—for instance, RND(1)—the first seed value used is the one copied from ROM to locations \$8B-\$8F when you turn the computer on. Each subsequent seed value is generated by scrambling the previous one. The RND function looks at the sign of the number in parentheses to see whether it's positive, but does not use the number itself. Thus, since RND(1234) and RND(1) both use positive values, both expressions produce exactly the same result.

What this means in practice is that RND with a positive number produces exactly the same number sequence each time you turn on the computer. To demonstrate, enter SYS 64738 to reset the computer, then enter the following line in direct mode (without a line number):
FOR J=1 TO 5:PRINT RND(1):NEXT

The computer prints these numbers:

```
.185564016  
.0468986348  
.827743801  
.554749226  
.897233831
```

Now reset the computer and enter the same line, substituting a different positive number in the parentheses. As you'll see, positive values generate the same results whether you use RND(1) or RND(65536). Since the reset stores the same values in the seed locations, and RND's scrambling method is

predictable, the same numbers show up every time.

If you supply a zero inside the parentheses, RND gets values from the computer's internal timer A and the time-of-day clock on CIA chip #1 to use as the seed. Since the clock values are constantly changing, this would seem to be a way to generate more truly random numbers. However, because the time-of-day clock operates with binary coded decimal numbers, certain values never appear in the seed. Thus, the randomness of RND(0) is questionable. To illustrate this, enter and run the following one-line program:

```
10 POKE 1024 + (RND(0) * 1000), 160:  
GOTO 10
```

The many unfilled character spaces on the screen represent values that are never generated by RND(0).

When you supply a negative number in the parentheses, RND uses the value itself as the seed. For instance, enter the following line in direct mode:

```
X=RND(-654321):PRINT RND(1)
```

The result is always .333675369. If you substitute a different negative number, RND generates a different yet predictable result. This can be useful when testing a program: To generate the same series of numbers each time, set the seed with a negative number, then use RND with a positive number. In cases where you want a wholly unpredictable number series, the best method is to start with

$X = \text{RND}(-\text{TI})$ to begin with an unknown seed value, then use positive RND arguments thereafter. Since the seed value depends on how many sixtieths of a second have elapsed since you turned on the computer (or reset the software clock with TI\$), the results are unpredictable enough to satisfy most ordinary needs.

Calling RND From ML

To call the RND function from within an ML program, execute JSR \$E09A. The value held in the accumulator register when you call the routine determines what RND does. If the accumulator holds a negative byte value (\$80-\$FF), then the value in floating point accumulator 1 (FAC1) is used as the seed. If the accumulator holds zero, RND uses values from timer A and the time-of-day clock, just as in BASIC. If the accumulator value is positive (\$00-\$7F), then the seed value in locations \$8B-\$8F is used.

Thus, your choices for ML programming are essentially the same as for BASIC, except that the system variable TI is not available as an argument. An alternative to using TI is to load the byte values from the software clock (\$A0-\$A2) directly into the seed addresses (\$8B-\$8F), thus giving a fairly random seed. If you'd rather not bother with loading the accumulator, you can perform JSR \$E0BE to go directly to the routine which uses the stored seed value.

As you probably know from using RND in BASIC, the function always returns a floating point number between 0 and 1. In machine language, it is usually more convenient to use a single byte value in the range 0-255. Unfortunately, some of the randomness of the BASIC floating point number comes from scrambling the bytes in FAC1; this is lost when single bytes are used. One alternative is to convert the floating point number to an integer and use one or more bytes of the integer. But this is somewhat awkward. Nonrepeating random numbers involving all possible single byte values seem to be produced in locations \$63 and \$64 of FAC1 after a call to \$E09A with the accumulator set appropriately. The

values found in locations \$62 and \$65 do not include all the values from 0-255 and therefore should not be used.

SID's Random Number Generator

The 64's SID chip also has the ability to generate random values and is very easy to use. All you need to do is select the noise waveform for the SID's voice 3 oscillator and set voice 3's frequency to some non-zero value (the higher the frequency, the faster the random numbers are generated). It is not necessary to gate (turn on) the voice. Once this is done, random values appear in location \$D41B. The parameters need only be set once, as shown in this example. (You'll need a machine language assembler to enter this and the following example; the semicolons and the comments which follow them are optional.)

```
LDA #$FF ; maximum frequency value
STA $D40E ; voice 3 frequency low byte
STA $D40F ; voice 3 frequency high byte
LDA #$80 ; noise waveform, gate bit off
STA $D412 ; voice 3 control register
RTS
```

Once this code is executed, the SID chip continuously produces random byte values, which you can retrieve with a statement like LDA \$D41B. This method works only on the Commodore 64 and 128, since only those two computers have a SID chip. Values obtained from the SID chip do seem to be random: Each of the values in the range 0-255 occurs at about the same frequency, and the series does not repeat in the first 34,000 values.

In many cases, you'll want to obtain random numbers only within a certain range. In BASIC, this is done with a statement like $\text{RND}(1) * (\text{U} - \text{L}) + \text{L}$. Here the variables U and L stand for the upper and lower limits, respectively, of the number range we want. This statement produces integer numbers within that range, excluding the first and last values in the range (for instance, if $\text{U} = 30$ and $\text{L} = 1$, then 30 and 1 do not appear in the series). To include the first and last values, use a statement like $\text{INT}(\text{RND}(1) * (\text{U} - \text{L} + 1) + \text{L})$.

In machine language, we're usually interested in single byte values: integers in the range 0-255.

Should larger values be needed, you can always generate two or more bytes and combine them. Getting numbers within a certain range is simply a matter of generating numbers until you find one that falls in the range you want. For instance, the following routine generates numbers within the range \$10-\$40 (before performing this routine, you must set up the SID chip as shown above):

```
RAND LDA $D41B ; get random value
                ; from 0-255
CMP #31 ; compare to
        U-L+1
        ; U-L+1 = $31 =
        ; $40-$10+$01
BCS RAND ; branch if value >
        U-L+1
ADC #$10 ; add L
RTS
```

This routine generates random numbers until one is found that falls between 0 and the difference between the high and low values. Then the low value is added to the result to give a value between the low and high limits, inclusive. If the range is very small, many numbers may have to be generated before you find one that's suitable.

You can decrease the delay by ANDing the random number with a value that removes the unwanted higher bits. For instance, if the difference between the low and high limits is \$0A, then AND the random value with \$0F to remove the four high bits, then test whether it falls within the range. One useful special case deserves mention. To generate an integer in the range -1 to 1 inclusive, use the BASIC statement $\text{INT}(\text{RND}(1) * 3) - 1$. To get a value between \$01 and \$FF in machine language, AND the random value with \$03 and use a routine like the one shown above, where $\text{L} = \$\text{FF}$ and $\text{U} - \text{L} + 1 = \03 .

The method you use to generate random numbers depends on your needs. In machine language, if repeatable values aren't needed, it's simplest to use the SID chip. Should repeatable values be required (for testing a routine, etc.), set the chosen seed in the seed locations \$8B-\$8F, call the ROM routine at \$E0BE, then use the value found in locations \$63 or \$64 for the random number. Due to its questionable randomness, the timer/clock method is not recommended. ©

Amiga Puzzle

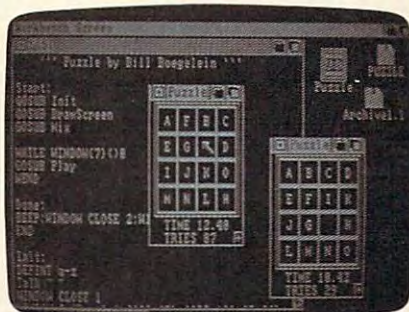
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The following programs provide you with an entertaining puzzle game that pops up as a small window on the Workbench screen. But more importantly, they demonstrate some interesting and powerful programming techniques in Amiga BASIC.

A popular game that used to keep kids occupied for hours in the back of the station wagon was known as the "slide puzzle." This was simply a plastic frame with 15 numbered or lettered tiles arranged in a 4×4 pattern with one square left vacant. The object was to slide one tile at a time into the vacant slot in an attempt to restore the puzzle to its proper numeric or alphabetic order. "Amiga Puzzle" is the Amiga BASIC equivalent of the slide puzzle.

Amiga Puzzle works on any Amiga with Amiga Microsoft BASIC (not ABasiC—Amiga BASIC is available as a free upgrade if your computer was shipped with ABasiC). To get started, run Amiga BASIC, enter Program 1 below, and save a copy on disk. Be sure to set Preferences for a 60-column screen before running Amiga Puzzle. When you run the program, it pops open as a small window on the Workbench screen and scrambles the tiles. When the program announces "Ready" using the Amiga's built-in speech capability, you can begin.

To move a tile into the vacant slot, point to the tile with the mouse and press the left mouse button. If you try to cheat by moving a tile diagonally, the program will scold you. The gadget in the lower-right



This photo shows two copies of "Amiga Puzzle" running simultaneously, an example of the Amiga's multitasking capabilities.

corner of the window, normally reserved for window resizing, has been replaced with a plus sign in Amiga Puzzle. Clicking on this gadget rescrambles the puzzle and starts a new game. The other gadgets (front/back, the move bar, and close window) are all active as usual.

As a final touch, the Puzzle window displays the elapsed time and number of moves since the start of the game.

How It Works

Amiga Puzzle was adapted from a similar puzzle game available on the Macintosh. Those of you familiar with Microsoft BASIC 2.0 on the Macintosh will immediately see many similarities in Amiga BASIC. In fact, many Macintosh BASIC programs can be converted to Amiga BASIC with little effort. Both languages support windows, pull-down menus, labels, many types of graphics commands, and other features.

Amiga Puzzle is divided into seven subroutines named Done, Init, DrawScreen, Mix, Play, CheckCheat, and More. There are

also two small subprograms, Talk and Position. Here are descriptions of what these subroutines do:

Init: initializes variables, user-defined functions, and loads the puzzle's characters A-O into the two-dimensional array *c()*.

DrawScreen: displays the puzzle's squares and characters.

Mix: mixes only adjacent squares and keeps track of the blank square's position in variables *blankX* and *blankY*.

Play: the main subroutine where the current mouse position is compared to coordinates of each square stored in the three-dimensional array *rat*.

CheckCheat: makes sure the attempted move is a legal one (adjacent squares only, no diagonal moves).

More: checks if the mouse is clicked on the plus-sign gadget in Amiga Puzzle's lower-right corner. If so, the program starts a new game by jumping back to Start.

Done: ends the program and returns control to BASIC.

Special Features

Most of the program is standard Microsoft BASIC. The only lines that merit special attention are the user-defined functions in the Init subroutine. One function operates the puzzle's timer, and the other determines if the puzzle has been solved.

A quick way to time any event is to define a function that subtracts the current time from the initial starting time. This is done with the function *FNlaps*. The current time is obtained from *TIMER* and the

initial time stored in the variable *starttime*.

The other defined function, *FNwin*, determines if the puzzle has been solved by comparing the letter in each tile—stored in the array *c*()—with the characters A–O. Each letter in the correct position returns a value of -1 (true). So the puzzle has been solved when all 15 letters are sorted, returning a value of -15.

A very powerful feature of Amiga BASIC is its subprogram capability (see "Requester Windows in Amiga BASIC," *COMPUTE!*, March 1986). In effect, subprograms let you add new commands to the language. The word *TALK* is not a command in Amiga BASIC, but has been added to Amiga Puzzle as a subprogram. It lets you execute both a *SAY* command and the text-to-speech *TRANSLATE\$* function by simply typing *TALK* followed by the desired string. Similarly, *POSITION* is a subprogram that expects parameters of the *X* and *Y* coordinates as the location to *PRINT* the desired string.

Program 2, "MakeIcon," lets you create a special icon for Amiga Puzzle. This is optional, of course, since Amiga BASIC automatically assigns a standard icon when you save the program. *MakeIcon* recreates the special icon I designed with the Amiga's Icon Editor (a new feature that's included with the free upgrade to version 1.1 of the operating system). The icon data is converted from the hexadecimal values in the *DATA* statements into single-byte values and stored in the file *Puzzle.info* (all Amiga icon files end with *.info*). In addition to the icon's shape and color, the special data also contains information that makes Amiga BASIC the program's *default tool*. That means when the icon is clicked on the Workbench screen, Amiga BASIC is automatically loaded and run prior to loading and running the game.

Multitasking With BASIC

Since multitasking is built into the Amiga's operating system as a standard feature, no special programming techniques are required to write a BASIC program that's capable of running simultaneously with other tasks. Feel free to move

Amiga Puzzle over or under other windows running different programs without causing interference. If your computer has at least 512K RAM, you can even click on the Amiga Puzzle icon a second time and run two of the games at once.

Program 1: Amiga Puzzle

```
Start:-
GOSUB Init-
GOSUB DrawScreen-
GOSUB Mix-
WHILE WINDOW(?)<>0-
GOSUB Play-
WEND-
Done:-
BEEP:WINDOW CLOSE 2:WINDOW 1-
END-
Init:-
DEFINT a-z-
Talk " " -
WINDOW 1,"Puzzle",(230,45)-(230+13
8,45+96),30-
tries=0:RANDOMIZE TIMER-
FOR y=0 TO 3-
FOR x=0 TO 3-
c(x,y)=x+y*4+ASC("A") ' Load charac
ters-
NEXT x-
NEXT y-
blankX=x-1:blankY=y-1-
c(blankX,blankY)=ASC(" ") -
DEF FNlaps=((TIMER-starttime)\60)
+(((TIMER-starttime) MOD 60)/100)-
DEF FNa=(c(0,0)=65)+(c(1,0)=66)+(
c(2,0)=67)+(c(3,0)=68)-
DEF FNb=(c(0,1)=69)+(c(1,1)=70)+(
c(2,1)=71)+(c(3,1)=72)-
DEF FNC=(c(0,2)=73)+(c(1,2)=74)+(c
(2,2)=75)+(c(3,2)=76)-
DEF FND=(c(0,3)=77)+(c(1,3)=78)+(
c(2,3)=79)+(c(3,3)=80)-
DEF FNwin=(FNa+FNb+FNC+FND
) ' Won if = -15-
RETURN-
DrawScreen:-
FOR y=0 TO 3-
FOR x=0 TO 3-
Position (x+1)*3,(y+1)*2,CHR$(c(x,y
)) ' Print characters-
x1=x*30+10:y1=y*18+3 ' Draw boxes
-
LINE (x1,y1)-(x1+30,y1+18),1,b-
LINE (x1-1,y1-1)-(x1+30+1,y1+18+1)
,1,b-
LINE (10-5,3-3)-(4*30+10+5,4*18+3+
3),1,b-
moreX=128:moreY=89-
LINE (moreX,moreY)-(moreX+10,more
Y+10),1,bf -
Position 14,11,"+" ' New game gadget-
rat(x,y,0)=x1:rat(x,y,1)=y1-
NEXT x-
NEXT y-
Position 3,10,"TIME 0.00" -
Position 3,11,"TRIES 0"-
RETURN-
Mix:-
x=blankX:y=blankY-
FOR mixing=333 TO 1 STEP -1 -
IF (mixing AND 1)=0 THEN-
```

```
x=INT(RND*4):y=blankY ' Even-
ELSE -
y=INT(RND*4):x=blankX ' Odd-
END IF-
GOSUB CheckCheat-
NEXT mixing-
Talk "Ready."-
starttime=TIMER-
RETURN-
Play:-
LOCATE 10,8:PRINT USING "##.##",FNl
aps;-
WHILE MOUSE(0)<>0-
mouseX=MOUSE(3):mouseY=MOUSE(
4)-
FOR y=0 TO 3-
FOR x=0 TO 3-
IF (mouseX>rat(x,y,0) AND mouseX<r
at(x,y,0)+30) AND (mouseY>rat(x,y,1
) AND mouseY<rat(x,y,1)+18) THE
N GOSUB CheckCheat:RETURN-
NEXT x-
NEXT y-
GOSUB More-
WEND-
RETURN-
CheckCheat:-
IF (ABS(x-blankX)>1 OR ABS(y-blankY)
>1) OR ((x<>blankX AND y<>blankY)
) THEN-
IF mixing=0 THEN Talk "Cheater." ' Ch
eating-
ELSE ' Not cheating-
SWAP c(x,y),c(blankX,blankY)-
Position (x+1)*3,(y+1)*2,CHR$(c(x,y))
-
SWAP x,blankX:SWAP y,blankY-
Position (x+1)*3,(y+1)*2,CHR$(c(x,y))
-
END IF-
IF mixing=0 THEN-
tries=tries+1-
LOCATE 11,8:PRINT tries;-
WHILE MOUSE(0)<>0:WEND-
IF FNwin=-15 THEN Talk "We have a wi
nner." :GOTO More-
END IF-
RETURN-
More:-
WHILE MOUSE(0)<>0 OR FNwin=-15 ' A
nother game?-
mouseX=MOUSE(3):mouseY=MOUSE(
4)-
IF MOUSE(0)=0 AND (mouseX>more
X AND mouseX<moreX+10) AND (mou
seY>moreY AND mouseY<moreY+10
) THEN GOTO Start-
IF WINDOW(?)=0 THEN Done-
WEND-
RETURN-
SUB Talk(a$) STATIC-
SAY TRANSLATE$(a$)-
END SUB-
SUB Position(x,y,a$) STATIC-
LOCATE y,x:PRINT a$;-
END SUB-
```

Program 2: MakeIcon

```
WIDTH 60-
PRINT:PRINT SPC(20);"Creating Puzzl
e Icon":PRINT -
DEFINT a-z-
CLOSE-
OPEN "Puzzle.info" FOR OUTPUT AS 2-
FOR ii=1 TO 98-
READ long$-
```


replaced. After the AUTORUN.SYS file is created, you won't need to run the BASIC program again, except to create copies of DEBUT on other disks. To start DEBUT, turn the computer off, make sure a disk with the DEBUT AUTORUN.SYS file is in the drive, then turn the computer on. DEBUT loads automatically and announces its presence with the message DEBUT. This message appears whenever you press SYSTEM RESET, reminding you that DEBUT is active.

DEBUT protects itself by resetting MEMLO (the pointer to the bottom of free memory, locations 743 and 744) and by trapping the DOS command. As in the Atari Wedge, typing KILL gets rid of the utility and enables DOS.

Note: DEBUT works with Atari DOS 2.0 and 2.5, but may not work with other types of DOS, especially after a SYSTEM RESET. Be sure that you have one of these versions before typing in the program.

Using DEBUT

Once DEBUT is up and running, you have four new commands at your disposal for debugging and documenting BASIC programs—plus the DIR command. You type the command and press RETURN, just as you would with any direct-mode BASIC statement. Type DIR, for example, to list the disk directory, or use the form DIR D:filespec to list specific files. The ? and * wildcard characters are allowed, and drive numbers (D2:, D3:, etc.) can be specified as well. (D: defaults to drive 1.)

Now you're ready to load one of your BASIC programs and try the four main commands:

FIND (Find a variable or BASIC keyword.)
REP (Replace one variable with another.)
XREF (List variables and cross-reference line numbers.)
VIEW (View the values of all variables.)

These commands act on your entire BASIC program unless you specify a range of line numbers using the form *starting line, last line*. You may specify either or both. When specifying only the last number, precede it with a comma, or DEBUT thinks it's a starting number. The line range parameter is

optional, so it follows the other arguments to the command, as we'll explain below.

All commands can also use the *output switch*—a slash appended to the command followed by the name of the device to which you want to redirect output (P for Printer, D for Disk, C for Cassette, etc.). This sends the command's output to the device rather than to the screen. To send the disk directory listing to the printer, for example, type DIR/P. This option uses channel 1 for output, closing the channel when it's done. Files created on disk or cassette are ASCII files which can be viewed with most Atari word processors or ENTERed into memory with BASIC.

We'll see more examples as we take a detailed look at each command.

The FIND Command

With FIND, you can quickly identify any lines in your program that contain a certain variable or BASIC keyword. Here is the general format:

FIND [/output device] target [starting line, last line]

where /output device is the optional switch for redirecting output from the screen; target is the variable name or BASIC keyword you want to find; and starting line, last line is the optional line number range for the search.

FIND lists every line in which the target appears. The target can be a statement name (keywords that begin a statement, such as PRINT, PLOT, and POKE), a function name (such as RND, COS, and PEEK), or a variable name. Include the right parenthesis as part of subscripted variable names, and the dollar sign as part of string variable names. (Remember: X, X(), and X\$ are three distinct variables.)

FIND does not locate keywords that are neither statements nor functions—THEN and TO, for instance. GOSUB and GOTO are missed when they appear as part of the ON-GOSUB or ON-GOTO statements. Also, FIND won't locate any operators, such as OR, AND, +, and /, to name a few.

FIND does locate ERROR lines, however; use FIND * for this purpose.

Directing output to the disk drive (FIND/D:filename) presents an interesting possibility—the file thus created can later be retrieved using BASIC's ENTER command, allowing you to sift lines out of one program to create another.

Perhaps you've discovered that keywords can sometimes be used as variable names in Atari BASIC. FIND assumes that if it's spelled like a keyword, it is a keyword. You can force FIND to search for variables only by preceding the variable name with the greater-than symbol (>). Thus, FIND LEN comes up with all occurrences of the LEN function, while FIND >LEN lists occurrences of a variable called LEN. This option is needed only if your target variable could be confused with a keyword. (Be careful when choosing variable names in Atari BASIC. LET NOTE=66 creates a legitimate variable, but if you try to access its value—for example, SOUND 0,NOTE,10,10—BASIC treats it as NOT E, while FIND, without the > option, would go off looking for the keyword NOTE.)

When you specify a line number range with the FIND command, only those lines within that range are listed. Here are some examples:

FIND X()

(List all lines in the program containing the array variable X.)

FIND TEMP 100

(List all lines containing the variable name TEMP, beginning at line 100.)

FIND/P CHR\$,100

(List all lines through line 100 containing the function CHR\$ and send the listing to the printer.)

FIND * 100,200

(List all lines from 100 through 200 that contain ERRORs.)

FIND/D:NEWFILE.ASC PRINT,20000

(Create a disk file named NEWFILE.ASC to hold the listing of all lines through line 20000 that contain the keyword PRINT.)

The XREF Command

As you write an Atari BASIC program, newly declared variables are added to an area of memory called the *variable name table*. XREF lists the contents of this table and cross-

references the lines in which each variable appears. Here is the general format:

XREF [/output device] [starting line,last line]

where /output device is the optional switch for redirecting output from the screen; and starting line,last line is the optional line range parameter.

Often, XREF finds variables in the variable name table that don't actually appear in your program. You can recognize these unused variables because XREF lists them with no line number references. Unused variables can happen when you delete all occurrences of a certain variable from a program, or when you misspell a variable or command and BASIC thinks you're creating a new variable. These unused variable names clutter up the variable name table, which might become a factor in a long program since the table is limited to 128 names.

XREF can help you eliminate this deadwood. If a large number of unused variables show up, you can clear them out by LISTing the program to disk, typing NEW, and then re-ENTERing the program. (LIST and ENTER reconstruct the variable name table, whereas SAVE and LOAD preserve it.)

When you specify a line number range with XREF (for instance, XREF 1000,2000), only those variables and line references within that range are listed. At the foot of the listing, both the count of listed variables and the total number of variables in the name table are displayed.

XREF/P creates a hardcopy of the variable listing—useful documentation. XREF also makes it easy to spot misspelled variable names. No longer must you trace through a recalcitrant program line by line only to find that your mysterious bug is due to the slip of a finger. And if you're as poor a typist as I am, you'll be making frequent use of the REP command described below.

Here are a few examples:

XREF

(List and cross-reference all variables in the program.)

XREF 2000,2999

(List and cross-reference all vari-

ables in the subroutine in lines 2000 through 2999.)

XREF ,10000

(List and cross-reference all variables up to line 10000.)

XREF/D:VARLIST

(List and cross-reference all variables in the program, and send the list to the disk file VARLIST.)

The REP Command

Now it's easy to replace those cryptic variable names with new names of crystal clarity—or, depending on your motives, vice versa. REP acts in a flash, replacing old variable names with new variable names. It's handy for making corrections and tightening up code—but be careful. With or without such a command, the more ambitious your program, the wiser it is to save backup copies and document changes as you make them.

Here is the general format:

REP [/output device] oldvar newvar [starting line,last line]

where /output device is the optional switch for redirecting output from the screen; oldvar is the old variable name; newvar is the new variable name (separated by a space, not a comma, from oldvar); and starting line,last line is the optional line number range. (The only output produced by the output switch is a message telling you how many variables were changed.)

REP does not let you replace keywords or mismatched variable types (for instance, you can't change A\$ to A). Also, REP requires that the new variable already exists in the variable name table. To add a new variable to the table, simply use it in any BASIC statement, even in direct mode. (If you want to create a new variable SUM, for instance, you can just type SUM=0 and press RETURN.)

If you don't include the optional line number range, REP works on the entire program. If you specify a range of lines, it replaces the old variable name only within those lines. Watch out for this, since it may cause a conflict elsewhere in your program.

Here are some examples:

REP CB CHECKBALANCE

(Replace all occurrences of the variable CB with the new variable

name CHECKBALANCE.)

REP CLIENTNAME\$ CN\$

(Replace all occurrences of the variable CLIENTNAME\$ with the new variable name CN\$.)

REP I(INDEX(

(Replace all occurrences of the array variable I() with the array variable INDEX().)

REP SUM TOTAL 3000,3999

(Replace all occurrences of the variable SUM with the new variable name TOTAL within the subroutine in lines 3000 to 3999.)

Variables are stored as one-byte tokens in Atari BASIC. REP looks up the old and new variable names in the name table to determine their tokens, then replaces every old token (within range) with the new one. The old name remains in the name table (type XREF to see for yourself) and keeps the value it had at the time of the change.

The VIEW Command

BASIC's PRINT statement lets you examine variable values in direct mode as you test and debug a program, but it can be cumbersome when you're juggling lots of variables, especially subscripted variables. Of course, there's an easier way.

DEBUT's VIEW command lists all variables and their values, including strings and arrays, without requiring you to name each one. Type VIEW to quickly display the values, or use the optional output switch to generate hardcopy that you can analyze with the proverbial fine-toothed comb.

Here is the format of the command:

VIEW [/output device] [starting line,last line]

where /output device is the optional switch for redirecting output from the screen; and starting line,last line is the optional range of line numbers.

Here is the format of the VIEW command's output:

```
VARIABLE=value
STRING$ current length,maximum length
"string contents"
ARRAY(rows,cols
10 20 30 40
2 4 6 8
3 5 7 11
```

Scalar variable values are displayed in a pretty straightforward

manner—the variable name is followed by its value. Strings are listed with additional information—the current and maximum length. String contents are printed in quotes below the name.

For subscripted variables, VIEW lists the row and column dimensions corresponding to the indexes you assign with the DIM statement, plus one. (Because indexing starts at zero—ARRAY(0,0) is a valid array element—the actual size of each dimension is one greater than the value you give.) Values are listed by column and row; sample values are shown in the example above. A singly subscripted variable is really a one-column array; its values are listed vertically. If a string or array has not been dimensioned, only the name prints. Unused variables aren't listed at all.

The output switch and range option work with this command as they do with all others. For example:

VIEW/P

(Prints a hardcopy of all the variables and their values.)

VIEW/P 200,300

(Prints a hardcopy of the variables and values in lines 200 through 300.)

Additional Hints

The DEBUT commands are an aid to debugging, but they won't do the whole job for you. Use them along with other techniques (such as tracing the program's execution with temporary PRINT statements) to close the gap between what you're telling BASIC to do, and what you want it to do.

Since the optional disk output produced by these commands is compatible with any word processor that handles ASCII text, you can easily produce program documentation with DEBUT. For example, you could save the XREF listing to disk, and use a word processor to add explanations of each variable. Every minute spent documenting a program pays off threefold should you ever have to go back and modify it.

The DEBUT command formats are tolerant of extra spaces, and command words can be abbreviat-

ed—just type the first letter followed by a period. In fact, the period alone is all you need for DIR. The output switch is unaffected by abbreviations—DIR/P, D./P, and ./P all do the same thing. In addition, the FIND command accepts abbreviated keywords as its target. For example, FIND FOR, FIND F., and F.F. all seek out the keyword FOR. Sound confusing? Experiment. You'll find the shortcuts which are most useful to you.

Notes For ML Programmers

It would be nice if DEBUT had a renumbering command, program trace capabilities, or even a few more DOS commands. Machine language programmers can add such new commands by patching entries into DEBUT's command table, which reserves 25 bytes for just this purpose.

A command table entry consists of your machine language routine's address *minus one*, followed by the command name. The address is stored in high byte/low byte order. The command name is in ASCII code exactly as you'd type it, except that the rightmost byte must have the most significant bit on (inverse video). Add entries starting at location 8149 (hex \$1FD5), but don't use more than the 25 bytes or you'll overwrite DEBUT. Your code can be appended to the DEBUT AUTORUN.SYS file by using the DOS copy with append feature.

DEBUT does some preprocessing before your routine gets control. As a result, you'll be able to abbreviate your commands, with DEBUT abbreviations taking precedence. The output switch works as well, opening channel 1 to the output device and storing the channel number at location 181 (\$B5) before branching to your routine. If the command line requires further parsing, your routine will find it at location 1408 (\$580); the offset to the first argument (if any) will be in location 242 (\$F2). Your machine language routine should end with an RTS instruction if you wish it to return through DEBUT to BASIC.

DEBUT calls on several routines in Atari BASIC and accesses various BASIC tables whose addresses have changed in the later

releases, which accounts for the slightly different version of the program for BASIC revision A. DEBUT commands will *not* trigger the notorious lockup bug of revision A and (especially) revision B. For those with an interest in the inner workings of Atari BASIC, I highly recommend *The Atari BASIC Source Book* (COMPUTE! Books), as well as the aforementioned "Atari Wedge" article by Charles Brannon (reprinted in *COMPUTE!'s Third Book of Atari* as "The Wedge: Adding Commands to Atari BASIC").

DEBUT: Atari BASIC Debugging Tool

For instructions on entering this listing, please refer to "COMPUTE!'s Guide to Typing In Programs" in this issue of COMPUTE!.

```
CF 10 ? "INSERT DISK - PRESS
      RETURN WHEN READY"
HG 20 IF PEEK(764)<>12 THEN
      20
PC 30 OPEN #1,0,0,"D:AUTORUN
      .SYS"
CD 40 ? "CREATING DEBUT AUTO
      RUN.SYS FILE"
KB 50 FOR I=1 TO 1304:READ B
      YTE:PUT #1,BYTE:NEXT I
EN 60 ? "AUTORUN.SYS CREATED
      ":END
BM 70 DATA 255,255,0,31,157,
      31,159,164,36,168
CJ 80 DATA 76,84,164,76,130,
      164,76,142,181,76
FK 90 DATA 62,181,76,103,181,
      76,153,186,76,129
GD 100 DATA 171,76,167,175,7
      6,147,171,68,69,66
BK 110 DATA 85,84,155,53,46,
      48,155,165,12,141
NK 120 DATA 86,31,165,13,141,
      87,31,169,0,141
DL 130 DATA 241,31,169,85,13
      3,12,169,31,133,13
GD 140 DATA 160,31,169,31,32
      ,3,36,32,91,31
AM 150 DATA 169,46,141,231,2
      ,169,36,141,232,2
IB 160 DATA 96,32,88,31,76,5
      1,31,160,0,185
PL 170 DATA 26,3,201,69,240,
      8,200,200,200,192
EL 180 DATA 34,208,242,96,20
      0,169,158,153,26,3
OG 190 DATA 169,31,153,27,3,
      162,15,189,0,228
NF 200 DATA 157,158,31,202,1
      6,247,169,241,141,162
AG 210 DATA 31,169,31,141,16
      3,31,24,173,4,228
HG 220 DATA 105,1,141,243,31
      ,173,5,228,105,0
DI 230 DATA 141,244,31,96,17
      4,31,215,31,32,108
PB 240 DATA 68,73,210,32,178
      ,86,73,69,215,33
NB 250 DATA 95,88,82,69,198,
      33,212,70,73,78
HG 260 DATA 196,34,23,82,69,
      208,34,93,75,73
BG 270 DATA 76,204,32,76,68,
      79,211,0,0,0
NL 280 DATA 242,31,45,36,32,
      73,242,8,201,155
```


BE 290	DATA 240,5,238,241,31,40,96,152,72,138	BE 700	DATA 35,144,228,176,7,165,245,240,3,32		165,136,133,138,165,137
HH 300	DATA 72,165,194,201,9,3,208,92,174,241,31	GM 710	DATA 197,34,32,222,34,240,37,230,203,208	NO 1110	DATA 133,139,96,166,242,202,232,189,128,5
EH 310	DATA 240,87,169,155,157,128,5,162,0,142	AK 720	DATA 192,32,213,34,32,213,34,32,239,35	LO 1120	DATA 201,32,240,4,201,155,208,244,134,242
DI 320	DATA 241,31,134,242,32,64,35,169,31,160	AM 730	DATA 169,33,160,201,32,3,36,165,203,73	GO 1130	DATA 166,242,189,128,5,201,32,208,3,232
NF 330	DATA 174,162,2,32,4,31,176,61,134,242	FA 740	DATA 128,168,169,0,32,245,35,169,33,160	AK 1140	DATA 208,246,134,242,201,155,96,24,165,207
LM 340	DATA 189,128,5,73,47,72,208,8,32,215	IJ 750	DATA 205,76,3,36,96,32,79,70,160,32	JC 1150	DATA 101,138,133,138,144,2,230,139,160,0
AN 350	DATA 35,48,22,32,47,35,160,255,132,204	PO 760	DATA 76,73,83,84,69,68,155,240,64,230	EI 1160	DATA 177,138,133,237,200,177,138,133,238,56
LN 360	DATA 140,254,2,200,132,203,132,153,132,154	HA 770	DATA 242,201,62,240,30,170,169,55,224,42	CB 1170	DATA 165,164,229,237,165,165,229,238,176,2
MN 370	DATA 132,245,32,91,32,104,208,3,32,10	BH 780	DATA 240,7,198,242,32,131,34,176,5,133	BM 1180	DATA 56,96,200,177,138,133,207,165,237,229
OL 380	DATA 36,169,0,141,254,2,76,83,160,177	KO 790	DATA 204,76,2,34,32,141,34,176,6,105	HI 1190	DATA 162,165,238,229,163,144,206,200,177,138
FF 390	DATA 149,72,200,177,149,72,76,64,35,104	NJ 800	DATA 61,133,203,16,7,32,173,34,176,23	DA 1200	DATA 133,156,200,177,138,197,204,240,34,201
KK 400	DATA 170,104,168,169,155,40,96,72,162,112	AN 810	DATA 133,203,32,246,34,32,92,35,176,13	MO 1210	DATA 2,144,190,201,55,240,186,200,177,138
NM 410	DATA 32,12,36,160,173,169,32,32,38,36	GF 820	DATA 32,10,31,32,222,34,240,5,32,81	JA 1220	DATA 197,203,240,19,201,14,240,17,201,15
CN 420	DATA 104,201,155,240,3,32,28,36,162,112	FC 830	DATA 35,144,243,96,240,49,32,173,34,176	PN 1230	DATA 240,17,201,22,240,167,200,196,156,208
BE 430	DATA 169,6,32,227,35,162,112,169,5,160	DN 840	DATA 44,133,203,32,109,34,133,245,32,64	DJ 1240	DATA 233,240,211,24,96,169,6,208,3,200
EE 440	DATA 128,157,73,3,133,150,132,149,32,38	EN 850	DATA 35,32,173,34,176,29,133,246,32,109	DC 1250	DATA 177,138,24,200,132,170,101,170,168,208
CA 450	DATA 36,169,5,32,14,36,48,8,32,16	BL 860	DATA 34,197,245,208,20,32,246,34,32,92	DF 1260	DATA 213,165,203,41,127,133,175,165,131,164
DB 460	DATA 31,32,222,34,208,225,162,112,76,12	HN 870	DATA 35,176,12,165,246,145,138,32,122,34	PO 1270	DATA 130,162,0,32,133,160,0,177,149
LL 470	DATA 36,68,58,42,46,42,155,32,243,34	FA 880	DATA 32,170,35,144,244,32,239,35,169,34	NI 1280	DATA 96,162,1,134,181,32,10,36,32,26
OD 480	DATA 32,195,35,240,106,32,38,35,32,92	GJ 890	DATA 160,85,76,3,36,32,67,72,65,78	MH 1290	DATA 36,169,8,157,74,3,169,0,157,75
LB 490	DATA 35,176,89,32,213,34,32,16,31,32	CB 900	DATA 71,69,68,155,173,86,31,133,12,173	AE 1300	DATA 3,169,3,208,31,162,153,181,1,180
NF 500	DATA 107,34,240,70,144,76,32,28,31,32	EF 910	DATA 87,31,133,13,76,116,228,165,203,41	IE 1310	DATA 0,133,213,132,212,32,170,217,32,230
GJ 510	DATA 182,221,32,217,34,162,226,32,241,35	EC 920	DATA 127,32,22,31,165,210,74,96,162,224	DN 1320	DATA 216,165,244,164,243,133,150,132,149,76
BB 520	DATA 169,44,32,19,31,162,228,32,241,35	KF 930	DATA 208,2,162,153,246,0,208,2,246,1	NM 1330	DATA 16,31,162,16,169,12,157,66,3,32
AJ 530	DATA 38,210,144,60,32,213,34,169,34,32	HF 940	DATA 96,173,1,31,172,0,31,162,2,208	HE 1340	DATA 86,228,152,16,2,132,207,96,230,242
OK 540	DATA 219,34,162,226,32,25,31,240,17,160	AM 950	DATA 8,173,3,31,172,2,31,162,0,32	HE 1350	DATA 165,242,24,105,128,168,169,0,105,5
NC 550	DATA 0,177,224,32,19,31,32,222,34,240	NO 960	DATA 4,31,176,12,189,128,5,201,32,240	LO 1360	DATA 157,69,3,152,157,68,3,96,224,2
ED 560	DATA 30,32,118,34,208,232,169,34,32,219	BI 970	DATA 6,201,155,240,2,56,96,134,242,165	PN 1370	DATA 225,2,41,31
IF 570	DATA 34,76,28,33,169,61,32,19,31,32	EH 980	DATA 175,24,96,165,131,164,130,162,0,32		
DE 580	DATA 252,35,32,222,34,240,4,230,203,208	LE 990	DATA 4,31,176,238,32,154,34,144,5,32		
HF 590	DATA 145,76,213,34,32,40,221,165,228,133	NL 1000	DATA 7,31,144,246,9,128,96,32,122,34		
NB 600	DATA 234,165,229,133,235,32,213,34,162,232	PM 1010	DATA 32,213,34,32,213,34,32,16,31,169		
PM 610	DATA 32,25,31,240,223,162,234,32,25,31	EF 1020	DATA 5,133,205,169,155,208,2,169,32,76		
MN 620	DATA 240,231,166,224,164,225,32,137,221,32	BI 1030	DATA 19,31,164,17,208,2,198,17,152,96		
DH 630	DATA 252,35,32,217,34,32,222,34,240,207	DA 1040	DATA 32,0,216,176,7,32,210,217,164,212		
GJ 640	DATA 160,6,32,118,34,136,208,250,240,221	AN 1050	DATA 165,213,96,56,102,203,169,127,160,255		
BA 650	DATA 208,2,133,245,32,243,34,32,195,35	GB 1060	DATA 32,34,35,200,132,162,132,163,32,64		
LM 660	DATA 240,59,32,38,35,32,92,35,176,35	DD 1070	DATA 35,201,44,240,16,32,230,34,176,24		
EH 670	DATA 32,197,34,230,205,198,205,208,3,32	JL 1080	DATA 132,162,133,163,32,64,35,201,44,208		
EF 680	DATA 209,34,162,237,32,241,35,32,217,34	NG 1090	DATA 13,230,242,32,230,34,176,6,48,4		
HM 690	DATA 230,175,165,175,201,6,208,245,32,81	GM 1100	DATA 133,165,132,164		

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MODified Shapes For IBM

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Ever wonder how to use the MOD operator in IBM BASIC? Here's a short explanation of MOD operations that create some stunning graphics displays as well. The programs run on any IBM PC with color/graphics adapter and BASICA or PCjr with Cartridge BASIC.

Though you may never have seen it used, IBM BASIC's MOD operator is a powerful tool for performing certain arithmetic operations. Simply put, MOD gives the integer (whole number) remainder of an integer division. For example, $17 \text{ MOD } 3 = 2$ because 17 divided by 3 equals 5 with a remainder of 2. Likewise, $30 \text{ MOD } 5 = 0$ since 5 divides into 30 evenly with a remainder of zero.

To see some applications of MOD arithmetic, type in, save, and run Programs 1-4 below. Each generates a different geometric display (see photos), using MOD in various ways to simplify the graphics calculations.

Although some dialects of BASIC don't include a MOD operator, the INT function can be used for the same purpose. In Microsoft BASIC, the expression $K - \text{INT}(K/J) * J$ gives exactly the same result as the IBM BASIC expression $K \text{ MOD } J$. If your computer's BASIC doesn't have MOD but does have a line-

drawing command (the Commodore 128 and Atari fall into this category), you may find it interesting to convert the programs to run on your machine.

What Does MOD Do?

One of the most common uses of MOD is to test whether a value is odd or even. The expression $X \text{ MOD } 2$ yields a 1 if X is odd, or 0 if X is even. Program 2 uses MOD for this purpose in line 20, branching to line 40 only when the variables I and J are both odd or even.

Another common use of MOD is to make a variable equal to a repeating sequence of consecutive integers. Consider these statements:

```
10 C=0
20 C=C MOD 3+1
30 PRINT C
40 GOTO 20
```

In this case the variable C cycles repeatedly through the series 1-2-3. Program 1 uses MOD in this manner to select the right color for each side of the rotating triangles.

MOD is also useful when arrays must be treated as circular rather than linear. For example, say you have a numeric array X composed of three array elements, and that elements X(1), X(2), and X(3) contain the X coordinates for the vertices (corners) of a triangle. In this case, if X(m) is the X coordinate for the beginning of a side, then the expression $X(m \text{ MOD } 3 + 1)$ gives

the X coordinate for the end of that side. This sort of expression appears in Programs 1, 2, and 3, which compute the variable NJ with MOD. The result becomes an index into the arrays containing the vertex coordinates whenever the program needs to know the values for the end of a side.

How The Programs Work

After running the example programs, you may want to know how to produce similar displays of your own. The following explanation applies to Programs 1, 2, and 3, which have been made as similar as possible for comparison purposes.

The variable SU selects the spot on the side of a figure where the figure's corner will land after it is rotated and redrawn. If you're not sure what the last sentence means, try changing SU to a slightly different value and rerunning the program: You'll see exactly what it does. The variables I and J represent the row and column of the figure. The arrays X and Y contain the relative vertex coordinates for the current rotation. The arrays XD and YD contain relative vertex coordinates for the next rotation. N is the current rotation, M is the current side of a polygon, and NJ performs the function described above.

Here is a line-by-line description of the various sections in each program:

Lines 10-50 Loop through J columns and I rows. Skip over some combinations of I and J (Programs 1 and 3). Change values in the Y array to plot some polygons upside-down (Programs 1 and 2).

Line 60 Loop through N rotations. Compute the absolute coordinates of the first vertex.

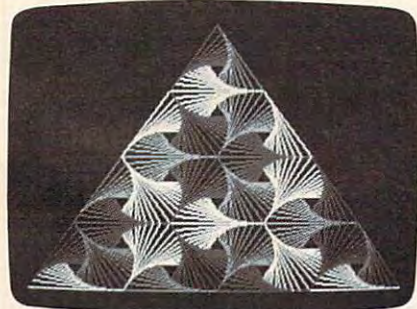
Line 70 Loop through M sides. Compute the absolute coordinates for the next vertex.

Line 80 Plot the side. Make the absolute coordinates of the beginning of the next side equal to the absolute end coordinates of the side just plotted.

Line 90 Compute the relative coordinates of the vertex that fall on this side in the next rotation.

Line 100 Move the values from the array of relative coordinates for the next rotation into the array of relative coordinates for the current rotation.

Program 4 works somewhat differently from the other three programs. After saving and running this program, remove the statement $C=1$ from line 50 and run it again. This time the colors take on a spiral pattern. Can you explain why? (Hint: Ten areas are painted with three colors each time through the FOR A=10 TO 360 loop, and $10 \text{ MOD } 3 = 1$.)



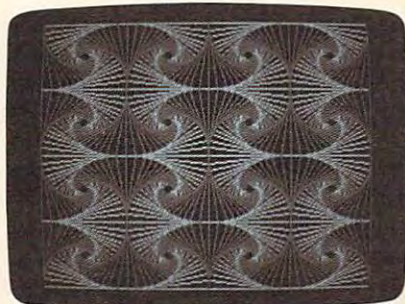
"MODified Shapes For IBM" shows how to easily generate complex graphics displays like this.

For instructions on entering these listings, please refer to "COMPUTE!'s Guide to Typing in Programs" in this issue of COMPUTE!.

Program 1

```
DK 10 SU=.1:RU=1-SU:KEY OFF:SCRE
EN 1:COLOR 0,1:II=1:C=1
FD 20 FOR J=0 TO 3:II=-II:JJ=1:F
```

```
OR I=0 TO 6:JJ=-JJ:IF I<J
OR I>6-J THEN 110
EB 30 IF J<2 OR I>2 THEN C=C MOD
3+1
FP 40 IF J=3 THEN C=C MOD 3+1
GI 50 X(1)=0:X(2)=39:X(3)=78:Y(1)
=0:Y(3)=0:IF II=JJ THEN Y
(2)=48 ELSE Y(2)=-48
EO 60 FOR N=1 TO 11:X1=3+X(3)+I*
39:Y1=175-Y(3)-J*48+II*JJ*
24
DL 70 FOR M=1 TO 3:X2=3+X(M)+I*3
9:Y2=175-Y(M)-J*48+II*JJ*2
4:C=C MOD 3+1
FD 80 LINE(X1,Y1)-(X2,Y2),C:X1=X
2:Y1=Y2:NJ=M MOD 3+1
FK 90 XD(M)=RU*X(M)+SU*X(NJ):YD
(M)=RU*Y(M)+SU*Y(NJ):NEXT M
KB 100 FOR P=1 TO 3:X(P)=XD(P):Y
(P)=YD(P):NEXT P,N
CF 110 NEXT I,J
PP 120 IF INKEY$="" THEN 120 ELS
E CLS:SCREEN 0:WIDTH 80:K
EY ON:END
```



The MOD operator simplifies the calculations needed to produce this display.

Program 2

```
LG 10 SU=.12:RU=1-SU:KEY OFF:CLS
:SCREEN 1:COLOR 0,1
MI 20 FOR I=0 TO 3:FOR J=0 TO 3:
IF I MOD 2=J MOD 2 THEN 40
ME 30 Y(1)=49:Y(2)=0:Y(3)=0:Y(4)
=49:GOTO 50
IE 40 Y(1)=0:Y(2)=49:Y(3)=49:Y(4)
=0
HH 50 X(1)=20:X(2)=20:X(3)=89:X
(4)=89
FO 60 FOR N=0 TO 18:X1=X(4)+I*69
:Y1=Y(4)+J*49
PL 70 FOR M=1 TO 4:X2=X(M)+I*69:
Y2=Y(M)+J*49
BK 80 LINE(X1,Y1)-(X2,Y2),M MOD
2+1:X1=X2:Y1=Y2:NJ=M MOD 4
+1
FK 90 XD(M)=RU*X(M)+SU*X(NJ):YD
(M)=RU*Y(M)+SU*Y(NJ):NEXT M
EO 100 FOR P=1 TO 4:X(P)=XD(P):Y
(P)=YD(P):NEXT P,N,J,I
EP 110 IF INKEY$="" THEN 110 ELS
E CLS:SCREEN 0:WIDTH 80:E
ND
```

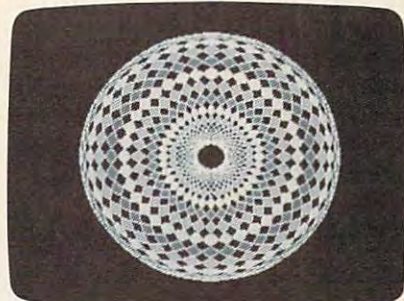
Program 3

```
PN 10 SU=.2:RU=1-SU:KEY OFF:CLS:
SCREEN 1:COLOR 0,1
HF 20 FOR J=0 TO 2:FOR I=0 TO 2:
IF J=0 AND I<1 THEN 110
ML 30 IF I=1 THEN E=31 ELSE E=0
```



This screen is produced with only a dozen program lines.

```
DA 40 X(1)=0:X(2)=25:X(3)=75:X(4)
=100:X(5)=75:X(6)=25
KB 50 Y(1)=31:Y(2)=0:Y(3)=0:Y(4)
=31:Y(5)=62:Y(6)=62
CB 60 FOR N=0 TO 20:X1=35+X(6)+I*
75:Y1=223-Y(6)-J*62-E
AC 70 FOR M=1 TO 6:X2=35+X(M)+I*
75:Y2=223-Y(M)-J*62-E
JB 80 LINE(X1,Y1)-(X2,Y2),M MOD
3+1:X1=X2:Y1=Y2:NJ=M MOD 6
+1
FK 90 XD(M)=RU*X(M)+SU*X(NJ):YD
(M)=RU*Y(M)+SU*Y(NJ):NEXT M
NB 100 FOR P=1 TO 6:X(P)=XD(P):Y
(P)=YD(P):NEXT P,N
CF 110 NEXT I,J
PP 120 IF INKEY$="" THEN 120 ELS
E CLS:SCREEN 0:WIDTH 80:K
EY ON:END
```



A multicolored screen display with help from MOD.

Program 4

```
MK 10 KEY OFF:CLS:SCREEN 1:COLOR
0,0:FOR K=0 TO 9:READ F(K
):NEXT
DL 20 FOR A=10 TO 360 STEP 10
NG 30 X=160+48*COS(A*.017453):Y=
100+40*SIN(A*.017453)
QM 40 CIRCLE(X,Y),60:NEXT
OI 50 FOR A=10 TO 360 STEP 10:C=
1:FOR K=0 TO 9:C=C MOD 3+1
FD 60 X=160+1.2*F(K)*COS(A*.0174
53):Y=100+F(K)*SIN(A*.0174
53)
PJ 70 PAINT(X,Y),C,3:NEXT K,A
NI 80 IF INKEY$="" THEN 80 ELSE
CLS:SCREEN 0:WIDTH 80:KEY
ON:END
KI 90 DATA 26,34,41,51,61,68,78,
84,87,89
```


Custom Characters For Atari SpeedScript

Charles Brannon, Program Editor

Atari SpeedScript's large-sized character set with true descenders is designed for maximum readability. Since it is built into SpeedScript, though, it's difficult to change. Now, with the accompanying program, you can add your own custom font to SpeedScript—even special characters for foreign languages. To help you design your own sets, last month we published "Atari FontMaker," a versatile character editor written completely in machine language. This month's program automatically creates a new copy of SpeedScript with your custom set installed. It works on any Atari 400/800, XL, or XE computer with at least 24K RAM and a disk drive.

When you're writing, you probably don't think about the technical miracles that make word processing possible. The characters on the screen seem as fixed as those on paper, but they're actually displayed from a section of memory. If you can change this memory, you can change the shape, form, and order of the characters.

Normally, the Atari's character set is permanently and unalterably stored in Read Only Memory (ROM). But you can tell the video chip to look elsewhere for the character patterns, so it's possible to substitute your own set. Atari SpeedScript uses just such a technique, coupled with a special Atari character mode, to display large, well-formed characters.

One way to design your own characters is to sketch them on grid paper, convert the resulting binary patterns into numbers, and then substitute these numbers in the section of SpeedScript that modifies the character set.

Fortunately, there's an easier way. You can use a character set editor (or font editor) to "draw" the desired characters with a joystick. The font editor converts the patterns into numbers for you and saves the new set on disk for later use. There are many font editors available for the Atari, but relatively few of them let you design characters for the unusual ANTIC 3 mode that SpeedScript uses. This mode displays a taller character grid so you can design characters with true descenders (the protruding tails on letters such as j and y).

Last month's COMPUTE! introduced "Atari FontMaker," a full-featured font editor written completely in machine language. FontMaker lets you design custom fonts for all Atari character modes, including ANTIC mode 3. The FontMaker article included some instructions for creating SpeedScript ANTIC 3 characters, and also some tips for designing more readable characters. After designing a new character set with FontMaker, you can use Program 1, "SpeedScript Characterizer," to automatically create a new copy of SpeedScript with your custom font. The custom characters appear each time you load the modified copy of SpeedScript.

Making A SpeedScript Font

If you want to convert a normal character set for use with SpeedScript (perhaps one that you've designed with another font editor), start by loading the set into FontMaker. Press G to switch to the ANTIC 3 mode. (The G command cycles through the graphics modes, and the first mode after the default GRAPHICS 0 mode is ANTIC 3.) You'll recognize this mode because the normal characters appear split, with their lower portions shifted to the top of the character grid.

Use FontMaker's roll up command (CTRL-cursor up) to move each character up by one line. Roll up automatically wraps the lowercase descenders. If you want to make two-line descenders such as those found in the SpeedScript font, roll the lowercase letters up by two notches, erasing the last line of any characters that intrude into the descender zone, such as the lowercase h. Then shift up (SHIFT-cursor up) all the uppercase characters by two lines, and add an extra line of definition to each character so they have the same baseline as the lowercase characters. As you work, refer to the "quick brown fox" sentence displayed by FontMaker to see how your characters match up. When you're done, save your new font on disk with the S (Save) command.

One additional preparatory step is required if your copy of SpeedScript came from the May 1985

COMPUTE! DISK. A version of *SpeedScript* typed in and saved with MLX (or from the companion disk for the book *SpeedScript: The Word Processor for Atari Computers*) appears on disk as one continuous block and requires no special preparation. The COMPUTE! DISK version is stored in an alternative format—as a collection of linked segments. (For a discussion of the differences between these formats, see Bill Wilkinson's "Insight: Atari" column in the April 1986 issue.) This causes a problem because Program 1 expects to load *SpeedScript* as a continuous file.

The solution is to use Program 2, a corrected version of the file unification program from the April "Insight" column, to convert the linked segment file into a continuous block file. If you're unsure about the origin of your copy of *SpeedScript*, it won't hurt to process it with the file unifier program anyway. If the file was already a continuous block, Program 2 just produces a duplicate copy. (One way to tell the difference: In DOS 2.0 format the desired continuous block version of *SpeedScript* is 67 blocks long, while the linked segment version requiring conversion is 66 blocks long.)

Now you're ready to merge your redefined character set with *SpeedScript*. Type in and save the *SpeedScript* Characterizer (Program 1) below. After you run it, insert the disk containing your copy of *SpeedScript* (the unified copy produced by Program 2 if you have the COMPUTE! DISK version) and type in the filename you use for *SpeedScript* (AUTORUN.SYS, for example). Characterizer loads *SpeedScript* into a memory buffer.

Next, insert the disk containing your character set and enter its filename. After this character set is loaded, insert the disk that will store the new copy of *SpeedScript*. Type in the filename you'd like to call it. (For safety's sake, be very careful not to replace your existing copy of *SpeedScript*. If you have to name *SpeedScript* as AUTORUN.SYS to run it with Atari DOS 2.0 or 2.5, use another disk or rename the original copy of *SpeedScript* something else before you try to use Program 1.)

Finally, boot up the new *Speed-*

Script and behold your custom character set. Try typing all the characters to make sure they are well-formed. If you made a mistake, you can always edit the character set and reinstall it.

Keep in mind that *SpeedScript* uses the heart character to pad out the end of each line with spaces. If you don't want to see a screenful of hearts, make sure you've blanked out the heart character in your set. Also, *SpeedScript* normally uses the left arrow (cursor-left) for the return mark at the end of each paragraph, so you may want to change this to some personalized symbol. If you don't want to see return marks, blank out this character, or perhaps change it to a single tiny dot so you can easily delete what would otherwise be an invisible character.

Program 1: SpeedScript Characterizer

For instructions on entering this listing, please refer to "COMPUTE!s Guide to Typing In Programs" in this issue of COMPUTE!

```

JK 10 OPEN #3,4,0,"K:"
LG 15 DIM CIO$(7):CIO$="hhh*
LV":CIO$(4,4)=CHR$(170)
: CIO$(7)=CHR$(228)
AL 100 DIM SF$(14),T$(40),SS
$(10000),CS$(14)
CJ 110 GRAPHICS 17:POKE 82,0
:SETCOLOR 4,0,10:SETC
OLOR 2,0,2:SETCOLOR 0
,3,4:SETCOLOR 1,5,14
LJ 120 ? #6;"SPEEDSCRIPT 3.0
":? #6;"CHARACTERIZER
"
IK 130 POKE 87,0:?"ENTER SP
EEDSCRIPT(3 SIZES) AN
LENAME"
AN 140 INPUT SF$:IF SF$="" T
HEN RUN
FM 150 IF LEN(SF$)>2 THEN IF
SF$(2,2)="" OR SF$(
3,3)="" THEN 170
CP 160 T$=SF$:SF$="D":SF$(3
)=T$
EA 170 TRAP 180:OPEN #2,4,0,
SF$:TRAP 40000:GOTO 1
90
DE 180 ? "error trying to op
en":? SF$:?"PRESS RE
TURN":GET #3,A:RUN
IC 190 LET READ=1:X=32:SADR=
ADR(SS$):MAXLEN=9999:
GOSUB 970:SS$(TRUELEN
)=CHR$(0):CLOSE #2
LC 200 ? CHR$(125);"ENTER IN
ME OF":?"CHARACTER S
ET"
KC 210 INPUT CS$:IF CS$="" T
HEN 200
EP 220 IF LEN(CS$)>2 THEN IF
CS$(2,2)="" OR CS$(
3,3)="" THEN 240
CE 230 T$=CS$:CS$="D":CS$(3
)=T$
DH 240 TRAP 250:OPEN #2,4,0,
CS$:TRAP 40000:GOTO 2
60

```

```

NP 250 ? CHR$(125);"error tr
ying to open":? CS$:?"
PRESS RETURN":GET #
3,A:CLOSE #2:GOTO 200
PF 260 LET READ=1:X=32:MAXLE
N=1024:SADR=ADR(SS$)+
262:GOSUB 970:CLOSE #
2
PN 270 ? CHR$(125);
JO 280 ? "ENTER NEW NAME":?
"FOR SPEEDSCRIPT."
LA 290 INPUT SF$:IF SF$="" T
HEN 200
FG 300 IF LEN(SF$)>2 THEN IF
SF$(2,2)="" OR SF$(
3,3)="" THEN 320
CM 310 T$=SF$:SF$="D":SF$(3
)=T$
DG 320 TRAP 335:OPEN #2,8,0,
SF$:TRAP 40000
BF 330 LET READ=0:X=32:MAXLE
N=LEN(SS$):SADR=ADR(S
S$):GOSUB 970:GOTO 34
0
AL 335 IF PEEK(195)<>1 THEN
? CHR$(125);"CAN'T WR
ITE FILE":CLOSE #2:GO
TO 280
FP 340 POKE 82,2:GRAPHICS 0:
? "Good luck!"
GP 350 END
IN 899 GOTO 899
MB 970 REM CIO Load/Save Fil
e#2 opened READ=0 fo
r write, READ=1 for r
ead
AM 980 REM File#2,$20
EF 990 ICCOM=834:ICBADR=836:
ICBLEN=840:ICSTAT=835
AL 1000 H=INT(SADR/256):L=SA
DR-H*256:POKE ICBADR
+X,L:POKE ICBADR+X+1
,H
FC 1010 H=INT(MAXLEN/256):L=
MAXLEN-H*256:POKE IC
BLEN+X,L:POKE ICBLEN
+X+1,H
MD 1020 POKE ICCOM+X,11-4*RE
AD:A=USR(ADR(CIO$),X
)
BK 1025 TRUELEN=PEEK(ICBLEN+
X)+256*PEEK(ICBLEN+X
+1)+1
BG 1030 POKE 195,PEEK(ICSTAT
):RETURN

```

Program 2: File Unifier

Program by Bill Wilkinson

For instructions on entering this listing, please refer to "COMPUTE!s Guide to Typing In Programs" in this issue of COMPUTE!

```

EE 1000 REM ** BINARY FILE U
NIFIER **
DF 1010 BUFSIZE=FRE(0)-300
AH 1020 DIM BUF$(BUFSIZE)
IF 1030 DIM FILEOLD$(40),FIL
ENEW$(40)
FJ 1040 FILL=0
ND 1050 PRINT "I need two fi
le names: An existin
g"
EA 1060 PRINT " object file
and a new file whic
h"
EE 1070 PRINT " will get th
e 'unified' object c
ode."
FG 1080 PRINT
AA 1090 PRINT "Existing file
?"

```



```

CL 1100 INPUT #16, FILEOLD$
NI 1110 PRINT "{5 SPACES}New
      file? ";
DI 1120 INPUT #16, FILENEW$
FG 1130 OPEN #1, 4, 0, FILEOLD$
NP 1140 GET #1, HDR1: GET #1, H
DR2
PD 1150 IF HDR1=255 AND HDR2
=255 THEN 1180
PF 1160 PRINT "Existi
ng file: invalid for
mat"
KA 1170 END
GL 1180 OPEN #2, 8, 0, FILENEW$
BI 1190 PUT #2, HDR1: PUT #2, H
DR2
IN 1200 GET #1, SEGLOW: GET #1
, SEGHIGH
BC 1205 REM ** Process a new
origin
AE 1210 BUFPTR=0
OI 1220 BUF$=CHR$(0): BUF$(BU
FSIZE)=CHR$(0)
GL 1230 BUF$(2)=BUF$: REM zap
buffer
MF 1240 PUT #2, SEGLOW: PUT #2
, SEGHIGH
DE 1250 SEGSTART=SEGLOW+256*
SEGHIGH
DI 1255 REM ** Process a seg
ment
ID 1260 GET #1, ENDLow: GET #1
, ENDHIGH
GP 1270 SEGEN=ENDLOW+256*EN
DHIGH
HC 1280 SEGLE=SEGEN-SEGSTA
RT+1
HI 1290 FOR PTR=1 TO SEGLE
JL 1300 GET #1, BYTE: BUF$(BU
PTR+PTR)=CHR$(BYTE)
PK 1310 NEXT PTR
ML 1320 TRAP 1490
JB 1330 GET #1, SEGLOW: GET #1
, SEGHIGH
PD 1340 TRAP 40000
KB 1350 IF SEGLOW=255 AND SE
GHIGH=255 THEN GET #
1, SEGLOW: GET #1, SEGH
IGH
DB 1360 SEGSTART=SEGLOW+256*
SEGHIGH
IO 1370 GAP=SEGSTART-SEGEN-
1
HD 1380 IF GAP>FILL OR GAP<0
THEN 1420
JM 1390 BUFPTR=BUFPTR+SEGLE
+GAP
DL 1400 IF BUFPTR+256>BUFSIZ
E THEN 1420
MI 1410 GOTO 1260
BA 1420 GOSUB 1440
MF 1430 GOTO 1210
BF 1435 REM ** Dump buffer
LH 1440 PUT #2, ENDLow: PUT #2
, ENDHIGH
DJ 1450 FOR PTR=1 TO LEN(BUF
$)
LF 1460 PUT #2, ASC(BUF$(PTR)
)
AB 1470 NEXT PTR
KN 1480 RETURN
LA 1485 REM ** Error encount
ered
EA 1490 IF PEEK(195)=136 THE
N 1520
NL 1500 PRINT "Unexpected er
ror, number "; PEEK(1
95)
JO 1510 END
JA 1515 REM ** End of file
CM 1520 GOSUB 1440: REM write
out buffer
KA 1530 END

```

64 Autobooter

Terry Roper

Now you can throw away your list of start-up SYS addresses for different machine language programs. Using a unique loading method, this clever utility lets you transform a BASIC or machine language program into an autobooting program that runs as soon as it loads—no matter where it normally loads into memory. In addition, the autobooting program can survive many system crashes that would destroy a conventionally loaded program. A disk drive is required.

"64 Autobooter" can add autobooting—the ability to run automatically after loading—to many different BASIC and machine language programs. While you may be familiar with other autoboot utilities, the most common techniques have significant drawbacks: Either they require a separate boot file to load and run the main program, or they increase the size of your program significantly. But Autobooter programs don't suffer from either problem. The autobooting file is all in one piece and is only 257 bytes longer than the original program. Even better, Autobooter programs can survive unscathed in situations that would erase or scramble programs loaded the normal way.

Creating Autoboot Files

Type in 64 Autobooter and save a copy before you run it. Using the program is just a matter of responding to a few prompts. First, you type a filename for the program you wish to convert. This file may be any program file on disk, but it may not exceed 7,935 bytes in length (more on this later). As a rough guide, 7,935 bytes take up about 31 blocks on the disk directory.

After you supply the filename, the disk drive makes two passes through the program file. The first pass counts every byte of the file to make sure that it's within the 7,935-

byte limit and calculates the load address for the new Autobooter version. The second pass stores the file in memory. When the drive stops, you are asked whether the program is BASIC or machine language (ML). If the program is all BASIC (or it begins with a BASIC line like SYS 2061), type B to choose BASIC. If it is an ML program that loads at some address other than the start of BASIC, enter the normal SYS address when prompted.

Finally, you'll be prompted to enter a filename for the new autobooting file. At this point, the program writes the autobooting file back to disk, using the last filename you specified. The new file consists of a copy of the original file plus 257 bytes (about one disk block) of machine language. This one-block addition is the only penalty you pay for the convenience of using Autobooter files.

When this process is complete, the new file is ready to use. An autobooting file is a self-sufficient, autobooting version of the original, but with some unusual differences. The most unusual fact is that all Autobooter files share exactly the same ending address, even though nearly all of them have different load addresses. And loading ML files with the Autobooter method does not disturb the computer's start-of-variables pointer at locations 45-46 (\$2D-2E). So you can load an ML program with the assurance that any BASIC program previously in memory will still run and save correctly.

An Impressive Demonstration

Here's a short demonstration that shows how useful 64 Autobooter can be. Choose a BASIC program that you would like to convert to Autobooter form. It can be any program, as long as the original file contains fewer than 7,935 bytes.

Follow the procedure for converting the program to Autobooter format, then perform these steps:

1. Type NEW.
2. Type LOAD "FILENAME",8,1 (replace FILENAME with the filename of your autobooting file). The program should load and run automatically; if it doesn't, reload 64 Autobooter and check for typing errors.
3. When you're satisfied that your program is running as usual, stop the program by pressing RUN/STOP (or RUN/STOP-RESTORE if necessary).
4. Now it's time to get tough. Type NEW, then LIST to confirm that the program is gone. Type POKE 1,0 and press RETURN. The program should be running once again, even though that POKE is one that normally locks up the computer.
5. Press RUN/STOP to stop the program, then load any other BASIC program into memory. This ensures that the first program is completely overwritten by new data.
6. Type POKE 1,0 and press RETURN. Immediately, the autobooted program reappears in memory and begins to run. You should be able to VERIFY at this point with normal results.

What's going on here? For one thing, you've seen how durable these files can be. Even after you destroy the program in its normal location, you can resurrect it instantly with POKE 1,0. Another advantage is that you no longer need to memorize different SYS addresses for every machine language program. Regardless of where an Autobooter program normally loads, whether it's BASIC or ML, you can restart it with POKE 1,0.

It's not hard to see how this would come in handy. For instance, suppose you're using a BASIC program. Suddenly, the need arises to run a program that occupies the same memory area. If the original program is in Autobooter format, this presents no problem at all. Load the second program and run it as usual. When you're finished, type POKE 1,0 to restore the autobooted program.

A second advantage has to do with loading ML files. Under ordi-

nary circumstances, loading an ML program into high memory after loading a BASIC program can cause an OUT OF MEMORY error when you try to run the BASIC program. If the ML program is an Autobooter file, you'll avoid this error.

Wraparound Addressing

By now you might be wondering how these unusual features are possible. We mentioned earlier that Autobooter files may not exceed 7,935 bytes in length. This is necessary for two reasons. The 257-byte ML program attached to your original file must always load into memory beginning at location \$FF00 (65280). The rest of your original file comes into memory directly below the ML code in the area from \$E000-\$FEFF (57344-65279). As you may know, loading a program into this zone causes it to be stored in the RAM underlying the Kernal ROM chip.

Why is it so crucial to load the last 257 bytes at \$FF00? If you're paying close attention, you may have noticed that 257 plus \$FF00 equals more than 65535, the highest address that the 64's microprocessor can refer to. After you load the byte that goes into location \$FFFF, there are still two bytes to load. Since it's impossible to use a higher address, the computer wraps around to the bottom of its addressing range and loads the last two bytes into addresses \$00 and \$01.

Loading a file in this wrap-around fashion has two important consequences. It allows you to change the contents of the 64's on-chip I/O port (location 1) as well as the vector to its main IRQ handler (\$FFFE-\$FFFF). Let's look at location 1 first. The chief function of location 1 is to control whether the 64 "sees" ROM and I/O chips or the underlying RAM at memory locations above \$A000 (40960). Under normal circumstances, the computer sees BASIC ROM at locations \$A000-BFFF, I/O chips at locations \$D000-DFFF, and the Kernal ROM at locations \$E000-FFFF. When you load an Autobooter file into memory, it loads the value \$35 into location 1, switching out the ROM in locations \$E000-\$FFFF and exposing the underlying RAM.

Once the ROM is switched out,

the microprocessor can see the rest of the Autobooter file that was just loaded. Among other things, this file loaded new information into locations \$FFFE-\$FFFF. This pair of locations contains a *vector*, or two-byte address, which points to the 64's main IRQ/BRK handler routine in ROM. Sixty times every second, and whenever the computer encounters a BRK instruction, the computer jumps to the address pointed to by this vector. Autobooter files replace the normal vector with a new one that points to the new ML that we just loaded into underlying RAM.

The rest of the ML program moves the autobooted program to its normal load address, switches ROM back in (by putting a value of \$37 in location 1), and runs the program as usual. (Incidentally, the Commodore 128 normally has a value of \$77 in location 1 while it's in 64 mode. This has no effect on Autobooter files, but does prevent certain commercial programs from working properly. Pressing CAPS LOCK restores the normal value of \$37, which fixes the problem in at least some of the cases.)

Mysterious VERIFY Errors

Although the computer normally resets the computer's start-of-variables pointer after every load, 64 Autobooter does this job on its own. If the program is ML which doesn't load at the start of BASIC, the start-of-variables pointer is not changed. This lets you load ML programs without disturbing any BASIC program in memory. If the Autobooter file is BASIC, the pointer is set to the end of the program text as usual.

Some Autobooter files may give you mysterious VERIFY errors. Don't panic—it's not uncommon for ML programs to alter themselves once run. Naturally, a file that's been modified isn't the same as the original file on disk. If a BASIC program was saved from an abnormal location it won't VERIFY either; this is due to the relinking process that occurs after every BASIC program is loaded. A good method for initial testing of ML files is to create them as usual but enter 42100 instead of the normal SYS address. This returns you to BASIC

without starting your program; the file should VERIFY correctly.

Here's a subtle bug to look out for. Suppose you have the following program:

```
100 A0 = 828: POKE AO, 0
```

This defines the variable A0, but not the variable AO (with the letter O instead of a zero). Since undefined numeric variables always equal zero, the POKE is directed to location 0, the data direction register for location \$01. If you run this program and then try to start an autobooting program with POKE 1,0, it fails because the new bit pattern at location 0 prevents any new value from being stored in location 1. Hit RUN/STOP-RESTORE to fix both locations, then try again.

As a matter of fact, it doesn't hurt to hit RUN/STOP-RESTORE before activating any autobooting program. Many ML programs change the IRQ vector at locations \$0314-\$0315. If you try to activate an Autobooter file under these conditions, the computer will probably crash as soon as the interrupt is reenabled.

Finally, while some cartridges don't interfere with Autobooter files, others cause erratic behavior. Cartridges can reconfigure the computer in many different ways, so you'll have to find out by trial and error whether a particular Autobooter file works with a given cartridge.

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For instructions on entering this listing, please refer to "COMPUTE!'s Guide to Typing In Programs" in this issue of COMPUTE!.

```
BC 100 POKE 55,0:POKE 56,48:CL
R
HR 110 PRINT:PRINT "AUTO BOOTM
AKER":IFPEEK(24591)=164
THEN150
GP 120 PRINT:PRINT"JUST A MOMEN
T..."
DE 130 FOR J=12288 TO 12744:RE
AD D:S=S+D:POKE J,D:NEX
T
JE 140 IF S<>51414 THEN PRINT:
PRINT"MISTYPED DATA":EN
D
GF 150 OPEN 15,8,15:SYS 12288
GX 160 PRINT:PRINT"FILE FOR AU
TO BOOTMAKER";
SJ 170 GOSUB370:PRINT:PRINT"ME
ASURING YOUR FILE"
AJ 180 OPEN 5,8,5,"0:"+"N$+",P,
R":GOSUB350:IF EL$<>"00
" THEN160
```

```
CR 190 SYS 24834:CLOSE 5:B=PEE
K(24578)+256*PEEK(24579
):PRINT B;"BYTES"
AG 200 IF B>7935 THEN PRINT CH
R$(18);STR$(B-7935)"
{2 SPACES}BYTE OVERFLOW
":GOTO160
CR 210 PRINT:PRINT"READING FIL
E INTO MEMORY"
PF 220 OPEN 5,8,5,"0:"+"N$+",P,
R":SYS24834:CLOSE 5
BH 230 FOR J=0 TO 31:POKE24592
+J,PEEK(24112+J):POKE24
624+J,PEEK(22032+J)
HH 240 POKE 22032+J,0:NEXT
CE 250 PRINT:PRINT"BASIC OR ML
(B/M)":GOSUB370
QR 260 IF N$="B" THEN POKE 245
82,1:POKE 24583,8:GOTO3
00
EH 270 POKE 24587,1:PRINT:PRIN
T" JUMP TO ADDRESS":GO
SUB370
JG 280 H$=(VAL(N$)-1)/256:L$=(
VAL(N$)-1)-H$*256
FR 290 POKE 24588,L$:POKE 2458
9,H$
BF 300 PRINT:PRINT"PREPARING T
O WRITE NEW FILE"
XK 310 PRINT:PRINT"INSERT ANOTHER DI
SK IF DESIRED"
SA 320 PRINT:PRINT"NEW FILENAM
E":GOSUB370:PRINT#15,"
I0"
PE 330 OPEN 5,8,5,"0:"+"N$+",P,
W":GOSUB350:IF EL$<>"00
" THEN300
JF 340 SYS 24950:CLOSE5:CLOSE1
5:END
PP 350 INPUT#15,EL$,E2$,E3$,E4
$:IF EL$="00" THENRETURN
MP 360 PRINT CHR$(18);EL$,"E2
$", "E3$", "E4$:CLOSE5:RE
TURN
MC 370 T=POS(T)
FF 380 FORJ=0TO25:WAIT 197,64:
NEXT:POKE 198,0:PRINT T
AB(T)
AJ 390 N$="":INPUT N$:IF N$=""
THENPRINT:PRINT:PRINT:G
OTO380
AS 400 RETURN
KS 410 DATA 162,0,189,18,48,15
7,0,96
BG 420 DATA 189,18,49,157,0,97
,232,208
XK 430 DATA 241,96,0,0,0,0,0,0
CK 440 DATA 0,0,4,93,255,0,227
,167
KB 450 DATA 115,164,0,0,0,0,0,0
RM 460 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
KK 470 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
FJ 480 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
BX 490 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
JJ 500 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
EX 510 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
AS 520 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
DX 530 DATA 0,0,162,250,154,16
2,7,189
KH 540 DATA 8,255,72,202,16,24
9,64,162
MG 550 DATA 47,224,32,176,12,1
89,16,255
KJ 560 DATA 157,48,253,189,48,
255,157,16
MM 570 DATA 245,189,196,255,15
7,0,2,202
KQ 580 DATA 16,231,173,11,255,
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208,14,173
CC 590 DATA 2,255,105,1,133,45
,173,3
HG 600 DATA 255,105,8,133,46,1
74,4,255
XG 610 DATA 172,5,255,134,251,
132,252,174
KD 620 DATA 6,255,172,7,255,13
4,253,132
GM 630 DATA 254,160,0,174,3,25
5,240,14
PX 640 DATA 177,251,145,253,20
0,208,249,230
SQ 650 DATA 252,230,254,202,20
8,242,174,2
EE 660 DATA 255,240,8,177,251,
145,253,200
CF 670 DATA 202,208,248,76,0,2
,169,55
CM 680 DATA 133,1,88,169,0,32,
189,255
JG 690 DATA 169,15,168,162,8,3
2,186,255
CQ 700 DATA 32,192,255,169,15,
32,195,255
CG 710 DATA 104,208,11,32,51,1
65,162,44
DA 720 DATA 160,2,134,122,132,
123,169,13
PC 730 DATA 76,210,255,138,0,0
,0,0
RH 740 DATA 0,0,0,0,92,255,92,
255
KR 750 DATA 80,255,47,53,173,1
78,97,73
XG 760 DATA 255,141,178,97,174
,179,97,172
PC 770 DATA 180,97,134,251,132
,252,162,5
PB 780 DATA 32,198,255,32,228,
255,141,6
ME 790 DATA 96,32,228,255,141,
7,96,160
GF 800 DATA 0,32,228,255,44,17
8,97,48
JK 810 DATA 7,145,251,44,178,9
7,16,22
XM 820 DATA 238,2,96,208,3,238
,3,96
QA 830 DATA 56,173,179,97,233,
1,141,179
PR 840 DATA 97,176,3,206,180,9
7,32,183
EF 850 DATA 255,41,64,208,8,20
0,208,209
PB 860 DATA 230,252,76,37,97,1
73,178,97
RQ 870 DATA 240,19,56,173,181,
97,237,2
DM 880 DATA 96,141,4,96,173,18
2,97,237
DF 890 DATA 3,96,141,5,96,76,2
04,255
JQ 900 DATA 56,169,0,237,2,96,
133,251
HD 910 DATA 169,96,237,3,96,13
3,252,162
BA 920 DATA 5,32,201,255,173,4
,96,32
KA 930 DATA 210,255,173,5,96,3
2,210,255
MG 940 DATA 160,0,177,251,32,2
10,255,230
GM 950 DATA 251,208,2,230,252,
165,252,201
QG 960 DATA 97,208,239,165,251
,201,2,208
SX 970 DATA 233,76,204,255,0,0
,96,0
AP 980 DATA 255
```


Upgrading The Apple ESCape Key

Robert Jacques Beck

With this short routine, you can reprogram the Apple's ESCape key (or any other key) to perform a variety of special functions within Applesoft BASIC. It works with any Apple II-series computer using Applesoft BASIC and DOS 3.2, DOS 3.3, or ProDOS.

Have you ever wished you could detect special escape codes in Applesoft BASIC? For instance, say that you have an Applesoft program that uses INPUT to ask you for a disk filename. In many cases, it would be handy to view the disk catalog before entering the filename. But that's impossible under normal circumstances—you can't type a CATALOG command while the computer's waiting for a response to INPUT.

"ESCape Key Upgrade," listed below, lets you add a special escape key function to display the catalog automatically whenever you press ESCape. With a little extra programming, you can use the same routine to give special meaning to any other key or keypress sequence on your Apple II computer.

Hit ESC For A CATALOG

Type in and save Program 1, then run it for a demonstration. The first ten lines install and activate a short machine language routine; line 110 performs an ordinary INPUT command. When the INPUT prompt appears, press ESC. The computer immediately displays a disk catalog, just as if you'd stepped outside program mode for a moment and

typed CATALOG in immediate mode. Of course, you're not limited to a catalog display; by substituting different commands after the THEN statement in line 120, you can perform other commands, branch to a subroutine, or do whatever else you like.

The ESC key is ideally suited for this purpose, since it's located near the upper-left corner of the keyboard and is rarely used except for editing. Program 1 checks ESC after an INPUT statement, but this technique works just as well after any GET statement. If you want a program to respond to ESC more quickly, you needn't wait for an INPUT or GET. Try the technique known as *polling* (periodically testing) the keyboard. For instance, your program might call the following subroutine at regular intervals:

```
900 IF PEEK (-16384) < 128 THEN RETURN: REM RETURN IF NO KEY WAS PRESSED
910 POKE -16384,0
920 IF PEEK (-16384) = 27 THEN PRINT CHR$(4) "CATALOG"
930 RETURN
```

The first line of this routine checks whether a key has been pressed since the last keyboard check was made. Only if the answer is yes does the routine go on to test for the ESC key specifically (this prevents the computer from reacting twice to the same keypress). With this routine in place, you can check ESC whenever you like by inserting GOSUB 900 at the appropriate spot in a program.

Checking Other Keys

Testing for keys other than ESC is quite easy. Take a look at line 60 of Program 1. The second value in the DATA statement represents CHR\$(27), the ASCII value of the ESC key. To test for a different key, replace the 27 in line 60 with the ASCII code of the desired key, then make the same substitution in line 120 as well. For example, to test for the letter A instead of ESC, substitute a 65 for 27 in lines 60 and 120. If you rerun the program and press A at the INPUT prompt, the computer displays a disk catalog exactly as before.

What about reprogramming more than one key at a time? Let's check for three special key combinations: The ESC key will display the catalog for drive 1, CTRL-A will catalog drive 2, and CTRL-C will home the cursor. The first step is to add these lines to Program 1 (note that line 120 is replaced with a new line):

```
58 DATA 201,1,240,10 : REM CTRL A
59 DATA 201,3,240,6 : REM CTRL C
120 IF PEEK (-16384) = 27 THEN PRINT CHR$(4) "CATALOG, D1": GOTO 110
130 IF PEEK (-16384) = 1 THEN PRINT CHR$(4) "CATALOG, D2": GOTO 110
140 IF PEEK (-16384) = 3 THEN HOME: GOTO 110
```

The second number in each DATA statement represents the ASCII code for a particular keypress. The last number in each DATA statement must equal the last num-

ber in the following line plus 4; since line 59 ends with the value 6, line 58 must end with the value 10 (6+4), and so forth. Lines 130 and 140 add the IF statements needed to test for CTRL-A and CTRL-C. Following this pattern, you can add your own key definitions.

Reprogrammed keys behave just like the RETURN key, causing INPUT to respond immediately. However, there are some minor restrictions. First, in a multiple INPUT command such as INPUT A\$,B\$,C\$, the computer detects reprogrammed keys only after the last entry (C\$ in this case). Second, if the INPUT command expects numeric input, you must always enter some number before typing the special key.

One disadvantage of checking for ESC is that normal ESC editing functions are disabled. The normal keyscan can be restored by pressing CTRL-RESET, but it's better form for your program to leave the computer in its standard state when it ends. To accomplish this, add the appropriate line below to your program at a point just before the end:

```
For DOS 3.2 or 3.3:
POKE 56,27:POKE 57,253:CALL 1002
```

```
For ProDOS:
PRINT CHR$(4);"IN#0"
```

A Short Diversion

Though you can use this routine without knowing how it works, machine language programmers may appreciate a closer examination. In simple terms, it diverts the computer from its normal keyscan routine to a new one that we install in RAM. To understand the details of this process, you'll need to know something about how the Apple's keyboard is normally scanned.

The Apple reads its keyboard with a routine known as RDCHAR (located at \$FD35). RDCHAR in turn calls another routine known as RDKEY which retrieves an ASCII code from the keyboard and stores it in the microprocessor's accumulator. Then the computer adds 128 to the key code and stores the resulting value in the *keyboard data byte* (location \$C000, which is expressed in decimal integer form as -16384). You can subtract 128 from the keyboard data byte with a GET, an INPUT, or by PEEKs or

POKEs to the keyboard *status* byte; Apple calls this location (\$C010 or decimal -16386) the keyboard *strobe*. After RDKEY is finished, RDCHAR checks to see if the key pressed was the ESC key. If so, it branches to a special routine. The ESC keypress itself is always ignored except as a signal indicating that the next keypress should be processed specially—as an escape code rather than a normal keypress.

Instead of obtaining the keycode on its own, RDKEY jumps to yet another routine, KEYIN, which actually does the work. KEYIN ordinarily begins at location \$FD1B. This final bit of code is not called as a subroutine; instead, the computer performs an indirect jump instruction, passing control to the address stored in zero page locations 56-57 (\$38-\$39). Apple documentation refers to this pair of locations as the *keyboard input switch*. The important points to remember are that the keyboard data byte (-16384) can be PEEKed from BASIC, and that you can divert the computer to a different keyscan routine by changing two bytes in zero page.

Replacing the ROM version of KEYIN with a customized version is straightforward. Lines 10-70 of Program 1 POKE the new routine into memory beginning at address 768. Line 80 checks a memory location in the ProDOS global page, which begins at address 48640. If this location contains the value 76, ProDOS is active, so the standard input routine is changed using the command IN#A768, which tells ProDOS to get its input from the routine beginning at address 768. (That routine begins with a byte of 216, the CLD opcode, to let ProDOS know that this is a valid machine language routine.)

Lines 90 and 100 perform the input redirection for DOS 3.2 and 3.3. First, the high and low bytes of the routine's starting address (\$300, or decimal 768) are POKEd into locations 56 and 57. (Since this routine is relocatable, you could put it anywhere else that isn't used by your main program.) Then the CALL 1002 in line 100 tells DOS to use the new KEYIN routine in place of the usual code. If you're interested, Program 2 contains the source code for this routine.

The first instruction in Program 2 is necessary for ProDOS. The next eight lines simply mimic the normal KEYIN routine. These instructions continuously generate a random number by incrementing locations \$4E-\$4F until a key is pressed. When you press a key, the computer moves the keycode found in the keyboard data byte into the accumulator, then clears the keyboard status byte. At that point, the normal version of KEYIN would return to RDCHAR, which would check the keycode to see if it is ESC. The custom KEYIN routine does the check right away. If ESC was pressed, we replace the accumulator's contents with the ASCII code for a carriage return (with the high bit set).

Program 1: ESCape Key Upgrade

For instructions on entering this listing, please refer to "COMPUTE!'s Guide to Typing In Programs" in this issue of COMPUTE!.

```
AC 10 J = 768
2F 20 READ A: IF A < > 256 THEN
    POKE J,A:J = J + 1: GOTO 2
31 30 DATA 216,230,78,208,2,230,
    79,44,0
1E 40 DATA 192,16,245,145,40,173,
    0,192
8E 50 DATA 44,16,192,72,41,127
A7 60 DATA 201,27,240,2: REM ES
    CAPE KEY
66 70 DATA 104,96,104,169,141,96,
    256
EA 80 IF PEEK (190 * 256) = 76 T
    HEN PRINT CHR$(4);"IN#A76
    8": GOTO 110
3D 90 POKE 56,0: POKE 57,3
72 100 CALL 1002
2E 110 INPUT "ENTER CHOICE ";A$
CC 120 IF PEEK (-16384) = 27 T
    HEN PRINT CHR$(4)"CATALO
    G": GOTO 110
```

Program 2: New KEYIN Routine

This source code listing is for illustrative purposes only. It requires an assembler to be typed in.

```
START CLD ; Valid ML routine.
      INC $4E
      BNE NEXT
      INC $4F
NEXT  BIT $C000
      BPL START
      STA ($28),Y
      LDA $C000
      BIT $C010
      PHA ; Save key code
      AND #$7F ; Set high bit to zero
      CMP #$1B ; Is it ESC?
      BEQ RETURN; If yes, branch.
      PLA ; Not ESC, so replace
      RTS ; original code, exit.
RETURN PLA ; Tidy up stack.
      LDA #$8D ; Carriage return.
      RTS
```




Exploring The ST

Hi—welcome to "Insight: ST," COMPUTE's new monthly column for the Atari ST-series computers. Over the coming months, we're going to help you become more familiar with the ins and outs of the Atari ST, its operating system, GEM, and ST BASIC. The ST series is the most powerful line of computers ever released by Atari—one of the most powerful in the industry, in fact—so there's a great deal to learn and explore.

Before getting started, I want to reassure those of you who still own and use the eight-bit Atari 400/800, XL, and XE computers. Veteran readers will recognize that I've been writing the "Insight: Atari" column on these machines for the past five years in COMPUTE!. This new column *does not* mean that we're dropping Insight: Atari. In fact, I plan to continue writing Insight: Atari in addition to Insight: ST for the next few months. Eventually I'll turn over Insight: ST to someone more specialized in ST BASIC. Don't be surprised, though, to find occasional ST tidbits in Insight: Atari as well. Both columns will be of continuing interest to all Atari enthusiasts.

The ST In Perspective

Just what is an Atari ST computer? Even if you already own an ST, I may have some surprising answers for you.

From a hardware viewpoint, the ST is most commonly compared to the Apple Macintosh and the Commodore Amiga. Indeed, it shares characteristics with both. All three use a Motorola 68000-series microprocessor, 3½-inch floppy disk drives, bit-mapped screen display, a range of peripheral interfaces, and more—generally the things we've come to expect from today's advanced personal computers. Both the ST and the Amiga have one advantage over the Mac-

intosh: color graphics (though admittedly only the Amiga uses a sophisticated graphics processor chip to display true sprites).

Even the user interfaces of the three machines are similar: All have a system of icons, multiple screen windows, and a mouse controller to visually display and manipulate the contents of disks and perform general "maintenance" chores.

Finally, as long as we're making comparisons, we should be fair and mention that the Macintosh has much, much more software available for it than either of its competitors. But that situation is changing rapidly, even as I write.

What makes the ST stand out from other computers? Well, the Atari marketing department has a whole series of answers, but let me tell you the ones which impress me. First and foremost is the built-in hard disk port. It's capable of transferring data to or from a hard disk (or a network or external RAM disk or whatever) at a rate of up to 1,300,000 bytes per second. That means you could, in theory, fill the 512K RAM memory of a 520ST in under half a second.

The Allure Of Speed

Theory is nice, but what does this mean in practice? Well, for me (or any other programmer) it means that after writing source code with a text editor, I can save the source file to disk, exit the editor, load a compiler, compile the source code I just saved, link the resulting object code with both system and GEM libraries, and maybe (if I swallow fast) finish eating a bite or two of a sandwich. Elapsed time: between 10 and 15 seconds, depending on the size of the program. On an IBM PC with a hard disk, it would take four to six times as long. And on the Macintosh, most external hard disks aren't much faster than the ST's floppies.

Thanks to its fast processor and amazing hard disk speed, for sheer computing power there is probably no "home" computer available which can touch the ST. Exception: If you're doing heavy work with floating-point math (for example, scientific or engineering computing), an IBM PC with 8087 floating-point chip will win hands down. (Are you listening, Atari?)

The only other hardware features which are distinctively Atari are the built-in MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) ports, the cartridge slot, and the absolutely beautiful *black-and-white* display. Now MIDI will be of interest to musicians, and the cartridge port may have some interesting future applications (perhaps a way to get that fast floating-point chip?), but the surprise here is the 640 × 400 monochrome display. Why do I rave about this on a machine with advanced color graphics?

Although I enjoy color displays, I will probably never create one. I'm not particularly artistic and I don't write games. But I *do* write programs. Which means I appreciate an easy to read, rock-steady display. Atari went to the trouble to equip the ST with a completely separate monochrome video port, and its quality is nothing short of amazing. And, besides, it costs \$200 less than a color system. (But be forewarned: Many games only run on a color monitor. Poor software design, in my opinion, but that's how it is.)

Next month, we'll begin turning the Atari ST inside out and exploring the intricacies of TOS, its multilevel operating system. ©



New Amiga Software

Welcome to the premiere of COMPUTE!'s Amiga column. For the last two years, I've been writing "Horizons," a Commodore column in COMPUTE!'s GAZETTE, and I'm very excited to be writing a new column for the Amiga. While other publications concentrate primarily on Amiga reviews and using your Amiga with commercial software, this column will have a strong bent toward programming techniques, tricks, and tips.

Nonprogrammers will find information on using the operating system (both the Workbench and AmigaDOS) to its fullest. We'll also pass along late-breaking Amiga developments.

Amiga Steals The Show

Although Commodore didn't exhibit at the recent Comdex or Winter Consumer Electronics Show, the Amiga did make a big appearance in early February at The Commodore Show II in San Francisco. This show was hosted by the West Coast Commodore Association, one of the largest Commodore user groups. Thousands of enthusiastic Commodore owners turned out to look at the latest offerings of software and hardware companies. In fact, the show was so popular that the fire marshal finally had to lock the doors to prevent the crowd from exceeding the building's occupancy limit.

About half the show was dedicated to the Amiga, and the Amiga was clearly the show-stealer. Commodore sponsored a large booth which was lent to developers for product demonstrations. This was the first time many Commodore owners got a chance to see the Amiga working with actual software instead of the same old demo programs, so there was quite a bit of interest. And more than a few people at the show were Amiga owners themselves, scouring the floor for

everything they could find.

They didn't go home empty-handed. Lots of companies were displaying their latest Amiga wares. (Keep in mind that I'm writing this column in mid-February, so check with your dealer on the availability of promised titles.)

Activision wowed showgoers with *The Music Studio*, a complete music composition system. Using Commodore's MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) adapter, the Amiga and *The Music Studio* were playing a complex nine-part harmony on a keyboard synthesizer. Besides MIDI compatibility, other features of *The Music Studio* are a sound editor/synthesizer, standard music notation, beginner's music notation, a sound library, up to 15 instruments per song, full editing capability, a staff that scrolls during play, and the ability to print out lyrics along with the sheet music. Many of these options are accessible from pull-down menus. The suggested retail price is \$59.95.

From C To Shining C

Aztec C, by Manx Software (Eaton Town, New Jersey), is a new alternative to *Lattice C* which supposedly compiles faster and generates smaller, faster-running code than the *Lattice* compiler. With its built-in libraries, *Aztec C* is compatible with all Amiga function calls. A new translation utility lets you translate existing *Lattice* source code to *Aztec C*. *Aztec C* is available in several levels, from a simple bare-bones C system for beginners who want to learn C to the full-power Commercial System designed for developers writing commercial software.

A couple of companies were taking orders for their memory expansion boards. Skyles Electric Works (Mountain View, California) sells a 256K module that plugs into the front memory port for \$149.95.

Comspec Communications (Toronto, Ontario) sells a 256K board for \$130 and offers two megabytes (2,048K) for \$1,196. StarPoint Software (Yreka, California) sells a 256K board for \$120, and it even comes with the schematics.

Two companies are introducing touch tablets for the Amiga. These flat pads let you draw with a pen to transmit screen coordinates to the Amiga. You can use the pad as a substitute for the mouse with graphics software for more natural freehand drawing and effortless tracing. Kurta Corp. (Phoenix, Arizona) sells a full line of digitizer pads, from the \$375 *Penmouse+* to a drafting-table size professional system. Software is included to interface the tablet with the Amiga operating system. Anakin Research (Rexdale, Ontario) has a high-resolution tablet called the *EASYL* with software that works in all Amiga screen modes. In 640 × 400, it's a lot like drawing with a pen on a white piece of paper. It also works with Electronic Art's *Deluxe Paint*. It sells for around \$500.

Micro-Systems Software (Boca Raton, Florida) is selling *Analyze!*, a spreadsheet (\$99.95), *Online!*, an already-popular telecommunications program (\$69.95), and *BBS-PC*, a bulletin board system that lets anyone with an auto-answer modem set up their own BBS (\$99.95). All three packages are available now.

I've seen a list of over 100 Amiga products that are promised by the first quarter of 1986. Even more projects are under development and "soon to come." As more machines sell, and as more products jell, the Amiga will escape this temporary shortage of software and expansion hardware. Every machine has had to run this gauntlet, but the Amiga may emerge as a particularly strong runner. ©



Telecomputing Today

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Online Etiquette

Manners are "in" this year. Since I can't turn on a television or radio without running into a self-styled expert on genteel behavior, I figure I might as well get into the act with my patented "Proper Pointers for Bulletin Board Paparazzi."

When logging onto a BBS, remember that you are a guest in the system operator's (sysop's) electronic house. Sysops have the right to lay whatever ground rules they see fit for their personal domains. If you have any problems with the house rules, feel free to register a mild-mannered and polite complaint with the management, but be prepared to find another game in town more to your liking if the house does not relent.

Give your real name when asked to log in. Using the name of heavy metal groups, five-letter expletives, or such hackneyed titles as "Hacker," "Cracker," or "Whacker" are considered passé and a harbinger of the imminent demise of the rest of your brain cells. If the bulletin board you are accessing encourages the use of *noms-de-plume*, stick with an obscure or bizarre moniker. My favorites are the names of ex-postal ministers of Liechtenstein.

Don't be a data glutton. Downloading every new file that shows up on a BBS may keep you off the streets, but ties up many boards an inordinate amount of time. Logging off and back on with a different name after your time limit has expired is tantamount to hogging the shower until all of the hot water is gone. Show your discrimination and taste by carefully examining the descriptions of files that are available for downloading, and choose only those that are of real interest or utility to you.

Anyone Need A Ginsu?

If there is a message section on the BBS, make an effort to read the

latest messages and participate in the flow of conversation. The content of messages you leave should be consistent with any statement of direction that the sysop has established. The right of free speech notwithstanding, leaving a message offering to trade a set of Ginsu knives for a Veg-A-Matic may be considered a breach of protocol on a board dedicated to discussions of artificial intelligence and the search for UFOs.

Try to instill some degree of content into every message you leave. Politeness is a virtue, but responding to every bit of assistance with the single word "Thanks" wastes pointer space within the BBS indexes and often leaves other folks wondering just what you were thanking someone for when the original message rolls off the message base.

Leaving public messages that give away solutions to particularly difficult problems in the latest adventure game is somewhat less sporting than standing in front of the audience at a movie theater and announcing the conclusion before the film begins. If you must request help with such programs, solicit assistance in the form of a phone call or letter.

Obscenity is not only "out," it's boring. Ask anyone who's read the unexpurgated Watergate transcripts. Questioning the lineage of the sysop or attempting to crash the board because you don't like a particular policy or rule is a waste of your time and as welcome as an IRS audit.

Sibling Rivalry

Perhaps the most difficult thing for many people is abstaining from the various "My computer is bigger/better/faster than yours" message threads. These discussions usually exhibit all the charm of a dozen or so bull elk ramming their heads

together during the rutting season.

The most recent examples are the dozens of Amiga versus Atari ST shouting matches that have been jamming both public bulletin boards and commercial information services all over the country. For the most part, the opposing sides are made up of loyal Atari and Commodore followers who are anxious to defend the honor of their long-time corporate allegiances—holdovers from the Atari 800 versus Commodore 64 debates. What makes all of these arguments and insults somewhat ludicrous is that the Amiga's custom chips are largely the work of Jay Miner, who designed the graphics chips in the Atari 2600 and eight-bit Atari computers. So the Amiga is actually a mid-1980s Atari, while the Atari ST computers—the product of Jack Tramiel & Sons—are really mid-1980s Commodores.

If all the energy that has been spent on these types of discussions were channeled into more productive pursuits, I have no doubt that many of the real mysteries of the universe could have been solved—including where all of the jackets for my floppy disks keep vanishing to.

Finally, and perhaps most important, is to cultivate an attitude of gentle tolerance toward those who insist on pontificating and regaling you with their personal vision of the "right" way to do things. Having made it through this list of dos and don'ts, you're well on your way to that end. ©



The World Inside the Computer

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Training For Tomorrow's Jobs: High-Tech Skills And Beyond

The reindustrialization of the United States is underway. The U.S. economy is rapidly modernizing its smokestack industries and converting them to futuristic, high-tech companies. High-tech tools—including robots, computers, office automation, and telecommunications—are steadily becoming part of the daily working environment in most U.S. companies. According to a recent issue of the *Kiplinger Washington Letter*, "Even old-line manufacturers are becoming high-tech companies, using computers to orchestrate what goes on where and when in their plants. Formerly machines replaced brawn. Now they replace brains or skilled help."

For instance, in Rochester, Michigan, just east of Pontiac, older companies are swiftly going high-tech. Electronic Data Systems, recently acquired by General Motors, is transferring operations to Rochester. Chrysler Labs is expanding its operations. And a multimillion-dollar high-tech industrial park is under construction.

That means new jobs are opening up in Rochester. But are Rochester's schoolchildren receiving the training they'll need for these jobs?

High-Tech Thinking

Rochester already has more computers in its schools, per capita, than any other city in the country. However, according to Dr. Anne Porter Jaworski, a teacher at Rochester's Oakland University, "Training on computers and other high-tech machines will not guarantee future jobs for our children. We must also teach our children higher-level thinking and communications skills. By the time they become adults, all other skills will be automated, and the jobs will be done by machines."

Jaworski's Canadian colleague, Craig Stirton, a former schoolteacher, agrees: "I've talked with execu-

tives from several large companies. They are seriously worried about the kinds of skills young people have when they leave school. The companies have been forced to supplement their new employees' formal schooling with creative-thinking and communication-skill seminars. I think it's time children began learning these skills as part of their basic education."

In Tennessee, General Motors is building what may become the largest high-tech industrial complex in the world. Known as the Saturn Project (after the Saturn, GM's car of the future), it will give a major boost to the Tennessee economy and employ thousands of workers. Tennessee hopes that the Saturn workforce will be drawn from people already living in Tennessee. But according to William D. Hoglund, Saturn's president, applicants must pass a rigid test. They must be competent in language and math, in computer and other high-tech skills, and they must be "risk takers" and demonstrate "a commitment to creative change and growth, and lifelong learning."

Anticipating GM's and other corporations' new human resource needs, Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander initiated a statewide Better Schools program in 1984, funded by a one-cent sales tax. Through this program, Alexander and the state board of education are re-vamping the curriculum in Tennessee's schools. Children who graduate from high school in coming years will have a solid foundation in ten different areas, including the basics (reading, writing, arithmetic), computers, and other job-related skills, such as accounting, telecommunications, and engineering.

Dr. James Kelley of Tennessee's Department of Education is confident that public schools can

provide the training young people need to meet Saturn's challenge. Stirton and Jaworski agree. "In Tennessee," Kelley says, "we are putting renewed emphasis on high-level thinking skills as part of present subject areas like math and reading."

Engrossed In Learning

In Michigan, Stirton and Jaworski have designed a learning program, called a "transformational environment," that would focus on these high-level skills beginning with elementary school pupils. According to Stirton, "We want a place where children would be so engrossed in their activities that they would become oblivious to everything around them."

"This kind of peak experience is common to hobbies," adds Jaworski, "but I don't see why it couldn't happen in school." It could be part of an activity center in a classroom or a special class during the day or after school, she explains. "The energy released would be tremendous. Children would feel exhilarated by doing something they defined as a goal for themselves. Many teachers are already doing this. We should all be communicating together, and we need support from parents."

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