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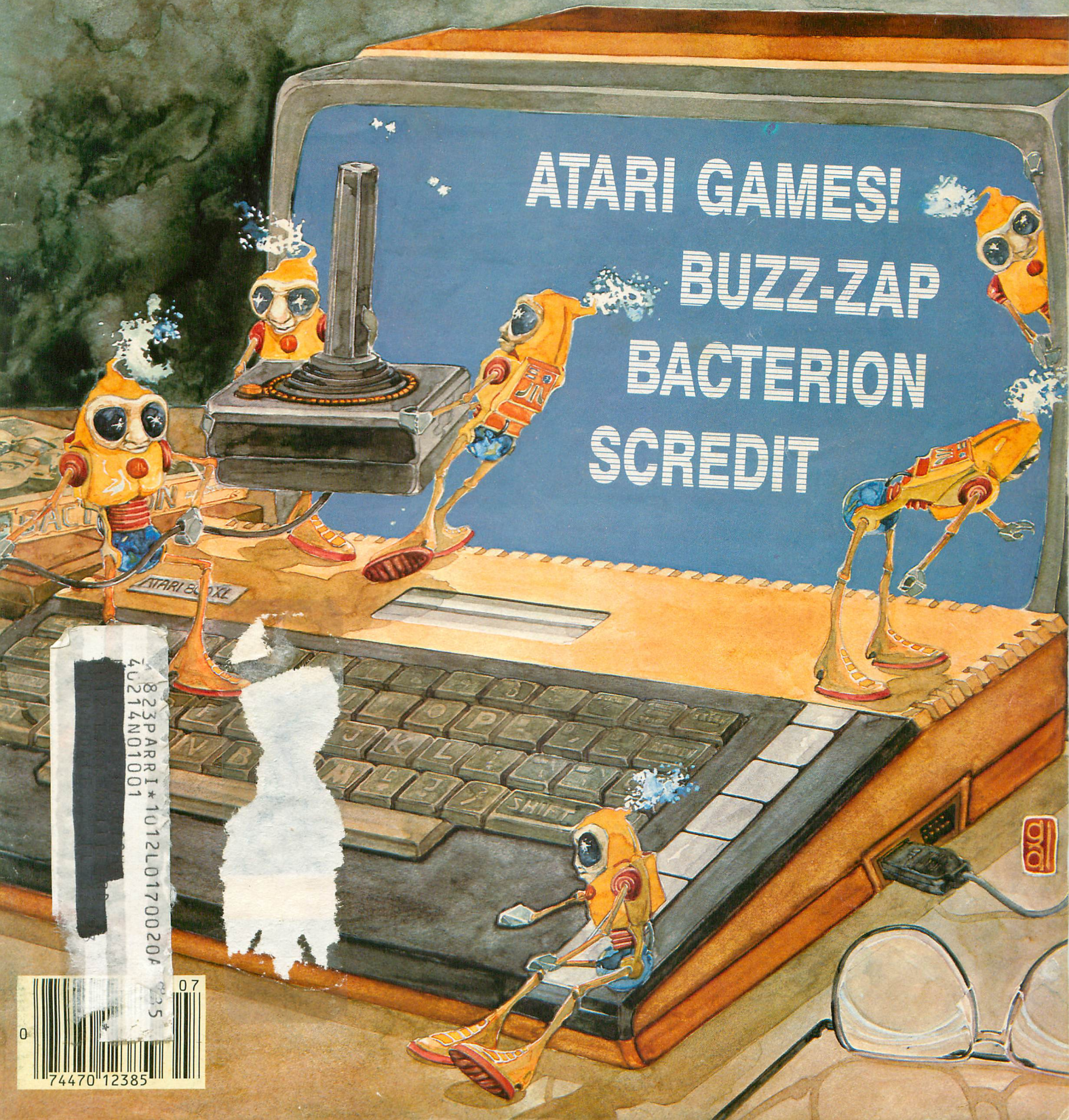
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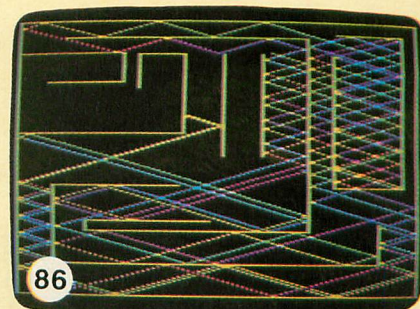
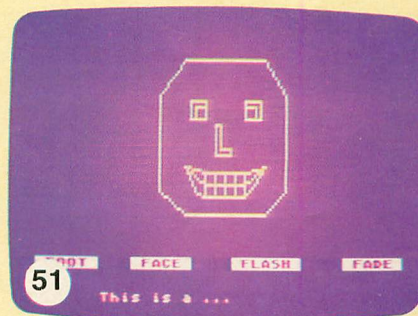
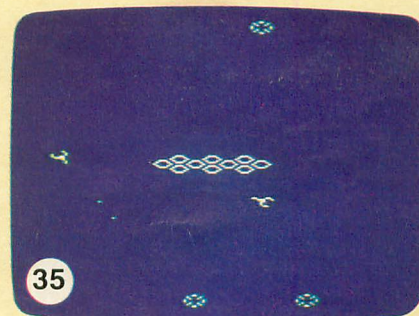
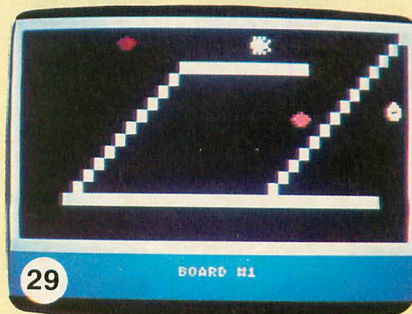
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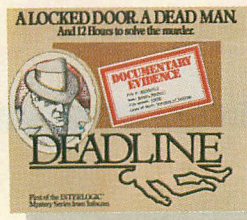
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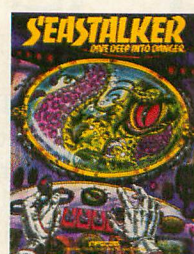
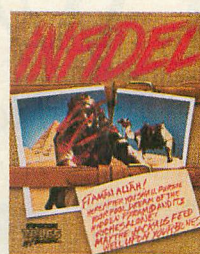
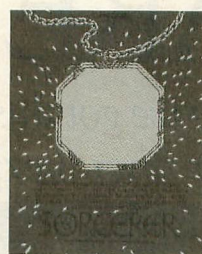
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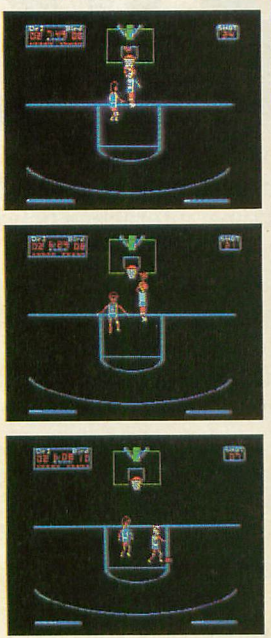
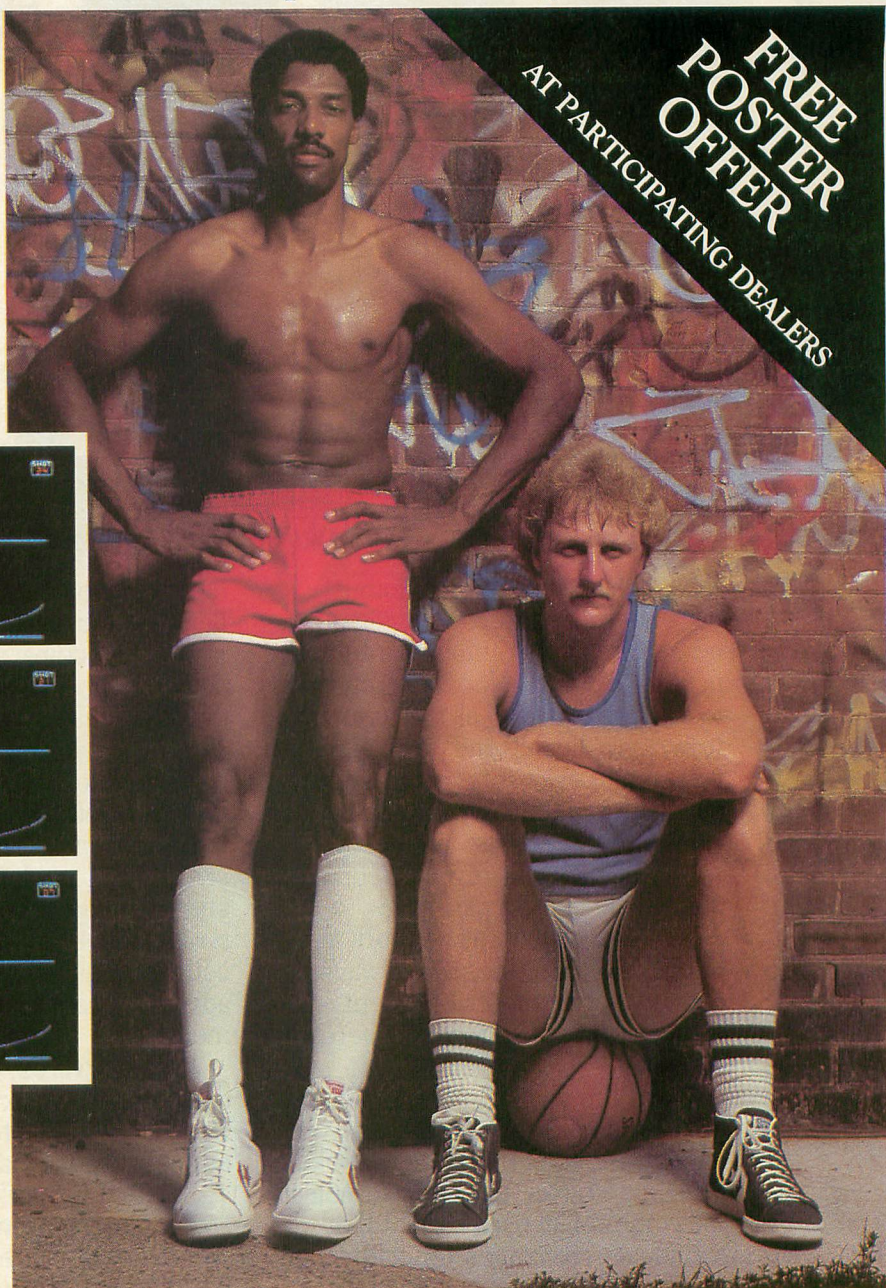
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# READER COMMENT

## Beware the dreaded modem.

I wear two hats. One belongs to the owner of an Atari 800; the other to an electronics engineer with a large, independent telephone company. As an Atari owner, I am intrigued by the doors that open when a modem is attached. Suddenly, my computer can talk to another computer across the country. In fact, if I assert myself after all the digital handshaking is complete, I can actually talk to the humanoid at the other end!

This is all very nice, until I put on my telephone engineer's hat. Then I'm appalled at the runaway abuse of the telephone network by some of the modem designers and users. Half-baked equipment, some of it very expensive, is flooding the market. Equally half-baked documentation accompanying it promises features that the telephone network cannot possibly guarantee. As a result, the deceived modem user turns against the telephone company, complaining that his modem sometimes works, sometimes produces errors; or it doesn't work at home, but works at his friend's house; or he can place a call to a bulletin board 1000 miles away, but not to another board 100 miles away, etc.

First of all, the telephone network is designed to supply a voice grade service. And "voice" means just that—not a private analog data circuit, which is what too many of us seem to expect. All telephone companies meet national performance standards on voice quality. These standards are monitored at the federal level and by the state Public Service Commission. Because the voice grade network performs so well, some modem designers and users make false

assumptions about what they can demand from it. They think of it as a network that exists only to transmit their two sinewave tones in the voice band, without error.

In particular, they are very hazy about such things as: A. Data signal send levels; B. Switched network losses from call to call, that depend on the path chosen by a central computer in another part of the country perhaps; C. Random noise appearing on the telephone pair; D. Hum appearing on the line (courtesy of the local or distant electric utility); E. Impulse noise level, duration and frequency (these can look like data signals); F. Ringing frequencies and voltages, which are often as much as 100 volts AC; G.

Echo amplitude and delay from satellite links; and H. The so-called "ringback" tone. (This is what you hear while you are waiting for your party to pick up his phone. Note: you do not hear his phone ringing. His phone may, in fact, be disconnected. You will still hear the ringback. So don't complain that you heard his phone ringing — you didn't.)

Armed with this lack of understanding, a modem designer can easily turn out a marginal design. The modem's performance will then vary with time and circumstance, in a manner beyond the designer's ken. Nevertheless, he sells it to the innocent consumer, whose

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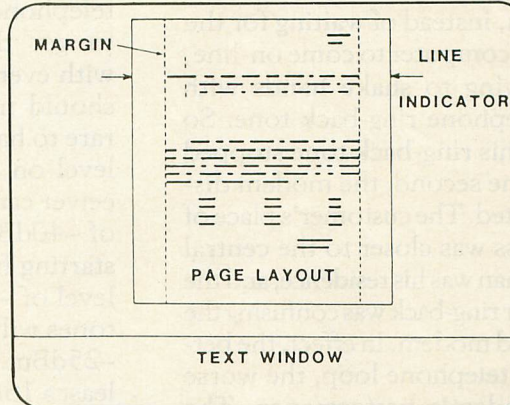
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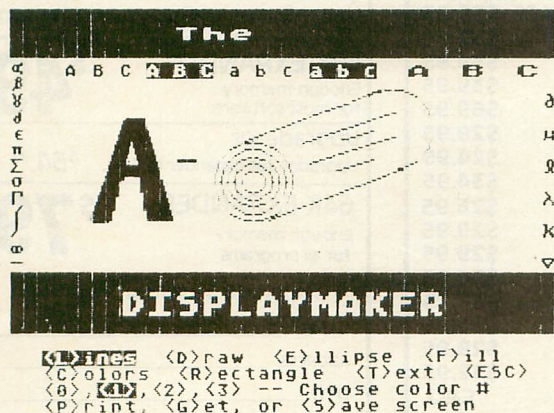
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customer was extremely embarrassed by it all, and told me he would get rid of the computer.

There is an industry standard governing the maximum tone amplitude that may be placed on a telephone line by a modem. This level is -9dBm. (i.e., 9dB below 1 milliwatt.) Sometimes, a modem user who has trouble getting through opens up his unit, finds the LEVEL control, and cranks it up to the maximum. He knows nothing about crosstalk. He may care even less about the interference he is causing to other telephone users. He is determined to get through, and the heck with everyone else. Modem users should note that it is extremely rare to have a problem with signal level on a modem circuit. A receiver can operate down to a level of -40dBm, and often lower. So, starting from a transmitted signal level of -9dBm at the far end, all tones will arrive at a minimum of -25dBm. In other words, with at least a 15dB safety margin. So why

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# The Winners

**ANALOG's staff picks their all-time favorite games.**

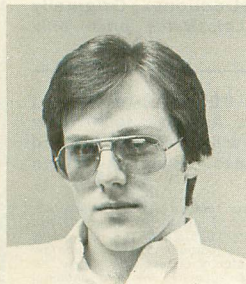
The idea for this article sprang from a reading of *Road and Track* and *Motor Trend*. Occasionally, *R&T* lists what cars their staff is currently driving, and annually, *MT* picks their "Car of the Year" awards. Let me first say that these few pages were done as more or less a fun-thing-to-do, and, in actuality, our top game list probably changes on a daily basis.

Reasons for a favorite game vary greatly, and it's frequently difficult to remember some old favorites when flashy new ones pop up. However, we've tried to overcome this, and, indeed, games from the entire Atari computer lifespan appear on the list. To give older games a fair chance, we took an "after the dust settles" outlook on the newer ones that have recently come to market.

Old favorites like **Star Raiders** and **Missile Command** have what it takes to hold a player's interest and keep you coming back for more self torture. And those in the middle, two years old or so, are still fond in (some of) our memories, such as **Pac-Man** and **Threshold**. But there's no question that some late bloomers, like **MiG Alley Ace** and **Boulder Dash**, have caught our eye(s).

## The nominations.

The editorial staff of **ANALOG** was asked to select their seven favorite games of all time. And believe us, the **ANALOG** game library is so vast, it must have shifted the earth's magnetic poles. The final list of chosen games consists of thirty-three different titles from eighteen manufacturers. Except for



**Jon A. Bell**

1. **Star Raiders**
2. Archon
3. Miner 2049er
4. Missile Command
5. Pac-Man
6. Threshold
7. Breakout

*Star Raiders on a Kloss Video Beam, room lights off, the FINAL COUNTDOWN score on 7. Sink back into your Recaro desk chair and let the photons etch out your brain.*



**Lee H. Pappas**

1. **Star Raiders**
2. Missile Command
3. Lode Runner
4. MiG Alley Ace
5. Krazy Shootout
6. Breakout
7. Boulder Dash

*Star Raiders — Commander Level: Star Commander Class 1, no shields used the entire game, 54 Zylons destroyed. April 20th, 1984. That's it, that's all.*



**Michael DesChenes**

1. **MiG Alley Ace**
2. Missile Command
3. Castle Wolfenstein
4. River Raid
5. Bruce Lee
6. Silicon Warrior
7. The Return of Heracles

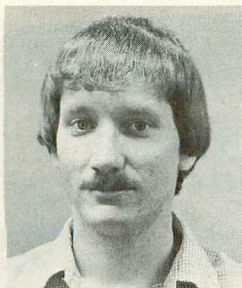
*I don't enjoy sitting alone playing a one-person computer game. Multiple-player interactive games are the only ones that will ever make it on my list of all-time favorites.*

Atari, none of the other software companies has more than two or three games on the list, and most have only one.

Each reviewer was also asked to quote on his favorite game, the video game business in general, or today's weather. Finally, we tabulated the results of chart frequency to show Atari leading the way with **Star Raiders** (six votes), followed closely by **Missile Command** and newcomer **MiG Alley Ace**.

This survey proves nothing, except that taste in games differs . . . from hard-core, blast-'em-to-bits all the way to "Drink Magic Potion." And, finally, the games we've chosen are the best of the best, so your software collection will suffer no ill-effects if you dash out to buy any of these products. □

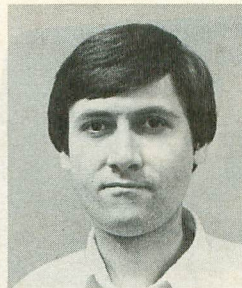




### Tom (HUD) Hudson

1. **Star Raiders**
2. Archon
3. Boulder Dash
4. Miner 2049er
5. Missile Command
6. MiG Alley Ace
7. Donkey Kong

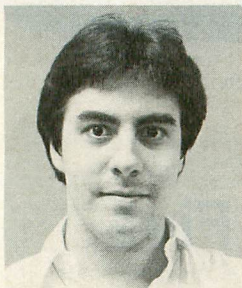
The ultimate test of a truly good game is its lifespan — most last a couple weeks or less. Others, like **Star Raiders**, are still fun five years after their introduction.



### Charles Bachand

1. **Gateway to Apshai**
2. Ali-Baba
3. Gruds in Space
4. Archon
5. Miner 2049er
6. Wayout
7. Zork I

I must be into self-torture, for my favorite games tend to be the most frustrating. And for sheer masochism, my vote goes to **Gateway**.



### Pat Kelley

1. **Archon**
2. MiG Alley Race
3. Orc Attack
4. Operation Whirlwind
5. Choplifter
6. Star Raiders
7. Sub Commander

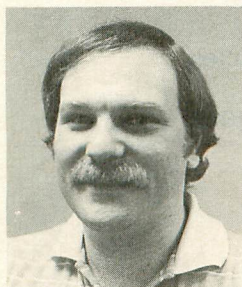
In the cutthroat world of games, EA's **Archon** is a real killer. What else can I say about a game I've devoted over 100 hours of my life to?



### Kyle Peacock

1. **Star Raiders**
2. Encounter
3. Missile Command
4. Pole Position
5. Starcross
6. Choplifter
7. M.U.L.E.

**Encounter** does for my visual senses what **Starcross** does for my unending quest for the stars.

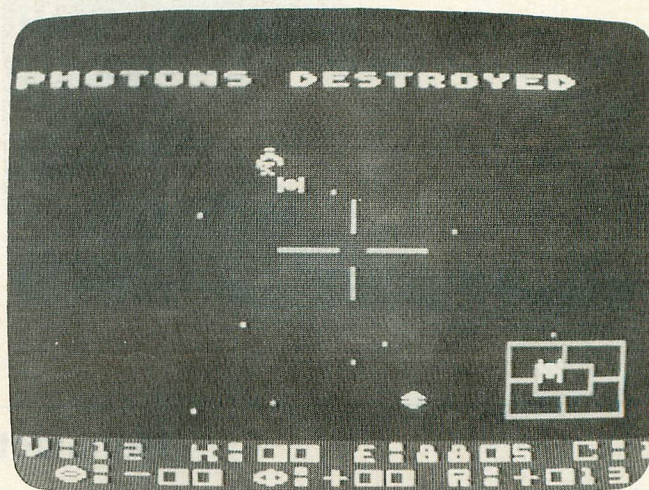


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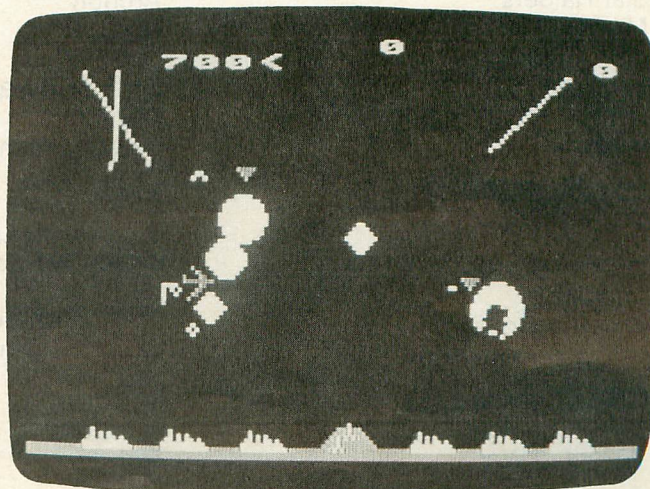
1. **Star Raiders**
2. Wizard of Wor
3. Encounter
4. MiG Alley Ace
5. M.U.L.E.
6. Shamus
7. Agent USA

To computer-illiterate jugheads, **Star Raiders** is just another video game. To the more perceptive, **Star Raiders** is the ultimate simulation from a \$200 graphics box. Fifteen years ago, you would have been playing it on a half-million dollar machine — not in civilian hands.

## ANALOG's Favorites.

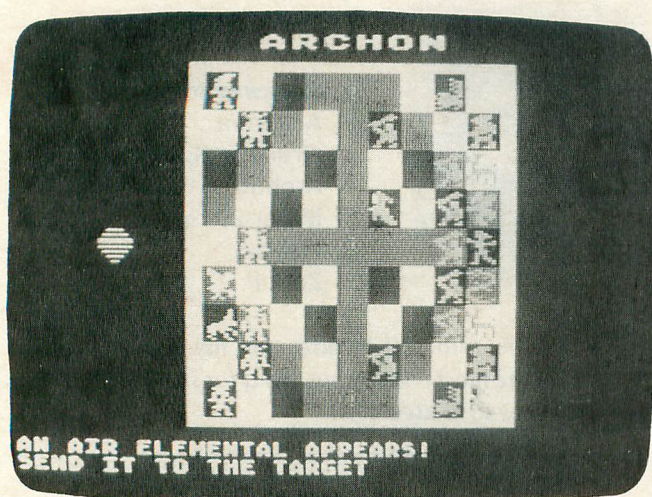


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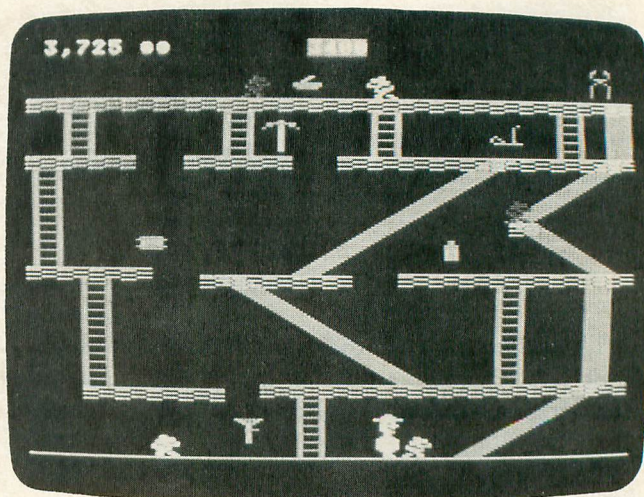


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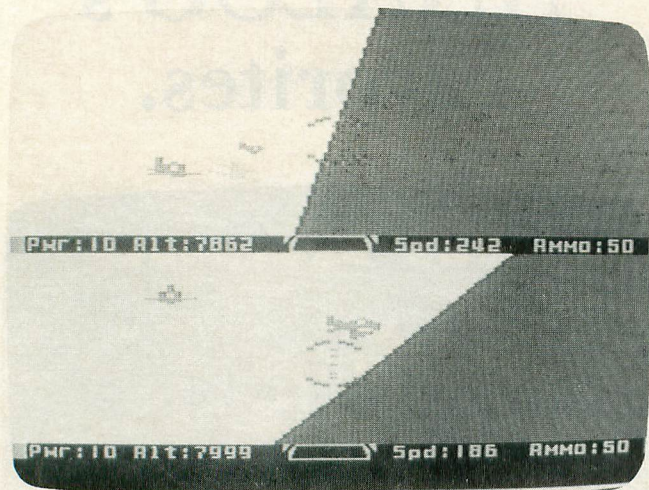




Archon.



Miner 2049er.



MiG Alley Ace.

## The Top Five

1. Star Raiders — Atari
2. Missile Command — Atari  
MiG Alley Ace — Microprose  
(Tie)
3. Archon — Electronic Arts
4. Miner 2049er — Big Five

## Manufacturers Listing

### Atari, Inc.

Star Raiders  
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Pac Man  
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### Microprose

MiG Alley Ace

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### Quality Software

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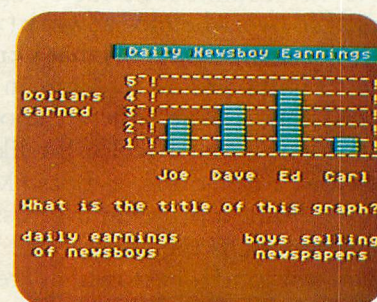
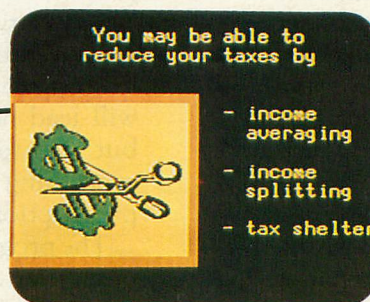
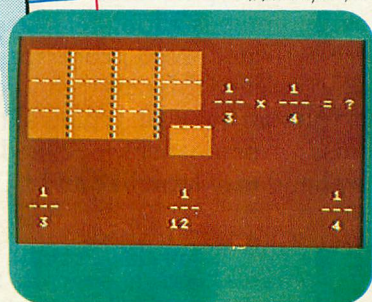
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# Griffin's Lair Educational Programs Review



by Braden E. Griffin, M.D.

As the deadline for issue 19 approached, I found myself so overwhelmed at work (you know, Doctor-stuff . . . saving lives . . .) that I knew I would not be able to complete my column in time. The staff at **ANALOG** is so considerate about extending deadlines for me that I feel a bit like Bridie Murphy. Anyhow, I called the co-boss (Michael) and asked if it would be a problem if I missed an issue. After some remark to the effect that I might be responsible for a second Jonestown, my request was granted. In the midst of a discussion as to which is really more important, my column or the lives of tiny premature infants on respirators, sprinkled with incredibly ghoulish suggestions as to the dedication of my column *in absentia*, I was asked what the theme was to have been. I said that I was reviewing a number of typing programs. To which Michael dryly responded, "You mean programs that teach you how to type faster and get things done on time?" *Touche!*

One of the major reasons for buying a home computer is the ability to manage the written word. School reports, term papers, correspondence, articles for **ANALOG** and "The Great American Novel" are but a few of the many uses of this important resource. Typing is certainly an integral part of this process, and the more facile this skill, the less drudgery in the writing. Typing instruction seems to be a natural for computer education. One of the first educational

programs often purchased is a typing tutor. Why not? A most utilitarian skill, typing is a long-term asset, at least until the voice-activated word processors of the future arrive. One wonders if this new technology will lead not only to the atrophy of typing skills, but also to the demise of penmanship. Someday, everything written by hand may look like an M.D.'s prescription.

The programs reviewed this month are basically the same. Letters, words, phrases, etc., appear on the screen, and one tries to duplicate the example. The examples may take the form of an enemy attack, the destruction of which requires rapid and accurate reproduction. Whatever the method, the aim is to teach one to enter characters quickly from the keyboard without looking at the keys. Some are a little more fun, others more classically structured, but all will achieve their purpose with adequate motivation. Displaying the input at eye level, augmented by the use of graphics, is a definite advantage of computer instruction. A disadvantage may be that the computer keyboard differs from the standard typewriter, although the differences are slight. It may matter little if one is only going to use these skills with a computer.

Some people type from copy, while others type as they compose. As a member of this latter group, I find the use of two fingers adequate to keep up with my sluggish mentation. For most people, however, these programs free one from thinking about fingers instead

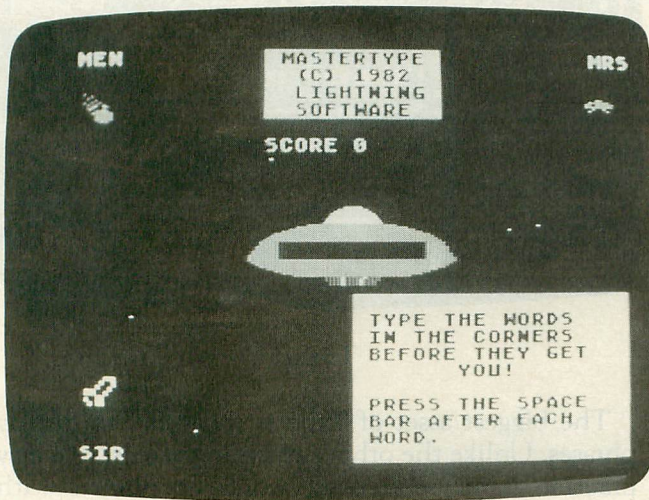


of words and may be of great benefit. I heard that Isaac Asimov, maybe the most prolific writer ever, when asked what he would do if he only had one year to live, responded "Type faster!"

**BONUS RIDDLE:** What common 10-letter word can be typed out using only the top row letters (QWERTYUIOP)?

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As commander of a space ship located in the middle of the screen, the neophyte typist must destroy the combat enemy word stations appearing in each of the four corners, before their missiles destroy the ship. When a word or letter is correctly typed, a blast of energy emanates from the ship toward the respective word, and its missiles are exploded. All this fun and learning to type at the same time sounds too good to be true.



**MasterType.**

There are eighteen lessons, the first of which begins with the practice of single letters from the home row. The accompanying booklet includes a diagram indicating the proper positioning of the fingers on the home keys and the other keys for which each finger is responsible. As the lessons progress, the other row letters are incorporated in the drills, and multiple letter words are presented. Numbers, punctuation marks and shifted symbols are included in the more advanced lessons. After entering a word, the space bar must be pressed to fire the laser—a realistic approach, since this is what one would do if actually typing a word as part of a text. If a mistake is made, one may press the space bar and try again; however, the delete/backspace key is functional, and using it is better practice for the real world of typing.

Several options are available, including a level for beginners in which each word is only one letter long. The **CHANGE** mode allows one to vary the game speed, access a new lesson, or switch to upper/lower case letters. This latter feature is quite important and not found in all programs. Custom lessons may be created with forty words per lesson, with a maximum length of nine characters each. Sentences cannot be entered as such, because the use of the space bar terminates a specific entry. After each game, one's progress is charted by calculation of the typing speed in words per minute.

**MasterType** is a fast-paced, exciting, arcade-style typing trainer with clever sound and graphic enhancements. My children found this program the most fun to play. Its repetitive and progressive format make it a valuable tool for anyone wanting to develop typing skills.

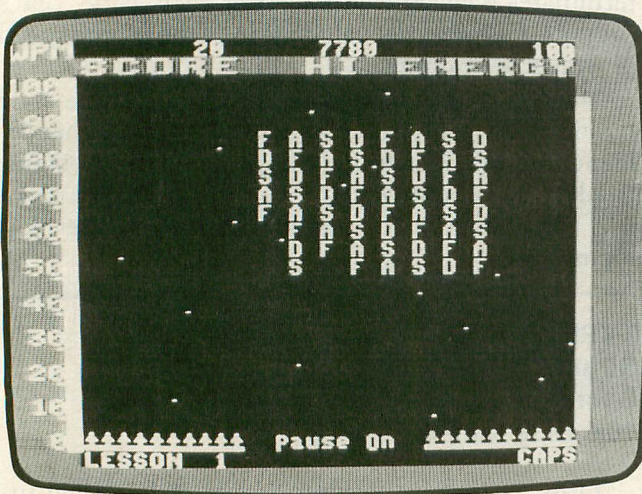
**TYPE ATTACK**  
**Sirius Software, Inc.**  
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**16K Disk \$39.95**

**Type Attack** is another arcade-style typing tutorial, this time in the **Space Invaders** genre. Each lesson is composed of two parts. First is the character attack, consisting of three separate waves of eight columns of characters. As the bottommost character is typed, it is zapped from the screen, then the next, until the entire wave has been systematically destroyed. No aiming is required, but just like the game on which it is based, the columns gradually move toward one's bases bent on devastation. The character attack is followed by the word attack, comprised of groups of complete words using the previously practiced characters. The words fly horizontally across the screen, the one with the blinking shield being vulnerable to attack. Correctly entering the letters and pressing the space bar blasts the word from the sky. If not destroyed, the word wraps around the screen, giving one another opportunity. Incorrect entries at either level, or allowing a word to wrap around, consumes energy. When the energy runs out, the game is over.

A menu is displayed initially and offers several choices. The speed may be selected from settings of 1-99. (The manual suggests that robots and genetic mutants will feel most comfortable at speeds above 80, a fact I will not dispute.) There are thirty-nine pre-programmed lessons from which to choose. These progress in the order of traditional typing instructions practicing the home row first, etc. . . . Up to sixty additional lessons may be created and saved. Fifteen words with a maximum length of eight characters (without spaces) may comprise each lesson. The booklet contains diagrams for proper finger positioning for both the 400/800 and the XL series.



Typing speed in words per minute is displayed by a bar on the left side of the screen as the attack progresses. Points scored for letters destroyed and points computed from the speed level multiplied by the WPM result in a final score. The highest scores enter a "Hall of Fame." This program includes use of upper/lower case letters and backspace for entry errors. An additional feature is that a game in progress may be saved and resumed at a later time.



Type Attack.

The sound and graphics used in **Type Attack** make the overall presentation of this program quite enjoyable. Dexterity with the keyboard will definitely be achieved while having a lot of fun. This is the most addictive of the programs I have seen; and addictiveness leads to repetition, which is what typing instruction is all about. This program is my personal favorite, but just by a whisker. It is certainly well worth the investment.

## TYPO

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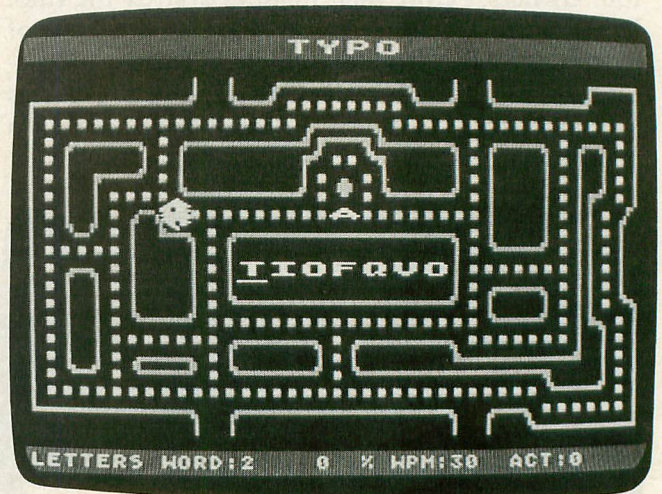
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So far, we have had a typing tutorial which blasts word enemies approaching from all sides — similar to many early arcade games — and one which annihilates menacing columns of characters a la **Space Invaders**. What's left? **Pac-Man**! In the middle of a dot-filled maze is a window where letters, words or phrases appear. As one types the contents of the window, a little ship wends its way through the maze-consuming dots. Of course, there is the ever present fuzzy monster chasing the ship through the maze. The monster moves at the rate of the preselected WPM (words per minute), requiring one to type faster than the WPM to avoid destruction. The object is to eat all of the dots while learning how to type.

While Beethoven's *Fur Elise* provides the back-

ground music, a number of options are displayed in the menu. The desired speed in WPM (1-120) is selected. One then has the option of practicing random letters, words or phrases. There is also the option to create one's own lesson. At the bottom of the playing screen can be seen the preset pace, as well as the actual typing speed in WPM. With the display window in the middle of the screen, it is often difficult — if not impossible — to follow the progress of the dot-ravaging ship and its pursuer, while trying to type the correct sequence of letters. There is no backspacing capability, since only the correct letter is accepted. An erroneous entry only delays the progress of the ship. Although shifted punctuation marks and symbols are permitted, there is no provision for upper/lower case characters, only capitals.



Typo.

The biggest asset of **Typo** is its ability to display phrases. Unlike the other two typing games, one may practice letter sequences, words or phrases with spaces, punctuations, etc. — with lengths of up to 114 characters. With this program, one can create exercises like *the quick brown fox* and *Now is the time for all good men*. The simplicity of a cartridge, plus pleasing sound and graphics, add to the learning process. **Typo** differs a little from the others, but it, too, is fun — and one's fingers will soon learn where to go.

## TOUCH TYPING

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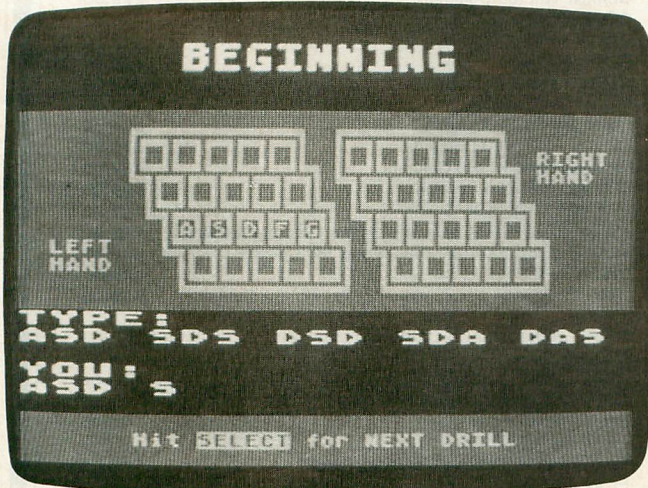
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**Touch Typing** provides a more traditional approach to acquiring typing skills. Progressing from Beginner to Advanced levels, repetitive drills are displayed on the screen for one to duplicate. Exercises with one hand, then the other, then both — all the



way to typing paragraphs — are found in this program. The manual is excellent, and the method of instruction is well founded. In the Beginner level, a keyboard is displayed on the screen, highlighting the letters being practiced. There is no upper/lower case provision at this level, although it is found at both the Intermediate and Advanced levels. Word and letter error counts, as well as typing speed (WPM), are kept and displayed at the bottom of the screen. Since this program incorporates the tracking of errors, there is no backspacing capability.



## Touch Typing.

I have mixed feelings about the overall appeal of this program. It is less expensive, being on tape, but it seems to take forever to load. It is fundamentally sound and based on classic typing training methods, but it is somewhat boring compared to the other typing programs. Probably the most comprehensive of any of the programs, it may gather dust if the student is not highly motivated.

There you have it. Four different programs to teach typing skills. All are well conceived and serve their purpose. For those on a tight budget, a program to give one practice typing sentences appeared in **ANALOG** issue 6 and has been reproduced in **The ANALOG Compendium. Typing Trainer**, by Regena, is written in BASIC for 16K Tape/24K Disk and employs special effects in the form of a steam engine and whistle. The program can easily be changed to include a wide variety of sentences of one's own choosing.

Typing skills are important. Present day educators might say, "Maximal utilization of digital dexterity in interfacing with the computer will impact positively in the endeavor to forestall nonsuccess." Oh yes, the answer to the riddle which seeks the common 10-letter word using only the letters in the top row of the typewriter: "proprietor" and "repertoire" meet the requirements, but most apropos is, of course, *typewriter*. □

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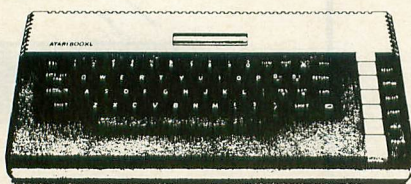
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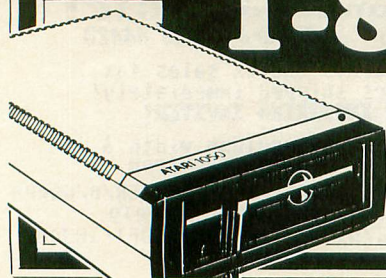
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by Tom Hudson

To be honest, the members of the **ANALOG** staff have never been very impressed with most of the software from First Star. Some of their programs, such as **Bristles**, had messy glitches; others just didn't cut the mustard in the fun department.

Needless to say, I was very pleasantly surprised when I saw **Boulder Dash**. In my opinion, this game tops all of First Star's previous efforts in terms of originality, long-lasting challenge, and just plain fun.

**Original is best.**

In **Boulder Dash**, you play the part of Rockford, a small quasi-human with the power to dig through the earth. Rockford's objective is to collect as many glittering diamonds as he can.

Rockford's job isn't that easy, though. He must dodge the boulders and diamonds which fall when he digs under them. One wrong step, and Rockford is only a fond memory!

Some levels contain Fireflies, flashing objects which kill Rockford on contact. Their behavior is predictable, so Rockford can avoid them, if he keeps his eyes open. Rockford can also kill the Fireflies by dropping boulders on them.

Butterflies are another danger for Rockford to look out for. They are similar to Fireflies, but move in the opposite direction. Unlike Fireflies, Butterflies turn into diamonds when they are killed.

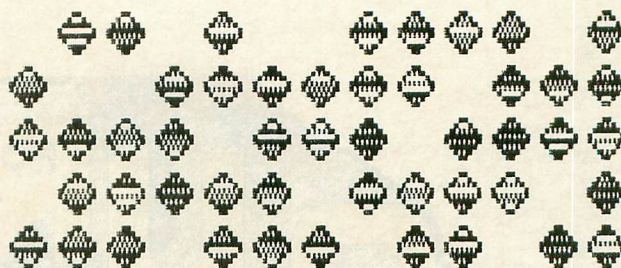
Other features, such as a growing green amoeba and enchanted walls (which turn boulders into diamonds and vice-versa) add to the challenge of this original game.

**Long-lasting.**

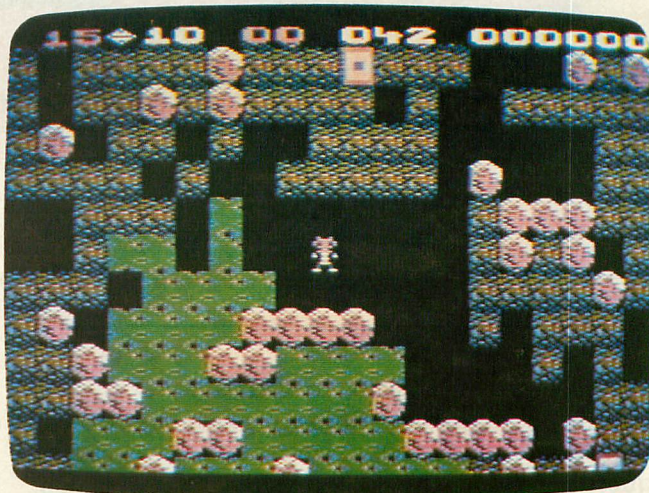
Each level of **Boulder Dash** takes place in a different "cave," made up of several scrolling screens. These caves range in difficulty from "extremely easy" to "almost impossible." There are sixteen caves in **Boulder Dash**, each with five difficulty levels and different puzzles to solve. Rockford's time in each cave is limited, so the screens must be completed as quickly as possible.

Unlike other games, **Boulder Dash** doesn't simply speed up the action on each level, but rearranges the obstacles and increases Rockford's quota of diamonds.

Every four caves, you are given the chance to solve a "playable intermission" screen. If you successfully complete the screen, you are awarded a bonus Rockford. Some of these intermission screens seem more difficult than the caves (even though I've made it



through all sixteen caves, there is one intermission screen I can't get through — yet!)

**Boulder Dash.**

One nice thing about **Boulder Dash** is that all the caves are stored in memory while the game is being played. The computer doesn't have to access the disk each time a new level appears, so your disk is spared the extra wear.

**Just plain fun.**

Ever since **Boulder Dash** arrived, publisher Lee Pappas and I have been racing to solve each level. **Boulder Dash** is very addictive, because each new level presents new challenges.

The level of detail in **Boulder Dash** is good, too. Whenever Rockford is standing still, his eyes will blink, he'll put his hands on his hips and tap his foot impatiently.

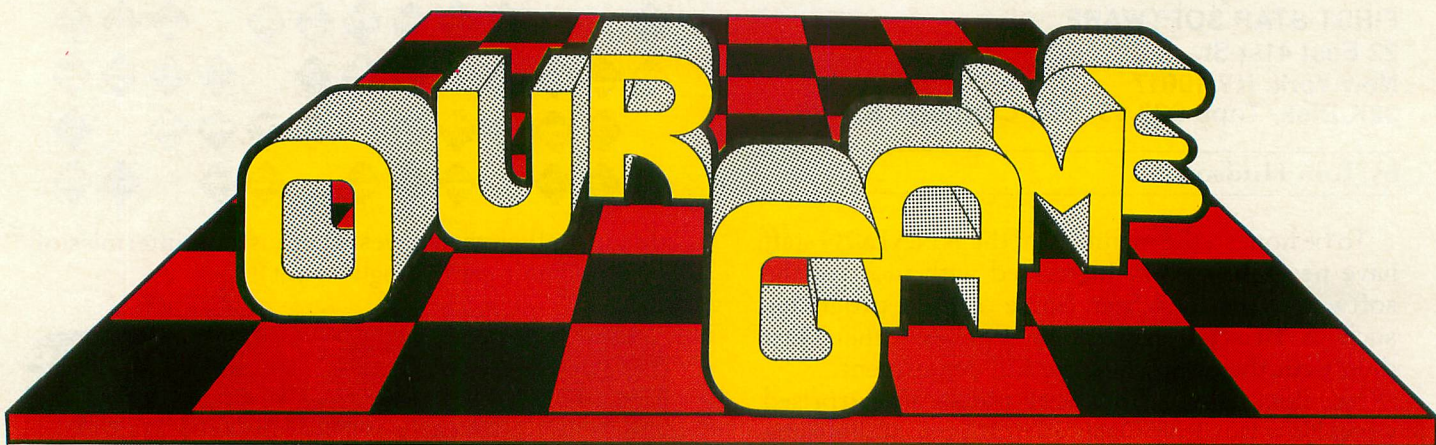
**The bottom line.**

Being a programmer myself, I couldn't help but have a small gripe about **Boulder Dash**.

While the figures of Rockford, the Fireflies and Butterflies are animated smoothly, they "jump" from one position on the screen to the next. When I first saw the game, this bothered me somewhat, but after playing the game for some time I have found that it does not affect the playability at all. **Boulder Dash** is, quite simply, an exceptional game, and one of the best yet for the Atari computer systems.

Incidentally, as further proof of this game's appeal, **Boulder Dash** has recently been adapted for arcade use by Exidy! □






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by Joel Gluck

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Welcome, once again, to **Our Game**, the only monthly column that brings you extra-large doses of both insight and insanity. Many readers have asked the question: "Joel, why do you seem so out of touch?" Well, I'll tell you: I write this column two months before it is published. For example, even though you are reading the July issue of **ANALOG** (which appears in June), I'm writing this column in April. Such a time delay can make things extremely difficult . . .

For example, there's the *Our Game Special Election-Year Game Idea Vote*, which I initiated last month (the June issue, which appeared in May). This is an election to determine which game idea you, the reader, most want to see developed in **Our Game** (see last issue for voting instructions and descriptions of the four nominees). All votes must be mailed by August 1st, 1984. The problem is, since I have to wait until August for all the votes to be in, development of "our game" has to wait until an issue two months after that, due to the delay factor. So, "our game" can't be started until the October issue.

What this means is that I have four months of **Our Game** (July, August, September, and October) to do what I want! After careful consideration, I decided that the best thing to do would be to present a detailed treatise on the subtle relationship between ice cream consumption in Boston and the likelihood of global thermonuclear war. When I mentioned this idea to my closest friends, they laughed at me and began to abuse my priceless collection of eighteenth century floppy disks. I was ashamed and agreed that the only honorable thing to write about in the coming issues would be the development of a game . . .

### Viewer what?

But before we proceed on to such trivialities as writing a game, let's take care of something really important: viewer mail! The amount of mail we're receiving these days is growing by leaps and, uh, bigger leaps, but that doesn't mean the quality is improving any . . . If you're going to write to **Our Game**, please stick to English (or, if you must, Mandarin Chinese or Swahili), and please use standard writing instruments — I'd like to remind a few of our readers that salad dressing just doesn't make very good ink. Please keep this in mind.

Our first letter this month comes from Matthew J.W. Ratcliff of St. Louis, Missouri. He has some useful additions to last month's tutorial on playtesting:

*The less the playtester knows about your program, or programming in general, the better. This will immediately tell you several things, like how well you trap errors. A person who seldom computes will quickly find any major and, quite often, subtle bugs. If it's a utility program which requests a filename, for instance, what if the person types KEEP for a load file, instead of D:KEEP? Does the computer sit there, dumb as a rock, with no error codes? Does a CTRL-Z get out of the problem (keyboard-forced end of file)? What about other expected keyboard inputs; does CTRL-Z crash the program? Does the code disallow inverse video, shift clear, and the break key? I could go on and on about the trials and tribulations faced with expected keyboard inputs. Let a novice "fat-finger" the keyboard for a while, and you will find them quickly enough.*

Thanks for the good tips, Matthew. Handling keyboard input is sometimes so frustrating that programmers often avoid it entirely, checking only for values from the joystick or the console keys



(START, SELECT and OPTION). Actually, for most games or educational programs, keyboard input can be an unnecessary complication — working off only the joystick, for example, can make a program more user-friendly.

Cecil C. Alton, of Dumfries, Virginia, writes:

*I would like a game I could play with my two-year-old. He is fascinated with the computer and especially likes BASIC — where he keys in letters, both singly and with repeat feature. Other games I have interest in, and he grips the joystick with eager anticipation, but he does not interact with the game. One wild idea is to build a game with a simple "press any key" response being elicited from the player. This game would have to be easy to learn — i.e., no difficult instructions required — and could be developed around a learning-curve concept (learn from mistakes or from player's responses).*

That's an excellent idea for a game, Cecil, and I believe someone's already done it! Monarch Data Systems, Inc., has just such a game — it is called **SoftToy**. The game consists of nine cute little animated pictures on the screen, which are activated by pressing a key. In the easiest version, any key pressed will activate a picture. But the game can also be made harder, so that only certain numbers or letters will make the pictures move. At its toughest, **SoftToy** presents a child with sequences which he or she must duplicate by hitting the correct keys, very similar to the electronic game called **Simon**. This program may be just what you're looking for, Cecil.

Tom Hull, of Wakefield, Rhode Island, has some strong feelings about **Our Game**, not to mention a very unusual game idea:

*In my opinion, I think you're setting up too many rules. My dreams of sending you "dream game" ideas were shattered when I couldn't fit in simultaneous, multi-players and no violence, period! Some of the requirements seem ridiculous to me because of how easily they could be solved. So here are my words of wisdom on each of your requirements.*

1. Violence: I agree; the wrong type of violence could be harmful to the young minds of children. The "kill or be killed" theme should be avoided, but what about the "survive or be killed" theme? I don't see how saving your own skin would be harmful to kids' minds. Say the only objective is to run away from falling buildings or escape from a forest fire. How harmful can that be?

2. Simultaneous play: Once again, I agree. It is fun when you either play against or in cooperation with a friend, but what if none of your friends like the game? This is why one should have the option for either single or simultaneous play.

3. Sex Difference: This is the ridiculous one, because just a bit of good programming can solve the whole problem. Consider the following:

```
10 ? "Do you want to be a boy or a girl"
11;;INPUT A$
20 IF A$="BOY" THEN PLAYER$="!#&":REM
!#& would be the character for a male
player when redefined.
30 IF A$="GIRL" THEN PLAYER$="!%&":REM
!%& would be the character for a female
player when redefined.
```

This could be modified to use P/M graphics or whatever you'd want to use. Another method would be to use an animal to portray the player, say a turtle. That way, no one could accuse the turtle of being male or female, as long as you don't call the game **Mr. Turtle**, or **Turtle Man**.

Now that that's off my chest, let's get to the game idea, which I call **The Punkarium Wave**. The setting is in a one-story mall. The player is an everyday person who just came out of the arcade and is about to go to the north end of the mall, where the person (you) has parked the car. Then you realize that, while you were in the arcade, the whole mall was taken over by punks, a class of people who all have mohawk haircuts, wear sunglasses and carry around "boxes" that are all blaring out the same punky tune (that sounds like someone trying to play a synthesizer like a bagpipe!)

Their "lifestyles" are contagious, so you must avoid any contact with them — or you will become one of them! You run along a scrolling mall, trying to reach the north end, where the only remaining unlocked exit awaits. This would be impossible, if it wasn't for your only defense. Somewhere in the mall is Marvin's House of Metal. If you can find it and get inside, you can turn on the mall's speakers and blare some heavy metal to drown out the punks' boxes. All of the punks will stop dead in their tracks and cover their ears, letting you skip on by them. In ten seconds, the punks will have turned off the speakers. If you are not out of the mall by then, the punks will rush to block the north exit and all hope will be lost.

Well, Tom, I think your **Punkarium Wave** wins **Our Game's** "Weird Idea of the Month" award (your prize, a peanut butter and avocado sandwich, is in the mail). As for your complaint about **Our Game**, having "too many rules," let me say that there are no "rules" as to what you can send to **Our Game**. I like to see all kinds of game ideas, whether they be violent or non-violent, one or two-player, or whatever. The reason I've expressed a preference for non-violent games is simply that there have been so many violent video games that I am rather bored with the concept. It takes creativity and imagination to come up with something really new, and it is my challenge to the readers to submit non-violent games. It doesn't mean they have to.

As for your quick solution to the question of games that are biased toward one sex, I'm not so sure that changing the graphics is all that is needed. I believe that the general subject matter of most video/computer games tends to attract males more than females. Again, it's a challenge to the readers to come up with something different.



The task is not impossible. Last month, to kick off *Our Game Special Election-Year Game Idea Vote*, I nominated four game ideas, all of which were based on reader input, and all of which were essentially non-violent, two- or multi-player, and none of which seemed sexually biased (except maybe for Idea #1, which has a husband and his "huge wife," but that can be modified).

Our last letter this month comes from Greg Rizzo of Chicago, Illinois:

*The truck that delivers peanuts to the zoo is late. You, the elephant, become very hungry. When the truck finally arrives, it is in such a hurry that it crashes and spills peanuts all over the zoo. You become so hungry that you break out of your cage and travel all around the zoo, shown on the TV screen as a maze, looking for and eating peanuts. But be careful, because there are mice wandering around the zoo. If they touch you, they will scare you to death. Also, there is a zoo-keeper who will appear on the screen looking for you. But, for your protection, there are mousetraps set at random spots in the zoo. You get points for eating peanuts and for catching mice in mousetraps. But you will lose a life for getting scared to death by a mouse.*

*I must admit it wasn't really my idea. It was really my brother's and his friend's. I just expanded on the idea.*

Greg! How could you? Stealing your brother's game idea like that! Tsk, tsk. It's a nice game idea (I like the story behind the game, especially), but the game play itself sounds suspiciously like **Pac-Man**. What if, instead of being the elephant, you were the zookeeper? The elephant is loose in the zoo, eating spilled peanuts. Your aim is to get the elephant back into his cage as fast as possible. You do this by closing and opening gates in the zoo/maze, and by moving many of the peanuts so that they make a trail leading back to the elephant cage. To make the game more interesting, the maze could be different every time.

Well, that's it for viewer mail this month. Even though the *Our Game Special Election-Year Game Idea Vote* is in progress, don't hesitate to send in any new idea you have. If it's any good, it'll probably appear in these pages — which means that people all over the U.S.A., not to mention the entire world, will see *your* name and read *your* idea!

### Clues.

This month, and the next three months of **Our Game**, will be devoted to a discussion of the creation and development of a simple computer game.

The working name for this game is **Clues**, and the first prototype version, CLUES.A, appears in Listing 1.

The idea behind **Clues** is very simple, and not entirely new. When playing, you are presented with a grid underneath which there is a buried treasure. To find the treasure, you move your man (whom I call the Seeker) to a likely spot and hit the trigger. If you

were correct, you win. If not, the computer gives you a clue as to where the treasure is.

The clue is either an arrow or a number. An arrow points in the general direction of the treasure. A number gives the approximate distance of the treasure from your current spot.

This is not a new idea. I believe that there was a game of this type for the Atari 2600 (way back when it was called the Video Computer System). In that game, you were looking for a flag, not a treasure. Big difference . . .!

Of course, the CLUES.A is a simple one-player game. More later about how we can improve and expand it.

### Explanations.

Unlike the dreaded FLW listing from issue 16, Listing 1 is fairly clear. There is no mysterious string manipulation or brain-damaged program logic, and everything is simple and well documented with plenty of REMarks. Note: *When typing the listing in, do not omit REM's that appear alone on a line.* These are frequently accessed by GOTO's and GOSUB's.

And now, an **Our Game** first . . . a detailed explanation of the program:

Lines 200-260 are the top level of the program. The way it is organized, into five GOSUB's (with REMarks), makes the program very easy to read and follow, and makes finding specific parts of the program simple (for example, if you want to change something in the screen setup, Line 220 informs you that the screen initialization code begins at Line 3000). I usually begin all large BASIC programs with a series of GOSUBs like this.

Notice that Line 250 assumes that a variable called PLAYAGAIN was given a value at some point, probably in the subroutine starting at Line 5000. If PLAYAGAIN=1 (1 meaning "yes" or "true"), then the game branches back to the screen initialization routine.

### Getting Ready.

The routine starting at Line 1000 prints the instructions and waits for the user to press the START key (Line 1200 handles that). The subroutine is called "Intro/Options," because if there were any game options they would appear at this point.

Starting at Line 2000 is the initialization procedure. Lines 2100-2250 handle the joystick data. The problem with the Atari joystick is this: what you'd like to have is the horizontal and vertical direction of the joystick (indicated by -1, 0, or 1 for each). For example, a vertical direction of -1 means "up," and a horizontal direction of 1 means "right." Zero means there is no movement along that component), but what the joystick gives you is a value from 5 to 15 that stands for one of the eight directions. To convert from this value to the horizontal (X) and vertical (Y), I READ -1's, 0's, and 1's into 2 arrays (XS() and YS()) indexed off the joystick value. For



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example, if the joystick reads "6" (up and to the right), the value given by YS(6) is -1 (up) and the value given by XS(6) is 1 (right).

The different characters used for "arrows" in the game are in DATA on Line 2360 (in future versions of the game, we'll redefine the character set to have better-looking arrows). The ASCII codes of these are read into the array ARROW() in the loop starting on Line 2320. Notice that I have to READ each arrow using the small string called CH\$, before storing the ASCII value of CH\$ (plus 128 to make it reverse field — the "negative" image of the character) into the ARROW( ) array.

The ASCII codes for other characters that will appear on the screen are stored in aptly named variables starting on Line 2400. The GRID character, for example, is a period (.) and the SEEKER character is the solid ball graphic (CTRL-T). These characters, too, will be modified in future versions.

Screen initialization begins on Line 3000. The game itself is in graphics zero, the normal text mode, so, to make it look a little different, the screen and border colors are changed on Line 3110. Line 3120 uses a nifty POKE 752,1 which hides the cursor.

Starting on Line 3200, we see something interesting: COLOR WALL. Now we know that the variable WALL was defined as the ASCII code of a reverse field space (a solid white block) on Line 2410. We also know that COLOR is ordinarily used in plotting modes like 3, 5, and 7 to select a color register to draw with. Well, it so happens that invoking COLOR with the ASCII code in a character mode lets you draw with that character using PLOT's and DRAWTO's. This is exactly what happens on Line 3210, which draws a wall using the WALL character around the screen.

Lines 3250-3280 use a similar technique to draw the grid. COLOR GRID selects the appropriate character, and the loop does the rest. Lines 3300-3310 set up the starting coordinates of the Seeker (the approximate middle of the screen) and plot it. There is also a variable called UNDER, to store the value of what is under the Seeker (initially, plain old grid character), in case the player moves the Seeker over some of the clues he has dug up.

Lines 3400-3420 set up the treasure, and make sure its position is not equal to the Seeker's starting position.

### The game.

The operating code for the game itself begins on Line 4000. Right before it begins, the timer is set to zero on Line 4100 (the Atari has a real-time clock measured in sixtieths of seconds — jiffies — at memory locations 18, 19, and 20), and the number of GUESSES is set to zero at Line 4110. This is so we can tell the player how long and how many guesses he or she took to find the treasure when the game is over.

Lines 4200-4240 are the nucleus of the game. All actions stem from these lines. The stick and trigger values are stored. If the trigger is being pressed and the stick is still (Line 4220), it means the player wants to venture a guess, so the program branches to the "take a guess" subroutine. If the joystick isn't idle (Line 4230), then the Seeker must be moved, so the program branches to 4300. If neither of these conditions are met, then the program does nothing and loops back to get new values for the joystick and trigger.

The routine for moving the Seeker (starting on Line 4300) contains a POKE 77,0. This is to prevent the computer from going into "attract mode" (color flipping), which occurs if the keyboard isn't used for about nine minutes. This poke is in the movement routine, so that if the player has stopped playing the game, the poke won't be executed, and after nine minutes the computer will go into attract mode.

Line 4310 uses the joystick direction arrays we created (you remember, way back in the initialization routine!) to convert the joystick value (S) to horizontal direction (XD) and vertical direction (YD). Line 4320 looks one spot ahead of the Seeker in the current direction, and stores the ASCII value of what's there into the variable G (that's how the LOCATE command works — consult your BASIC Reference Manual for details). If G is equal to the value of WALL (Line 4330), that means there is wall ahead of the Seeker. The Seeker isn't supposed to move through walls, so the program goes back to the game loop.

To move the Seeker, we erase it, update its position, and redraw it. This happens quite clearly on Lines 4350 to 4370. The only trick is, instead of erasing the Seeker with a blank space, we are erasing it with what's underneath it (Line 4350), whether it be a grid or an old clue. Then, on Line 4380, the variable UNDER is given the value of G, which is what's under the Seeker now.

The "take a guess" routine, starting on Line 4500, is a bit more complex. First, it increments the number of guesses (Line 4502) and then proceeds along the following logic:

**Line 4505** — If the guess is correct (a win), pop out and return to the top level.

**Line 4520** — If what's under the Seeker is an old clue, jump ahead (to 4700) and display that clue.

**Line 4530** — Compute the distance from the treasure.

**Line 4540** — If the Seeker is too far away to give a one-digit distance clue (or if a random whim is heeded), jump ahead (to 4600) to get an arrow clue.

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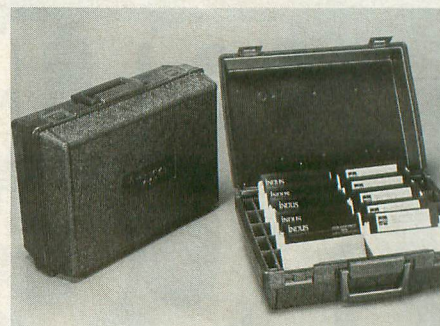
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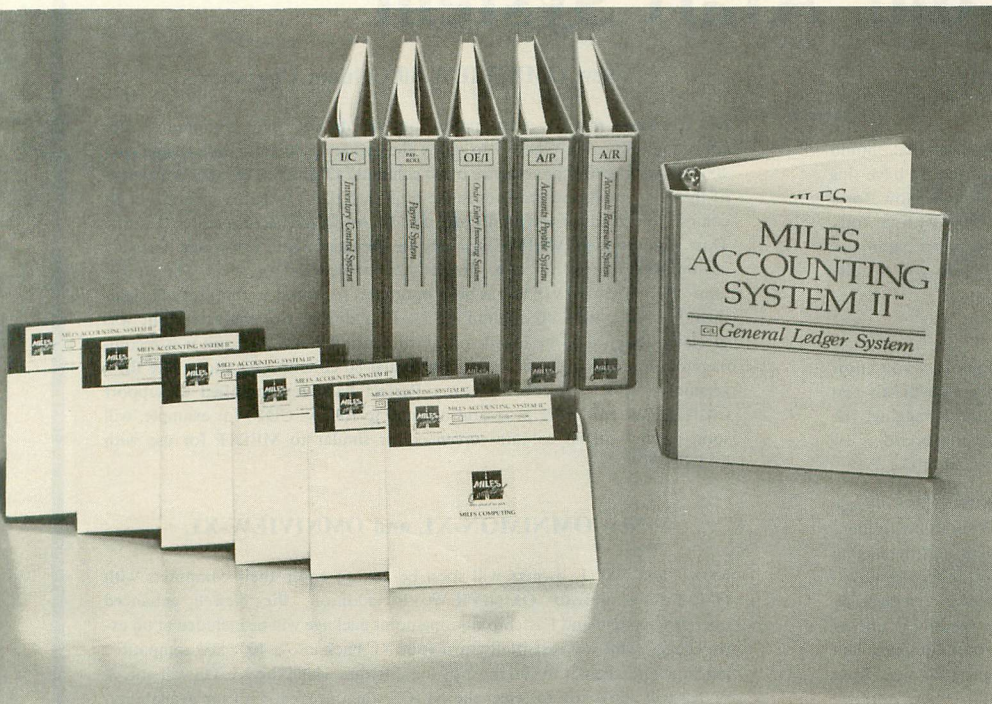
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**September '83:** "Those of you who read my review of OMNIMON! in issue #12 know what a godsend it is for serious programmers. This ROM-resident monitor has saved me many hours of program development and debugging time, and recently made it possible for me to recover several otherwise unsalvageable text files that were lost when my word processor accidentally destroyed a disk directory. Ironically, the review you are reading is one of those salvaged files! Three of the ATARIs in our offices are now equipped with OMNIMON! boards, and more are on the way. Staff programmers Tom Hudson and Charlie Bachand both swear by OMNIMON!"

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just to flash the title screen. In the program's main loop first the stick is read, then Stanley is moved accordingly. Then the strawberries are moved so that they go towards Stanley. Then the hive is moved away from Stanley. Lastly, the collision registers are checked to see if Stanley has touched the walls, the strips, the berries or the hive. One point of interest is that each time Stanley gets to work (each board), the variable B is incremented and `POKEd` into location 201 decimal for storage until the title screen prints it. This way the score or number of boards is recorded.



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### Line documentation.

Lines 10-140 — Initialize; colors, shapes, M/L routines.

Lines 150-450 — Main loop; read stick, move bug, move hive, move berries, check collisions.

Lines 460-480 — Death routine, re-initialize.

Lines 490-510 — Next board routine, end.

Lines 520-770 — Title screen.

Lines 780-840 — Draw board routine.

Lines 850-870 — Tom Hudson's P/M mover initialize.

Lines 880-890 — Data for title screen M/L.

Lines 950-980 — Data for P/M mover M/L.

Lines 950-980 — Player shape data.

Lines 990-2060 — Board data.

### Variables.

C,I,N,Q,Z — Working, data, or loop variables.

A — USR variable.

B — Board flag.

MOVE,PMMOV\$ — M/L variables for P/M mover.

PMBASE,PMB — P/M base variables.

P\$,PL\$,PS\$ — Player shape data strings.

P,PL,PS — ADReSS of above.

X,Y — Stanley's position.

EX,EY,GX,GY — Berries' position.

FX,FY — Hive's position.

AA — Stick variable.

XI,YI — Modifiers to X and Y.

X1,Y1,X2,Y2 — Coordinates of strips.

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240 EX=EX-(EX>X)+(EX<X)
250 EY=EY-(EY>Y)+(EY<Y)
260 A=USR(MOVE,1,PMB,P,EX,EY,5)
270 POKE 53278,244
280 FX=FX+(FX<X)-(FX>X)
290 FY=FY+(FY<Y)-(FY>Y)
300 A=USR(MOVE,2,PMB,PS,FX,FY,6)
310 POKE 53278,244
320 IF FX<55 THEN FX=55
330 IF FX>193 THEN FX=193
340 IF FY<25 THEN FY=25
350 IF FY>82 THEN FY=82
360 GX=GX-(GX>X)+(GX<X)
370 GY=GY-(GY>Y)+(GY<Y)
380 A=USR(MOVE,3,PMB,P,GX,GY,5)
390 POKE 53278,244
400 IF PEEK(53252)=2 THEN 460
410 IF PEEK(53260)=4 THEN 490
420 IF PEEK(53260)=2 THEN 460
430 IF PEEK(53260)=8 THEN 460
440 POKE 53278,244
450 GOTO 150
460 REM *****
470 POKE 53277,0:GOSUB 570
480 POKE 201,B:CLR :GOTO 20
490 REM *****
500 POKE 53278,244:GOSUB 520:GOTO 100
510 END
520 FOR I=250 TO 6 STEP -2
530 SOUND 0,I,10,10
540 FOR Z=1 TO 3:NEXT Z
550 NEXT I
560 RETURN
570 FOR I=255 TO 200 STEP -1
580 SOUND 0,I,10,10:SOUND 1,I-20,10,10
590 NEXT I
600 RETURN
610 FOR I=1664 TO 1692:READ N:POKE I,N
:NEXT I
620 GRAPHICS 18:SOUND 0,128,10,10
630 POKE 53277,0:POKE 16,64:POKE 53774,64
640 ? #6: ? #6: ? #6: " BUZZZ-ZAP!"
650 A=USR(1664):SETCOLOR 0,0,13:SOUND 1,192,10,7
660 ? #6: ? #6: " DAVID KARP"
670 A=USR(1664):SOUND 3,240,10,7
680 ? #6: ? #6: " PRESS start"
690 FOR C=1 TO 3:SOUND C,0,0,0:NEXT C
700 SOUND 0,128,10,14:FOR I=1 TO 30:IF
PEEK(53279)=6 THEN RETURN
710 SOUND 1,192,10,12:NEXT I
720 SOUND 0,224,10,12:FOR I=1 TO 140:IF
PEEK(53279)=6 THEN RETURN
730 SOUND 1,254,10,10:NEXT I
740 FOR C=0 TO 3:SOUND C,0,0,0:NEXT C
750 ? #6: ? #6: " BOARD$=":PEEK(201)
]
760 IF PEEK(53279)<>6 THEN 760
770 RETURN
780 POKE 77,0:FOR I=1 TO 4
790 READ X1,Y1,X2,Y2
800 IF X1=99 THEN RESTORE 1000:GOTO 780
810 PLOT X1,Y1:DRAWTO X2,Y2
820 NEXT I:SETCOLOR 1,INT(RND(0)*16),10
830 B=B+1: ? ? " BOARD #"
;B
840 RETURN
850 DIM PMMOV$(100):MOVE=ADR(PMMOV$):FOR
I=1 TO 100:READ N:PMMOV$(I)=CHR$(N)
:NEXT I
860 PMBASE=INT((PEEK(145)+3)/4)*4:POKE
54279,PMBASE
870 PMB=PMBASE*256:POKE 559,46:POKE 53
277,3
880 DATA 104,162,0,232,142,10,212,142,
23,208,142,22,208,224,255,240,3,76,131
,6,200,192,255,240,3,76,131,6,96
890 REM *****
900 DATA 216,104,104,104,133,213,104,2
4,105,2,133,206,104,133,205,104,133,20
4,104,133,203,104,104,133,208
910 DATA 104,104,133,209,104,104,24,10
1,209,133,207,166,213,240,16,165,205,2
4,105,128,133,205,165,206,105

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10 POKE 201,0
20 FOR C=0 TO 3:SOUND C,0,0,0:NEXT C
30 GOSUB 610
40 FOR C=0 TO 3:SOUND C,0,0,0:NEXT C
50 GOSUB 850
60 DIM P$(5),PL$(6),PS$(6):P=ADR(P$):P
L=ADR(PL$):P$=ADR(PS$)
70 FOR I=1 TO 5:READ N:P$(I)=CHR$(N):N
EXT I
80 FOR I=1 TO 6:READ N:P$(I)=CHR$(N):
NEXT I
90 FOR I=1 TO 6:READ N:PL$(I)=CHR$(N):
NEXT I
100 GRAPHICS 3:POKE 559,46:COLOR 2:PLO
T 0,0:DRAWTO 39,0:DRAWTO 39,19:DRAWTO
0,19:DRAWTO 0,0:POKE 752,1
110 POKE 16,64:POKE 53774,64
120 POKE 704,15:POKE 705,66:POKE 706,2
55:POKE 707,68:POKE 53278,244:POKE 623
,1
130 GOSUB 780
140 X=55:Y=86:EX=53:EY=19:FX=181:FY=33
:GX=197:GY=88:POKE 53278,244:SOUND 0,2
55,14,4:SOUND 1,233,14,2
150 FOR Q=1 TO 3
160 AA=STICK(0)
170 XI=(AA=7)-(AA=11):YI=(AA=13)-(AA=1
4)
180 XI=XI+(AA=6)+(AA=5)-(AA=10)-(AA=9)
:YI=YI+(AA=9)+(AA=5)-(AA=10)-(AA=6)
190 X=X+XI:Y=Y+YI:POKE 53278,244
200 A=USR(MOVE,0,PMB,PL,X,Y,6)
210 NEXT Q
220 POKE 53278,244
230 IF PEEK(53252)=2 THEN 460

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920 DATA 0,133,206,202,208,240,160,0,1
62,0,196,209,144,19,196,207,176,15,132
,212,138,168,177,203,164
930 DATA 212,145,205,232,169,0,240,4,1
69,0,145,205,200,192,128,208,224,166,2
13,165,208,157,0,208,96
940 REM ***
950 DATA 24,126,255,126,60
960 DATA 24,60,126,102,126,60
970 DATA 84,121,254,254,121,84
980 REM ***
990 DATA 28,4,16,4,16,4,5,15,5,15,35,1
5,38,1,24,15
1000 DATA 9,4,30,4,9,15,30,15,0,0,0,0,
0,0,0,0
1010 DATA 10,8,10,19,20,0,20,11,30,8,3
0,19,0,0,0,0
1020 DATA 20,18,20,13,1,10,17,10,20,1,
20,7,23,10,38,10
1030 DATA 7,7,7,12,7,12,32,12,32,12,32
,7,32,7,7,7
1040 DATA 1,6,20,6,30,6,38,6,20,12,38,
12,0,0,0,0
1050 DATA 1,10,10,1,38,10,30,18,10,10,
10,18,30,1,30,10
1060 DATA 8,9,16,4,9,10,16,16,32,10,26
,16,28,4,33,9
1070 DATA 20,4,20,15,6,10,33,10,9,15,3
0,15,9,4,30,4
1080 DATA 19,15,32,15,10,11,24,11,14,7
,28,7,19,3,32,3
1090 DATA 8,4,8,15,30,4,30,15,4,10,35,
10,13,15,25,4
1100 DATA 5,4,14,13,34,4,25,13,5,4,34,
4,19,1,19,10
1110 DATA 9,1,9,13,25,13,9,13,15,4,30,
4,30,4,30,18
1120 DATA 19,1,7,14,7,14,19,14,24,14,3
9,14,32,6,24,14

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1130 DATA 11,1,13,3,17,7,24,14,5,14,38
,14,24,14,24,18
1140 DATA 1,4,29,4,5,9,38,9,11,15,23,1
5,24,15,34,5
1150 DATA 17,4,7,15,19,4,19,15,21,4,31
,15,0,0,0,0
1160 DATA 28,4,16,4,16,4,5,15,5,15,35,
15,38,1,24,15
1170 DATA 99,0,0,0
1180 RETURN

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### CHECKSUM DATA

(See page 23)

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10 DATA 878,525,753,529,773,317,749,48
8,476,975,631,287,988,522,304,9195
160 DATA 84,919,642,170,60,749,319,504
,976,989,298,334,999,12,374,7429
310 DATA 318,24,312,19,44,2,15,314,342
,499,510,501,522,329,719,4470
460 DATA 786,240,543,795,827,37,101,58
8,80,751,607,543,490,763,591,7742
610 DATA 732,152,945,71,901,940,900,35
6,924,832,801,202,797,908,370,9831
760 DATA 862,614,341,663,169,924,81,24
6,607,463,527,709,13,803,636,7658
910 DATA 729,432,185,354,942,227,462,3
66,263,728,84,595,368,10,537,6282
1060 DATA 455,324,452,329,134,184,453,
514,154,297,370,161,790,4617

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by Ray Berube

I first saw Omnitrend's **Universe** color advertisement in the pages of **ANALOG**. The test of the ad promised that "using high-resolution graphics, and more than 30 custom displays — distributed on four disks — Omnitrend's **Universe** allows you to experience the life of a starship captain..." As an avid role-playing gamer and **Traveler** fan, I was immediately intrigued. So, when asked if I could find the time to review **Universe**, I replied that I would *make* the time! Little did I know how much time would eventually be invested in reviewing this game.

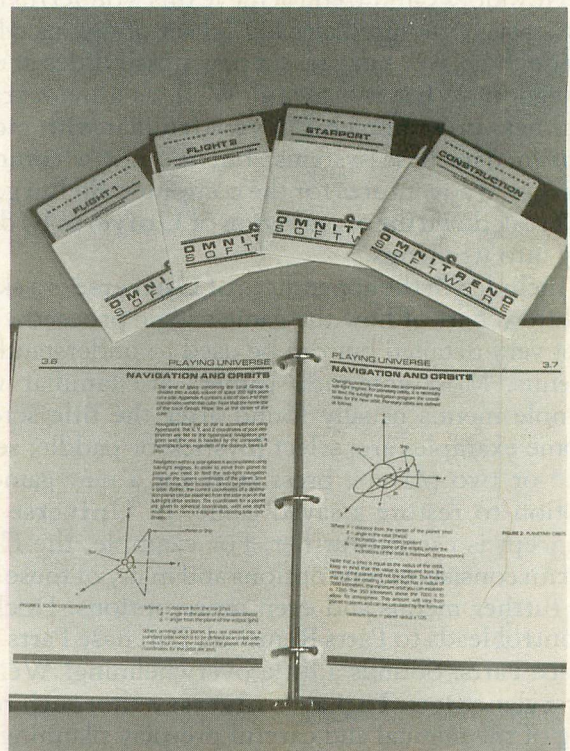
Before plunging into the log of my five-year journey through the **Universe**, I'd like to call attention to some "cosmetic" features of the game, and then briefly outline the idea behind Omnitrend's **Universe**.

The first thing that sells a game is usually the price or the reputation of its designers. Here, Omnitrend takes a big gamble. The designers (and the first page of the manual lists Mr. Carbone, Mr. Leslie, and a host of others) are not familiar to me. Then again, neither is Omnitrend Software. Names like Infocom, Scott Adams, Adventure International, Sierra On-Line, Activision, Carol Shaw, Larry Kaplan, Epyx and others ring a bell — and sometimes a gong — with adventure enthusiasts. So adding a hefty price tag and an unknown group of designers to a new product is taking a gamble. Omnitrend felt the game was worth the gamble, and they were right. **Universe** should help to establish Omnitrend and its designers. It will admit them to that privileged club of quality game producers.

One of the most important cosmetic aspects of a game is its packaging. Infocom recognized that early on, and Omnitrend has followed their example. **Universe** is beautifully presented in a thickly padded, self-standing binder. This binder contains the game's instructions, a manual of operations, a disk sleeve for each disk and ample room to include any documentation the player decides to add (and add it you will!). The folder is clearly divided and organized to facilitate referencing and play. The paper is a high quality, glossy magazine stock, and typesetting is clear and easy to read. I used looseleaf reinforcements on the pages to prevent tearing, and with all the use the pages are put to during play, I

recommend it. Fine, you say, but nice packaging doesn't make a game. Agreed, but in this case it enhances the game's playability, so it is more than just a pretty box.

A word about the cost of **Universe** and then on to its playability. The game lists for \$89.95, but some incidental expenses (which are suggested in the manual but considered necessary by this reviewer) will push the cost to over \$100.00 for the game. I bought the reinforcements and a package of looseleaf filler, and suggest you do the same. In addition, the manual suggests that the player copy the disks to protect them from damage. I say it's necessary! You will need six blank disks: four to copy the game disks, a player disk you'll have to create and, finally, another disk to copy the player disk (more on why later). All this copying is made much less tedious by using Brian Moriarty's **Black Rabbit 2** (**ANALOG** Issue 9 or the improved version in the **ANALOG Compendium**). The progress of the game relies on menu selections, and disk swapping is constant. You'll cry if you don't copy a game disk and — while inserting it for the umpteenth time — you damage it. Your game is now worthless, so please make the copies!



**Universe.**

The premise of **Universe** is very simple. You are part of a fringe star group hundreds of light years from Earth. Your society depends on regular assistance packages from Earth which arrive via a one-way hyperspace booster system. Suddenly these packages stop arriving. Chaos and decline threaten your civilization, but hope springs out of confusion. It is



believed a hyperspace booster of similar design to those which allowed contact with Earth has surfaced in your star sector. Find the booster and you'll save your civilization.

Sounds easy, but wait! No one knows where the booster is, and as you begin the game, you don't even have a space ship. So you're a long way from grabbing that booster and saving civilization. This is where **Universe** begins and, right from its opening graphics, it grabs you.

The game allows you to enter into a mortgage and buy a ship and the barest minimum to outfit it. But star travel is expensive! In order to fund your search for the booster and keep your ship flying, you'll have to engage in mining or passenger transport or trading or contract work or even pirating innocent vessels. It is here in this realm of real experience that **Universe** overwhelms you. It is filled with detail and depth of experience. I can't imagine anyone playing **Universe** to the point of completely exploring all of its aspects! You can find the booster, but . . . that's just a lure to get you into becoming a starship captain. Once you own your ship, the game is exploration, gambling, warfare, experiencing a **Universe**.

How does Omnitrend achieve this wonderful feat? By a very structured and logical set of menus which guide the player but present new possibilities at each selection. What is a menu? Well, as a main frame business programmer, I'm very familiar with menu-driven data base systems, but it's not a common feature in adventures for the computer. So I'm going to break down the organization of **Universe** by delving into its menus.

Included in the appendices of **Universe** is a skeletal flowchart of how the game's logic proceeds. It is not very detailed but can be used to understand the menus. Most computer gamers are familiar with simple menus usually found after the title screen. Some examples are: select joystick or paddle; select one or two players; press start for a new game or option to restore a saved game. In **Universe** this concept is carried further. For example, the Flight Menu consists of nine options and many of these lead to further menus and even more options. Docking Control leads to Parts Removal, Purchase Parts and Place Parts. Sounds a little overwhelming? Well, at first glance it is. To play **Universe** a thorough reading of the manual and careful pre-play planning is a necessity. Now on to play action.

Play begins by booting the Construction disk, and after some impressive titles and opening music, the first block of text appears. This early text sequence doesn't allow for any real decisions from the player. You meet a bank loan officer, mortgage your ship, and are sent to the shipyards to choose a starship. From this point on, you are in control of your destiny! On arriving at the shipyards you encounter the first menu, a list of ten ship designs. Each design can

be called up and examined in detail. The screen, through a graphics window, presents a three-dimensional view, an overview and a side view of the design while a text area provides statistics such as cost, size, visibility, integrity and specific features. It's a good idea to study each ship design carefully. Some are more suited to mining or pirating than others and a poor choice can spell disaster later in the game. After selecting a design, the game requires you to create a player disk. This is a tedious task comprised of disk swapping that lasts for more than ten minutes! As the manual suggests, be patient. There's a lot of data being transferred. As soon as you complete your player disk, copy it! Otherwise, should you meet with an untimely accident like death later on (in the game, I mean), you'll have to re-create your player disk. With a copy you can pick right back up with the next section: Flight One.

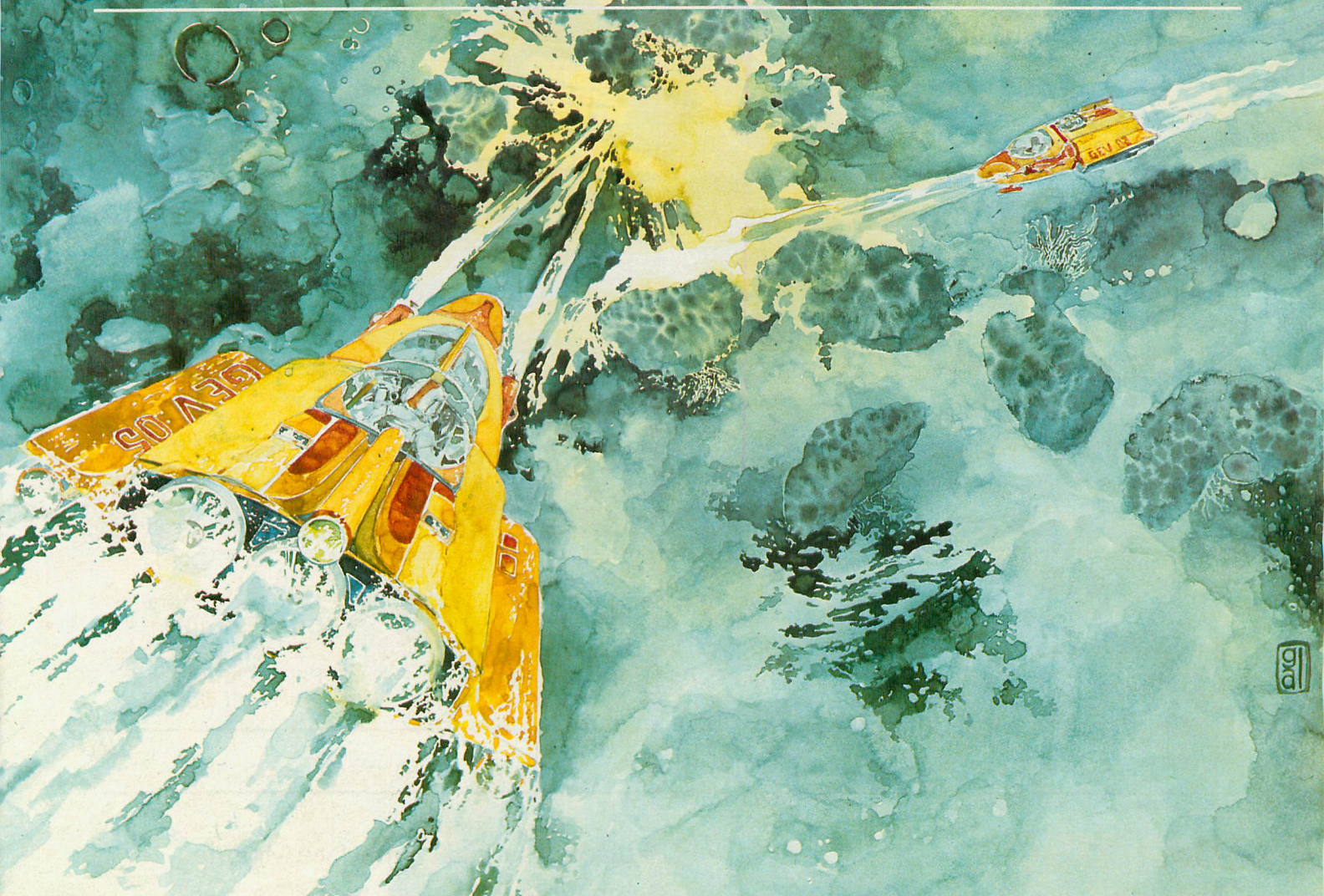
The Flight One disk in conjunction with the Flight Two disk contains all of the menus needed for space operations. You select locations for equipment installation, hire crew members, buy fuel, weapons, additional equipment such as scanners, rescue pods, etc. You must become familiar with the operation of every part of your ship. In order to enter hyperspace, you must understand how your drive works (and there are several drives to choose from). Here is where the menus allow you total access to every part of your ship. You can select to operate or study drives, weapons, scanners, mining systems, computer controls, orbital shuttle functions and more — from just ONE flight menu! The ship is yours to exploit fully.

From passenger transfers to orbital shuttle repairs, the Starport menu covers just about any activity that might take place on reaching a distant star system. I can't begin to delve fully into each area of these menus in this limited review. In fact, I've played **Universe** steadily, six to eight hours a day, for over a week to do this review, and I'm still discovering new elements of the game! The Starport menu allows you to buy, sell and trade goods and services. It contains the activities of customs clearance, transfer of passengers, even repair and fueling of your shuttle. Outside of some unsavory activities omitted, it covers all the ground needed for exciting starport intrigue.

To conclude, **Universe** is a blend of text and graphics adventure. Though in places its pace is slower than most shoot-em-ups or text adventures, the richness of detail is unmatched. And when you're in a fire fight, nothing happens slowly.

If you buy **Universe**, you'll find months of playing pleasure ahead of you. Even though its price tag is a bit hefty, you get your money's worth and more. Let's face it, if we can shell out forty bucks for **Dig/Dug** and be bored with it after a week, we can surely invest \$89.95 or so for a game we'll still be playing throughout the year. □





# *Bacterion!*

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This bacteria has begun to trickle down to infect the Syntrons' counterpart: man. Soon, mankind will teeter on the very brink of insanity and demise, unless a means can be found to halt the plague of 2369: **Bacterion!**

## **Loading instructions.**

Before typing anything, look at the listings accompanying this article.

**Listing 1** is the BASIC data and data checking routine. This listing is used to create both cassette and disk versions of **Bacterion!** The data statements are listed in hexadecimal (base 16), so the program will fit in 16K cassette systems. This makes typing more difficult, but if you want to play the game...

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code for **Bacterion!** You *do not* have to type this listing to play the game! It is included for those readers interested in assembly language.

Follow the instructions below to make either a cassette or disk version of **Bacterion!**

#### Cassette instructions.

1. Type Listing 1 into your computer using the BASIC cartridge, and verify your typing with **C:CHECK** (see page 23).
2. Type RUN and press RETURN. The program will begin and ask:

#### MAKE CASSETTE (0) OR DISK (1)?

Type 0 and press RETURN. The program will begin checking the DATA statements, printing the line number of each as it goes. It will alert you if it finds any problems. Fix any incorrect lines and re-RUN the program, if necessary, until all errors are eliminated.

3. When all DATA lines are correct, the computer will beep twice and prompt you to "READY CASSETTE AND PRESS RETURN." Insert a blank cassette in your recorder, press the RECORD and PLAY buttons simultaneously and hit RETURN. The message "WRITING FILE" will appear, and the program will create a machine language boot tape version of **Bacterion!**, printing each DATA line number as it goes. When the READY prompt appears, the game is recorded and ready to play. CSAVE the BASIC program onto a separate tape before continuing.

4. To play the game, rewind the tape created by the BASIC program to the beginning. Turn your computer OFF and remove all cartridges. Press the PLAY button on your recorder and turn ON your computer while holding down the START key. If you have a 600 or 800XL computer, you must hold the START and OPTION keys when you turn on the power. The computer will "beep" once. Hit the RETURN key and **Bacterion!** will load and run automatically.

#### Disk instructions.

1. Type Listing 1 into your computer, using the BASIC cartridge, and verify your typing with **D:CHECK2** (see page 23).
2. Type RUN and press RETURN. The program will ask:

#### MAKE CASSETTE (0) OR DISK (1)?

Type 1 and press RETURN. The program will begin checking the DATA lines, printing the line number of each statement as it goes. It will alert you if it finds any problems. Fix incorrect lines and re-RUN the program, if necessary, until all errors are eliminated.

3. When all DATA lines are correct, you will be prompted to "INSERT DISK WITH DOS, PRESS RETURN." Put a disk containing DOS 2.0S into drive #1 and press RETURN. The message "WRITING FILE" will appear, and the program will create an AUTORUN.SYS file on the disk, displaying each DATA line number as it goes. When the READY prompt appears, the game is ready to play. Be sure the BASIC program is SAVED before continuing.

4. To play the game, insert the disk containing the AUTORUN.SYS file into drive #1. Turn your computer OFF, remove all cartridges and turn the computer back ON. **Bacterion!** will load and run automatically.

#### Playing the game.

**Bacterion!** is a game for one or two players. In the two-player mode, both play simultaneously. In this mode, the game is more cooperative than competitive. You must prevent the six (count 'em, six!) different strains of Bacterion from removing the ten cerebral cells from the host Syntron. A cell is inoperative when it is completely removed from the screen.

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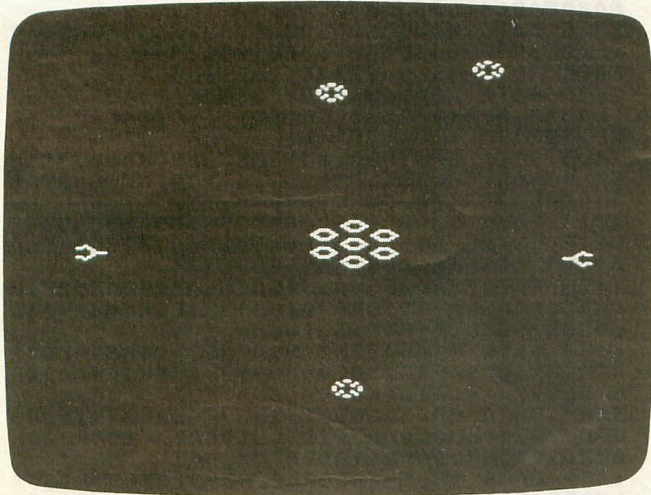
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As a member of BARF (Biological Armament Restriction Force), you are equipped with a miniaturized GEV (Genetic Extermination Vehicle) to aid you in your mission. The vehicle emits high-frequency photons from its nose, capable of vaporizing the Bacterion, while leaving brain tissue and other GEV's undamaged.



**Bacterion!**

Control over your GEV is accomplished through the joystick. A two-player game will require as many joysticks. Pushing up will cause your GEV to move forward. Moving the stick left or right will cause the vehicle to rotate in the respective direction. Pushing the trigger fires the photonic bursts. Any one player can have up to four high-energy photons on the screen at once. Holding down the trigger fires all available photons in rapid succession. Should your GEV be destroyed by either running into your opponent or being skragged by a Bacterion, you must wait several seconds for another GEV to be injected into the host. Parking or driving your GEV over a brain cell gives it unsure traction, which may cause the vehicle to rotate randomly. Each GEV is internally powered, so there is an unlimited supply of ammunition.

Initially, each Syntron has a unique brain pattern. You may select which of the three top political figures you wish to put "under the knife." Each individual has a total of ten cerebral cells. Some cells may be harder to visualize, since there may be two or more on top of one another.

The SELECT button will choose between a one- or two-player game. The OPTION button will choose which political leader you will operate on. Examination of the speed at which the colors change in the word "BACTERION!" on the title screen dictate the brain pattern. The Prime Minister of England, President of the U.S.S.R. and the President of the U.S. are your three available candidates. The START button will begin the game. Pausing or examination of scores is accomplished by pressing

the space bar. Pressing the space bar a second time will resume the life-or-death struggle. Each of the six attacking strains are worth from 10 to 60 points, respectively.

### Additional credits.

My special thanks goes to Tom Hudson for his assistance in **Bacterion!** Through the use of his Graphics 7+ handler presented in issue #11, and some custom-made shape-drawing routines, we've put together the best (as in #1) two-player public domain assembly language game *ever!* If you agree or disagree, I'd like to hear it. Drop me a line, care of Kyle Peacock here at the editorial offices of ANALOG.

### BASIC Listing.

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10 REM *** BACTERION ***
20 TRAP 20: ? "MAKE CASSETTE (0), OR DI
5K (1)";:INPUT DSK:IF DSK>1 THEN 20
30 TRAP 40000:DATA 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,10,11,12,13,14,15
40 DIM DAT$(91),HEX(22):FOR X=0 TO 22:
READ N:HEX(X)=N:NEXT X:LINE=990:RESTOR
E 1000:TRAP 120: ? "CHECKING DATA"
50 LINE=LINE+10: ? "LINE:";LINE:READ DA
T$:IF LEN(DAT$)<>90 THEN 220
60 DATLIN=PEEK(183)+PEEK(184)*256:IF D
ATLIN<>LINE THEN ? "LINE ";LINE;" MISS
ING!":END
70 FOR X=1 TO 89 STEP 2:D1=ASC(DAT$(X,
X))-48:D2=ASC(DAT$(X+1,X+1))-48:BYTE=H
EX(D1)*16+HEX(D2)
80 IF PASS=2 THEN PUT #1,BYTE:NEXT X:R
EAD CHKSUM:GOTO 50
90 TOTAL=TOTAL+BYTE:IF TOTAL>999 THEN
TOTAL=TOTAL-1000
100 NEXT X:READ CHKSUM:IF TOTAL=CHKSUM
THEN 50
110 GOTO 220
120 IF PEEK(195)<>6 THEN 220
130 IF PASS=0 THEN 170
140 IF NOT DSK THEN 160
150 PUT #1,224:PUT #1,2:PUT #1,225:PUT
#1,2:PUT #1,0:PUT #1,40:CLOSE #1:END
160 FOR X=1 TO 2:PUT #1,0:NEXT X:CLOSE
#1:END
170 IF NOT DSK THEN 200
180 ? "INSERT DISK WITH DOS, PRESS RET
URN";:DIM IN$(1):INPUT IN$:OPEN #1,8,0
,"D:AUTORUN.SYS"
190 PUT #1,255:PUT #1,255:PUT #1,0:PUT
#1,40:PUT #1,85:PUT #1,59:GOTO 210
200 ? "READY CASSETTE AND PRESS RETURN
";:OPEN #1,8,128,"C":RESTORE 230:FOR
X=1 TO 40:READ N:PUT #1,N:NEXT X
210 ? : ? "WRITING FILE":PASS=2:LINE=99
0:RESTORE 1000:TRAP 120:GOTO 50
220 ? "BAD DATA: LINE ";LINE:END
230 DATA 0,39,216,39,255,39,169,0,141,
47,2,169,60,141,2,211,169,0,141,231,2,
133,14,169,56,141,232,2
240 DATA 133,15,169,0,133,10,169,40,13
3,11,24,96
1000 DATA 2065E4A9228D2F02A9288581A900
8580A9088583A9008582A000B1809182C8D0F9
E681E683A581C940D0EFA90B,831
1010 DATA 850D8503850BA912850C8502850A
4C120BA200A90E9D001FCAD0FAA9708D001F8D
011FA9F08D021FA94E8D031F,796
1020 DATA 8D6B1FA9208D051FA9108D041FA9
308D6D1FA9008D06C1FA9418DC81FA98E8DC71F
A91F8DC1FA9008D0C91FA93E,396
1030 DATA 8D2F02A9008D07D4A9038D1DD00A9
108D6F02A900AA9D00049D0005CAD0F7A202A9
0095A995AC95AFCA10F7A910,369
1040 DATA 8580A9208581A200A5809D351BA5
819DF518A900A02791808810FB8E0C0F010A5
801869288580A58169008581,840
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* PRIMARY USE IN 'TEST' ROUTINE.
VSTOP DS 1 1STOP VBLANK FLAG.
LSOUND DS 1 1LASER SOUND FLAG.
XSOUND DS 1 1DETONATION SOUND FLAG.
CSOUND DS 1 1CANNON SOUND FLAG.
FREQO DS 1 1PULSE SOUND FREQUENCY.
GAME DS 1 1GAME UNDERWAY FLAG.
STRUCT DS 1 1CELL STRUCTURE #.
NOPLAY DS 1 1# OF PLAYERS.
DELAY DS 2 1PULSE SOUND DELAY.
1STPT DS 1 1DISPLAY LIST POINTER.
SCORE1 DS 2 1LO-BYTE OF SCORES.
SCORE2 DS 2 1MD-BYTE OF SCORES.
SCORE3 DS 2 1HIG-BYTE OF SCORES.
FRCL1 DS 3 1TOTAL SCORE BYTES.
CELNUM DS 1 1CELL # BEING DRAWN.
CELREF DS 1 1CELL # BEING REFRESHED

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:ICELX DB 68,80,92,62,74
      DB 86,98,68,80,92
      DB 79,79,79,79,73
      DB 85,67,91,61,97
      DB 79,71,87,79,79
      DB 79,79,71,87,79
* CELLS INITIAL Y-COORDS
:ICELY DB 93,93,93,96,96
      DB 96,96,99,99,99
      DB 76,82,88,94,98
      DB 98,102,102,104,106
      DB 86,90,90,94,94
      DB 94,94,98,98,102
TITLE 'BACTERION! MULTI-INITIALIZER'
INIT2 PROC
* ALLOW THINGS TO SETTLE DOWN
LDX #001 ;STOP VERTICAL
STX VSTOP ;BLANK ROUTINE.
* INITIALIZE SOUNDS
DEX ;
TXA ;
STA AUDC3 ;TURN OFF SOUND
STA AUDC4 ;REGISTERS & INIT
STA AUDCTL ;SOUND CHANNELS.
* CLEAR PLAYER MISSILE AREA
:ER1 STA MISS,X ;BACTERION! #1.
      STA PLAY2,X ;BACTERION! #2.
      STA PLAY3,X ;BACTERION! #3.
      STA HITCLR ;CLEAR COLLISIONS
      DEX
      BNE :ER1
* ENEMY BACTERION! X,Y, & DIRECTION
SETGEV LDX #004 ;HANDLE ALL.
      LDA TYPES ;GET TYPE OF ATT-
      STA TYPE,X ;ACKING BACTERION.
      JSR PICKX ;RANDOM X-COORD.
      STA GEVX,X ;STORE IT.
      LDA RANDOM ;RANDOM NUMBER.
      BPL :PLUS1 ;BRANCH IF > 0.
      LDA #21 ;INITIAL Y-COORD.
      BNE :PLUS2 ;BRANCH!
      LDA #228 ;INITIAL Y-COORD.
      STA GEVY,X ;STORE IT.
      JSR PICKDR ;RANDOM DIRECTION.
* ENEMY BACTERION! TARGET CELL
SEL LDA #000 ;CLEAR
      STA TRY ;COUNTERS,
      STA GEVESC ;# OF ESCAPEES,
      STA STOP,X ;DEATH STATUS,
      STA GEVCL,X ;TARGET CELL,
      STA LSRDIR,X ;LASER FLAG,
      STA GEVFR,X ;FIRE TIME FLAG,
      STA ESCAPE,X ;ESCAPE Y-COORD.
      LDA RANDO ;GET RANDOM #
      CMP #08 ;GREATER THAN #08
      BCS SEL1 ;YES, BRANCH!
SEL0 LDA #00A ;RANDOM # SEED
      JSR RANDO ;GET RANDOM CELL #
      TAY ;STORE IN Y-REG.
CPICK0 STX :XHOLD ;SAVE X-REG.
      LDA ESCAPE,X ;ESCAPE Y-COORD
      BEQ CPICK1 ;EQUAL 0?
      TYA ;NO! MOVE Y TO A
      CMP GEVCEL,X ;IS THIS CELL?
      BEQ SEL1 ;SPOKEN FOR?
      INX ;NO! MOVE ON
      CPX #005 ;TO NEXT
      BNE CPICK0 ;BACTERION!
      LDX :XHOLD ;RESTORE X-REG.
* HEIST THIS CELL (IN Y-REG.)
LDA CELLNY,Y ;CELL Y-COORD.
CMP #194 ;OFF SCREEN?
BCS SEL1 ;YES! TRY AGAIN.
LDA #002 ;RANDOM # SEED.
JSR RANDO ;GET RANDOM #.
STY :YHOLD ;SAVE Y-REG.
TAY ;MOVE # TO ACC.
LDA ESCDT,Y ;GET PROPER ES-
STA ESCAPE,X ;CAPE Y-COORD.
LDA CELDT,Y ;GET OFFSET FOR
LDY :YHOLD ;LOCKING ON TO
CLC ;TOP OR BOTTOM
ADC CELLNY,Y ;OF CELL & STORE
STA TARY,X ;IN TARGET-Y.
LDA CELLNX,Y ;GET X-COORD OF
CLC ;CELL & STORE
ADC #44 ;IN TARGET-X.
STA TARY,X ;
TYA ;MAKE THIS CELL
STA GEVCEL,X ;SPOKEN FOR
JMP SEL2 ;HANDLE NEXT.
SEL1 LDX :XHOLD ;RESTORE X-REG.
      DEC TRY ;DEC. COUNTERS
      BNE SEL0 ;% BRANCH!
* CAN'T FIND A CELL, ATTACK PLAYERS
SEL1T LDY NOPLAY ;# OF PLAYERS.
      INY ;ADD ONE.
      TYA ;RANDOM # SEED.
      JSR RANDO ;GET RANDOM #.
      TAY ;MOVE TO Y-REG.
      LDA GEVY,X ;PLAYER'S X-COORD.
      STA TARY,X ;USE AS TARGET-X.
      LDA GEVY,Y ;PLAYER'S Y-COORD.
      STA TARY,X ;USE AS TARGET-Y.
SEL2 DEX ;HANDLE NEXT
      CPX #001 ;BACTERION! (IF
      BEQ :NEXT ;WE AREN'T DONE.)
      JMP SETGEV ;JUMP TO IT!
* SET UP RANGE OF ATTACK
:NEXT LDA #40
      STA FRANGE
* SET UP FIRING TIME
LDX TYPES ;ATTACK TYPE.
LDA FREBSE-1,X ;GET DATA FROM
STA FIRETM ;FIRING DB.
CMP #005 ;IS IT < 5?
BCC PROJ1 ;NO! BRANCH!
SEC ;YES! SUBTRACT
SBC #003 ;3 & STORE
STA FREBSE-1,X ;IT IN DB.
* CLEAR PROJECTILE WORK AREA
PROJ1T LDX #12 ;HANDLE ALL.
      LDA #FFF ;INACTIVE STATUS.
      STA BULLET,X ;OWNER.
      STA CELLNX+5,X ;X-COORD.
      STA CELLNY+5,X ;Y-COORD.
      STA CELLHV+5,X ;MOVING.
      DEX ;HANDLE NEXT
      CPX #004 ;IF ANY.
      BNE CLRPRO ;
* SET UP COLOR DATABASES
:SET1 LDX #003 ;COUNTER.
      LDA RANDOM ;RANDOM #.
      AND #F0 ;ZAP LO-NIBBLE.
      ORA #00A ;% W/DECIMAL 10.
      STA PCOLOR,X ;STORE IT.
      LDA RANDOM ;RANDOM #.
      AND #F0 ;ZAP LO-NIBBLE.
      ORA :FIELD,X ;OR W/PLAYFIELD.
      STA COLOR,X ;STORE IT.
      DEX ;HANDLE NEXT.
      BPL :SET1 ;BRANCH!
      LDA #000 ;CLEAR.
      STA NOBULL+0 ;# OF BULLETS
      STA NOKILL+0 ;FIRED & # OF
      STA NOBULL+1 ;BACTERIONS!
      STA NOKILL+1 ;VAPORIZED.
      STA VSTOP ;START VBLANK.
      RTS ;BUG OFF!!!
* BACTERION! FIRE TIME DATABASE
FREBSE DB 0,0,0,0,0,0
* OFFSETS TO TOP & BOTTOM OF CELL
CELDT DB 21,36
* Y-COORDS FOR ESCAPING BACTERION!
ESCDT DB 10,245
* COLOR LUM. FOR PLAYERS & PLAYFIELDS
:PLAYC DB #0C,#0C,#0A,#0A
:FIELD DB #0C,#0B,#0B,#0A
* PICK A RANDOM X-COORD.
PICKX LDA #100
      JSR RANDO
      CLC
      ADC #75
      RTS
* PICK A RANDOM DIRECTION (0-15)
PICKDR LDA #16
      JSR RANDO
      STA BEVDIR,X
      RTS
* PICK A RANDOM # (0 UP TO ACC.)
RANDO STA HOLDME
      LDA RANDOM
      CMP HOLDME
      BCC RANOUT
      LSR A
      LSR A
      RANOUT RTS
HOLDME DB 0 ;TEMP STORAGE.
      TRY DB 0 ;COUNTER.
      :XHOLD DB 0 ;X-REG TEMP STORAGE.
      :YHOLD DB 0 ;Y-REG TEMP STORAGE.
      C TITLE 'GET THE GAME GOING...'
TEST PROC
      LDA #000 ;TURN OFF
      STA AUDC1 ;SOUND
      STA AUDC2 ;REGISTERS.
      JSR :SETP0 ;SET UP TITLE
      LDA #001 ;SCREEN SCORES
      STA #001 ;% SHOW TITLE
      STA LISTPT ;SCREEN.
      STA VSTOP ;
      LDA #006 ;SET UP VERT-
      LDX #HIGH VBL ;ICAL BLANK
      LDY #LOW VBL ;ROUTINES.
      JSR SETVBV ;
      LDA #007 ;SET UP DEF.
      LDX #HIGH DBL ;VERTICAL
      LDY #LOW DBL ;BLANK
      JSR SETVBV ;ROUTINES.
      LDA #000 ;SET UP DL1
      STA NMEN ;ROUTINES.
      JSR SHUTUP ;
      LDA DEMO ;WAIT FOR PUSH
      CMP #001 ;OF START KEY.
      BNE :DEMOX ;
      INC DEMO ;
      JSR INIT ;INITIALIZE...
* START OF NEW GAME
SAVE0 LDA DEMO ;CHANGE STATUS
      CMP #002 ;OF DEMO
      BNE TEST ;VARIABLE
* GAME PAUSED?
PROJ6 LDA CH ;IS SPACEBAR
      CMP #021 ;PRESSED?
      BNE :REFCL ;YES. IS BAR
      LDA SKSTAT ;STILL BEING
      AND #004 ;PRESSED?
      BEQ :REFCL ;YES-CONTINUE.
      JSR ADITUP ;ADD UP SCORES
      LDA TOTCEL ;HOLD # OF
      PHA ;CELLS LEFT.
      LDA #00A ;TAKE WEIRD
      STA TOTCEL ;BOUND.
      LDA #001 ;SWITCH TO
      STA LISTPT ;TITLE SCREEN.
      STA VSTOP ;
      STA CH ;
      JSR SHUTUP ;SPACEBAR.
      LDA CH ;IS SPACEBAR
      CMP #021 ;PRESSED? NO,
      BNE :WAIT1 ;SO WAIT.
      LDA SKSTAT ;YES. IS BAR
      AND #004 ;STILL BEING
      BEQ :WAIT2 ;PRESSED?
      PLA ;RESTORE # OF
      STA TOTCEL ;CELLS LEFT.
      LDA #000 ;SWITCH BACK
      STA LISTPT ;TO PLAYFIELD
      STA VSTOP ;% CONTINUE...
      STA CH ;
* REFRESH CELLS (ONE PER PASS)
:REFCL DEC CELREF ;OUT OF CELLS
      BPL GETCEL ;TO REFRESH?
      LDA #009 ;YES. START
      STA CELREF ;AGAIN...
      LDX CELREF ;GET CELL # TO
      LDA CELMV,X ;REFRESH & SEE
      BNE GOTCEL ;IF IT MOVES.
      LDA CELLOX,X ;CELL X-COORD
      STA PLOTX ;
      LDA CELLOY,X ;CELL Y-COORD
      STA PLOTY ;
      LDA #1 ;SPEC. COLOR
      STA COLOR ;
      LDA #0 ;SPEC. OBJECT
      JSR OBJECT ;DRAW IT...
* DRAW MOVING CELLS (ALL AT ONCE)
GOTCEL LDA #009 ;SET UP CELL #
      STA CELNUM ;TO DRAW.
      LDX CELNUM ;GET CELL #.
      LDA CELMV,X ;IS IT BEING
      BEQ SAVE2 ;CARRIED OFF?
      JSR SHOCEL ;YES. DRAW IT.
      DEC CELNUM ;MOVE ON TO
      BPL SAVE1 ;NEXT CELL.
* DRAW & ERASE BACTERION! LASERS
LASER3 LDA #004 ;CHECK ALL
      STA LSRCNT ;VESSELS.
      LDX LSRCNT ;IS THIS VES-
      LDA LSRDIR,X ;SEL FIRING?
      BEG NXTLSR ;NO. CONTINUE.
      BMI LASER5 ;YES. ERASE?
      ORA #000 ;SET UP LASER
      STA LSRDIR,X ;TO BE ERASED.
      LDA #002 ;SPECIFY COLOR
      STA COLOR ;OF LASER.
      LDA GEVX,X ;GET X-COORD
      SEC ;OF FIRING
      SBC #44 ;VESSEL & USE
      STA LASERX,X ;AS LASER
      STA PLOTX ;X-COORD.
      LDA GEVY,X ;GET Y-COORD
      SEC ;OF FIRING
      SBC #01C ;VESSEL & USE
      CMP #192 ;AS LASER
      BCS LASER6 ;Y-COORD. DO
      STA LASERY,X ;NOT FIRE IF
      STA PLOTY ;NOT ON-SCREEN
      LDA LSRDIR,X ;ELSE. DRAW
      AND #007 ;FIRING LASER
      JSR OBJECT ;(DEATH RAY).
      JMP NXTLSR ;HANDLE NEXT.
      DMC LSRTIME,X ;TIME TO
      BPL NXTLSR ;ERASE LASER?
      LDA LASERX,X ;YES. GET X
      STA PLOTX ;COORD & Y
      LDA LASERY,X ;COORD FOR
      STA PLOTY ;ERASING
      LDA #000 ;SPECIFY COLOR
      STA COLOR ;AS BCKGROUND.
      LDA LSRDIR,X ;NOW ERASE
      AND #007 ;LASER.
      JSR OBJECT ;
      LDX LSRCNT ;TURN OFF
      LDA #000 ;LASER FOR
      STA LSRDIR,X ;THIS VESSEL.
      DEC LSRCNT ;HANDLED ALL
      LDA LSRCNT ;LASERS? IF
      CMP #001 ;SO. QUIT.
      BNE LASER3 ;ELSE GO BACK.
* DRAW & ERASE PROJECTILES
PROJ5 LDX #17 ;HANDLE ALL.
      LDA CELMV,X ;IS THIS BULLET
      BEQ PROJ6 ;ACTIVE?
      LDA CELLOX,X ;YES. GET X
      STA PLOTX ;COORD.
      LDA CELLOY,X ;GET Y-COORD.
      STA PLOTY ;OF BULLET.
      LDA #000 ;SET UP TO ERASE
      STA CELMV,X ;THIS BULLET.
      STA COLOR ;SPECIFY COLOR.
      STX :XHOLD ;SAVE X-REG.
      JSR PLOTPT ;ERASE IT NOW!
      LDX :XHOLD ;RESTORE X-REG.
      LDA CELLNX,X ;GET NEW BULLET
      STA CELLOX,X ;X COORD & PRE-
      STA PLOTX ;PARE TO PLOT.
      LDA CELLNY,X ;GET NEW BULLET
      STA CELLOY,X ;Y-COORD & PRE-
      STA PLOTY ;PARE TO PLOT.
      LDA #003 ;SPECIFY COLOR
      STA COLOR ;OF NEW BULLET.
      STX :XHOLD ;SAVE X-REG.
      JSR PLOTPT ;DRAW NEW BULLET
      LDX :XHOLD ;RESTORE X-REG.
      DEX ;MOVE ON TO NEXT
      CPX #005 ;BULLET. IF NONE
      BNE PROJ5 ;LEFT, QUIT.
* ALL CELLS GONE?

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:ROT10 DB $18,$08,$08,$78
DB $F8,$04,$02,$01
*
TANK ROTATION 11
:ROT11 DB $30,$08,$08,$18
DB $9C,$63,$00,$00
*
TANK ROTATION 12
:ROT12 DB $20,$D0,$08,$0F
DB $08,$D0,$20,$00
*
TANK ROTATION 13
:ROT13 DB $00,$00,$63,$1C
DB $18,$08,$08,$30
*
TANK ROTATION 14
:ROT14 DB $01,$02,$04,$F8
DB $98,$08,$08,$18
*
TANK ROTATION 15
:ROT15 DB $04,$04,$08,$78
DB $98,$04,$04,$08
*
BACTERION! #1
:GEV10 DB $18,$00,$24,$81
DB $81,$24,$00,$18
:GEV11 DB $18,$42,$24,$81
DB $81,$24,$42,$18
:GEV12 DB $99,$42,$24,$81
DB $81,$24,$42,$99
*
BACTERION! #2
:GEV20 DB $00,$00,$3C,$24
DB $24,$3C,$00,$00
:GEV21 DB $00,$66,$42,$18
DB $18,$42,$66,$00
:GEV22 DB $C3,$81,$00,$18
DB $18,$00,$81,$C3
*
BACTERION! #3
:GEV30 DB $3C,$42,$A5,$81
DB $81,$A5,$42,$3C
:GEV31 DB $00,$18,$24,$42
DB $42,$24,$18,$00
:GEV32 DB $00,$00,$18,$3C
DB $3C,$18,$00,$00
*
BACTERION! #4
:GEV40 DB $00,$00,$18,$24
DB $24,$18,$00,$00
:GEV41 DB $00,$18,$00,$5A
DB $5A,$00,$18,$00
:GEV42 DB $18,$00,$18,$A5
DB $A5,$18,$00,$18
*
BACTERION! #5
:GEV50 DB $20,$20,$E4,$18
DB $18,$27,$04,$04
:GEV51 DB $00,$24,$66,$18
DB $18,$66,$24,$00
:GEV52 DB $04,$04,$27,$18
DB $18,$E4,$20,$20
*
BACTERION! #6
:GEV60 DB $0C,$40,$90,$25
DB $25,$88,$40,$0C
:GEV61 DB $18,$00,$99,$A1
DB $04,$18,$42,$24
:GEV62 DB $30,$02,$19,$84
DB $A0,$19,$02,$30
:GEV63 DB $24,$42,$08,$24
DB $A3,$91,$00,$18
*
DETONATION
:EXP0 DB $00,$00,$00,$18
DB $18,$00,$00,$00
:EXP1 DB $00,$00,$08,$38
DB $1C,$10,$00,$00
:EXP2 DB $00,$08,$08,$78
DB $1E,$10,$10,$00
:EXP3 DB $08,$08,$2C,$E0
DB $07,$34,$10,$10
:EXP4 DB $08,$4A,$24,$C0
DB $03,$24,$52,$10
:EXP5 DB $09,$42,$24,$81
DB $01,$24,$42,$91
:EXP6 DB $81,$42,$00,$00
DB $00,$00,$42,$81
:EXP7 DB $81,$00,$00,$00
DB $00,$00,$00,$81
:EXP8 DB $00,$00,$00,$00
DB $00,$00,$00,$00
*
TYPE - TYPE OF TANK BEING DRAWN
* 0 - PLAYERS # 1 & 2
* 1-6 - BEVS 1,2,3,4,5,6
* 7 - DETONATION SEQUENCE
* PHASE - PHASE # OF BACTERION!
* 0-15 - PLAYERS # 1 & 2
* 16-19 - BACTERION! # 1
* 20-23 - BACTERION! # 2
* 24-27 - BACTERION! # 3
* 28-30 - BACTERION! # 4
* 31-34 - BACTERION! # 5
* 35-38 - BACTERION! # 6
* 39-48 - EXPLOSION SEQUENCE

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TITLE 'BACTERION TITLE SCREEN'

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PROC
*
BACTERION!
TITLE
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
DB $08,$07,$09,$16,$101
DB $14,$05,$11,$10,$065
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
*
THE PLAGUE OF 2369
TITLE2
DB $00,$180,$168,$165,$00,$176,$172
DB $161,$167,$181,$165,$00,$175,$166
DB $00,$210,$211,$214,$217,$00
*
TEAM SCORE
TEAM1
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
DB $80,$65,$161,$173,$000
DB $179,$163,$175,$178,$165
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
TEAM2
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
PLAYR1
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
PLAYR2
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
*
BY
NAME1
DB $0,$0,$0,$0,$0,$0
DB $00,$00,$00,$00,$34
DB $57,$00,$00,$00,$00
DB $00,$00,$00,$00,$00
*
KYLE PEACOCK
NAME2
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
DB $23,$249,$236,$229,$000,$240
DB $229,$225,$227,$239,$227,$235
DB $0,$0,$0,$0
*
WITH
NAME3
DB $0,$0,$0,$0,$0,$0
DB $5,$41,$52,$40,$0,$0
DB $0,$0,$0,$0,$0,$0
*
TOM HUDSON
NAME4
DB $0,$0,$0,$0,$0
DB $24,$239,$237,$000,$232
DB $24,$228,$243,$239,$238
DB $0,$0,$0,$0,$0
*
ANALOG COMPUTING
NAME5
DB $00,$00,$A1,$AE,$A1
DB $AC,$AF,$A7,$00,$A3
DB $AF,$AD,$B0,$B5,$B4
DB $A9,$AE,$A7,$00,$00

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TITLE 'JOYSTICK READING'

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STICKS PROC
LDX NOPLAY # OF PLAYERS
ACT4 LDA STOP,X #IS PLAYER DEAD?
BEQ ACT5 #NO CONTINUE.
DEC STOP,X #DEC. DEATH TIME
BNE NXTACT #CONTINUE.
JSR SETPLR #IF DEATH TIME=0
JMP NXTACT #REINCARNATE.
ACT5 JSR MOVPLR #MOVE PLAYER
DEC TURNIT,X #DEC. TURN TIME
BPL NXTACT #IF < 0 CONT.
LDA #03 #RESET TURN
STA TURNIT,X #TIME & STORE.
LDY STICK0,X #READ JOYSTICK.
LDA BEVDIR,X #UPDATE DIRECT-
CLC #ION ACCORDING
ADC DRHASH,Y #TO JOYSTICK.
JSR WRAP #TEST FOR WRAP
STA BEVDIR,X #AROUND &
STA PHASE,X #SAVE.
NXTACT DEX #HANDLE NEXT
BPL ACT4 #PLAYER.
RTS #ALL DONE...
*
GENERAL MOVEMENT ROUTINE
MOVPLR DEC SPEED,X #TIME TO MOVE?
BPL RTSMOV #NO, CONTINUE.
LDA STICK0,X #YES-READ STICK.
CMP #14 #FORWARD MOTION.
BEQ #MOV4 #FORWARD MOTION.
CMP #10 #FORWARD MOTION.
BEQ #MOV4 #FORWARD MOTION.
CMP #06 #FORWARD MOTION.
BNE #MOV5 #DEC. MOTION
DEC CSPEED,X #TITHER.
JMP #MOV6 #INC. MOTION
INC CSPEED,X #TITHER.
LDY CSPEED,X #TITHER.
LDA REHASH,Y #DETECT OVERFLOW
STA CSPEED,X #& CORRECT (IF
STA SPEED,X #ANY.) THEN SAVE
LDA SPEED,X #MOTION TIMER.
CMP DRHASH-1 #
BEQ RTSMOV #
JSR RTSMOV #
RTS #MOVE TO CORRECT
#ALL DONE...
TURNIT DB $0,$0 #PLAYERS' TURN TIMER.
*
SPEED LIMITATION DATABASE
REHASH DB $2,$2,$3,$4,$5,$6,$7,$8,$8

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\* JOYSTICK/DIRECTION ADD ONS

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DRHASH DB $0,$0,$0,$0,$1,$1,$1,$1
DB $0,$1,$1,$1,$1,$0,$0,$0

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TITLE 'COLLISION DETECTION'

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COLLIDE PROC
*
SHIP COLLISION
COL5 LDX NOPLAY # # OF PLAYERS
LDA STOP,X #IS THIS PLR ICED?
BNE COL7 #YES! MOVE ALONG.
LDA #01 #NO! CHECK FOR
STA IDIE #COLLISION...
AND #02 #PLR/PLR
BEQ COL7 #NO COLLISION.
JSR KILLME #SMASH! BANG!
COL7 INC IDIE #CHECK FOR ANOTHER
LDA P0PL,X #COLLISION...
AND #04 #PLR/BACTERION 1
BEQ COL8 #NO COLLISION.
JSR KILLME #OUCH! CRASH!
COL8 INC IDIE #CHECK FOR ANOTHER
LDA P0PL,X #COLLISION.
AND #08 #PLR/BACTERION 2
BEQ COL9 #NO COLLISION.
JSR KILLME #DING! DONG!
COL9 INC IDIE #CHECK FOR ANOTHER
LDY #03 #COLLISION! YES!
COL10 TXA #W/MISSILES...
CLC #
ADC #01 #
AND M0PL,Y #PLR/BACTERION 3
BEQ COL11 #NO COLLISION..
JSR KILLME #BING! ZAP!
COL11 DEY #CONTINUE CHECKING
BPL COL10 #
*
PLAYERS TOUCHING PODS?
DEC PODTME #TIME TO CHECK?
COL13 COL13 #NO! GO AWAY!
LDA #03 #RESET POD TIMER
STA PODTME #TO GO AGAIN.
LDA P0PF,X #SMASHED INTO
AND #01 #POD PLAYFIELD?
BEQ COL13 #NO! GO AWAY!
LDA #02 #YES! ROTATE
JSR RANDO #RANDOMLY.
LDY RANDOM #ROTATE RIGHT
BPL COL12 #OR LEFT?
EOR #FF #ROTATE RIGHT.
CLC #
ADC #01 #
#ROTATE LEFT.
COL12 ADC BEVDIR,X #COUNTERCLOCK)
JSR WRAP #CHECK FOR WRAP
STA BEVDIR,X #AROUND & SAVE
STA PHASE,X #NEW ROTATION.
*
PLAYER HIT BY LASER?
COL13 LDA P0PF,X #HAS PLAYER
AND #02 #COLLIDED WITH
BEQ COLXX #LASER PLAYFIELD?
STX YES #YES!
JSR KILLME #VAPORIZE HIM!!!
COLXX DEX #CHECK NEXT
BPL COL5 #PLAYER...
STA HITCLR #CLEAR COLLISIONS.
RTS #GO TO DARK SIDE OF MOON.
*
INSERT DEATH VALUE
KILLME STY YHOLD #SAVE Y-REG.
LDY IDIE #GET WHO DIES!
LDA STOP,Y #ARE THEY AL-
BNE #KILLX #READY DEAD?
TXA #NO! PREPARE
TAY #TO VAPORIZE!
JSR ZAPIT #ASHES TO ASHES!
LDY IDIE #VAPORIZE OTHER!
JSR ZAPIT #VESSEL AS WELL!
INC NOKILL,X #INC # OF KILLS!
LDY YHOLD #RESTORE Y-REG.
RTS #GET LOST!!!
*
CHANGE TO DEATH STATUS
ZAPIT LDA STOP,Y #IS THIS VESSEL
BNE ZAPRTS #ALREADY ICED!
LDA #07 #NO! START VESSEL
STA TYPE,Y #DETONTATION!!!
LDA #120 #GIVE THEM A
STA STOP,Y #DEATH STATUS.
LDA #00 #TURN OFF BACTER-
STA LSOUND #ION! LASER SOUND.
LDA #66 #START UP DETONAT-
STA XSOUND #ION SOUND.
RTS #BEAT IT!
ZAPRTS PLA #PREMATURE (PACK
PLA #RETURN.
LDY YHOLD #YOUR BAGS AND
RTS #HIT THE ROAD!
IDIE DB $0 #VESSEL # TO DIE.
YHOLD DB $0 #Y-REG. STORAGE.
PODTME DB $0 #ROTATION TIMER.

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TITLE 'FIRE PLAYER PROJECTILES'

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SHOOT PROC
JSR FIRST #DO THIS FIRST.
JMP SECOND #DO THIS SECOND.
*
INITIALIZE PROJECTILES
FIRST SHOOT5 LDX NOPLAY # # OF PLAYERS
LDA STOP,X #IS PLAYER ICED?
BNE XSHOOT #YES! SKIP HIM!
LDA F0ELAY,X #OK TO FIRE?
BEQ SHOOT6 #YES! CONTINUE.
DEC FDELAY,X #NO! CONT. TIMER.
JMP XSHOOT #SKIP TO NEXT.
SHOOT6 LDA NOBULL,X #ALL BULLETS
CMP #04 #FIRED ALREADY?

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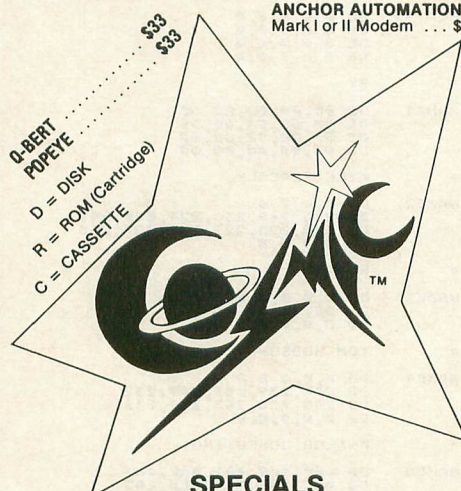
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BCS XSHOOT  YES! SKIP HIM.
LDA TR180,X  BUTTON PRESSED?
BNE XSHOOT  NO! SKIP HIM.
INC NOBULL,X  INC # BULLETS.
LDA #007     MAKE CANNON
STA CSOUND   FIRING SOUND.
LDA #003     SET UP FIRING
STA FDELAY,X  DELAY.
LDY #12      FIND AN UNUSED
LDA BULLET,Y  ARRAY SLOT FOR
BMT SHOOT8    A PROJECTILE.
DEY          DON'T STOP
BNE SHOOT7    UNTIL YOU DO!!!
STY BSLOT    ARRAY SLOT #.
TXA          SAVE WHICH PLR
STA BULLET,Y  WHO FIRED.
LDY GEVDIR,X  POINT OF PRO-
TYA          JECTILE ACCORD-
LDA DELX,Y    ING TO PLAYER'S
ASL A         ANGLE OF ROT-
CLC          TATION & OF
ADC GEVX,X    (COURSE)
SEC          PLAYER'S
SBC #44       X & Y COORDS.
LDY BSLOT     I
STA GEVX,Y    YUP!
PLA          THAT'S WHAT ALL
STA GEVDIR,Y  THIS CODE DOES.
TAY          LDA DELY,Y
LDA DELY,Y    I I DARE ANYONE
ASL A         TO COME UP WITH
CLC          A BETTER PUBLIC
ADC BEVY,X    DOMAIN PROGRAM.
SEC          SBC #1C
LDY BSLOT     HUDSON...
STA BEVY,Y    SO THERE!!!

XSHOOT DEX      MOVE ALONG TO
BPL SHOOT5    NEXT PLAYER.
RTS          BEGONE!!!

* MOVE PROJECTILES
SECOND LDX #12    HANDLE OWN.
TRAV5 LDA BULLET,X  ANYBODY ALL.
BMT XTRAV     THIS BULLET?
JSR MOVSUB    YES! MOVE IT!
LDA BEVX,X    OUT OF
CMP #162      BOUNDS?
BCS :DEACT    YES! BYE!
STA CELLNX+5,X
LDA BEVY,X    OUT OF
CMP #192      BOUNDS?
BCS :DEACT    YES! LATER!
STA CELLNY+5,X

TRAV6 LDY #004    IS THIS BULLET
LDA STOP,Y    WITHIN RANGE OF
BNE TRAV7     ANY OF THE
LDA BEVX,X    BACTERIONS!
CLC          I
ADC #48       LETHAL RANGE
SEC          IS WITHIN
SBC BEVX,Y    IS UNITS ON
CMP #009      EITHER X OR Y
BCS TRAV7     AXIS.
LDA BEVY,X    I
CLC          I
ADC #20       I
SEC          I
SBC BEVY,Y    I
CMP #009      I
BCS TRAV7     I
JSR ZAPIT     EXTERMINATE!!!

STX :XHOLD    SAVE X-REG.
LDA BULLET,X  FIND BULLET
TXA          OWNER & INC.
INC NOKILL,X  # OF KILLS.
LDX :XHOLD    REG. X-REG.

:DEACT STX :XHOLD    SAVE X-REG.
LDA BULLET,X  GET BULLET
TXA          OWNER & DEC.
DEC NOBULL,X  # OF BULLETS.
LDX :XHOLD    REG. X-REG.
LDA #00FF     DEACTIVATE
STA BULLET,X  BULLET (NO
STA CELLNX+5,X  OWNER OR X,
STA CELLNY+5,X  Y COORDS)
BNE TRAV8     GET OUT!

TRAV7 DEY      CHECK FOR COLL-
CFY #001      SION WITH NEXT
BNE TRAV6     BACTERION!

TRAV8 LDA #001    BULLET LIVES.
STA CELLMV+5,X  MOVE IT.

XTRAV DEX      MOVE NEXT BULLET.
CFX #004      OUT OF BULLETS TO
BNE TRAV5     MOVE?
RTS          YES! LATER Y'ALL!

BSLOT DB 0       UNUSED ARRAY SLOT.
:XHOLD DB 0       X-REG. TEMP STORE.

TITLE 'BACTERION! GRAPHICS PLOTTER'

* -----
* GR. 7+ PLOTTER ROUTINE
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* -----

PLOTTER PROC
* POINT PLOTTER ROUTINE
PLOTPT LDX PLOTX    Y-Y-COORD.
CPX #193     OFFSCREEN?
BCS :PBYE    YES! QUIT!
LDA LOTBL,X  NO! GET LO
STA LO       & HI BYTE
LDA HITBL,X  RAM AREA.
STA HIT      I
LDA PLOTX    X-COORD.
CMP #160     OFFSCREEN?
BCS :PBYE    YES! QUIT!
AND #3       PLOT INDEX
TXA          I
LDA PLOTX    GET PLOTX &
LSR A        DIVIDE
LSR A        BY 4.
STA YOFSET   I

LDY COLOR     GET COLOR &
LDA :BMSK2,X  MASK OFF
AND :COLRS,Y  PIXEL POS.
STA HOLD     SAVE IT
LDA :BMSK1,X  MASK OFF PIXEL
LDY YOFSET    OF ADDR TO BE
AND (LO),Y    ALTERED.
ORA HOLD      SET PLOT BITS
STA (LO),Y    SET
RTS          ALL DONE...

DRAW FROM/TO ROUTINE
DRAWTO LDA DRAWY    IS DRAWY
CMP PLOTX     PLOTY?
BCC :YMNUS    NO!
SEC          SUB. PLOTX
SBC PLOTX     FROM DRAWY &
STA DELTAY    SAVE DIFF.
LDA #1        Y INC. = 1.
INCY (DOWN)   I
BNE :XVEC     BRANCH!
LDA PLOTX     SUB. DRAWY
SEC          FROM PLOTX &
SBC DELTAY    SAVE DIFF.
STA DELTAY    I
LDA #255      Y INC. = -1.
INCY (UP)     I
LDA DRAWX     IS DRAWX
CMP PLOTX     PLOTX?
BCC :XMNUS    NO!
SEC          SUB. DRAWX
SBC PLOTX     FROM PLOTX
STA DELTAY    & SAVE DIFF.
LDA #1        Y INC. IS 1
INCY (RIGHT)  I
BNE :VCSET    BRANCH!
LDA DRAWX     SUB. DRAWX
SEC          FROM PLOTX
SBC DELTAY    & SAVE DIFF.
STA DELTAY    I
LDA #255      X INC IS -1
INCY (LEFT)   I
LDA ACCY      ZERO OUT
STA ACCY      I-Y-ACC.
LDA ACCX      I-Y-ACC.
STA ACCX      I
LDA DELTAY    IS DELTAX >
CMP DELTAX     DELTAY?
BCC :YMAX     NO!
STA COUNTR     SAVE DELTAX
LDA ENDPNT     IN COUNTR. ENDPNT.
LSR A          DIV. BY 2 &
STA ACCY      STORE IN Y-ACC.
JMP :DRAWB    START DRAW
LDA DELTAY     DELTAY LARGER.
STA COUNTR     STORE IT IN
LDA ENDPNT     COUNTR, ENDPNT.
LSR A          DIV BY 2 &
STA ACCX      STORE IN X-ACC.

* BEGIN DRAWING TO DESTINATION
DRAWB LDA COUNTR  IF COUNTR=0...
BEQ :DRAWB    NO DRAW!
LDA ACCY      ADD DELTAX
CLC          TO Y-ACC.
ADC DELTAY    I
BCC :OVER1    I
STA ACCY      I
LDA ENDPNT     AT ENDPNT YET?
BCC :BEGN2    NO. GO DD X.
LDA ACCY      SUB ENDPNT
SEC          FROM Y-ACC.
:OVER1 SBC ENDPNT  I
STA ACCY      I
LDA PLOTX      AND INC. THE
CLC          Y. POSITION.
ADC INCY      I
STA PLOTX      I
LDA ACCX      ADD DELTAX TO
CLC          X-ACC.
ADC DELTAX    I
BCC :OVER2    I
STA ACCX      I
LDA ENDPNT     AT ENDPNT. YET?
BCC :PLOTT    NO. GO PLOT.
LDA ACCX      SUB. ENDPNT
SEC          FROM X-ACC.
:OVER2 SBC ENDPNT  I
STA ACCX      I
LDA PLOTX      AND INC.
CLC          PLOT X
ADC INCY      I
STA PLOTX      I
LDA ENDPNT     PLOT POINT.
JMP :PLOTT     MORE TO DRAW?
:DEACT SBC ENDPNT  I
STA COUNTR     YES!
LDA ENDPNT     NO, ALL DONE...
RTS          I

* DRAW AN INDIVIDUAL CELL
SHOCEL LDX CELNUM  CELL # TO DRAW
LDA #000     SPECIFY COLOR
STA CELLMV,X  DON'T UPDATE
TXA          AGAIN.
LDA CELLOX,X  GET OLD X-COORD
STA PLOTX     & STORE
LDA CELLOY,X  GET OLD Y-COORD
STA PLOTY     & STORE
LDA #000     SPECIFY OBJECT
JMP :DRAWB    & DRAW IT...
LDX CELNUM    CELL # TO DRAW
LDA CELLMV,X  GET NEW X-COORD
STA PLOTX     & STORE
LDA CELLOX,X  GET NEW Y-COORD
STA PLOTY     & STORE
LDA #1        SPECIFY COLOR
STA COLOR     OF CELL
LDA #0        SPECIFY OBJECT
JMP :DRAWB    & DRAW IT...
RTS          ALL DONE...

* CELL MOVER
OBJECT ASL A        MULT OBJECT
ASL A        INDEX BY 8
ASL A        TO POINT INTO
STA SHAPIX    SHAPE TABLE
LDA #8        8 LINES MAX
STA SHAPCT    IN SHAPE
LDX SHAPIX     GET LINE #
LDY OBJDIR,X  ITS DIRECTION
BMT ENDOBJ     IF *FF ALL DONE
PXINC,Y       GET X INCREMENT
PYINC,Y       AND Y INCREMENT
YI            I
OBJLEN,X      AND LINE LENGTH

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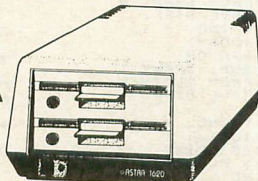
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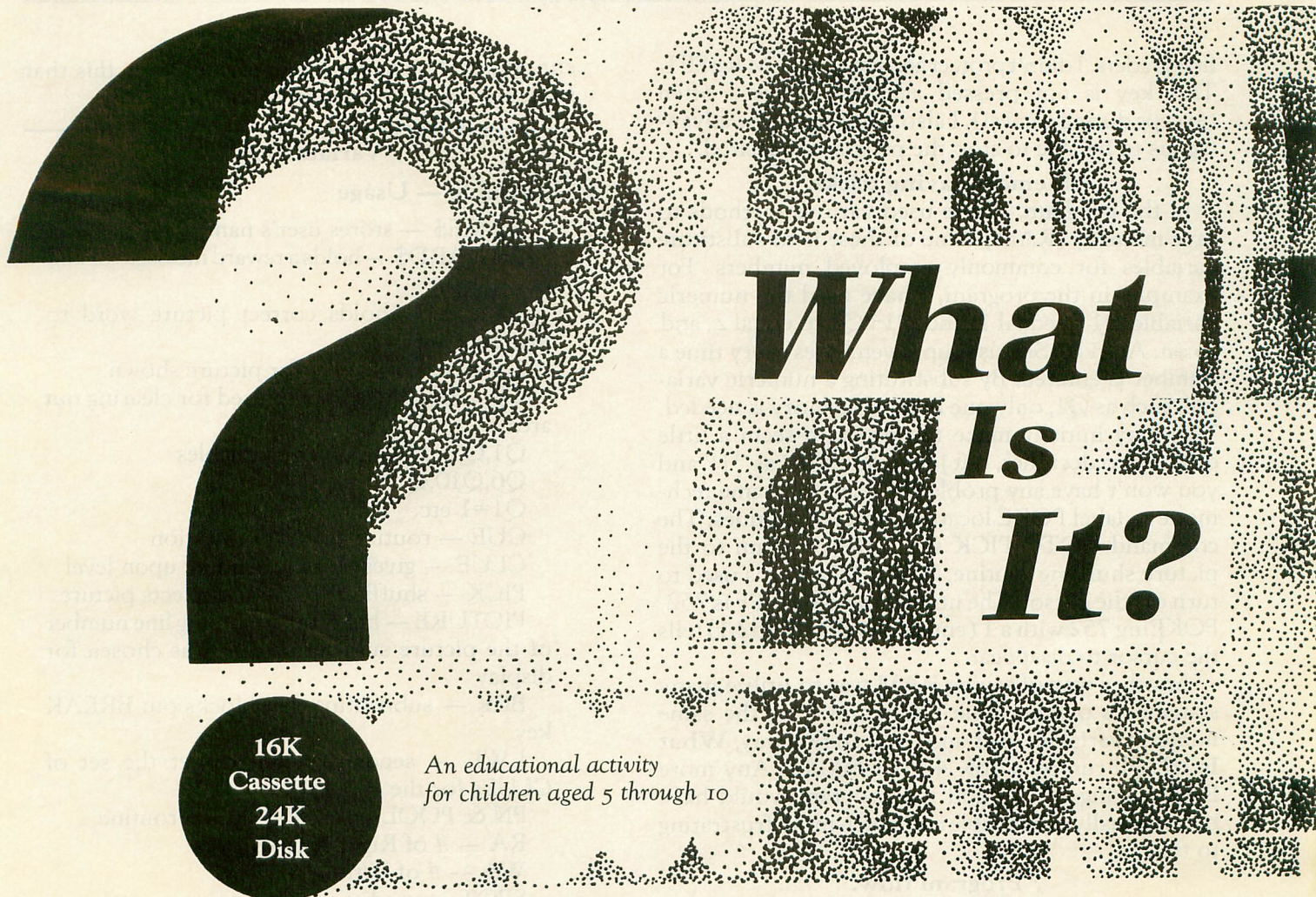
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# What Is It?

16K  
Cassette  
24K  
Disk

*An educational activity  
for children aged 5 through 10*

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by Larry W. Linson

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**What Is It?** is an activity that I began writing for my first grade class, in the fall of 1982. It's a reading/spelling activity in which you are asked to identify a series of seven random pictures. The program is similar to the reading workbooks children use in the primary grades. The child simply needs to type in the picture-word that corresponds with the picture. For example, if a picture of a HOUSE appears, then the word "HOUSE" should be typed in. In **What Is It?** there are four levels of difficulty. Level 1 offers a single clue, the name of the picture. Level 2 gives the picture word and two distracting clues which are not similar to the picture word. Level 3 gives the picture word and three other similar distractors such as HOUSE, HORSE, MOUSE and HOWLS. Level 4 gives no hints at all; the word must be typed in from the child's memory. The program keeps score and reports it after each correct answer. The program keeps score and reports it after each correct answer. I've now had close to fifty children test this program, and most of the "bugs" have been worked out, with many new features added to the original program.

## Error trapping.

Children working on Atari computers have the most trouble with accidentally pressing the BREAK key when they want the BACK SPACE key, which is right "next door." I avoided this problem by OPENing the keyboard, rather than using the INPUT command. By using this technique, if a mistake is made and BACK SPACE is pressed, then the program clears the student's response and waits for another. An undesired response can be cleared at any time by pressing either the SPACE BAR or the BACK SPACE key.

The BREAK key was disabled to prevent the program from being stopped prematurely. This was accomplished by using POKE 16,64 and POKE 53774,64. I used a short subroutine at Line 13000 for this, since the POKE must be repeated after each graphics mode change. I also used various TRAP statements for "catching" errors. In this way, the program doesn't halt if an error is detected. The children in my classes have been rather *inventive* in finding ways to "break" or "crash" programs. To date, **What Is It?** hasn't been crashed by any of my



first graders. I didn't protect against SYSTEM RESET. This key is not pressed accidentally very often (except during games!). I also felt it might be advantageous to be able to stop the program if desired.

### Memory-saving tricks.

In the program, I have used various methods to save memory (RAM). One of these is to substitute variables for commonly employed numbers. For example, in the program, I have used the numeric variable Q1 to equal 1, and Q1+Q1 to equal 2, and so on. Atari BASIC uses up seven bytes every time a number is entered. By substituting a numeric variable, such as Q1, only one byte of memory is needed. This may initially make the program seem a little difficult to decipher, but just read "Q1" as "1" and you won't have any problem. I used this same technique to label POKE locations and subroutines. The command GOTO PICK sends the program to the picture shuffling routine. POKE OFF, Q1 is used to turn off the cursor. The number held by OFF is 752. POKEing 752 with a 1 (entered as POKE 752,1) tells the cursor to disappear.

Another way of saving RAM was to utilize many statements on the same line, employing the same numeric variables over and over. In this way, **What Is It?** will run on a 16K 400 or 600XL. Any more RAM-saving stunts, and the program would have been virtually unreadable and much more frustrating to type in!

### Program flow.

The program is set up rather logically—to my way of thinking, anyway! **What Is It?** begins with a title page and then asks for your name. You select the level you wish to try, and a series of seven random pictures follows. Having only eleven pictures in the program's library may not seem like very many, but I believe that my students enjoy the familiarity and reinforcement they achieve with this library of pictures. Since each picture is picked at random, and the program will not pick the same picture twice, there are over one and one-half million different combinations of the eleven pictures! Check it yourself—try this on your Atari: PRINT (11\*10\*9\*8\*7\*6\*5). The results are staggering, aren't they?

After each picture word is correctly answered, a short reward sequence is initiated. After the seventh picture, an overall score is given, and you are asked if you would like to try again. Many of the techniques that I have used in **What Is It?** have been borrowed from other programmers. The idea of using numeric variables comes from Jerry White; the picture-shuffling routine in Lines 4000-4010 is from James Korenthal; and the practice of using DATA statements to READ numbers to PLOT and DRAWTO for graphics, I learned from Elaine Garringer. I have found that the best way to learn how to program is to type in programs, such as this one, RUN it and then study the code to see how the author achieved differ-

ent effects. I've learned more from doing this than from any book I have purchased! □

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### Variable table.

#### Variable — Usage

NAME\$ — stores user's name  
 REWARD\$ — holds a reward message for end of program  
 TEMP\$ — holds correct picture word to match to answer  
 G\$ — user's answer for picture shown  
 T\$ — large blank space used for clearing out area  
 Q1,Q2,Q3 — numeric variables  
 Q6,Q10,Q20  
 Q1=1 etc.  
 CUE — routine that asks question  
 CLUE — gives clues depending upon level  
 PICK — shuffle routine that selects picture  
 PICTURE — holds the beginning line number of the picture subroutine that was chosen for display  
 BRK — subroutine that blocks out BREAK key  
 LWL — sends program to get the set of CLUES for the appropriate level  
 PN & POOL — used in shuffle routine  
 RA — # of Right Answers  
 WA — # of Wrong Answers  
 SPOT — used as a return point in setting up TRAP statement  
 LV — the selected level  
 HOU,STA,BOX,KIT,BOO,TV,TRU,FOOT,FAC,CON,LOL — used in subroutine that weeds out pictures already used, so the same picture is not shown twice  
 COUNT — Keeps track of the number of pictures shown.  
 OFF — stores POKE location 752, turns off cursor  
 KOLOR — holds the RANDOM number used to POKE into locations 710 & 712, which control the background and text window colors.

The rest of the variables are used as simple counters, for delay statements or PLOT and DRAWTO routines.

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### Take-apart.

**Lines 0-5** — Sends program to initialize variables at Line 15000.

**Lines 6-19** — Displays title page and gets child's name.

**Lines 20-35** — Child selects level of difficulty and program assigns variables for the appropriate level.

**Lines 40-90** — The routine that draws the pictures and stores the correct answer for the



computer to compare to the child's response.

**Line 95** — Sends program to the subroutine to display clues assigned to that level, and then on to the input routine.

**Lines 100-1110** — DATA for the eleven pictures.

**Lines 1500-1512** — The answer INPUT routine.

**Lines 1950-1960** — Reward sequence.

**Line 1962** — Selects random number for background color and text window.

**Line 1963** — Sends program to randomly select a new picture.

**Lines 2000-2005** — Incorrect answer sequence, sends program back for clues so child can enter the correct answer.

**Lines 4000-4030** — Sequence to randomly select a picture and check to see if picture has already been used, if so program goes back to select another.

**Lines 4060-4079** — Ending sequence — based on performance, selects an overall rating and asks if child would like to try again.

**Lines 5000-5100** — Clues for Level 1.

**Lines 6000-6100** — Clues for Level 2.

**Lines 7000-7100** — Clues for Level 3.

**Line 8000** — Level 4 offers no clues, so program is returned to answer input routine.

**Line 13000** — Routine to POKE out BREAK key, which must be done after each graphics mode change.

**Line 13500** — TRAPS keyboard errors and returns program to the proper SPOT.

**Line 14000** — Sets graphics mode and screen color for pictures, turns off cursor.

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0 REM WHAT IS IT? LW.LINSON
5 GOSUB 15000:GRAPHICS Q2:GOSUB BRK:PO
KE 710,48:POKE 712,48:POKE 708,26:RA=Q
0:WA=Q0:POKE OFF,Q1
6 FOR D=Q2 TO 16 STEP Q2:POSITION D,Q0
:? #Q6;"":POSITION D,Q2:? #Q6;"":N
EXT D
7 POSITION Q2,Q1:? #Q6;" WHAT IS IT?
"
9 POSITION Q5,Q6:? #Q6;"C + +":POSI
TION Q2,Q9:? #Q6;"LENN L. LINSON":SPO
T=17:TRAP QTRAP
11 FOR D=Q1 TO 1000:NEXT D:POSITION Q6
,Q9:? #Q6;T$=POSITION Q2,Q9:? #Q6;"
"
12 POSITION Q3,Q4:? #Q6;"what is":POSI
TION Q5,Q6:? #Q6;"your name?"
13 POKE OFF,Q1:? :? " [SPACE]
[ ] ERASES NAME"
14 POKE 755,Q2:POKE KEY,Q255:OPEN #Q1,
Q4,Q0,"K":POSITION Q7,Q9:FOR D=Q1 TO
12:POKE 702,64:POKE 694,Q0
15 GET #Q1,A:IF A=Q155 THEN 19
16 IF A<Q65 OR A>Q90 THEN A=Q32
17 IF A=Q32 OR A=Q126 THEN POSITION Q7
,Q9:? #Q6;T$=CLOSE #Q1:NAME$="":TRAP Q
TRAP:GOTO 14
18 ? #Q6;CHR$(A);:NAME$(LEN(NAME$)+Q1)
=CHR$(A):NEXT D
19 IF D>12 OR NAME$="" THEN A=Q32:GOTO
17
20 FOR D=Q1 TO Q52:NEXT D:POKE OFF,Q1:
CLOSE #Q1:GOSUB 16000

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27 TRAP Q29:CLOSE #Q1
28 POKE KEY,Q255:POKE OFF,Q1:? :? "Wha
t level, ";NAME$;"?";" [ ] [ ] [ ]
29 POKE 702,64:POKE 694,Q0:CLOSE #1:GO
SUB BRK:OPEN #Q1,Q4,Q0,"K":GET #Q1,L:
K0=6
30 IF L=Q49 THEN L=Q0:LV=Q1:CLOSE #Q1:
GOTO PICK
31 IF L=50 THEN L=1000:LV=Q2:CLOSE #Q1
:GOTO PICK
32 IF L=51 THEN L=2000:LV=Q3:CLOSE #Q1
:GOTO PICK
33 IF L=Q52 THEN L=3000:LV=Q4:CLOSE #Q
1:GOTO PICK
34 IF L<Q49 OR L>Q52 THEN GOTO Q29
35 IF L<Q49 OR L>Q52 THEN GOTO Q29
40 GOSUB KOLOR
50 READ A,B,C,D,E,F,G
60 PLOT A,B:DRAWTO C,D:DRAWTO E,F:IF G
=-Q1 THEN TEMP$="HOUSE":G=Q0:HOU=99:GO
TO 110
61 IF G=-Q2 THEN G=Q10:TEMP$="STAR":ST
A=199:GOTO Q90
62 IF G=-Q3 THEN G=Q20:TEMP$="BOX":BOX
=299:GOTO Q90
63 IF G=-Q4 THEN G=30:TEMP$="KITE":KIT
=399:GOTO Q90
65 IF G=-Q5 THEN G=50:TEMP$="BOOK":BOO
=599:GOTO Q90
66 IF G=-Q6 THEN G=60:TEMP$="TV":TV=69
9:GOTO Q90
68 IF G=-Q7 THEN G=80:TEMP$="TRUCK":TR
U=899:GOTO 915
69 IF G=-Q8 THEN G=90:TEMP$="FOOTBALL"
:FOOT=999:GOTO 1020
70 IF G=-Q9 THEN G=100:TEMP$="FACE":FA
C=1099:GOTO Q90
80 GOTO 50
90 IF LV=Q4 THEN G=Q0
95 GOSUB CLUE+L+G:GOTO CUE
99 RESTORE 100:GOTO Q40
100 DATA 50,30,80,15,110,30,0,110,30,5
0,30,50,70,0,50,70,110,70,110,30,0,110
,30,130,20,130,60,0
101 DATA 130,60,110,70,110,70,0,105,5,
130,20,130,20,0,80,15,105,5,105,5,0
102 DATA 75,16,75,5,65,10,0,65,10,65,2
1,65,21,0,60,24,60,10,71,4,0,71,4,75,4
,75,4,0,65,10,60,10,60,10,0
103 DATA 75,55,75,70,85,70,0,85,70,85,
55,75,55,0,70,50,50,50,50,40,0,58,40,7
0,40,70,50,0,64,49,64,41,64,41,0
104 DATA 59,45,69,45,69,45,0,90,40,90,
50,102,50,0,102,50,102,40,90,40,0,91,4
5,101,45,101,45,0,96,41,96,49,96,49,-1
110 READ H,I,J,K,L1
115 PLOT H,I:PLOT J,K:IF L1=-Q1 THEN G
OTO Q90
116 GOTO 110
120 DATA 61,4,59,3,0,57,2,68,2,0,66,1,
66,4,0,64,3,62,2,0,55,1,52,1,0,60,1,58
,0,0,64,0,83,63,-1
199 RESTORE 200:GOTO Q40
200 DATA 83,8,106,66,50,32,1,50,32,116
,32,60,66,1,60,66,83,8,83,8,-2
299 RESTORE 300:GOTO Q40
300 DATA 100,20,80,10,60,20,0,60,20,80
,30,100,20,0,100,20,100,50,80,60,0
301 DATA 80,60,60,50,60,20,0,80,30,80,
60,80,60,-3
399 RESTORE 400:GOTO Q40
400 DATA 60,10,40,30,60,62,0,60,62,80,
30,60,10,0,60,62,64,70,73,73,0,73,73,7
7,65,85,68,0,85,68,90,66,95,70,0
401 DATA 95,70,103,65,103,65,0,60,11,6
0,61,60,61,0,41,30,78,30,78,30,-4
499 G=Q40:GOSUB KOLOR:FOR W=50 TO 102:
K=Q7:Y=76:Z=61
502 PLOT W,X:DRAWTO Y,Z:NEXT W:TEMP$="
CONE":CON=499:POKE OFF,Q1:GOTO Q90
599 RESTORE 600:GOTO Q40
600 DATA 102,70,62,70,62,22,0,62,22,10
2,22,102,70,0,102,70,108,64,108,16,0,1
08,16,68,16,62,22,0
601 DATA 108,16,102,22,102,22,0,66,18,
106,18,106,66,0,64,20,104,20,104,68,0,
76,28,72,28,72,34,0

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602 DATA 74,32,72,32,72,32,0,80,34,80,
28,84,28,0,84,28,84,34,80,34,0,88,28,9
2,34,92,34,0,88,34,92,28,92,28,0
603 DATA 76,42,76,48,76,48,0,80,48,80,
42,84,48,0,84,48,84,42,84,42,0,68,56,6
4,56,68,62,0,68,62,64,62,64,62,0
604 DATA 72,62,72,56,76,56,0,76,56,76,
62,72,62,0,84,56,80,56,80,62,0,80,62,8
4,62,84,62,0,88,56,88,62,88,62,0
605 DATA 92,56,88,60,92,62,0,100,56,96
56,100,62,0,100,62,96,62,96,62,-5
699 RESTORE 700:GOTO Q40
700 DATA 112,70,50,70,50,30,0,50,30,11
2,30,112,70,0,112,70,120,62,120,22,0,1
20,22,58,22,50,30,0
701 DATA 120,22,112,30,112,30,0,58,36,
58,66,102,66,0,102,66,102,36,58,36,0,8
8,24,84,24,84,26,0,84,26,88,26,88,24,0
702 DATA 88,24,102,6,102,6,0,84,24,72,
6,72,6,0,108,38,106,38,106,36,0,106,36
108,36,108,38,0
704 DATA 108,44,106,44,106,42,0,106,42
108,42,108,44,0,108,50,106,50,106,48,
0,106,48,108,48,108,50,-6
799 GOSUB KOLOR:RESTORE 804
802 READ A,B,C,D
803 PLOT A,B:DRAWTO C,D:IF D=0 THEN GO
TO 850
804 DATA 90,30,90,38,92,22,92,44,94,20
94,48,96,18,96,50,98,14,98,52,100,14,
100,54,102,12,102,56
805 DATA 104,10,104,57,106,9,106,58,10
8,9,108,59,110,8,110,59,112,7,112,60,1
14,7,114,60,116,6,116,61
806 DATA 118,7,118,60,120,7,120,60,122
8,122,59,124,9,124,59,126,9,126,58,12
8,10,128,57,130,12,130,56
807 DATA 132,14,132,54,134,14,134,52,1
36,18,136,50,138,20,138,48,140,22,140,
44,142,30,142,38,30,62,32,66
808 DATA 32,66,93,47,91,45,30,62,0,0,0
0
849 IF D>Q1 THEN GOTO 802
850 G=70:TEMP$="LOLLIPOP":LOL=799:POKE
752,Q1:GOTO Q90
899 RESTORE 900:GOTO Q40
900 DATA 76,12,58,12,52,18,0,52,18,52,
58,76,58,0,76,58,76,32,76,12,0,76,32,5
2,32,52,32,0
901 DATA 81,33,81,13,77,9,0,77,9,57,9,
49,17,0,49,17,49,33,21,33,0,21,33,17,3
6,17,39,0,17,51,21,49,21,43,0
902 DATA 21,43,17,39,15,43,0,15,43,15,
47,17,51,0,17,51,17,59,23,65,0,23,65,3
1,65,31,55,0,31,55,36,52,44,52,0
903 DATA 44,52,47,55,47,65,0,47,65,101
65,101,55,0,101,55,106,52,114,52,0,11
4,52,117,55,117,65,0
904 DATA 117,65,137,65,144,58,0,144,58
144,36,141,33,0,141,33,81,33,81,33,0,
34,66,36,70,44,70,0
905 DATA 44,70,46,66,46,66,0,104,66,10
6,70,114,70,0,114,70,116,66,116,66,-7
915 X=55:Y=X:X1=X:Y1=Y
916 PLOT 131,X:DRAWTO 147,Y:PLOT 14,X1
:DRAWTO 29,Y1:X1=X1+Q1:Y1=Y1+Q1:X=X+Q1
:Y=Y+Q1:IF Y1=62 THEN GOTO Q90
919 GOTO 916
940 X=38:Y=X
941 PLOT 23,X:DRAWTO 140,Y:X=X+Q1:Y=X:
IF Y=41 THEN PLOT 24,43:DRAWTO 140,43:
GOTO 950
944 GOTO 941
950 X=58:Y=X:X1=X:Y1=Y
951 PLOT 38,X:DRAWTO 42,Y:PLOT 108,X1:
DRAWTO 112,Y1:X1=X1+Q1:Y1=Y1+Q1:X=X1:Y=Y1
:IF Y1=62 THEN GOTO Q90
955 GOTO 951
999 RESTORE 1000:GOTO Q40
1000 DATA 20,40,24,46,30,54,0,30,54,40
60,50,64,0,50,64,58,66,72,70,0,72,70,
88,70,102,66,0,102,66,110,64,120,60,0
1001 DATA 120,60,130,54,136,46,0,136,4
6,140,40,136,34,0,136,34,130,26,120,20
0,120,20,110,16,102,14,0
1002 DATA 102,14,94,12,80,10,0,80,10,7
2,10,58,14,0,58,14,50,16,40,20,0,40,20
30,26,24,34,0,24,34,20,40,20,40,0
1003 DATA 40,60,50,61,50,61,0,40,60,50
62,50,62,0,40,60,50,63,50,63,0,40,20,
50,19,50,19,0,40,20,50,18,50,18,0
1004 DATA 40,20,50,17,50,17,0,120,60,1
10,63,110,63,0,120,60,110,62,110,62,0,
120,60,110,61,110,61,0
1005 DATA 120,20,110,19,110,19,0,120,2
0,110,18,110,18,0,120,20,110,17,110,17
-8
1020 X=34:Y=X
1022 PLOT 66,X:DRAWTO 96,Y:X=X+Q2:Y=X:
IF Y=44 THEN GOTO 1030
1028 GOTO 1022
1030 X=72:Y=X
1032 PLOT X,Q32:DRAWTO Y,44:X=X+Q3:Y=X
:IF Y>92 THEN GOTO 1040
1038 GOTO 1032
1040 X=Q20:Y=X:X1=X:Y1=Y
1042 PLOT Q40,X:DRAWTO 50,Y:PLOT 110,X
1:DRAWTO 120,Y1:X1=X1+Q1:Y1=Y1+Q1:X=X1:Y=
Y1:IF Y1=62 THEN GOTO Q90
1048 GOTO 1042
1099 GOSUB 1107:RESTORE 1100:GOTO 50
1100 DATA 65,13,97,13,105,25,1,105,25,
105,57,97,65,1,97,65,65,65,57,1,55,
57,55,25,65,13,1,67,27,73,27,73,33,1
1102 DATA 73,33,67,33,67,27,1,89,27,95
27,95,33,1,95,33,89,33,89,27,1,65,49,
69,57,73,59,1,73,59,89,59,93,55,1
1104 DATA 93,55,97,49,89,51,1,89,51,73
51,65,49,1,89,55,89,55,73,55,1,65,49,
73,55,73,55,1,65,49,73,55,73,55,1
1105 DATA 97,49,89,55,89,55,1,79,35,79
43,83,43,1,83,43,83,45,77,45,1,77,45,
77,35,79,35,1,73,29,69,29,69,33,1
1106 DATA 89,29,93,29,93,33,-9
1107 GOSUB KOLOR:X=73:Y=X
1108 PLOT X,51:DRAWTO Y,59:X=X+Q4:Y=X:
IF Y=93 THEN RETURN
1110 GOTO 1108
1500 POKE KEY,Q255:SOUND Q0,Q40,Q10,14
:FOR D=Q1 TO Q20:NEXT D:SOUND Q0,Q0,Q0
:Q0:? :? :? " This is a ...";
1501 SPOT=1507:TRAP QTRAP:OPEN #Q1,Q4,
Q0,"K":GOSUB BRK
1505 FOR D=Q1 TO 12:GET #Q1,A:IF A=Q15
5 THEN 1510
1506 IF A<Q65 OR A>Q90 THEN A=Q32
1507 IF A=Q32 OR A=Q126 THEN ? "K":CLO
SE #Q1:G$="":GOTO 2005
1508 ? CHR$(A):G$(LEN(G$)+Q1)=CHR$(A)
:NEXT D
1509 IF D>12 THEN A=Q32:GOTO 1507
1510 IF G$="" THEN A=Q32:GOTO 1507
1511 IF G$=TEMP$ THEN CLOSE #Q1:G$="":
GOSUB 1950
1512 CLOSE #Q1:GOSUB 2000
1950 GRAPHICS Q2+16:POKE 712,144:POKE
710,28
1951 GOSUB BRK:POSITION Q4,Q3:? #Q6;"t
hat's SECRET":RA=RA+Q1:WA=WA+Q1
1952 POSITION Q5,Q9:? #Q6;RA;" OUT OF
";WA
1953 POSITION Q9-LEN(NAMES)/Q2,Q6:? #6
:NAMES;" "
1954 SOUND Q0,83,Q10,Q10:FOR D=Q1 TO Q
20:NEXT D:SOUND Q0,60,Q10,Q10:FOR D=Q1
TO Q20:NEXT D
1955 SOUND Q0,47,Q10,Q10:FOR D=Q1 TO Q
20:NEXT D:SOUND Q0,Q40,Q10,Q10:FOR D=Q
1 TO Q40:NEXT D
1957 SOUND Q0,47,Q10,Q10:FOR D=Q1 TO Q
20:NEXT D:SOUND Q0,Q40,Q10,Q10:FOR D=Q
1 TO Q40:NEXT D:SOUND Q0,Q0,Q0,Q0
1960 POSITION Q4,Q4:? #Q6;T$:POSITION
Q7,Q7:? #Q6;T$:FOR D=Q1 TO 35:NEXT D:C
OUNT=COUNT+Q1:IF COUNT=Q7 THEN 4060
1962 X0=INT(RND(0)*15):GOTO PICK
2000 POKE 710,Q0:? "K":? " Well, ";
NAMES;" . . . Try again!":WA=WA+Q1
2001 SOUND Q0,84,Q10,14:FOR D=Q1 TO Q1
5:NEXT D:SOUND Q0,101,Q10,14:FOR D=Q1
TO Q15:NEXT D:SOUND Q0,Q0,Q0,Q0
2003 FOR D=Q1 TO 150:NEXT D
2005 FOR D=Q1 TO Q32:NEXT D:G$="":X0=P
EEK(712):POKE 710,X0:? "K":GOTO Q90

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4000 FOR J=Q0 TO PN:POOL(J)=J:NEXT J:F
OR J=PN TO Q0 STEP -1:K=INT(RND(Q0)*(J
+Q1)):PICTURE=POOL(J):POOL(J)=POOL(K)
4010 POOL(K)=PICTURE:NEXT J:PICTURE=(P
ICTURE*100)+99
4015 IF PICTURE=HOW THEN GOTO PICK
4016 IF PICTURE=STA THEN GOTO PICK
4017 IF PICTURE=BOX THEN GOTO PICK
4018 IF PICTURE=KIT THEN GOTO PICK
4019 IF PICTURE=BOO THEN GOTO PICK
4020 IF PICTURE=TV THEN GOTO PICK
4021 IF PICTURE=TRU THEN GOTO PICK
4022 IF PICTURE=FOOT THEN GOTO PICK
4023 IF PICTURE=FAC THEN GOTO PICK
4024 IF PICTURE=CON THEN GOTO PICK
4025 IF PICTURE=LOL THEN GOTO PICK
4030 GOTO PICTURE
4060 IF WA=Q7 THEN REWARD$="PERFECT!!"
"
4062 IF WA=Q8 THEN REWARD$="GREAT!!"
4064 IF WA=Q9 THEN REWARD$="GOOD!!"
4066 IF WA>Q9 THEN REWARD$="PRETTY GO
OD!!"
4070 GRAPHICS 0:POKE 710,212
4071 ? :? :? :? :REWARD$;:? :? :? :NAM
E$;," you answered ";RA;" out of ";WA:
? "questions correctly!"
4074 GOSUB BRK:POKE 752,Q1:POSITION Q5
,Q10:?"LEVEL":LV:POKE OFF,Q1:POK
E KEY,Q255:SPOT=4079
4076 ? :? :? "Would you like to try ag
ain? (Y/N)";:OPEN #Q1,Q4,Q0,"K":GOS
UB BRK
4077 GET #Q1,A:IF A=89 THEN CLOSE #Q1:
RUN
4079 POKE OFF,Q0:POKE 16,192:POKE 5377
4,247:GRAPHICS 0:CLR :POP :END
5000 ? "HOUSE":RETURN
5010 ? "STAR":RETURN
5020 ? "BOX":RETURN
5030 ? "KITE":RETURN
5040 ? "CONE":RETURN
5050 ? "BOOK":RETURN
5060 ? "TV":RETURN
5070 ? "LOLLIPOP":RETURN
5080 ? "TRUCK":RETURN
5090 ? "FOOTBALL":RETURN
5100 ? "FACE":RETURN
6000 ? "HOUSE" "CAR" B
QAT":RETURN
6010 ? "TRUCK" "GIRL"
STAR":RETURN
6020 ? "TABLE" "BOX"
TOP":RETURN
6030 ? "SHOE" "TAIL" KIT
E":RETURN
6040 ? "CONE" "HELLO" TR
EE":RETURN
6050 ? "BOOK" "RECORD" G
LASS":RETURN
6060 ? "OVEN" "TV" CHA
IR":RETURN
6070 ? "DESK" "PAPER" LOLLI
POP":RETURN
6080 ? "TRUCK" "STAR" B
ALL":RETURN
6090 ? "BAT" "FOOTBALL" H
AT":RETURN
6100 ? "GAME" "LID" F
ACE":RETURN
7000 ? "HORSE" "HUNCH" "HOUSE"
HOW":RETURN
7010 ? "STOP" "STAY" "STAR" S
TART":RETURN
7020 ? "BOX" "BOY" "FOX" BL
OCKS":RETURN
7030 ? "KITTEN" "KIT" "KITE"
CITY":RETURN
7040 ? "CANE" "CART" "BONE" C
ONE":RETURN
7050 ? "TOOK" "BOO" "BOOK"
BOMB":RETURN
7060 ? "TAB" "TV" "TENT" "TEE"
VEE":RETURN
7070 ? "LULL" "LOLLIPOP" L
ARD":RETURN

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7080 ? "CAR" "TRUCK" "TRAIN" T
ROLL":RETURN
7090 ? "FEEDBAG" "FOOT" "FOOTBALL"
FOOD":RETURN
7100 ? "FOOT" "FACE" "FLASH"
FADE":RETURN
8000 ? :RETURN
13000 POKE 16,64:POKE 53774,64:POKE 70
2,64:POKE 694,Q0:RETURN
13500 A=Q32:GOTO SPOT
14000 GRAPHICS Q6:GOSUB BRK:COLOR Q1:P
OKE OFF,Q1:POKE 710,(X0*16)+Q4:POKE 71
2,PEEK(710):RETURN
15000 Q1=1:Q0=Q1-Q1:Q2=Q1+Q1:Q3=Q2+Q1:
Q4=Q3+Q1:Q5=Q4+Q1:Q6=Q5+Q1:Q7=Q5+Q2:Q8
=Q7+Q1:Q9=Q8+Q1:Q10=Q9+Q1:Q15=Q10+Q5
15005 Q20=Q10+Q10:Q29=Q20+Q9:Q32=Q20+Q
10+Q2:Q40=Q20+Q20:Q49=Q40+Q9:Q52=Q40+Q
10+Q2
15010 Q65=65:Q90=90:Q126=126:Q155=155:
Q255=255:CUE=1500:CLUE=5000:PICK=4000:
BRK=13000:OFF=752:KEY=764:KOLOR=14000
15020 QTRAP=13500:PN=Q10:DIM NAME$(12)
,REWARD$(15),TEMP$(Q10),G$(15),T$(12),
POOL(PN):T$="
15030 RETURN
16000 GRAPHICS Q0:GOSUB BRK:POKE 710,9
8
16010 ? " This program will show you
some pictures and picture words. I
here are four difficulty levels."
16020 ? :? :? "LEVEL 1 This level s
imply asks you to type the given pictu
re word."
16030 ? :? :? "LEVEL 2 This level g
ives you some words to choose from to
find the picture word."
16040 ? :? :? "LEVEL 3 This level g
ives you some very similar words to c
hoose from."
16050 ? :? :? "LEVEL 4 This level a
sks you to spell the picture word
without any clues.":RETURN

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## CHECKSUM DATA

(See page 23)

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0 DATA 890,841,269,928,121,895,855,674
,815,647,244,785,377,17,670,9028
27 DATA 960,695,908,269,165,174,742,74
2,745,164,671,51,60,790,775,7911
65 DATA 776,390,59,480,567,619,998,630
,40,526,680,692,64,689,662,7872
115 DATA 973,695,694,418,35,422,363,32
8,426,51,355,41,845,434,591,6671
601 DATA 620,118,205,175,656,438,541,6
41,387,222,969,313,730,95,404,6514
806 DATA 270,577,591,459,217,446,331,8
29,27,912,651,885,375,227,736,7533
940 DATA 794,959,744,393,54,751,661,30
4,64,895,166,747,176,984,898,8590
1028 DATA 724,995,111,727,295,890,730,
681,641,527,516,529,393,679,33,8471
1110 DATA 725,344,209,215,30,994,325,9
0,254,761,392,236,356,794,709,6434
1954 DATA 157,713,801,194,129,631,243,
378,31,620,256,854,854,846,861,7568
4019 DATA 832,576,886,808,795,824,849,
425,805,740,626,210,726,820,588,10510
4076 DATA 337,352,556,241,48,480,770,7
67,3,136,466,256,509,719,937,6577
6010 DATA 686,903,898,259,119,501,927,
612,667,557,685,749,248,440,996,9247
7050 DATA 880,838,402,739,427,161,94,6
40,871,239,338,743,583,526,61,7542
16000 DATA 330,390,104,853,982,44,2703

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# AlterDOS

16K Disk

by Gordon L. Banks

**PROBLEM:** Suppose that you, as many of us do, have several AUTORUN.SYS files that are twelve sectors long. Since the filename and the length are identical, how to you remember what each one does? Usually you have to boot that disk to find out. This is too time consuming.

**SOLUTION:** Modify your DOS to recognize filenames other than just AUTORUN.SYS as the autorun file.

**HOW:** When DOS is booted and loaded into RAM, memory locations 5903 through 5914 contain the name recognized by DOS as the autorun file. All we have to do is POKE in our own preference, and then SAVE the modified version of DOS back onto the disk. The following program, **AlterDOS**, does just that. But what new name do we use? One idea with merit is to alter DOS to recognize any eight-character filename with the .ARS extender. With the asterisk (\*) wildcard replacing the eight-character filename, you can use those eight characters to give your autorun files meaningful names, such as RENUMBER, or SCRNDUMP, or whatever you like. Any name would work, as long as it has the .ARS (AutoRunSys) extender. Then you could also keep additional autorun files on the same disk, but in an inactive status, by changing the extender to something like .ARF (AutoRunFile). Your DOS-copying functions would also copy these more readily than files with the .SYS extender.

However (and you just *knew* there would be a "however," didn't you?), there is a serious drawback to this plan. Files still named AUTORUN.SYS won't work until renamed. This means renaming all current and future AUTORUN.SYS files before you use them. Swapping disks with friends will even-

tually lead to your modified DOS being in the hands of someone else. Think of the problems they will experience when their AUTORUN.SYS files won't work. Also, please believe me, there will come a time when you will forget and try to boot up a disk with an AUTORUN.SYS file, and when it doesn't work, you do a lot of head scratching.

My recommendation is to change your autorun identifier to A\*.SYS. This method still allows you to use seven characters with which to define your autorun files with meaningful names. For instance, isn't ARENUMBER.SYS or ASCRNDMP.SYS really an improvement? This way, if a friend winds up with your modified version of DOS, it won't matter, and an autorun file named AUTORUN.SYS (yecch!) will still be recognized by DOS, just as usual.

So, consider these two possibilities — along with your own ideas. Maybe you'll come up with something better and share it with the rest of us. Just insert your preference into Line 160 where I have "A\*.SYS". □

```

10 REM .....ALTERDOS.....
20 REM ..by Gordon L Banks.....
30 REM .....
40 GRAPHICS 0:DIM A$(40):POKE 752,1
50 READ A$:IF A$="*" THEN 160
60 ? A$:GOTO 50
70 DATA ALTERDOS
80 DATA This program will alter your D
90 DATA allow more descriptive names f
100 DATA AUTORUN.SYS files. You will h
110 DATA letters of your choice in lie
120 DATA 'x's shown in this example.

```



```

120 DATA , D:AXXXXXXX.SYS,,(No
te that a file named AUTORUN.SYS, will
still function as normal.),
130 DATA Now names such as ARENUMBR.SY
5 or, ASCRNDMP.SYS (for RENUMBER or SCR
EEN-, DUMP) may be used.
140 DATA , Just remember to start the n
ame with, an A and end with .SYS.,
150 DATA If you are ready press RETURN
...*
160 INPUT A$:RESTORE 180:A$="A*.SYS"
170 IF LEN(A$)>12 THEN ? :? "NO MORE
THAN 12 CHARACTERS ALLOWED.":GOTO 230
180 FOR I=1 TO LEN(A$):POKE 5902+I,ASC
(A$(I,I)):NEXT I
190 FOR I=5903+LEN(A$) TO 5914:POKE I,
155:NEXT I
200 ? :? " Now writing new DOS.SYS fil
e."
210 REM XIO 36,#1,0,0,"D:filename.ext"
unlocks file if locked.
220 XIO 36,#1,0,0,"D:DOS.SYS":CLOSE #1
:OPEN #1,8,0,"D:DOS.SYS":GRAPHICS 0:?
"I'M DONE,":? "AND YOU'RE";
230 POKE 752,0:END

```

### CHECKSUM DATA

(See page 23)

```

10 DATA 225,395,768,444,303,958,831,64
2,278,555,878,432,653,294,678,8326
160 DATA 820,688,583,835,346,643,778,6
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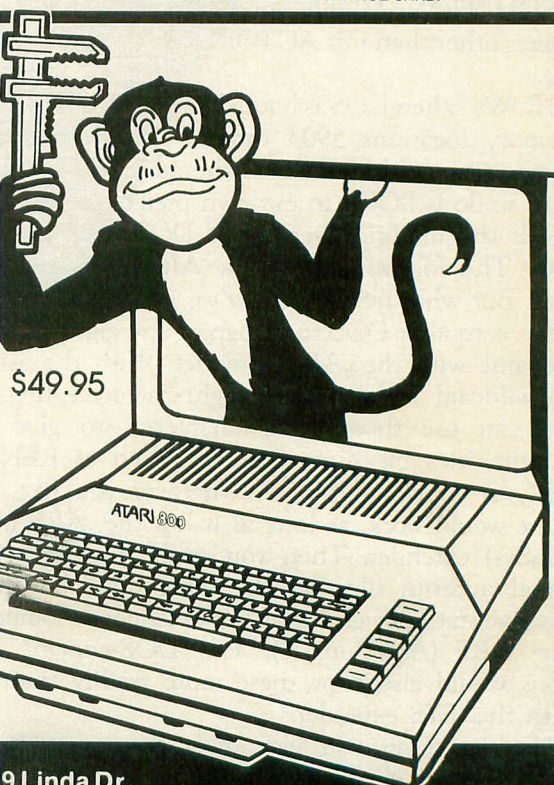
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by Sam Wiley

If you're like me, you love to write programs but hate to even *think* about the mental and physical work involved in keeping track of line numbers as you program. After all, we geniuses need to think about program logic and not the next line increment!

This utility will do four things. First, it will put line numbers on the screen. Second, it will check the line that you typed in for an error and BEEP you by ringing the bell. This is also known as printing CHR\$(253) or hitting CTRL-2. Third, it displays, near the top of the screen, how many variables you have left and, also, how much memory you have left. Fourth, it disables the BREAK key and the clear screen keys. There is also full-screen editing of the lines that are on the screen. You can change the starting line number, or the increment, by pressing CTRL-3 and typing GOTO AUTO. After hitting CTRL-3, you can LIST your program, edit it or add statements. The utility will go back to the next line that it was working on, before CTRL-3 was pressed, by typing GOTO NEXT.

Although most of it is in BASIC, it uses the "forced read mode" to read the entire screen every time RETURN is pressed. This is what allows for full screen editing. There is a short machine language

subroutine to check the entire BASIC program for an error and find out how many variables have been defined. Both of these functions work very fast, so there is hardly any wait while you are entering your program. The program that you are typing in can be separated from the auto-numbering utility by LISTing it to the disk or cassette with the line numbers 0-31999. Here is an example: LIST "D:YOURPROG.EXT",0,31999. This will only LIST your program to the disk. For a cassette-based system, use LIST "C:",0,31999. Lines 32045 and 32055 contain the REM equivalent of these statements. I suggest you type in whichever one applies, and then you can delete the line number and the REM. For disk users, fill in the name that you want to call your program on Line 32045. Press RETURN, and it will be properly LISTed to disk. Cassette users can use Line 32055. By using the LIST command, you will have to use the ENTER command to get your program back into the computer. I suggest you use the SAVE command to save this utility and the LIST command to save your program. This way you can always merge the two by loading the utility first and then using ENTER to load your program.



The machine language subroutine is placed in a string (ML\$) to allow access to page 6. The BREAK key is disabled, because it was put too close to the RETURN and editing keys on the 800. Instead you use CTRL-3 to interrupt the auto-numbering process. This will also restore the BREAK key for normal editing.

Type in the program and use one of ANA-LOG's error-checking programs, C:CHECK or D:CHECK. I just can't say enough about this idea for typing in programs from printed media. Until they came along, I always thought that the magazine was printing the wrong code. No way. I learned what a really lousy typist I was. At any rate, after the CHECKSUM DATA checks out, type RUN. The screen will go blank for a few seconds, while the utility loads the machine language subroutine into the string. The first thing that prints is "STARTING LINE NUMBER ?" Answer with the line number you want to begin auto line numbering with. If you don't answer with a number, the utility will repeat the question. The second thing you are asked is "INCREMENTS DESIRED?" Answer with the number of lines that are to be between each line number. A good number is 10. This way you can insert 9 lines between each line that you type in, if you find out later that something new should be added.

Next, the first line will appear, and the utility will wait for you to enter a statement. All of the keys are accepted, with the exception of CTRL-CLEAR and SHIFT-CLEAR. These keys are useless during screen editing. If the ESC key is pressed prior to CTRL-CLEAR or SHIFT-CLEAR, it will accept the key(s). When RETURN is pressed, the screen blanks for a second. If there was no error in the line, it will click the console speaker to alert you that it is ready to accept the next line. This is so you don't have to look away from whatever you are typing in. At the top of the screen will be the utility commands. They are: 1. CTRL-3 — Use instead of BREAK key; 2. G.NEXT — GOTO next line number of a predefined increment; and 3. G.AUTO — Set up new line numbers and increments.

Under this is displayed how many variables are left and how much memory is left. The memory is displayed as "BYTES LEFT=". The last two lines are displayed, along with the next line. If there was an error in the line you typed in, the console bell (CTRL-2) will ring, and the only thing on the screen will be the error line and statement following it. The cursor is positioned at the beginning of the line number. Be sure to remove the ERROR- and also the cursor that shows where the error is, to avoid getting another error. When it is corrected, press RETURN, and the utility will go to the next line number.

You may also use the utility to delete lines of code. Type GOTO AUTO and give the starting line

number and increments of the lines that you want deleted. Then just hit RETURN when the line numbers appear. I also use it to type in programs from magazines and books. Sometimes the line numbers are not in even numerical increments (like in this program). When this is the case, you have to use the GOTO AUTO to keep changing the starting line number and the increments. For myself, it's most useful for program development from scratch.

You may wonder why the utility only LISTs two of the previous program lines. In studying the listing, you will see that Line 32113 can be modified to LIST three or even four previous lines. For instance, after the TRAP statement, a LIST LINE-INC\*3 will LIST the last three lines. The reason for the two lines is due to the Atari being in thue "forced read mode." Even though the CONT is at Line 19, if there are three full lines on the screen (a logical line can be four physical lines), and the fourth line contains an error, the error message could cover up the CONT, and the computer never regains consciousness until SYSTEM RESET is pressed. In the "forced read mode," if a line is encountered with an error, the line is immediately displayed again with the ERROR- message.

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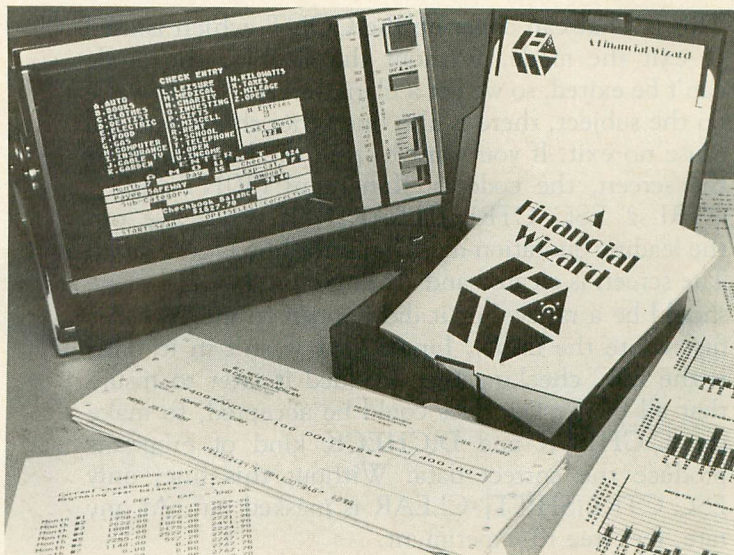

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This is what can cover up the CONT, which is used to exit the mode. Without the CONT, the mode can't be exited, so we get a blank screen. While we're on the subject, there is also one other thing that can cause no exit. If you want to ring the bell and clear the screen, the code is: [Linenum] PRINT "[ESC CTRL-2 ESC CTRL-CLEAR]". If you leave out the leading quotation mark, an error line is generated. The screen is cleared and ZAP! No CONT. This one should be a rarity, but it did happen to me. When I first wrote the utility, Line 32081 wasn't in it. This is the ESC checking line. I added it later to insure that all of the keycodes could be accepted, to make the C:CHECK and D:CHECK kind of programs produce the correct data. Without this line, only ESC CTRL[SHIFT]-CLEAR is masked out. At any rate, feel free to experiment.

The utility consumes 27 of the 128 variables that you can possibly have. I did it this way to conserve RAM. If you need more than 101 variables, you can substitute the variables on Line 32061 to numbers and change them in the program.

If you type RUN after you have keyed in some or all of your program, you will need to type GOTO 32000 to restore the auto line numbering utility. □

### Program description.

**Lines 32060-32061** — Initialize variables and set screen color to blue when ANTIC is turned off. (Whatever color is in 712 when you do a POKE 559,0 is the color the whole screen turns.) Use READ statement to assign variables to statement commands. (NEXT, ON, CLR and GETKEY would not normally be allowed.) Use READ statement to assign numbers to variables that are frequently used. Assigning the value of 1 to C1 and using it instead of a 1 saves memory (but uses a variable) every time it is used instead of the number 1.

**Lines 32064-32067** — Load machine language subroutine that checks BASIC program for an error and the number of variables used.

**Lines 32068-32075** — Open keyboard for input, disable BREAK key, clear screen, make speaker click, and get starting line number and increments. Print first line number.

**Lines 32080-32085** — GETKEY routine. Reads keyboard and prints to screen until a RETURN is encountered. Masks out CTRL-CLEAR, SHIFT-CLEAR. Checks for ESC key.

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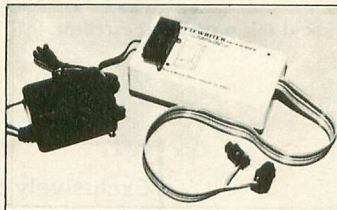
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**Lines 32100-32111** — Turn ANTIC off for speed. Set up screen for "forced read mode," and read. Stop "forced read" and exit to machine language subroutine, to check BASIC for error and variables. If no error occurred, increment line by the value in the variable INC.

**Lines 32112-32114** — Clear screen. Print utility commands. Print number of variables and memory left. LIST last two lines and the next line number. Turn ANTIC back on and make the console speaker click. Return control to user for input of statements.

**Line 32115** — This is where the utility goes when you type GOTO NEXT. This insures that the keyboard is closed and reopened to avoid a 129 or 133 error. Turn ANTIC off and branch back to LIST the last two lines and line number.

**Line 32116** — Keyboard and BREAK disable subroutine.

**Line 32120** — If we can't find a previous line number to LIST, we just display the current line number. Make sure ANTIC is on, and return to user for input.

**Lines 32520-32525** — If there was an error found in the machine language subroutine, we perform this routine. Find out the address of the line number where the error is. Get the line number. Place it in the variable ERRLINE. Alert user by ringing bell. Clear screen. LIST the line with the error. Turn ANTIC on. Position cursor over line number. Return to user for input.

**Line 32600** — DATA for the variables at Line 32061.

**Lines 32700-32704** — DATA for the machine language subroutine.

**Line 32710** — This is where the utility goes when CTRL-3 is pressed. Restore BREAK key and END.

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32068 GOSUB 32116: ? CHR$(CLR):POKE 5PE
AKER,C0
32070 POKE ANTIC,ON:TRAP 32070: ? "STAR
TING LINE NUMBER": INPUT LINE
32075 TRAP 32075: ? "INCREMENTS DESIRED
": INPUT INC: ? CHR$(CLR): ? : ? LIN
E: " ";
32080 TRAP 32710: GET #C1,KEY: IF KEY=15
5 THEN 32100
32081 IF KEY=27 THEN ? CHR$(KEY): GET
#C1,KEY: GOTO 32085
32082 IF KEY=CLR THEN GOTO GETKEY
32085 ? CHR$(KEY): GOTO GETKEY
32100 POKE ANTIC,C0: POSITION C2,19: ? "
CONT": POSITION C2,C0:POKE C842,C13:5TO
P
32110 POKE C842,C12:X=USR(ADR(ML$)): IF
PEEK(207)=C2 THEN 32520
32111 LINE=LINE+INC: ? CHR$(CLR)
32112 POSITION C2,C0: ? "
NEXT GOTO: ? "Variables left=";
128-PEEK(205); " Bytes left=";FRE(C0)
32113 ? :TRAP 32120:LIST LINE-INC*C2:L
IST LINE-INC: ? : ? LINE: " ";
32114 POKE ANTIC,ON:POKE SPEAKER,C0:GO
TO GETKEY
32115 GOSUB 32116: ? CHR$(CLR):GOTO 321
12
32116 CLOSE #C1:OPEN #C1,C4,C0,"K":POK
E ANTIC,C0:POKE C53774,112:POKE C16,64
:RETURN
32120 ? LINE: " ";POKE ANTIC,ON:GOTO G
ETKEY
32520 ERRADR=PEEK(C203)+PEEK(C203+C1)*
C256:ERRLINE=PEEK(ERRADR)+PEEK(ERRADR+
C1)*C256

```

### Basic listing.

```

32000 REM *****
32001 REM * AUTO LINE NUMBERING *
32002 REM * BY SAM WILEY SR. *
32003 REM * ANALOG COMPUTING *
32004 REM *****
32005 REM
32020 REM 27 VARIABLES
32025 REM 1760 BYTES (REMS DELETED)
32030 REM TO SEPARATE AUTO UTILITY
32040 REM L."D1:PROGNAME.EXT",0,31999
32055 REM L."C:",0,31999
32056 REM
32057 REM TO GET PROGRAM BACK
32058 REM E."D1:PROGNAME.EXT"
32059 REM E."C:"
32060 RESTORE 32600:TRAP 32068:POKE 71
2,148
32061 READ NEXT,ON,GETKEY,ANTIC,AUTO,5
PEAKER,CLR,C0,C1,C2,C4,C53774,C256,C16
,C842,C203,C12,C13
32064 DIM ML$(90):A=C1:POKE ANTIC,C0
32067 READ N:ML$(A,A)=CHR$(N):A=A+C1:G
OTO 32067

```



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32525 ? CHR$(253):? CHR$(CLR):LIST ERR
LINE:POKE ANTIC,ON:POSITION C2,C1:? :P
OKE 764,255:GOTO GETKEY
32600 DATA 32115,34,32080,559,32060,53
279,125,0,1,2,4,53774,256,16,842,203,1
2,13
32700 DATA 104,165,136,133,203,165,137
,133,204,169,1,177,203,48
32701 DATA 31,200,177,203,133,209,160,
4,177,203,201,55,240,13,24,165,209,101
,203,133
32702 DATA 203,144,228,230,204,208,224
,169,2,133,207,96,169,1,133,207,165,13
4,133,203
32703 DATA 165,135,133,204,169,0,133,2
05,165,203,197,136,208,7,165,204,197,1
37,208,1
32704 DATA 96,230,205,24,169,8,101,203
,133,203,144,232,230,204,208,228
32710 POKE C16,192:POKE C53774,247:? :
?:END

```

### CHECKSUM DATA (See page 23)

```

32000 DATA 817,853,381,628,829,564,188
,613,65,889,900,577,885,821,234,9244
32060 DATA 489,905,547,686,813,199,265
,153,32,582,86,942,593,267,511,7070
32113 DATA 83,424,117,529,817,770,866,
226,606,578,931,723,409,419,7498

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0110 ; AT LINES 32700-32704
0120 ;
0130 ; SEARCH THE BASIC PROGRAM
0140 ; FOR ERRORS AND VARIABLES
0150 ;
0160 ; SET UP EQUATES
0170 ;
0180 VARTAB=134 ;Var valu table
0190 NUMVAR=205 ;For BASIC
0200 STMTAB=136 ;BASIC's start
0210 NEXLINE=209 ;Storage
0220 ERRFLG=207 ;For BASIC
0230 POINTER=203 ;BAS zero page
0240 ERROR=55 ;BOO-BOO
0250 ;
0260 ; POINT TO STATEMENTS
0270 ;
0280 **1664 ;ASM use only
0290 PLA ;Don't need
0300 LDA STMTAB ;Set up zero
0310 STA POINTER ;page pointers
0320 LDA STMTAB+1 ;for BASIC
0330 STA POINTER+1 ;search.
0340 ;
0350 ; LAST LINE?
0360 ;
0370 NEXT LDY #1 ;End loop if we
0380 LDA (POINTER),Y ;reached the
0390 BMI RETURN ;last line.
0400 ;
0410 ; GET NEXTLINE POINTER
0420 ;
0430 GETNEXT INY ;Point to next
0440 LDA (POINTER),Y ;NEXTLINE byte
0450 STA NEXLINE ;and keep it.
0460 ;
0470 ; CHECK FOR ERROR
0480 ;
0490 LDY #4 ;COMMAND offset
0500 LDA (POINTER),Y ;Point to it
0510 CMP #ERROR ;Error?
0520 BEQ RETURN2 ;Yes-Return a 2
0530 ;
0540 ; UPDATE POINTER
0550 ;
0560 CLC ;No error so
0570 LDA NEXLINE ;let's get the
0580 ADC POINTER ;next line's
0590 STA POINTER ;address and
0600 BCC NEXT ;go back to

```

```

0610 INC POINTER+1 ; check some
0620 BNE NEXT ; more.
0630 ;
0640 ; WE FOUND AN ERROR
0650 ;
0660 RETURN2 LDA #2 ;Tell BASIC we
0670 STA ERRFLG ; goofed. (POKE
0680 RTS ; 207,2)-- exit
0690 ;
0700 ; NO ERROR
0710 ;
0720 RETURN LDA #1 ;Tell BASIC no
0730 STA ERRFLG ; boo-boo's.
0740 ;
0750 ; HOW MANY VARIABLES?
0760 ;
0770 LDA VARTAB ;Set up zero
0780 STA POINTER ;page pointers
0790 LDA VARTAB+1 ;for variable
0800 STA POINTER+1 ; search.
0810 ;
0820 ; INITIALIZE
0830 ;
0840 LDA #0 ;Put a zero in
0850 STA NUMVAR ; our counter
0860 ;
0870 ; LAST VARIABLE?
0880 ;
0890 ; NEXTVAR LDA POINTER; Last one
0900 ;
0910 CMP STMTAB ; yet?
0920 BNE INCREM ;No add 1 more
0930 LDA POINTER+1 ; How about
0940 CMP STMTAB+1 ; now?
0950 BNE INCREM ;No add 1 more
0960 RTS ;Now you may go
0970 ;
0980 ; GET NEXTVAR POINTER
0990 ;
1000 INCREM INC NUMVAR;Add 1 more
1010 CLC ;Get set to add
1020 LDA #8 ;Var # offset
1030 ;
1040 ADC POINTER ;Let's update
1050 STA POINTER ; our pointers
1060 BCC NEXTVAR ; and continue
1070 INC POINTER+1 ; our search.
1080 BNE NEXTVAR ;Uncond. branch

```



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by Arthur Leyenberger

There is no question that Electronic Arts is the premier game company for the Atari computer. They have been in existence roughly a year and have already produced a dozen titles. Many of these games have become classics. You know the ones I am talking about: **Pinball Construction Set**, **Archon**, **M.U.L.E.**, **Axis Assassin**, **Hard Hat Mack** and **Worms**.

**M.U.L.E.**, which is an economic simulation taking place on a distant planet, was written by Dan and Bill Bunten of Ozark Softscape. Although difficult to believe, the Buntens have outdone themselves with their new game: **The Seven Cities of Gold**.

**Seven Cities** is a first-person simulation of sixteenth century Spanish conquistadors. After outfitting a ship and hiring a crew, you sail the oceans in search of new worlds. When land is sighted, you disembark with exploration parties in search of natives, treasures and the unknown. It is your decision to either trade with the natives or conquer them to obtain their valuable gold — which you would like to bring back to the homeland.

As the game begins, you obtain an audience at court, seeking gold to fund your expedition. Once you obtain the needed monies, you can stop at the pub for a refreshing brew while you contemplate your journey. Using the joystick you scroll out of the pub and pass by your home. It is here that you can assess your status, formulate plans and say goodbye to your spouse.

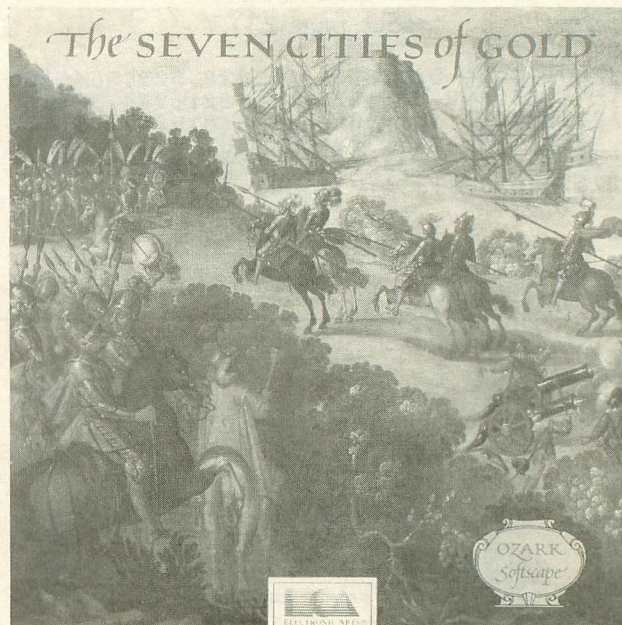
Next stop is the Outfitter, where you hire a crew, buy food and goods and purchase ships. Finally, you embark on your journey, and the court wishes you success.

As your voyage progresses, you must navigate by latitude and pay attention to the passage of time. Storms may be encountered, and lives may be lost due to sickness and storms. It is important to cross the ocean with the least expense of food and life. At any time you can view the ledger of your cargo in order to continually plan your journey.

Once land is sighted and you bring the ships into safe mooring, you must decide on how large an exploration party you want and what provisions you want to carry. Food is all important, but carrying too much will slow your journey. Goods are useful for trading with the natives. And enough men are needed — you may decide to establish forts and missions.

During your exploration of the local geography, you encounter rivers, lakes, plains and mountains. You can travel at various speeds, but travel and rough terrain will cost you additional food and may slow you down. Once you contact a native village, you have several choices. You may give them gifts, trade with them or conquer them. Trading is safer, but it is slower and requires many goods. Gift giving may not produce any immediate results, except show your good will and perhaps convince the natives to eventually tell you where a gold mine is.

Conquering is the easiest, but it will cost you lives and leave bitter memories. Also, the natives may communicate your hostile intent to other villages in the area. It is best to look for signs to determine the mood of the natives before you choose an approach that may have significant consequences.



### The Seven Cities of Gold

After you have traded with or conquered several native villages, you will want to get back to your ship before your provisions run out. If you have not paid close attention to your route up till now, you may have trouble finding your ship. It is not uncommon for you and your exploration party to find yourselves lost in the jungle...and starvation is an unpleasant way to die.

If you do make it back to your ship — assuming they have not already sailed for home without you — you must transfer your supplies and booty back to the ship before you leave. Then you sail back across the ocean to your home port. Although your first stop may be the pub for a quick brew, you should visit your home to record your maps and review your journey. A trip to the court is in order to bear your treasures to the Queen. If you have done well,



you will be bestowed with honors and maybe even a title. Now, if you can obtain additional funds, you may prepare for another journey.

Before you begin playing the game, you must create a map disk. You have your choice of using a map of the world as it was known in the 1500s or creating an entirely new world. Creating a new world takes about ten minutes and provides you with a much more challenging game. Rather than just creating random continents, the new world conforms to geological and cultural principles built into the program code.

There are several features that add to the playability of the game. Your current position may be SAVED to the map disk at any time. You may then resume the game from where you left off. A new game may even be started with a map disk without disturbing the previously SAVED game.

**Seven Cities of Gold** is an engrossing game. I have played it for hours at a time. Electronic Arts has certainly produced another high-quality game for the Atari computer. **Seven Cities** was written by Bill and Dan Bunten, Jim Rushing, Alan Watson and Roy Glover.

Now if you will excuse me, my crew tells me we are ready to set sail for the new world. Wish me luck. □

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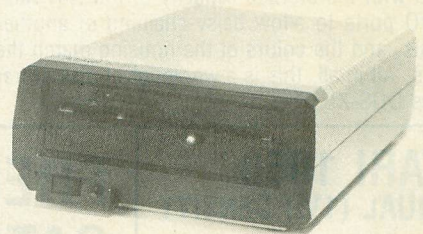
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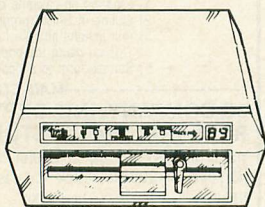
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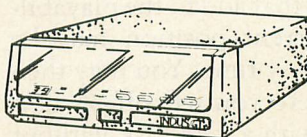
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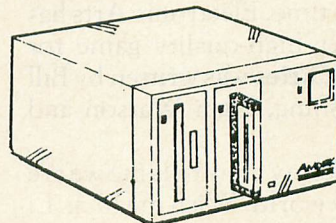
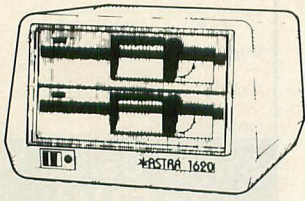
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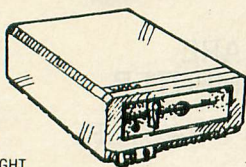
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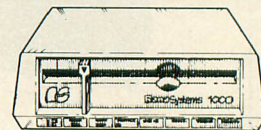


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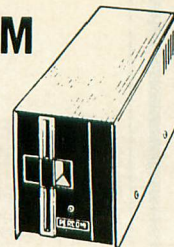
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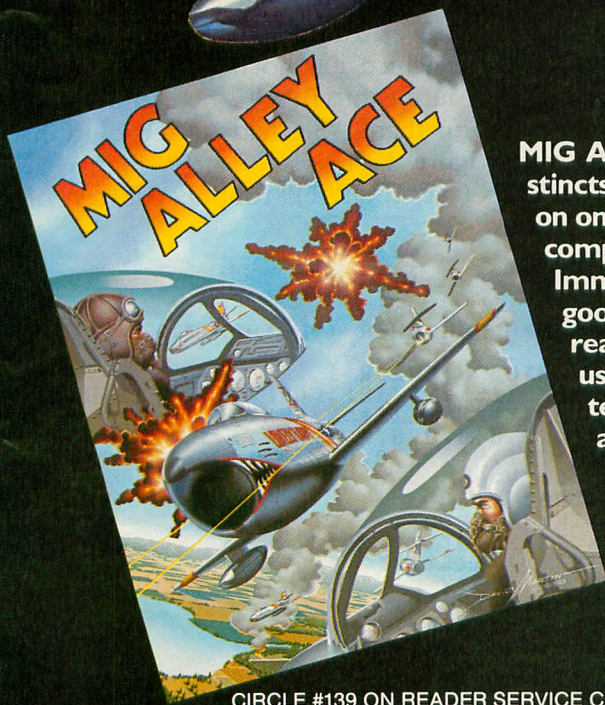
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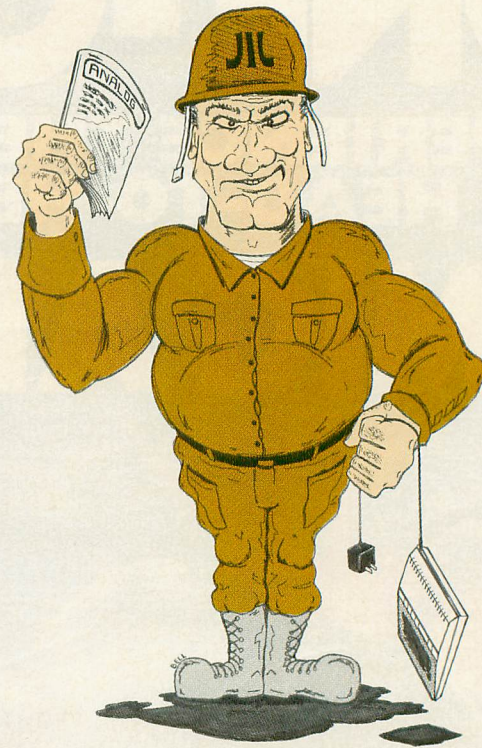
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# BASIC Training

by Tom Hudson



In this issue's **BASIC Training**, we'll continue looking at concepts that will help BASIC game programmers. The first topic is a return to issue 18's vector routines, and the second is an easy way to speed up your BASIC games.

Both of this issue's topics were taken from a letter I received from Harold L. Reed.

## Vectors revisited.

Mr. Reed's letter begins:

Dear Tom,

I enjoyed your **Basic Training** segment in the April issue of **ANALOG**. The follower routines you presented were very interesting, but as you said in your article, the routine that produces the best results (Figure 6) has the drawback of being slow until the follower gets near the target. This occurs because the routine in Line 160, which determines the step size for X and Y, accomplishes the task by finding the total X and Y distances between the two points and dividing by 2 repeatedly, until both DELTAX and DELTAY are less than or equal to 1. So, when the points are far apart, the distances have to be divided by 2 many times in order to make them less than or equal to 1. The closer the points come to each other, the less times the dividing loop has to be repeated, and the faster the results appear.

This can easily be solved. Since the objective is to scale both DELTAX and DELTAY so that the larger of them equals 1, simply determine which one is larger, divide the smaller by the larger, then set the larger equal to 1. This can be done by replacing Line 160 with the following:

```
160 IF DELTAX>DELTAY THEN DELTAY=DELTAY/DELTAX:DELTAX=1:GOTO 170
165 DELTAX=DELTAX/DELTAY:DELTAY=1
```

This speeds up the operation considerably, since only one calculation is now needed. However, it also generates an error when the follower and target come together. This occurs because the program doesn't check to see if it should stop until it calculates its next move. So, if the points are right on top of each other and the routine tries to calculate the next position of the follower, it ends up dividing by zero, which generates the error.

This can be corrected by moving Line 190 to Line 225. The end point check, which was formerly done after the next set of calculations was completed, is now done after each move is completed. The routine is now very fast.

Is my face red! When I originally wrote the algorithm for this follower routine, I was working with assembly language, which does not have true division. I translated the routine into BASIC too literally, and didn't stop to think that BASIC had a faster solution. In any case, Figure 1 shows the new, improved "FOLLOWER (VECTOR 1)" routine, courtesy of Harold J. Reed.

Figure 1.

```
10 REM *** FOLLOWER (VECTOR 1) ***
20 REM
30 GRAPHICS 5:COLOR 1
40 DIM X5(15),Y5(15):FOR I=1 TO 15:READ X,Y:X5(I)=X:Y5(I)=Y:NEXT I
50 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,-1,1,0,0,0,-1,1,-1,-1,0,0,0,0,1,0,-1,0,0
60 FX=0:FY=0
70 TX=80:TY=40
80 STIK=STICK(0)
90 TX=TX+X5(STIK)
100 TY=TY+Y5(STIK)
110 PLOT TX,TY
120 XD=SGN(TX-FX)
130 YD=SGN(TY-FY)
140 DELTAX=ABS(TX-FX)
```



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150 DELTAY=ABS(TY-FY)
160 IF DELTAX>DELTAY THEN DELTAY=DELTAY/DELTAX:DELTAX=1:GOTO 170
165 DELTAX=DELTAX/DELTAY:DELTAY=1
170 XV=DELTAX*XD
180 YV=DELTAY*YD
200 FX=FX+XV
210 FY=FY+YV
220 PLOT FX,FY
225 IF INT(FX)=INT(TX) AND INT(FY)=INT(TY) THEN 240
230 GOTO 80
240 ? "GOTCHA!":END

```

## CHECKSUM DATA

(See page 23)

```

10 DATA 420,253,28,350,327,808,992,514
,642,729,181,329,339,185,196,6293
160 DATA 146,886,580,589,820,828,130,7
65,505,441,5690

```

## Faster execution made easy.

Continuing with our special "Harold J. Reed" installment of **BASIC Training**, here's something simple you can do that can increase the execution speed of your BASIC programs. Harold writes:

*I once developed a rather large program and then developed a title screen to go with it. To avoid running the entire program as the title screen was being debugged, I worked on it separately. I used a FOR/NEXT loop to slow down my plotting routine to the desired speed. But then, when it was just right and I added it to my main program, it ran much slower! If BASIC interprets one line of a program at a time, why would the length of the program have any effect on the speed of execution?*

This is a very good question, and one which most programmers don't think about or even realize. But the fact is: code placed at the end of a BASIC program executes *slower* than code at the beginning! Let's find out why.

When a program is sitting in the computer's memory, BASIC only knows where the *first* line is located. In order to find the second line, BASIC goes to the first line and gets the pointer to the next line.

If BASIC needs to find the tenth line of a program, it must get the first line and find the pointer to the second line. It then looks at the second line for the pointer to the third line, and so on until it gets the line it's looking for. Imagine how much time is wasted looking for, say, the 400th line of a program!

Just so I could see how much time is lost when code is placed at the end of a program, I put a FOR-NEXT loop at the beginning of the BASIC code for **Retrofire**, which is roughly 225 lines long. When executed, the loop took about 24 seconds.

I then placed the loop at the end of the **Retrofire** program and executed it. This time, it took 99 seconds, over *four times* as long as it did at the beginning of the program!

A program will be slowed down any time code near the end is referenced by line number. For example, the statements GOTO 1000, GOSUB 1000, RESTORE 1000, etc. would all slow down the program if the line number referenced was at the end of the program. FOR/NEXT loops are also affected, since internally BASIC keeps track of the line containing the FOR statement.

If you write games in BASIC, it's a good idea to place one-time initialization routines or title screens at the end of the program. Keep often-used subroutines and the main control code at the beginning of the program. Remember, simply by organizing your code more carefully, you can increase the program's speed by several times!

## Write on.

I'd like to thank Mr. Reed for sharing his insights with all the **ANALOG** readers. If you've got a question or observation, scribble it down on a postcard and send it to **BASIC Training**. There's no such thing as a "stupid" question, and you could help potentially thousands of other readers with the same problem.

Until next time, see if you can improve the performance of your old BASIC games by reorganizing the code. You may be pleasantly surprised. □

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# Con TEXT

## 16K Disk

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by Vern L. Mastel

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This program is written to run on any Atari computer with 48K of memory and at least one disk drive. **Letter Perfect** is the only Atari word processor that does not use the standard Atari file management system. Because of this, it is impossible to load **Letter Perfect** text files using another word processor, such as **Text Wizard**, or check the spelling using a standard spelling checker.

**ConTEXT** is a program which bridges this gap. It will take any text file prepared with **Letter Perfect** and reformat it into a conventional file that can be accessed with a word processor like **Text Wizard**. It will handle files up to 160 sectors in length (this can be increased) and works with one or two disk drives.

At its heart, the program is really quite simple. **Letter Perfect** uses a directory located from sectors 363 to 371 on the disk. **ConTEXT** uses a direct sector read routine to extract the file information and display it in file, starting sector and number of sectors format. Once the particular file to be converted is chosen, the text is read from the **Letter Perfect** file into a string for temporary storage. When the read process is complete, the string is then written back out to a new file on a standard Atari-formatted disk. This file can then be accessed by any conventional Atari word processor. The program offers options for using one or two disk drives.

The operation of the program is as follows:

**Lines 10-80** do all of the initialization. There are two very short machine language subroutines used in **ConTEXT**. The first, **INSTR\$**, calls the CIO get sector routine. The second, in **OUTSTR\$**, calls the CIO record move routine. **TRANSFER\$** holds the text from the **Letter Perfect** file and can be adjusted in size to accommodate the average size of file used.

**Lines 100-190** do the **Letter Perfect** directory read. The directory information is put into **BUFFER\$**.

**Lines 200-300** pull the individual file names, sizes and locations out of the information in **BUFFER\$**.

**Lines 310-480** handle the user input regarding which text file is to be converted.

**Lines 490-640** do the work of reading the individual sectors of the **Letter Perfect** file and putting the text into **TRANSFER\$**.

**Lines 650-710** allow one- or two-drive option to be used for the output file.

**Lines 720-780** call the CIO and pass the necessary values it needs to move **TRANSFER\$** to a standard Atari disk file.

**Lines 790-830** handle prompting for a disk swap, if needed, upon completion of conversion and continuation or exit from the program.



### Using ConTEXT.

The first thing to do when using **ConTEXT** is to copy the files to be converted onto a new **Letter Perfect** formatted disk. This is to insure that all of the sectors are in consecutive order for each file. **ConTEXT** is not smart enough to figure out where the right sectors are for a given file, if they are scattered about on a disk (a common situation on discs that are heavily edited). If you have two drives, the LP text disk will go into drive 1 after **ConTEXT** has been loaded into the computer. RUN the program and select the file to be converted. When you enter the starting sector and number of sectors, be sure to enter them correctly. An error can produce a totally scrambled output file, because the wrong sectors were read.

**Letter Perfect** has one very strange quirk which can cause a problem with conversion. An LP-formatted disk has sectors 8 through 55 reserved for some specific purpose, meaning that a 10-sector file will be written from sectors 3 to 7 and then from 56 to 61. Obviously, this file will not convert properly, because **ConTEXT** reads consecutive sectors. The solution is to save the file twice and ignore the first file. The program could also be rewritten to handle this situation, but I decided that the extra code was not justified. The destination disk for the converted file is a standard Atari-formatted disk. It can be a blank disk or one already containing text or program files. I prefer to keep converted files on their own disks. Once the converted file is written out to the destination disk, you are done — unless you wish to convert more files. Load in your **Text Wizard** or **Atari Writer** and proceed to use the new files.

One final note. Nearly all converted files will need some cleanup. Watch out for embedded control characters in the text and garbage at the very end. This garbage comes from the fact that rarely does a text file completely fill the last sector. Because **ConTEXT** reads complete sectors only, any "stuff" past the end-of-file in the last sector will be read in as well. It is this that produces the garbage displayed at the end of the text, which must be cleaned up. □

```

10 DIM INSTR$(5),DRIVE$(15),BUFFER$(12
8),OUTSTR$(7)
20 DIM A$(1),FILE$(12),TRANSFER$(20000
)
30 POKE 712,148:POKE 752,1
40 FOR X=1 TO 5:READ A:INSTR$(X)=CHR$(
A):NEXT X
50 DATA 104,32,83,228,96
60 FOR X=1 TO 7:READ A:OUTSTR$(X)=CHR$(
A):NEXT X
70 DATA 104,104,104,170,76,86,228
80 BUFFER$="" :BUFFER$(128)="" :BUFFER
$(2)=BUFFER$
90 POS=ADR(BUFFER$)
100 POSHI=INT(POS/256)
110 POSLO=POS-POSHI*256
120 POKE 772,POSLO
130 POKE 773,POSHI
140 FOR SECTOR=363 TO 371
150 SECTORHI=INT(SECTOR/256)

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160 SECTORLO=SECTOR-SECTORHI*256
170 POKE 778,SECTORLO:POKE 779,SECTORH
I
180 POKE 770,82:POKE 769,1
190 IN=USR(ADR(INSTR$))
200 ? CHR$(125):POSITION 0,0:?" "
";CHR$(8);"LETTER PERFECT DIRECTORY";
CHR$(10)
210 ? "FILE NAME          STARTING N
UMBER"
220 INDEX=1
230 FOR ENTRY=1 TO 8
240 IF ASC(BUFFER$(ENTRY*16-10,ENTRY*1
6-10))=0 THEN 300
250 IF BUFFER$(ENTRY*16-15,ENTRY*16-15
)=" " THEN 300
260 ? BUFFER$(ENTRY*16-10,ENTRY*16);
270 POSITION 18,INDEX+1:?" ASC(BUFFER$(
ENTRY*16-12))+256*ASC(BUFFER$(ENTRY*16
-11)):" "
280 POSITION 33,INDEX+1:?" ASC(BUFFER$(
ENTRY*16-14))+256*ASC(BUFFER$(ENTRY*16
-13))
290 INDEX=INDEX+1
300 NEXT ENTRY
310 POSITION 2,10:?" PRESS RETURN
FOR NEXT SECTOR:?" "ENTER C TO CONVERT
A DISPLAYED FILE";
320 INPUT A$:IF A$="C" THEN 370
330 NEXT SECTOR
340 ? CHR$(125):POSITION 8,10:?" "
END OF DIRECTORY:?" " PRESS RETUR
N TO BEGIN AGAIN"
350 ? " ENTER E TO END";:INP
UT A$:IF A$="E" THEN END
360 GOTO 80
370 ?:"FILE TO CONVERT=====":INPUT
FILES$
380 FOR X=1 TO LEN(FILES$):IF FILES$(X,X
)="." THEN FILES=FILES$(1,X-1):GOTO 400
390 NEXT X
400 ? "INPUT STARTING SECTOR=====":INP
UT 55
410 ? "INPUT NUMBER OF SECTORS=====":INP
UT SECNUM
420 ?:"FILENAME IS=====":FILES$
430 ? "STARTING SECTOR=====":55
440 ? "NUMBER OF SECTORS=====":SECNUM
450 ? "IS THIS CORRECT Y/N":INPUT A$:
IF A$="Y" THEN 480
460 POSITION 2,12:FOR X=1 TO 13:PRINT
CHR$(156);:NEXT X
470 POSITION 2,12:GOTO 370
480 POSITION 2,12:FOR X=1 TO 13:?" CHR$(
156);:NEXT X
490 POSITION 2,13:?" CONVERTING FILE
";FILES$:" PLEASE WAIT"
500 TRANSFER$=""
510 MOVESIZE=(SECNUM-1)*128:IF MOVESIZ
E<128 THEN MOVESIZE=128
520 TRANSFER$="" :TRANSFER$(MOVESIZE)=
" " :TRANSFER$(2)=TRANSFER$
530 POS=ADR(TRANSFER$)-128
540 FOR SECTOR=55+1 TO 55+SECNUM-1
550 POS=POS+128
560 POSHI=INT(POS/256)
570 POSLO=POS-POSHI*256
580 POKE 772,POSLO:POKE 773,POSHI
590 SECTORHI=INT(SECTOR/256)
600 SECTORLO=SECTOR-SECTORHI*256
610 POKE 778,SECTORLO:POKE 779,SECTORH
I
620 POKE 770,82:POKE 769,1
630 IN=USR(ADR(INSTR$))
640 NEXT SECTOR:EFLAG=0:FOR ADDR=POS T
O POS+127:BYTE=PEEK(ADDR):IF BYTE=27 T
HEN EFLAG=1
644 IF EFLAG THEN BYTE=32
645 POKE ADDR,BYTE:NEXT ADDR
650 ? CHR$(125):POSITION 3,10:?"SEND
NEW FILE TO WHICH DRIVE D1-D2?":?" "
RETURN FOR D2"
660 ?:" " =="::INPUT DRIV
E$
670 IF DRIVE$(<)"D1" THEN DRIVE$="D2"
680 DRIVE$(3)="" :DRIVE$(4)=FILES:DRIV
E$(LEN(DRIVE$)+1)=".CON"

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690 ON DRIVE$(1,2)="D2" GOTO 720: ? CHR
$(125): POSITION 8,10: ? "PLEASE REMOVE
THE TEXT DISC"
700 ? " AND INSERT AN ATARI FORMAT
TED": ? " DESTINATION DISC IN DRIV
E 1": ?
710 ? " PRESS RETURN WHEN READY"
: INPUT A$
720 OPEN #1,8,0,DRIVE$: POS=ADR(TRANSFE
R$)
730 SIZE=LEN(TRANSFER$): SIZEHB=INT(SIZ
E/256): SIZELB=SIZE-SIZEHB*256
740 STARTHB=INT(POS/256): STARTLB=POS-5
TARTHB*256
750 POKE 852,STARTLB: POKE 853,STARTHB
760 POKE 856,SIZELB: POKE 857,SIZEHB
770 POKE 850,11
780 OUT=USR(ADR(OUTSTR$),16): CLOSE #1
790 ? CHR$(125): POSITION 10,8: ? " CON
VERSION COMPLETE ": ? : ?
800 ON DRIVE$(1,2)="D2" GOTO 820: ? "
PLEASE REMOVE THE CONVERSION DISC": ? "
FROM DRIVE #1 AND REINSERT THE"
810 ? " LETTER PERFECT TEXT DISC"
: ?
820 ? " PRESS RETURN TO CONTINUE"
: ? " ENTER E TO END": INPUT
A$: IF A$="E" THEN END
830 GOTO 80

```

### CHECKSUM DATA

(See page 23)

```

10 DATA 397,689,174,40,802,370,682,79,
922,229,195,583,569,431,129,6291
160 DATA 557,546,258,182,321,341,514,6
65,870,564,617,431,101,349,163,6479
310 DATA 327,956,367,869,105,516,858,4
68,789,174,328,902,483,637,951,8730
460 DATA 284,371,355,964,394,358,839,5
89,771,189,255,221,621,149,549,6909
610 DATA 538,250,174,805,640,262,143,5
77,551,681,181,51,507,343,419,6122
740 DATA 793,332,720,8,148,965,731,1,6
76,517,4891

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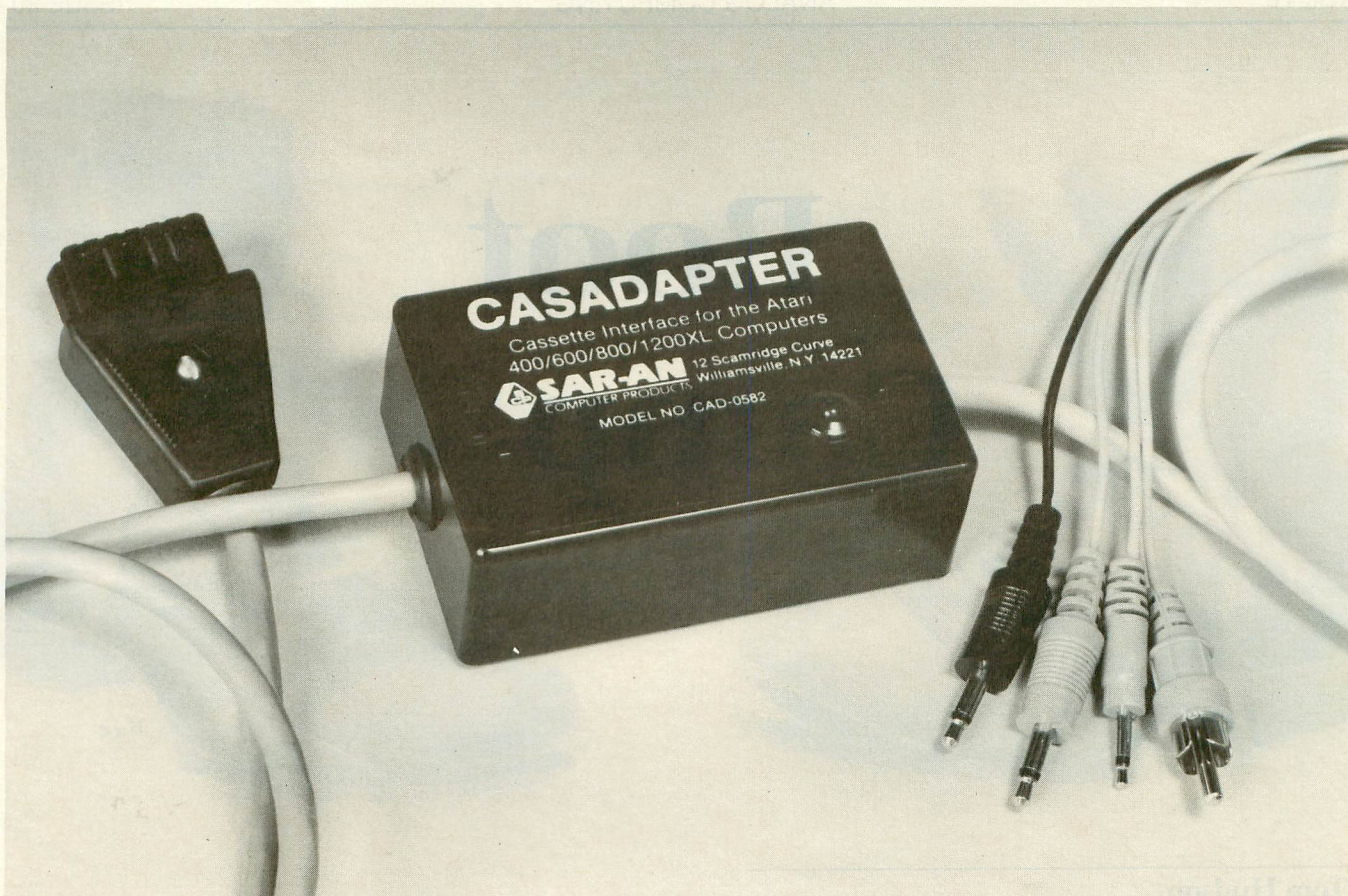
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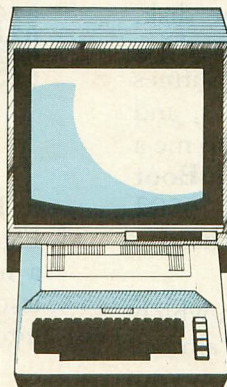


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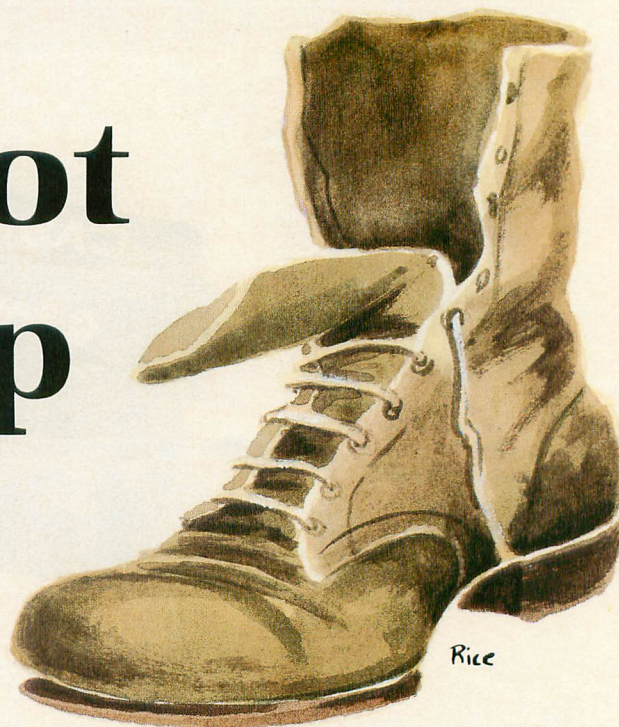
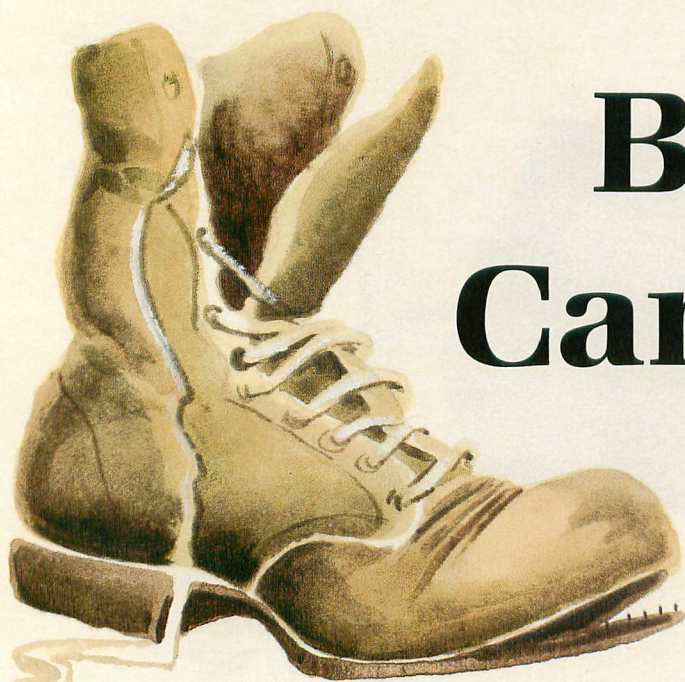


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# Boot Camp



by Tom Hudson

Welcome back! As I mentioned last issue, there are only a few more 6502 instructions left for us to cover, and we'll talk about them in the next two installments. There are also a couple of instructions we're going to skip until later. They are for more advanced uses, and won't make much sense until you've got more experience with assembly language.

Several people have written lately, asking if we'll get into full-scale programs and using the Atari's powerful operating system. The answer: You bet! We're going to find out how to access the disk, cassette, graphics, keyboard, and just about anything else you'd like to hear about. We'll study routines for high-speed math, player/missile graphics, and more. If you've got a specific suggestion, drop me a postcard, and I'll add your idea to my topic file. **Boot Camp** is here not only to teach you what 6502 assembly instructions do, but how to apply them.

## Two solutions.

Last issue, I asked you to write a program which multiplied the number 5 by 27. There is an almost infinite number of ways to do this, and I'll show you two of them now. Remember, these aren't the only possibilities, and, even though your solution may not be as efficient, getting the correct answer is what counts most.

### Solution #1.

```

10      *= $0600
20      CLD          ;BINARY MATH!
30      LDA #5       ;GET # TO MULT.
40      STA TIMES1   ;SAVE # TIMES 1

```

```

50      ASL A         ;*2
60      STA TIMES2    ;SAVE # TIMES 2
70      ASL A         ;*4
80      ASL A         ;*8
90      STA TIMES8    ;SAVE # TIMES 8
0100    ASL A         ;*16
0110    CLC          ;CLEAR FOR ADD
0120    ADC TIMES8    ;*24
0130    CLC          ;CLEAR AGAIN
0140    ADC TIMES2    ;*26
0150    CLC          ;CLEAR AGAIN
0160    ADC TIMES1    ;*27
0170    STA RESULT   ;SAVE # TIMES 27
0180    BRK          ;WE'RE DONE!
0190    TIMES1 *=*+1
0200    TIMES2 *=*+1
0210    TIMES8 *=*+1
0220    RESULT *=*+1
0230    .END

```

Figure 1.

The first solution I'm going to cover is shown in Figure 1. This program uses the principle of breaking a multiply into "bite-sized" pieces, as shown last issue. In this case, I broke the multiply by 27 down into the following group of adds:

```

(number * 16)
(number * 8)
(number * 2)
+ (number )
-----
(number * 27)

```

Let's step through the program in Figure 1 and see how it works.

**Line 20** — clears the decimal mode. Always remember to be sure of the setting of the



decimal flag before doing any arithmetic.

**Line 30** — loads the accumulator with the number 5. When the routine is finished, this number will be multiplied by 27 and stored in the memory location labeled RESULT.

**Line 40** — stores the accumulator's contents in the memory location labeled TIMES1 (5 \* 1). We need to save this value for later, when we add the "bite-sized" pieces together.

**Line 50** — shifts the accumulator contents left one bit, multiplying it by two.

**Line 60** — saves the accumulator (now 5 \* 2) in the location TIMES2. This value is also needed for our final result.

**Line 70** — shifts the accumulator left one bit again, leaving the accumulator with the value 5 \* 4.

**Line 80** — performs another left shift on the accumulator. The accumulator now contains 5 \* 8.

**Line 90** — saves the accumulator's contents in the location TIMES8.

**Line 100** — performs a final left shift on the accumulator, leaving the accumulator with the value 5 \* 16. At this point, we have all the "bite-sized" pieces we need to get our answer, and are ready to add them up.

**Line 110** — clears the carry flag for the first add in the group. Remember, this is a necessary instruction before any single-byte addition.

**Line 120** — adds the accumulator (5 \* 16) to TIMES8 (5 \* 8), leaving the result (5 \* 24) in the accumulator for the next add.

**Line 130** — clears the carry for the next add.

**Line 140** — adds the accumulator (5 \* 24) to TIMES2 (5 \* 27), with the result (5 \* 26) left in the accumulator.

**Line 150** — clears the carry again, for the final addition operation.

**Line 160** — adds the accumulator (5 \* 26) to TIMES1 (5 \* 1), leaving the accumulator holding the final value, 5 times 27!

**Line 170** — saves the final answer in the location labeled RESULT.

**Line 180** — BREAKs the execution of the program. At this point, you can check the location RESULT to be sure it contains 5 \* 27, or 135 (\$87 hex).

**Lines 190-220** — reserve one byte for each of the four data areas used by the program.

### Solution #2.

The second solution I decided to show is a modification of the first technique. In this program, I decided to break the multiply down into smaller pieces again, but structure it so that subtracts are used instead of adds:

```
(number * 32)
- (number * 4)
-----
(number * 27)
```

As you can see, we get the same result as with adds, but with only three math operations instead of four. Figure 2 shows the 6502 code necessary to implement this method.

```
10      * = $0600
20      CLD                      ; BINARY MATH
30      LDA #5                   ; GET # TO MULT.
40      STA TIMES1               ; SAVE # TIMES 1
50      ASL A                    ; *2
60      ASL A                    ; *4
70      STA TIMES4               ; SAVE # TIMES 4
80      ASL A                    ; *8
90      ASL A                    ; *16
0100    ASL A                    ; *32
0110    SEC                     ; SET FOR SUBTRACT
0120    SBC TIMES4               ; *28
0130    SEC                     ; SET AGAIN
0140    SBC TIMES1               ; *27
0150    STA RESULT              ; SAVE # TIMES 27
0160    BRK                     ; ALL DONE!
0170    TIMES1 * = *+1
0180    TIMES4 * = *+1
0190    RESULT * = *+1
0200    .END
```

Figure 2.

Let's walk through this program and see what's going on.

**Line 20** — clears the decimal mode for binary arithmetic. I can't overemphasize the importance of knowing the status of the decimal mode flag. If you're in doubt, SET or CLEAR it as needed.

**Line 30** — loads the accumulator with the number 5. When this program is finished, the number 5 will be multiplied by 27.

**Line 40** — saves the contents of the accumulator in the location labeled TIMES1, for later use.

**Line 50** — shifts the accumulator left 1 bit, multiplying it by 2.

**Line 60** — shifts the accumulator left again, leaving the accumulator with the value 5 \* 4.

**Line 70** — saves the contents of the accumulator (5\*4) in the memory location TIMES4.

**Line 80** — shifts the accumulator left again, leaving the value 5 \* 8 in the accumulator.

**Line 90** — performs another left shift. At this point the accumulator contains 5 \* 16.

**Line 100** — shifts the accumulator left a final time. The accumulator now contains the value 5 \* 32. We are now ready to perform the subtract operations as shown above.

**Line 110** — sets the carry flag for the first subtract operation. Remember, the carry flag should always be set before a single-byte subtract to insure correct results.

**Line 120** — subtracts the value TIMES4 (5 \*



4) from the accumulator ( $5 * 32$ ), leaving the accumulator containing the value  $5 * 28$ .

**Line 130** — sets the carry flag for the next subtract.

**Line 140** — subtracts the value TIMES1 ( $5 * 1$ ) from the accumulator ( $5 * 28$ ), leaving the accumulator with the value  $5 * 27$ !

**Line 150** — saves the answer in the location labeled RESULT.

**Line 160** — stops the program's execution with the BRK instruction. At this point, you can verify that the location RESULT (and the accumulator) contain  $5 * 27$ , or 135 (\$87 hex).

**Lines 170-190** — reserve one byte for each of the three data fields used by the program.

Obviously, these are just two of the thousands of solutions possible for this problem. If you've got a different approach, I'd like to see it. Just send your programs to **Boot Camp**, in care of **ANALOG**.

### Stacking the deck.

The last topic we're going to cover before going on to bigger and better things is the 6502 *stack*. This is an important feature of the 6502, as it allows us to write subroutines. Since the stack concept is very important, we're going to cover it in detail starting this

issue, and finish it with assembly examples next time. Let's get started finding out what the stack is and how it works.

The 6502 reserves 256 bytes of memory from \$0100-01FF (also called page 1) for a temporary storage area. We call this area the *stack*. This area is automatically maintained for the 6502, but we can use it for short-term storage, too.

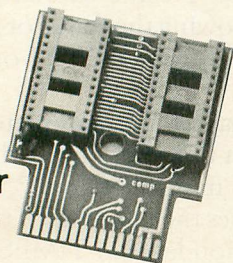
We call the stack a "last-in, first-out" structure. The last number placed on the stack is always the first to be pulled off. A good way to remember this is to think of a stack of pancakes. When you pile them up, the last one put on the stack is on top. When you take them off one at a time, the last one you put on comes off first. Using this analogy, the computer could keep track of 256 pancakes, each with a number written on it.

The computer keeps track of the stack's contents by using the Stack Pointer register inside the 6502. This pointer ranges from \$00-FF. When the stack pointer contains \$00, it is pointing to the memory location \$0100. When it contains \$FF, the location \$01FF is indicated.

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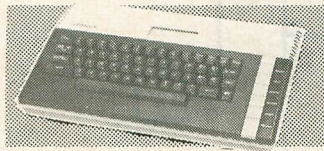
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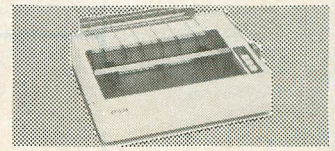
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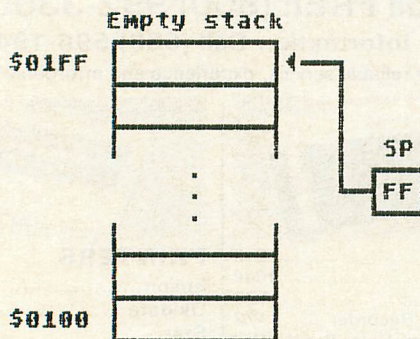


Figure 3.

As the stack is filled with more and more values, the stack pointer is decremented, pointing to lower areas of page 1. When completely filled, the stack pointer will contain \$00, as shown in Figure 4.

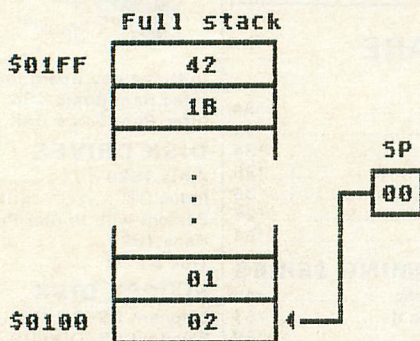


Figure 4.

Since the computer has only reserved 256 bytes for a stack, there are obviously limitations in its use. If the stack is filled with too many values, the stack pointer will "wrap around" back to \$FF and begin wiping out earlier stack entries! There is no "error message" for this, so you must be careful when working with the stack.

When entries are removed from the stack, the process is reversed. As each byte is pulled off the stack, the pointer is *incremented*, pointing to progressively higher locations of the stack.

#### How subroutines work.

In BASIC, subroutines are easy to write. You simply set up the necessary BASIC code, put a RETURN instruction at the end of it, and call it with *the* GOSUB statement whenever you need it. The subroutine code is performed, and BASIC resumes execution at the next statement after the GOSUB. Neat, huh?

In order for a BASIC subroutine to work, the computer has to know how to get back to the instruc-

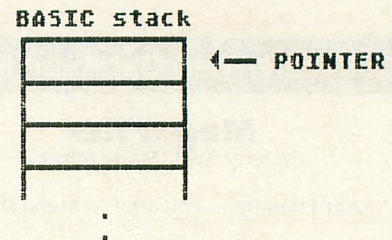
tion after the GOSUB. It does this by using a stack. Let's look at a simplified example of how a BASIC subroutine is executed.

```
10 GOSUB 100
20 END
100 GOSUB 200
110 RETURN
200 A=A+1
210 RETURN
```

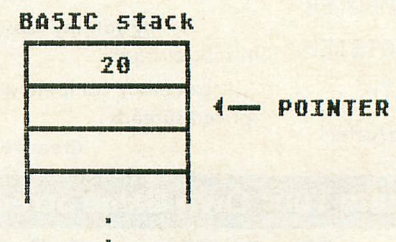
Figure 5.

Figure 5 is a short BASIC program using the BASIC subroutine statements, GOSUB and RETURN. We're going to step through it and watch what happens to the BASIC stack, a special area similar to the 6502 stack.

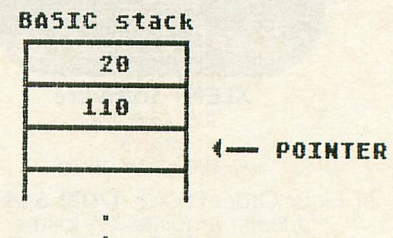
Before execution — The stack is empty, and the stack pointer is pointing to the first available position.



**Line 10** — The GOSUB to Line 100 is executed. First, the computer finds the next statement after the GOSUB. The next statement is in Line 20, so the computer *pushes* that line number onto the first location on the stack, and changes the stack pointer to point to the next available location. Execution then proceeds at Line 100. At this point, the stack looks like:



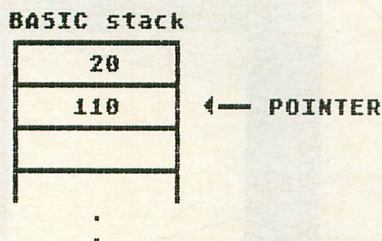
**Line 100** — This line executes a GOSUB to Line 200. The next statement after this GOSUB is Line 110, so this number is placed on the stack, and the stack pointer is advanced to the next available position. Execution continues at Line 200. The stack now looks like:





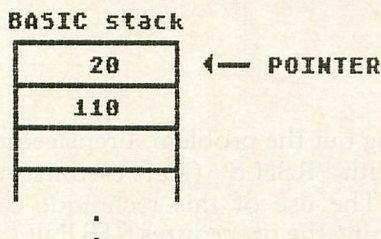
**Line 200** — The computer adds one to the variable A. The stack is not affected.

**Line 210** — The computer encounters a RETURN statement. At this point, the computer increments the stack pointer, like so:



Now the computer takes the line number 110 from the stack. As you can see, the computer can now go back to the instruction after the last GOSUB. Execution continues at Line 110.

**Line 110** — Another RETURN is encountered, and the stack pointer is incremented again. Now the stack looks like this:



The computer gets the line number from the stack and completes the RETURN by resuming execution at Line 20.

**Line 20** — This line terminates execution with the END statement. The stack is back to its original condition, with the pointer indicating the first stack location. The line numbers are still in the stack itself, but since the stack pointer no longer points to them, they are no longer active. They will be wiped out by new stack entries.

Now do you see how the stack works? It's a great way to handle subroutines, where the computer must be able to find its way back to the code which called the subroutine.

**Until next time.**

If you think **Boot Camp** looks more like **Basic Training** this issue, hold on! I wanted to explain the subroutine process in a language you're familiar with, like BASIC. Next issue we'll examine the operation of the 6502 subroutine process, and learn how to use the stack for our own programs.

10 GOSUB 10  
20 END

Figure 6.

Until we meet again, here's a little program to get you thinking. Type in the BASIC program in Figure 6 and RUN it. It may take a while, but something will happen, and I want you to see if you can find the cause. Use the stack illustration method I used in the BASIC example to get the answer.

Also, if you haven't already, try to find more alternate methods for multiplying 5 by 27! □

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My first task was to find a place for the display list (DLIST) and screen memory (STRLIN). I wanted to put them in a safe location, while allowing easy access from Action!-generated code and in-line machine code. I finally decided to put them in Action! arrays whose starting addresses were defined such that the display list and screen memory started on 1K boundaries in high memory. (The Atari cannot easily deal with a display list which crosses a 1K boundary or screen memory which crosses a 4K boundary.)

Calculations to generate the display list required that the address of screen memory be divided by 256 to obtain the high byte of the address. Performing this division on addresses greater than 32767, unfortunately, gives the wrong answer, since Action! multiplications and divisions always assume they are acting on signed numbers. Try typing:

```
X PRINTCE(32768/256)
```

in the Action! monitor and see what you get. After

figuring out the problem, I replaced the division by 256 with "RSH 8" (shift cardinal number right 8 bits). The use of this technique can be seen by examining the procedures STRINI() and DLSINI().

The next problem was to insert the addresses of the arrays STRTPH, STRTPL, and STRPOS into the machine language procedure SCROLL(). My initial attempt to do this involved inserting the address during the compilation phase. Using this method, the first instruction in the procedure SCROLL() would be:

```
$BO STRTPL ;LDA STRTPL, X
```

To my horror, the addresses of arrays compiled into the code by this technique frequently (but not always) differed from those observed after compilation. Apparently, the addresses of arrays change during the compile phase, and the compiler cannot modify addresses inserted into machine code. The solution was to "POKEC" the addresses into the machine language routines during run time [see the procedure MAIN()].

I believe everything else in the listing is understandable, because I kept the names of all routines and most of the comments the same as those in the original assembly language listing. A word of warning: this program is designed to work with a machine having 48K of memory. If your machine has less memory, you will have to change the starting address of the arrays DLIST and STRLIN. The place to do this is clearly marked in the listing.

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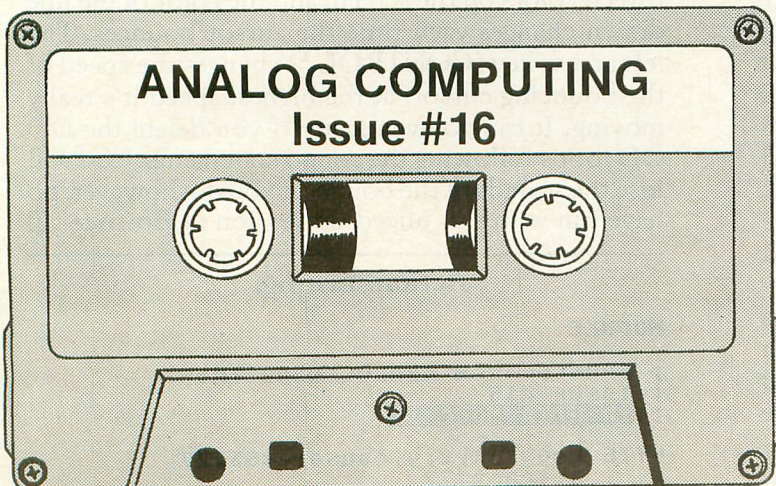
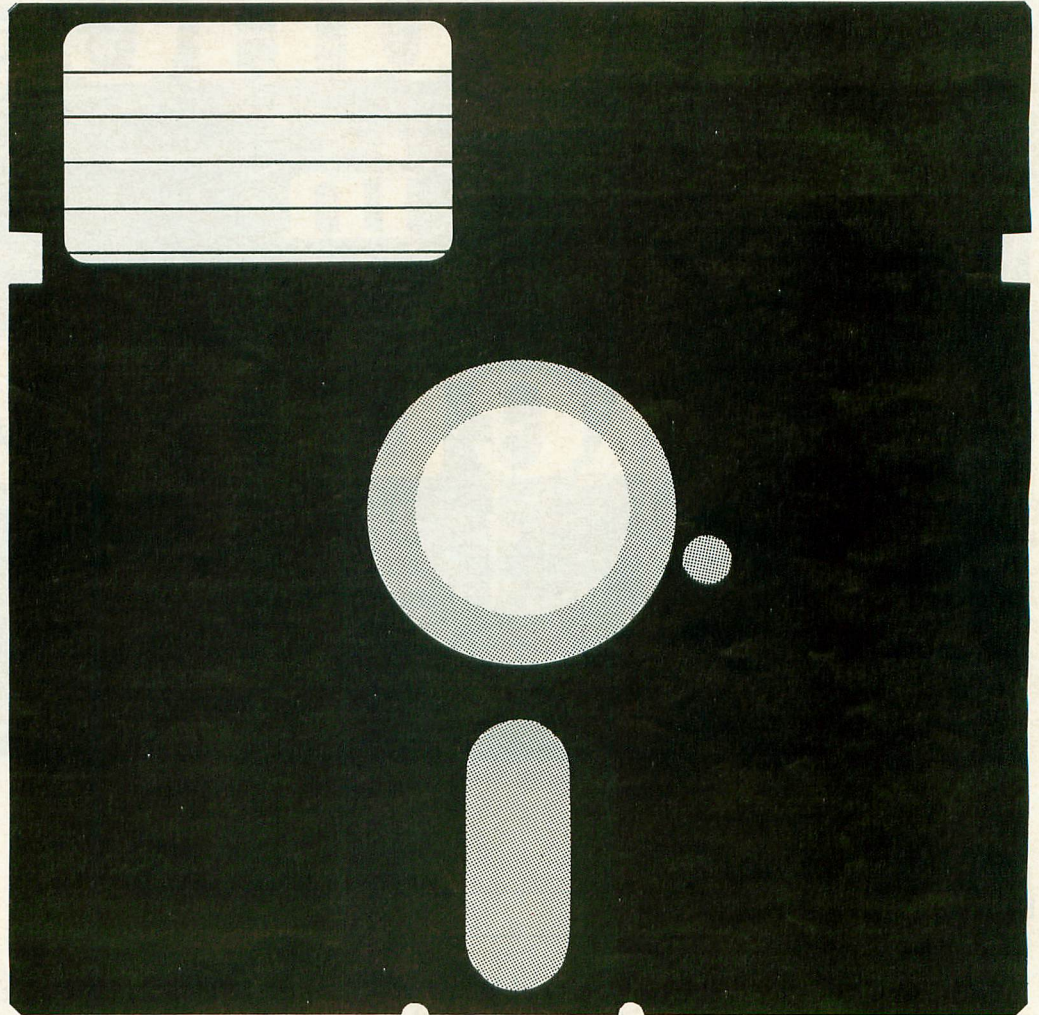
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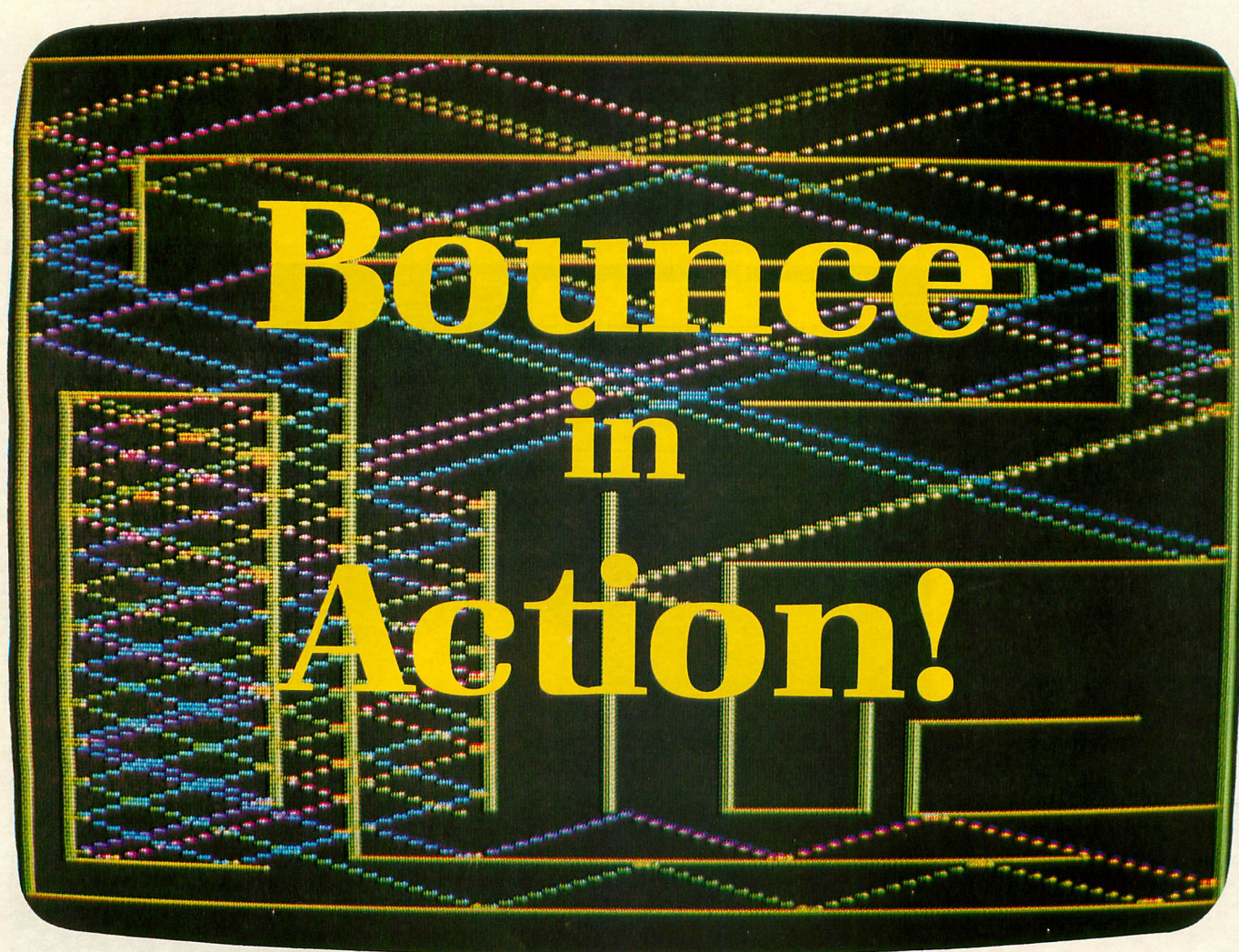
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24K Cassette or Disk

by David Plotkin

**Bounce**, written by Joel Gluck and published in *ANALOG* issue 15, was a lot of fun to play with, just as Joel predicted it would be. The obvious enhancements that sprang to mind included a higher resolution screen and multiple colors. Unfortunately, higher resolution (and more than four colors) means more points to draw, and BASIC slows to a crawl. Fortunately, **Action!** from OSS presents an alternative, so I translated and modified the program into **Action!** Try punching it in; I think you'll agree that the color patterns and dynamic "ball" are fascinating to watch. To use this updated version of **Bounce**, you must have the **Action!** cartridge installed in your Atari. The program works pretty much like the original: You draw "walls" with your joystick, then hit the space bar to start the ball bouncing. Hitting the space bar again stops the bounce, so you can draw more walls with your joystick, or erase by pushing the fire button. If you press

the **ESCAPE** key while the bouncing is stopped, you will return to the menu screen to review the commands. The program uses Graphics 11, so there are fifteen colors on the screen, and the color of the line drawn changes each time the cursor bounces. The left arrow key (**CONTROL \***) changes the speed of the bouncing cursor; at the highest speed it's really moving. It can go even faster if you delete the **DO** **OD** loops following the sound statements. You will lose the sounds of the bounce if you do, however. So have fun with this juiced-up version of **Bounce**. □

#### Action! Listing.

##### MODULE

```
; BOUNCE from ANALOG magazine
; Issue #15
; In GIIA Mode 11
BYTE key=764,x,y,console=53279,
      attract=77
```



```
CARD ctr
INT A,B
```

```
PROC wallchex()
```

```
IF x>78 THEN x=78 FI
IF y>190 THEN y=190 FI
IF x<1 THEN x=1 FI
IF y<1 THEN y=1 FI
RETURN
```

```
PROC menu()
```

```
PrintE("BOUNCE from Analog Issue #15")
PrintE("    in GTIA Mode 11")
PrintF("%E* Use stick to draw walls,%E")
PrintF("%* Hold trigger to erase,%E")
PrintF("%* Hit ESC to clear screen,%E")
PrintE("%* Hit SPACE to bounce.")
PrintE("%* Arrows control ball speed")
Print("Press any key to continue.")
key=255
While key=255 Do Od
Key=255
RETURN
```

```
PROC drawscreen()
```

```
BYTE curs=752
Graphics(0)
curs=1
Menu()
Graphics(11)
curs=1
SetColor(4,0,4) ;SetColor(4,0,0)
color=15
Plot(0,0)
DrawTo(79,0)
DrawTo(79,191)
DrawTo(0,191)
DrawTo(0,0)
RETURN
```

```
PROC flash()
```

```
color=9
Plot(x,y)
FOR ctr=0 to 300 DO OD
color=0
Plot(x,y)
FOR ctr=0 to 300 DO OD
RETURN
```

```
PROC bounce()
```

```
BYTE fate=53770,L=[0],PA,PB,G,
kolor=[11],time=[32]
```

```
color=9
```

```
A=1
```

```
B=1
```

```
Plot(x,y)
```

```
DO
```

```
IF key=33 THEN key=255 RETURN FI
```

```
WHILE Locate(x+A,y+B)<15 DO
```

```
color=kolor
```

```
Plot(x,y)
```

```
x==+A
```

```
y==+B
```

```
wallchex()
```

```
color=9
```

```
Plot(x,y)
```

```
L==+1
```

```
FOR ctr=0 to 5*time DO OD
```

```
OD
```

```
IF key=7 THEN
```

```
key=255
```

```
time==+32
```

```
FI
```

```
Sound(0,L*4+20,10,8)
```

```
PA=Locate(x+A,y)
```

```
PB=Locate(x,y+B)
```

```
FOR ctr=0 to 100 DO OD
```

```
SndRst()
```

```
L=0
```

```
IF PA>2 AND PB>2 THEN
```

```
A=-A
```

```
B=-B
```

```
ELSEIF PA>2 AND PB<3 THEN
```

```
A=-A
```

```
color=2
```

```
Plot(x,y)
```

```
y=y+B
```

```
color=9
```

```
Plot(x,y)
```

```
ELSEIF PB>2 AND PA<3 THEN
```

```
B=-B
```

```
color=2
```

```
Plot(x,y)
```

```
x=x+A
```

```
color=9
```

```
Plot(x,y)
```

```
ELSEIF fate>127 THEN
```

```
B=-B
```

```
ELSE
```

```
A=-A
```

```
FI
```

```
kolor==+1
```

```
IF kolor>14 THEN
```

```
kolor=1
```

```
FI
```

```
attract=0
```

```
OD
```

```
RETURN
```

```
PROC draw()
```

```
BYTE qq
```

```
drawscreen()
```

```
x=40
```

```
y=95
```

```
DO
```

```
IF key=28 THEN
```

```
key=255
```

```
drawscreen()
```

```
ELSEIF key=33 THEN
```

```
key=255
```

```
bounce()
```

```
FI
```

```
IF Stick(0)=15 THEN
```

```
flash()
```

```
ELSEIF Stick(0)=7 THEN
```

```
x=x+1
```

```
ELSEIF Stick(0)=6 THEN
```

```
x=x+1
```

```
y=y-1
```

```
ELSEIF Stick(0)=14 THEN
```

```
y=y-1
```

```
ELSEIF Stick(0)=5 THEN
```

```
x=x+1
```

```
y=y+1
```

```
ELSEIF Stick(0)=11 THEN
```

```
x=x-1
```

```
ELSEIF Stick(0)=10 THEN
```

```
x=x-1
```

```
y=y-1
```

```
ELSEIF Stick(0)=13 THEN
```

```
y=y+1
```

```
ELSEIF Stick(0)=9 THEN
```

```
x=x-1
```

```
y=y+1
```

```
FI
```

```
wallchex()
```

```
IF Strig(0)=0 THEN
```

```
color=0
```

```
flash()
```

```
ELSE
```

```
color=15
```

```
FI
```

```
Plot(x,y)
```

```
IF Stick(0)<>15 THEN
```

```
qq=5strig(0)
```

```
Sound(0,(200-x-y)*qq,8+2*qq,4)
```

```
FOR ctr=0 to 1000 DO OD
```

```
SndRst()
```

```
FI
```

```
OD
```

```
RETURN
```



(continued from page 24)

**Line 4550** — Compute ASCII code of distance clue, and (4560) jump ahead (to 4700) to display that clue.

**Line 4600** — Find horizontal and vertical directions of treasure from Seeker.

**Line 4610** — Compute the proper index number for the ARROW( ) array.

**Line 4620** — Make clue that arrow.

**Line 4700** — Show the clue on the screen.

**Line 4710** — Return to game loop.

That's the whole clue-making process. The computation of distance or of the proper arrow index may seem complex, but after puzzling them out, they begin to make sense.

### Endings.

When the game ends, it branches to Line 5000 for the "End" routine. The elapsed time is computed using two of the time locations, and then is printed out, along with the number of guesses the player took.

If elapsed time was less than fifteen seconds, a little congratulatory sequence occurs on Line 5130. Lines 5140 to 5200 handle the option of playing again. The PLAYAGAIN variable is set to "one" if the START key is hit; if anything else is hit, it is set to "zero."

### Only the beginning.

Why am I rehashing old game ideas (you may ask yourself)? Well, it so happens that this particular game idea is ideal to program simply and to expand upon creatively. With it, we can start small and think big.

For example, CLUES.A is only a one-player game. What happens when you make it two-player? I had a few ideas along those lines the other day, and I wrote them down in the following cryptic form:

#### Permutations of "Clues" (two-player)

1. One treasure, *misinformation* beyond a certain range (say, five grid points).

2. Two treasures, *mixed information*. Or three treasures (1 or 2 treasures could be false)!

3. *Separate treasures* for each player: a. 1 /player/, *misinfo*; or b. 2/player, *mixed info*. Players' clues are distinguishable by color or RVS field.

4. Clue characteristic: a. *Transient* — clue disappears when you move away; or b. *Permanent* — clue remains visible (like in CLUES.A).

5. Special features: a. *Hidden Bomb*, if set off, moves treasure to a new spot; or b. *Mobile treasures* — treasures move after each guess (clues should be transient).

6. Weird/idea: Players take turns at screen. On each turn, a player sees only his treasure

(which he must keep hidden) and himself. He may either: a. Take a guess as to where the opponent's treasure is; or b. Move his own treasure.

These notes may seem a bit mangled, but there are some interesting ideas in there. Of course, we don't have to develop all these possibilities at once. We can write various prototypes to try out different ideas. As a matter of fact, that's the subject of the next **Our Game**. Keep your booties on and stay tuned!

### I want mail.

I want mail so badly I can taste it (no, that's just an expression; I don't eat the letters you send me). More importantly, I want YOU to vote in *Our Game Special Election-Year Game Idea Vote!* Remember, if you don't vote soon, Victor the Frightening Vote-Counting Robot will get angry — and you wouldn't want that to happen, would you? For details, take a look at last month's **ANALOG** (issue 19).

Of course, if there's anything you want to flame about, or any game idea you think is up to scratch, send it along, too. I promise you I'll read your letter.

Send your letters (and your favorite recipe for onion dip) to:

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Next month: more CLUES! □

```

100 REM - CLUES Prototype A
110 REM - by Joel Gluck / April '84
120 REM - "Our Game"
130 REM - ANALOG Computing June '84
200 GOSUB 1000:REM - Intro/Options
210 GOSUB 2000:REM - Initialize
220 GOSUB 3000:REM - Init. Screen
230 GOSUB 4000:REM - Game
240 GOSUB 5000:REM - End
250 IF PLAYAGAIN=1 THEN 220
260 END
1000 REM - Intro/Options
1100 GRAPHICS 0
1110 ? "Welcome to CLUES (version A)!"
1112 ? :? "A minute to learn,":?
      "two minutes to master."
1120 ? :? "Object: Find the hidden treasure":? "as fast as you can."
1130 ? :? "Directions: Use joystick #1 to move":? "your Seeker (the #) to a point on the"
1140 ? "grid where you think the treasure":? "might be and then press the joystick"
1150 ? "trigger. If you are correct, you win! If not, a BOMB will appear.":? "The BOMB will be either an arrow or"
1160 ? "a number. An arrow points in the":? "general direction of the treasure."
1170 ? "A number tells your approximate":? "distance from the treasure."
1180 ? :? "Good luck and have fun!"
1190 ? :? "Press START to begin...";
1200 IF PEEK(53279)<>6 THEN 1200

```



```

1210 SETCOLOR 4,12,6:REM - acknowledge
key press by changing border color
1220 RETURN
2000 REM - Unit 3: 3.1.7.23
2100 DIM X5(15),Y5(15):REM - joystick
direction storage
2200 FOR Z=5 TO 15:REM - possible
joystick values
2210 READ A,B:REM - READ direction
values into dummy variables
2220 X5(Z)=A:Y5(Z)=B:REM - store
direction values
2230 NEXT Z
2240 REM - direction values:
2250 DATA 1,1,1,-1,1,0,0,-1,1,-1,-1,
-1,0,0,0,1,0,-1,0,0
2300 REM - ARROW graphics values:
2310 DIM CH$(1),ARROW(8):REM - arrow g
raphic storage
2320 FOR Z=0 TO 8:REM - possible arrow
values
2330 READ CH$:ARROW(Z)=ASC(CH$(1,1))+1
28:REM - read arrow char. and convert
to numerical code +128 for reverse
2340 NEXT Z
2350 REM - arrow characters:
2360 DATA r,<,l,^,?,v,q,>,d
2400 REM - other graphics:
2410 WALL=ASC("■")
2420 GRID=ASC(" ")
2430 SEEKER=ASC("●")
2440 NUMBER=ASC("0")+128:REM - base
number is zero, +128 for reverse
field
2500 RETURN
3000 REM - Unit 3: Screen
3100 GRAPHICS 0
3110 SETCOLOR 2,0,0:SETCOLOR 4,7,4:REM
- background and border color
3120 POKE 752,1:REM - Make cursor
invisible
3200 COLOR WALL
3210 PLOT 0,0:DRAWTO 39,0:DRAWTO 39,23
:DRAWTO 0,23:DRAWTO 0,0:REM - draw
outside wall
3250 COLOR GRID
3260 FOR X=1 TO 38:REM - grid breaks
down into 38 columns
3270 PLOT X,1:DRAWTO X,22:REM - draw
one column of grid pattern at X
3280 NEXT X
3300 XSK=19:YSK=11:REM - starting
coordinates of the Seeker
3310 COLOR SEEKER:PLOT XSK,YSK:REM -
draw Seeker
3320 UNDER=GRID:REM - "underneath" the
Seeker is blank grid space
3400 XTRS=INT(RND(1)*38)+1:REM - x-
coordinate of the treasure
3410 YTRS=INT(RND(1)*22)+1:REM - y-
coordinate of the treasure
3420 IF XTRS=XSK AND YTRS=YSK THEN 340
0:REM - prevent treasure from being
right under Seeker's feet at start!
3500 RETURN
4000 REM - Game
4100 POKE 20,0:POKE 19,0:REM - set
timer to zero
4110 GUESSES=0
4120 FOR V=15 TO 0 STEP -0.5:SOUND 0,1
00,10,V:NEXT V:REM - starting bell
4200 REM - game shell
4210 S=STICK(0):T=STRIG(0):REM - get
stick and trigger values
4220 IF T=0 AND S=15 THEN GOSUB 4500:G
OTO 4210:REM - take a guess (trigger
was hit)
4230 IF S<>15 THEN GOSUB 4300:GOTO 421
0:REM - move Seeker
4240 GOTO 4210:REM - nothing happened
4300 REM - move Seeker
4305 POKE 77,0:REM - prevent ATTRACT
MODE
4310 XD=X5(S):YD=Y5(S):REM - direction
based on joystick value
4320 LOCATE XSK+XD,YSK+YD,G:REM - find
out what's ahead of the Seeker

```

```

4330 IF G=WALL THEN RETURN :REM - can
not move through a wall!
4340 SOUND 0,XSK+YSK,8,4
4350 COLOR UNDER:PLOT XSK,YSK:REM -
erase Seeker
4360 XSK=XSK+XD:YSK=YSK+YD:REM - move
Seeker
4370 COLOR SEEKER:PLOT XSK,YSK:REM -
draw Seeker
4380 UNDER=G:REM - new "underneath"
value
4390 SOUND 0,0,0,0
4400 RETURN
4500 REM - take a guess
4502 GUESSES=GUESSES+1
4505 IF XSK=XTRS AND YSK=YTRS THEN POP
:RETURN :REM - win!
4510 FOR V=8 TO 0 STEP -0.5:SOUND 0,10
,4,V:SETCOLOR 2,0,V:NEXT V:REM -
special effects
4520 IF UNDER<>GRID THEN 4700:REM -
show the same old clue that's in that
spot
4530 DIST=INT(SQR((XTRS-XSK)^2+(YTRS-Y
SK)^2)+0.5)
4540 IF DIST>9 OR RND(1)<0.3 THEN 4600
:REM - if too far, use an arrow clue
4550 UNDER=DIST+NUMBER:REM - number
clue
4560 GOTO 4700
4600 XD=SGN(XTRS-XSK):YD=SGN(YTRS-YSK)
:REM - direction toward treasure from
Seeker
4610 Z=3*(XD+1)+(YD+1):REM - compute
proper arrow number
4620 UNDER=ARROW(Z):REM - use that
arrow
4700 SOUND 0,20,10,8:COLOR UNDER:PLOT
XSK,YSK:SOUND 0,0,0,0:REM - show clue
4710 RETURN
5000 REM - End
5100 TIME=(PEEK(20)+256*PEEK(19))/60:R
EM - find jiffies and divide by 60 to
get seconds.
5110 GRAPHICS 0
5120 ? :? "You did it in ";TIME;" seco
nds"
5125 ? "{and in ";GUESSES;" guesses}."
5130 IF TIME<15 THEN ? :FOR F=100 TO 1
0 STEP -10:SOUND 0,F,10,4:?"Congratul
ations!":NEXT F:SOUND 0,0,0,0
5140 ? :? "Hit START to play again,"
5150 ? "anything else to stop...";
5160 POKE 764,255:REM - clear keyboard
value
5170 IF PEEK(764)<>255 OR PEEK(53279)<
6 THEN PLAYAGAIN=0:?:POKE 764,255:RET
URN :REM - they've had enough
5180 IF PEEK(53279)=6 THEN PLAYAGAIN=1
:RETURN :REM - More!
5200 GOTO 5170

```

## CHECKSUM DATA

(See page 23)

```

100 DATA 244,235,824,330,529,922,868,5
98,273,700,46,202,45,918,124,6858
1120 DATA 408,447,457,107,985,441,461,
135,606,407,787,905,98,178,471,6893
2220 DATA 389,546,19,800,336,280,500,9
70,550,838,925,160,479,253,441,7486
2440 DATA 19,796,550,49,388,142,115,32
2,121,446,769,547,23,344,778,5409
3400 DATA 838,822,418,798,56,979,900,7
33,345,583,196,745,955,683,896,9947
4310 DATA 344,925,529,199,196,763,352,
875,222,797,679,377,345,267,67,6937
4530 DATA 790,670,331,739,441,962,556,
276,807,671,167,54,396,528,893,8281
5140 DATA 3,720,944,867,845,737,4116

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Here's another good one, folks. **MovieMaker** is a program or, more correctly, a series of programs which allow the user to create animated "movies" about thirty to sixty seconds long, with a very professional appearance. The animated computer graphics which can be created with this package are as good as any the "big boys" make, and you're limited only by time and your imagination.

**MovieMaker** is broken up into four sub-programs entitled compose, record, smooth, and play. The compose mode allows you to draw characters (the actors) as a series of shapes which, when combined into sequences, give the illusion of movement. Each shape is the equivalent of a single drawing in regular animation, and up to sixteen shapes can be combined to create an action sequence. This would be the equivalent of flipping sixteen pages or "frames" in normal animation. Many action sequences can be strung together and/or played simultaneously, to create a full-length feature up to 300 frames long.

Drawing shapes in this mode is much the same as in Datasoft's **MicroPainter** or Atari's **Paint** program — that is, with the joystick and keyboard. However, several clever little features take a lot of the work out of drawing scores of tiny, repetitious shapes. The program allows you to duplicate and move shapes around. These shapes can then be altered and duplicated, and altered and duplicated again, and so on [you get the picture? (pun intended)]. A mirror-image feature is provided, so you only have to draw half of symmetrical shapes; the computer will draw in the other half automatically. As in the other graphics generation programs, there's a zoom feature that makes attending to details in your drawings a lot easier. The zoom feature can also be used when recording your movie, to give the effect of a shape coming closer or vice versa.

Most of the work is done in the compose mode, creating the action sequences and the backgrounds. Multiple shape files can be stored on disk for use later, when you start the actual "filming" of your movie in the record mode. These shape files can also be used to build backgrounds, and accumulated for use in sequences in future animations.

Once the shapes, sequences, and backgrounds are completed, these elements can be combined in the record mode, to create the finished film. There are a variety of controls in this mode, which allow you to

record up to six "actors" on the screen at the same time. This is accomplished by re-recording additional sequences over an existing film. You can start and stop anywhere in the film, adding actors, changing colors, zooming, changing the recording speed (similar to filming in fast or slow motion), adding sound and fine tuning the whole creation by using the many editing commands.

Once the recording is done and the animation saved to disk, the next step is the easiest. Enter the smooth mode and give the computer some room. Your Atari will go over the film and take out all of the silent-film jumpiness — giving you back a work of art.

**MovieMaker** is a complex package, and with complexity comes a learning curve. There's a lot to remember. There's a myriad of controls, procedures and commands, and it takes a while to learn them all. Once learned, however, the complexity will be appreciated for the control that it gives you over the animated graphics you can create with this program.

The documentation provided with **MovieMaker** is in the form of a hundred-odd page booklet with step-by-step instructions, tips for advanced users, a trouble-shooting section, glossary, detailed summary of commands and (lo and behold) an accurate and detailed table of contents. The booklet is well written, clean, and (although it leaves nothing to chance) you don't get the impression that it was written for the crayon and bubblegum set. There are also several sample movie files provided, as an example of what this package is capable of when in the right hands.

Unfortunately, there's no way to play back these films, except with the **MovieMaker** program. Reston did not see fit to provide a subroutine or reproducible program which you could use to play back the animations you create. That's a gripe I had with both the Atari **Paint** program and Datasoft's **MicroPainter** program. It'd be a simple matter to list such a subroutine in the documentation, or provide one on the disk, that could be reproduced and used in your own programs. I grant that it would be more difficult with **MovieMaker**, but certainly within the realm of the possible. With software running nearly 20% of the cost of the computer it's used on, I think the software houses ought to pay at least as much attention to their customers as they do the software pirates. But that's another story.

It is a good buy. As I've said in the past, these wondrous devices are capable of so much more than creating hordes of killer tomatoes. It's both refreshing and gratifying to see programs as good as this on the market. When my kids put aside their game disks and booted up **MovieMaker**, I was interested to see their reaction. Well, several weeks later they're still at it — struggling at times, but sticking to it and obviously enjoying themselves. I think Reston has a winner. □



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by Ron Hodge

Smooth scrolling is the most dramatic graphics capability of the Atari system. If you've been following Kyle Peacock's recent series, **Fine Scrolling** (issues 13-16), you've no doubt sat entranced while the screen moved about smoothly under joystick control.

After deciding to set up your own scrolling game or utility, you whip out **Create-A-Font** (issue 16) and create the character set that will make your screen sparkle. Then, it suddenly dawns on you — how do you design a scrolling screen when you can't even see all of it?

I was faced with the same problem, and the result was **Scredit** (short for Scrolling Screen Editor). **Scredit** is a screen editor that allows you to design a screen simply by typing in the characters to the screen, then SAVEing the screen as a binary file.

My particular need was for a screen in Graphics Mode 2, 24 TV screens wide. While your screen may not be the same size or mode, I think you'll find it easy to modify the program for your own needs. Let's take a look at how **Scredit** works.

**Scredit** starts with a menu of options you'll need to get started. After taking a look at the disk directory with option 4, press 1 or 3 to LOAD in a screen or character set. The menu will remind you whether you're LOADING or SAVEing a file, and ask for the filename. Prefix the filename with D:. **Scredit** will confirm that the LOAD is complete, or report any disk I/O errors, using standard error numbers.

If you change your mind about LOADING or SAVEing a file, simply press RETURN when asked for the filename. You'll get an error message and a request for your next option. (You may LOAD or SAVE a file from any drive, but only look at the directory on the drive 1.)

After LOADING your files, press 5 to exit to the editor. Your cursor will be in the upper left corner of the screen. To move it around, use the CONTROL-ARROW keys or press the trigger while moving the joystick. If you want to place a character on screen, press the appropriate key, or the space bar to erase a character. All CONTROL-KEY combinations other than the cursor arrows are ignored by **Scredit**.

Press OPTION to change the image priority of the cursor. You have two methods to see which character is under the cursor. Pressing START will toggle the screen between the character set chosen and the internal character set. Pressing SELECT will display the character in the text window, along with its hex value.

The hex value will show you how the character derived its color. If the high bit is set, it shows an inverse character. If the next-highest bit is set, the character is in lower caps. For example:

C=\$23	upper case
C=\$63	small caps (+\$40)
C=\$A3	inverse (+\$80)
C=\$E3	inv + small caps (+\$40+\$80)







```

1350 DATA CF48B01120E848B00F205A46206D
46207E464C47464CB545A9FF8DFC024C1046A9
FF8DFC02A204A514C514F0FC,735
1360 DATA CAD0F74CB545A230A9009D48039D
4903A9079D42032056E460A82A2A2A2A2903AA
98299F1D284985F160205748,111
1370 DATA A000A5F191FAA4F8C013F015B013
E6F8E6F2D002E6F3A5FD18690885FD8D00D060
A90085F8A93085FD8D00D0A5,837
1380 DATA F238E91385F2B006A5F3E90085F3
60A4F8F015C6F8A5F2D002C6F3C6F2A5FD38E9
0885FD8D00D060A91385F818,813
1390 DATA 65F285F2A5F3690085F3A9C885FD
8D00D060A4F9F013C6F9C6F3C6F3A900207F47
84FCA9FF207F4760A90985F9,714
1400 DATA A5F318691285F3A900207F47A0BF
84FCA9FF207F4760A4F9C009F01A8018E6F9E6
F3E6F3A900207F47A5FC1869,979
1410 DATA 1085FCA9FF207F4760A90085F9A5
F338E91285F3A900207F47A02F84FCA9FF207F
4760AD7802C907D00E208A47,478
1420 DATA B01AA90885F0A98085FE60C90BD0
0D209E47B008A90085F0A91485FE60A4FCA210
91F688CAD0FA60A4F4C0E190,948
1430 DATA 04A5F5D008E6F4D002E6F5186038
60A4F4C0069004C6F41860A6F5F008C6F41002
C6F5186038608A102BC6F0F0,34
1440 DATA 06A5F08D04D460A21CFE0306D003
FE0406CACACA10F3A90085FE6F2D002E6F3A9
0885F08D04D460E6F0A4F0C0,471
1450 DATA 08B006A5F08D04D460A21CB00306
D003DE0406DE0306CACACA10F0A90085FEA5F2
D002C6F3C6F2A90085F08D04,184
1460 DATA D460A901CD6F02D006A9048D6F02
608D6F0260A000B1FA484A4A4A4A2038486829
0F186910C91A900318690799,150
1470 DATA 3C74C86048A9E08D0AD48D09D4A5
FF8DC6026840A5F285FAA5F385FBA5F0F008A5
FAD002C6FBC6FA60205748A0,945

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1480 DATA 00B1FA293F8D2D74607070705700
6057006257006457006657006857006A57006C
57006E570070D70072420074,440
1490 DATA 42287442507442787441000628CA
94460008FF026005000034000000002F300094
A954CDF402F0048DF40260A9,18
1500 DATA E08DF4026048293FA005D9E248F0
068810F86818606838600C1C2C343736C98FD0
05201E473860C98ED00520ED,619
1510 DATA 463860C986D00520BD463860C987
D0042087463860A9FF8583A23020EC42A9008D
1DD08D00D0A9228D2F028D00,431
1520 DATA D44C004040002060000000000000
000000000000000000000000000000000000
000000000000000000000000,975

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## CHECKSUM DATA

(See page 23)

```

10 DATA 886,957,808,431,727,198,599,55
3,272,701,611,124,947,676,36,8526
160 DATA 165,400,643,736,739,594,825,6
10,609,552,355,530,502,378,633,8271
1140 DATA 619,561,666,493,760,573,382,
415,551,888,586,695,839,484,647,9159
1290 DATA 812,789,983,768,887,783,939,
678,46,956,72,145,914,964,983,10719
1440 DATA 982,990,696,217,152,410,681,
680,498,5306

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(Assembly language starts on page 96)

Some program listings reproduced in A.N.A.L.O.G. may contain "strange" characters not shown on the ATARI keyboard. These are special characters which use the CTRL, ESC and "ATARI LOGO" (INVERSE) keys. Shown below is a list of these characters and the keystrokes used to get them. □

```

@ --- CTRL ,
| --- CTRL A
| --- CTRL B
J --- CTRL C
+ --- CTRL D
7 --- CTRL E
/ --- CTRL F
\ --- CTRL G
^ --- CTRL H
_ --- CTRL I
^ --- CTRL J
^ --- CTRL K
^ --- CTRL L
_ --- CTRL M
_ --- CTRL N
_ --- CTRL O
+ --- CTRL P
r --- CTRL Q
_ --- CTRL R
+ --- CTRL S
o --- CTRL T
_ --- CTRL U
| --- CTRL V
T --- CTRL W
+ --- CTRL X
| --- CTRL Y

```

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L --- CTRL Z
E --- ESC ESC
+ --- ESC CTRL UP-ARROW
+ --- ESC CTRL DOWN-ARROW
+ --- ESC CTRL LEFT-ARROW
+ --- ESC CTRL RIGHT-ARROW
o --- CTRL .
+ --- CTRL ;
K --- ESC SHIFT CLEAR
+ --- ESC BACK S
+ --- ESC TAB
C --- INVERSE CTRL ,
I --- INVERSE CTRL A
I --- INVERSE CTRL B
J --- INVERSE CTRL C
H --- INVERSE CTRL D
H --- INVERSE CTRL E
Z --- INVERSE CTRL F
N --- INVERSE CTRL G
P --- INVERSE CTRL H
P --- INVERSE CTRL I
L --- INVERSE CTRL J
J --- INVERSE CTRL K
J --- INVERSE CTRL L

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■ --- INVERSE CTRL M
■ --- INVERSE CTRL N
7 --- INVERSE CTRL O
E --- INVERSE CTRL P
F --- INVERSE CTRL Q
: --- INVERSE CTRL R
: --- INVERSE CTRL S
O --- INVERSE CTRL T
■ --- INVERSE CTRL U
■ --- INVERSE CTRL V
: --- INVERSE CTRL W
I --- INVERSE CTRL X
L --- INVERSE CTRL Y
L --- INVERSE CTRL Z
O --- ESC DELETE
O --- ESC INSERT
O --- ESC CTRL TAB (CLR)
+ --- ESC SHIFT TAB (SET)
■ --- INVERSE SPACE
■ --- INVERSE _
O --- INVERSE CTRL .
O --- INVERSE CTRL ;
H --- INVERSE |
O --- ESC CTRL 2
O --- ESC CTRL BACK S
O --- ESC CTRL INSERT

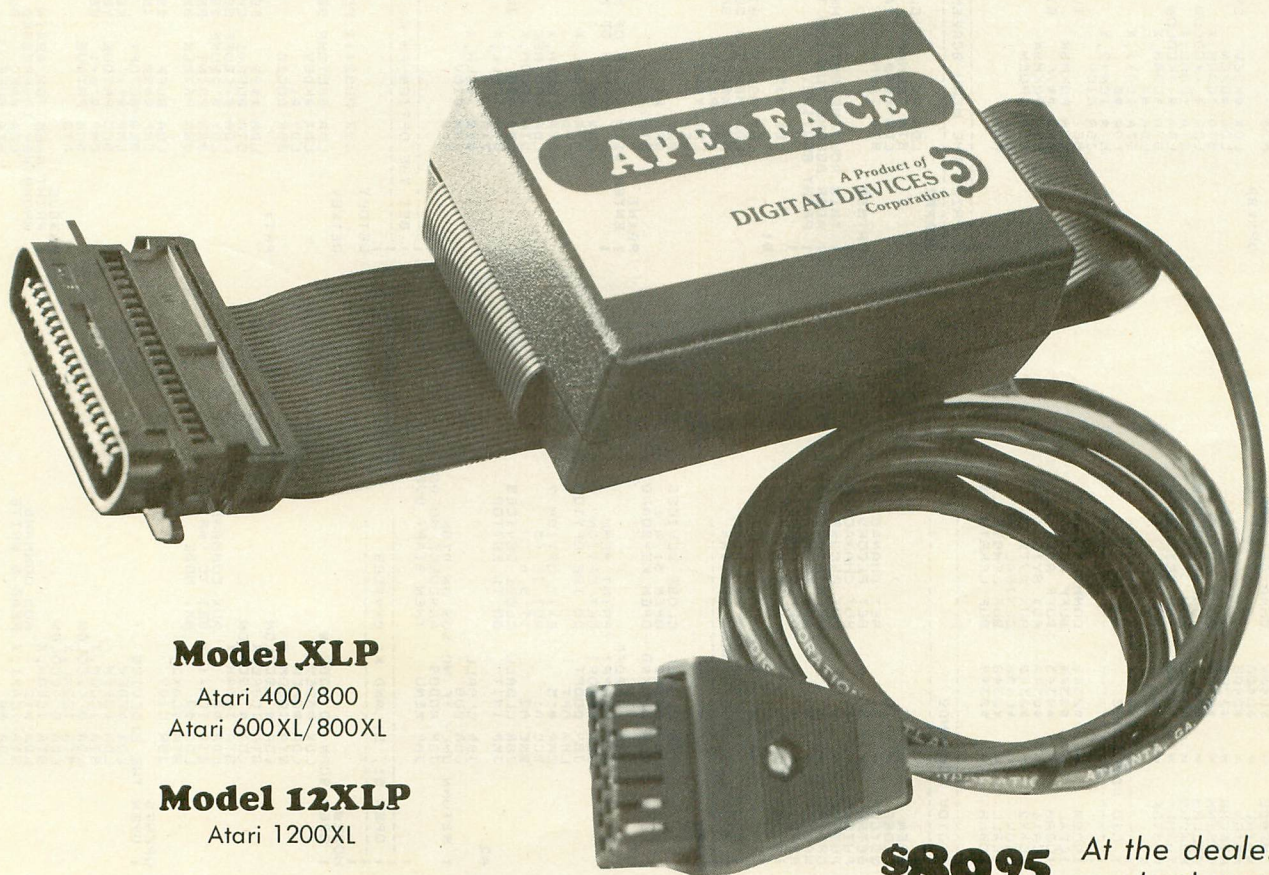
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## Assembly language listing.

```

; SCREDIT (C) 1984 RON HODGE
; ASSEMBLED ON MAC65
;
; .OPT NO LIST
; .OPT OBJ
;
;-----
; PROGRAM EQUATES
;-----
DLIST      = $0600
PLBAS     = $3000    PM BASE
PB0       = $3400    PLYR 0 BASE
HXTXT     = $743C    CHR UNDER CRSR
CHDIS     = $742D
SCREEN    = $6000    1ST SCR N BYTE
SCRNIZ    = $1200    SCR N SIZE
CHRSET    = $5400    CHR SET LOC
CHRSTZ    = $12      CHR SET SIZE
;-----
; ZERO PAGE EQUATES
;-----
OPT        = $80      MENU OPTION
STAT       = $81      I/O ERR STATUS
XSAV       = $82      TEMP X VALUE
MODFLB    = $83      MENU/EDIT STATUS
SCBIT      = $F0
CHR        = $F1      DISP CHAR
SCRN       = $F2      PTR TO SCR N
SCRNH      = $F3
SCRLO      = $F4      SCR L BYTE CTR
SCRHI      = $F5
PMLO       = $F6      PTR TO PM0
PMHI       = $F7
COL        = $F8      CURSOR COLUMN
ROW        = $F9
TEMP0      = $FA      TEMP POINTER
TEMP1      = $FB
VOFF       = $FC      VRT OFFSET P0
HORP0      = $FD      HPOS P0 SHADOW
SCFL0      = $FE
; POS = RITE SCROL
; NEG = LEFT SCROL
TXTCLR     = $FF      TXT WINDOW COLR
;-----
; CONSTANTS
;-----
RITPM      = 200      RITEMOST P0 POS
LFTPM      = 48      LEFT "
BOTPM      = 191      BOT
TOPPM      = 47      TOP
ROWM       = 9        BOTTOM ROW
COLM       = 19       RITE COLUMN
WIDTH      = 255      CURSOR WIDTH
HITE       = 14       HITE
START      = 6         CONSOL VALUES
SELECT     = 5
OPTION     = 3
HOR        = 8         HOR DISTANCE
RETURN     = $0C      KEYS
ESC        = $1C
TAB        = $2C
DEL        = $34
INSERT     = $37
CLR        = $36
COLON      = $3A
SPACE      = $20
EOF        = $08      END OF FILE
EOL        = $98      END OF LINE
BUFLN      = 40
EDEV       = $10      DEVICE NUM'S
SDEV       = $20
KDEV       = $30
DDEV       = $40
;-----
; SYSTEM EQUATES
;-----
CH         = $02FC    KEY PRESSED
POKMSK     = $10
IRGEN      = $D20E
VDSLSST    = $0200
SIZEP0     = $D000
COLPF2     = $02C4
HSCRLO     = $D404
PMBASE     = $D407
COLOR0     = $02C4    COL REG 0
COLOR1     = $02C5
COLOR4     = $02C0
SDLSST     = $0230
SDLSSTH    = $0231
CHBAS      = $02F4    CHAR SET
SDMCTL     = $022F    SCR N CONTROL
DMACTL     = $D400
BRACLT     = $D01D    GRAPH "
HDSPO      = $D000
GPRIOR     = $024F
STICK0     = $0278    J/STICK0

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PCOLOR0    = $02C0
CONSOL     = $D01F
XITVBV     = $E462
TRI00      = $0284
CHBASE     = $D409    CHAR SET ADR
WSYNC      = $D40A
NMEN       = $D40E
ATACHR     = $02FB
CRSINH     = $02F0    CURS ON/OFF
COLCRS     = $55      CURSOR COLUMN
ROWCRS     = $54      ROW
TABMAP     = $02A3    TAB SET POS'S
RANTOP     = 106
;-----
; CIO ADDRESSES
;-----
ICCOM      = $0342    COMMAND ADDR
ICBAL      = $0344    BUFF ADDR LO
ICBAH      = $0345    BUFF ADDR HI
ICAX1      = $034A    AUX BYTE 1
ICAX2      = $034B    AUX BYTE 2
CIOV       = $E456    CENTRAL I/O
ICBL      = $0348    BUF LENGTH LO
ICBLH      = $0349    BUF LENGTH HI
;-----
; CIOV COMMANDS
;-----
OPEN       = 3
CLOSE      = 12
GETCHR     = 7        GET CHARACTER
GETREC     = 5        GET RECORD
PUTCHR     = 11       PUT CHARACTER
PUTREC     = 9        PUT RECORD
OPDIR      = 6        OPEN DIRECTORY
WRITE      = 8        AUX COMMAND
READ       = 4        AUX COMMAND
;-----
; == $4000
;-----
; START OF SCREEN MENU ROUTINE
;-----
MENU
;-----
JSR CLSALL  CLOSE DEVICES
JSR MODE0   OPEN S: & E:
JSR OPNKBD  OPEN KEYBOARD
;-----
A1
JSR CRSROFF
JSR SCRPR   PRINT MENU
JSR GETOPT  SET OPTION
JSR DOOPT   DO THE OPTION
LDA OPT
CMP #5      EXIT OPTION ?
BCC A1      NOT IF <5
BNE A2      IT'S 6
JSR CLSALL  CLOSE DEVICES
JMP INIT   GO TO EDITOR
;-----
A2
JSR CLSALL
JSR DOS
; RETURN ONLY IF NO DOS ON DISK
JSR NODOS   ANNOUNCE NO DOS
JMP MENU    THEN START OVER
;-----
; OPEN S: , E: AND K: DEVICES
;-----
MODE0
; OPEN SCR N TO MODE 0
LDA #SDEV
LDA #OPEN
STA ICCOM,X
LDA #<SCOLON
STA ICBAL,X
LDA #>SCOLON
STA ICBAL,X
LDA #8
STA ICAX1,X
LDA #0
STA ICAX2,X
JSR CIOV
;-----
OPENED
; OPEN THE E: DEVICE
LDA #EDEV
LDA #OPEN
STA ICCOM,X
LDA #<ECOLON
STA ICBAL,X
LDA #>ECOLON
STA ICBAL,X
LDA #12
STA ICAX1,X
LDA #0
STA ICAX2,X
JSR CIOV
LDA #0
CHANGE COLORS

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STA COLOR1
LDA #154
STA COLPF2
STA COLOR4
RTS
;-----
OPNKBD
LDA #KDEV    OPEN KEYBOARD
LDA #OPEN
STA ICCOM,X
LDA #<KCOLON
STA ICBAL,X
LDA #>KCOLON
STA ICBAL,X
LDA #4
STA ICAX1,X
LDA #0
STA ICAX2,X
JSR CIOV
LDA #PDKMSK  TURN OFF BRK KEY
AND #07F
STA PDKMSK
STA IRGEN
CLI
RTS
;-----
; PRINT THE MENU SCREEN
;-----
SCRPR
LDA #0
STA TABMAP  CLR 8 TAB POS'S
LDA #40
STA TABMAP+1  TAB AT 10
;-----
PRMSG
; THIS ROUTINE GETS THE MSG
; ADDR BEFORE JUMPING TO THE
; PRINT ROUTINE.
LDA #15
B1
LDY MSG,X
LDA MSG+1,X  HI ADDR
STX XSAV     GET LO ADDR
JSR PRINT
LDA XSAV
DEX
DEX
BPL B1
;-----
PRINT
; ENTER WITH A=LSB OF MSG
; Y=MSB OF MSG
LDA #0
STA ICBAL,X
STA ICBAL,X
LDA #PUTREC
STA ICCOM,X
LDA #40
STA ICBL,X
STA ICBL,X
STA ICBLH,X
JSR CIOV
RTS
;-----
; SET THE OPTION FN K: DEVICE
;-----
GETOPT
JSR POS2412 POSITION CRSR
;-----
GETKEY
LDA #GETCHR  SET THE KEY
LDA #KDEV
LDY #1
JSR DOPIO
;-----
PRT1
LDA #098
STA BUFF+1  FORCE EOL AS 2ND
LDA #<BUFF  CHAR IN BUFFER
LDA #>BUFF  SO ONLY 1 CHR
LDY #>BUFF  IS PRINTED
JSR PRINT  PRINT SELECTION
JSR PRTBLK  SKIP A LINE
;-----
LDA BUFF
CMP #28
BEQ GETOPT
CMP #1
KEY <1 ?
BCC PRTQUE  YES, ASK KEY AGAIN
CMP #6+1
KEY >6 ?
BCS PRTQUE
RTS
;-----
PRTQUE
; PRINT QUESTION AGAIN AFTER
; WRONG KEY IS PRESSED
LDA #0FD
STA BUFF
LDA #<BUFF
LDY #>BUFF
JSR PRINT
JSR POS2412 PLACE CRSR

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```

LDA #200 SPACE
STA BUFF
JMP PRT1 CLR AND CONTINUE

;-----
; PRINT THE DIRECTORY ON SCRIN
;-----
GETDIR
LDA #DDEV OPEN DIRECTORY
LDA #OPEN
STA ICCOM,X
LDA #OPDIR
STA ICAX1,X
LDA # <DIRNAM
STA ICBAL,X
LDA # >DIRNAM
STA ICBAL,X
JSR CIOV

GET1
LDA #GETREC GET DIRECTORY
LDX #DDEV
LDY #40
JSR DOCIO
TYA
BPL PRDIR
STY STAT
LDX #DDEV
JMP DEVOFF

PRDIR
; PRINT DIRECTORY ONE FILE
; AT A TIME
;
LDX #SDEV
LDA # <BUFF-5 FORCE 5 SPACES
STA ICBAL,X IN FRONT
LDA # >BUFF-5
STA ICBAL,X
LDA #PUTREC
STA ICCOM,X
LDA #40
JSR DOCIO2
JMP GET1

DIOCIO
; THIS ROUTINE IS USED TO GET
; THE DISK DIR AND TO PRINT IT
; ENTER WITH X=DEVICE #
; A=COMMAND
; Y=BUFF LENGTH LSB
;
STA ICCOM,X
LDA # <BUFF
STA ICBAL,X LSB OF ADDR
LDA # >BUFF HI BYTE
STA ICBAL,X
TYA

DIOCIO2
STA ICBLL,X
LDA #0
STA ICBLL,X
JSR CIOV
RTS

;-----
; ROUTE THE OPTIONS
;-----
DOOPT
LDA BUFF
STA OPT
CMP #4
BCC ASKNAM
BNE C1
JSR GETDIR
JMP PRSKEY

C1
RTS RETURN W/OPT=5

ASKNAM
; RTS FM HERE RETURNS TO MAIN
; ROUTINE
;
CMP #2
BNE D1
LDA # <SFNAM ASK FOR NAME
LDY # >SFNAM OF FILE TO SAVE
JSR PRINT
JMP GETNAM

D1
LDA # <LFNAM
LDY # >LFNAM
JSR PRINT

GETNAM
; GET THE FILE NAME
JSR PRIBLK
LDA #0
STA COLCRS
JSR CRSRON
LDA #GETREC
LDX #DDEV
LDY #15
JSR DOCIO
JSR CRSR OFF
TYA
BPL E1
CPY #EOF
EOF ERROR ?

```

```

BEQ E1 YEP, SO IT'S OK
JMP ERROR PRINT ERROR MSG

E1
LDA BUFF
CMP #D
BEQ E2
LDY #165
JMP ERROR

E2
LDA OPT
CMP #3
BNE SCRFILE
SCRN FILE ?
SCRN FILE IF <>3

;-----
; GET CHAR SET
;-----
CHRIO
LDX #DDEV
JSR DEVOFF
LDY #READ
JSR OPN
TYA
BPL GETSET
JMP ERROR

GETSET
LDA #GETCHR LOAD CHAR SET
LDX #DDEV
STA ICCOM,X
LDA # <CHRSET
STA ICBAL,X
LDA # >CHRSET
STA ICBAL,X
LDA # <CHRISZ
STA ICBLL,X
LDA # >CHRISZ
STA ICBLL,X
JSR DOSCRN2
LDY STAT
JMP ERRST TEST FOR ERROR

;-----
; LOAD OR SAVE SCREEN FILE
;-----
SCRFILE
LDX #DDEV
JSR DEVOFF
LDA OPT
CMP #1
BNE F1
LDY #WRITE
BNE F2
ALWAYS

F1
LDY #WRITE

F2
JSR OPN
TYA
BPL SCRIO
JMP ERROR

SCRIO
LDA OPT
CMP #1
BNE G1
LDA #GETCHR
BNE G2
ALWAYS

G1
LDA #PUTCHR

G2
JSR DOSCRN
STY STAT
SAVE ERR STATUS

;-----
; TEST FOR DISK I/O ERROR
; AND CONFIRM GOOD LOAD/SAVE
;-----
ERRST
TYA
BPL H2
JMP ERROR

H2
LDA OPT
CMP #2
BNE H3
LDA # <SVOK
LDY # >SVOK
JSR PRINT
JMP PRSKEY

H3
LDA # <LDOK
LDY # >LDOK
JSR PRINT
JMP PRSKEY
VERIFY LOAD IS OK
GET NEXT OPTION

ERROR
; THIS ROUTINE PRINTS THE
; ERROR CODES ON SCREEN.
LDX #2
LDA #SPACE
CPY #EOF
EOF ERROR ?

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JSR BIN2ASC CONVERT ERROR
LDA #98
LDY #12
STA ERRR,Y FORCE EOL
JSR PRIBLK
LDA # <ERRR
LDY # >ERRR
JSR PRINT
JMP PRSKEY GET NEXT OPTION

OPN
; THIS ROUTINE OPENS THE DISK
; DRIVE FOR LOAD/SAVE OF SCRNS
; OR CHAR SETS.
; ENTER WITH Y = AUX (R OR W)
LDX #DDEV
LDA #OPEN
STA ICCOM,X
LDA # <BUFF FILE NAME
STA ICBAL,X
LDA # >BUFF
STA ICBAL,X
TYA
STA ICAX1,X Y = READ OR
LDA #0 WRITE AUX COMM.
STA ICAX2,X
JSR CIOV
STY STAT
RTS

DOSCRN
; THIS ROUTINE LOADS OR SAVES
; THE SCRIN.
; ENTER WITH ACC = PUTCHR OR
; = GETCHR
LDX #DDEV
STA ICCOM,X
LDA # <SCREEN BEG OF SCRIN
STA ICBAL,X
LDA # >SCREEN
STA ICBAL,X
LDA # <SCRISZ SIZE OF SCRIN
STA ICBLL,X
LDA # >SCRISZ
STA ICBLL,X

DOSCRN2
JSR CIOV
STY STAT
JSR DEVOFF
RTS

BIN2ASC
; THIS ROUTINE CONVERTS THE Y
; REGISTER ERROR INTO DECIMAL
; ASCII AND PUTS IT IN THE
; I/O BUFFER.
; ENTER WITH Y=ERROR #
STY STAT
TYA
LDY #9
LDX #0
ERRR BUFF INDEX

J1
CMP #100
BCC SAV100
SBC #100
INX
JMP J1
LESS THAN 100 ?
COUNT THE 100'S
COUNT # OF 100'S

SAV100
JSR SAVERR
LDX #0
CONVERT #

K1
CMP #10
BCC SAV10
SBC #10
INX
JMP K1
COUNT THE 10'S
SUB TIL <10

SAV10
JSR SAVERR
CLC
ADC #30
STA ERRR,Y
RTS
CONVERT 1'S
PUT IN BUFFER

SAVERR
PHA
TXA
ADC #30
STA ERRR,Y
INX
PLA
RTS
GET # TO CONVERT
CONVERT IT
PUT IN BUFFER
RESTORE ACC
DO TIL DONE

DEVOFF
; TURN OFF DEVICE
; ENTER WITH X=DEVICE #
LDA #CLOSE
STA ICCOM,X
JSR CIOV
RTS
CLOSE COMMAND

POS2412
LDA #24
STA COLCRS
LDA #0
STA COLCRS+1
LDA #12
STA ROWCRS
RTS
POS 24,12

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; VERTICAL BLANK ROUTINE
;-----
;
; VBL ROUTINE READS THE J/S
; AND SCROLLS THE SCREEN IF J/S
; IS MOVED. THE SCROLL FLAG
; (SCFLG) IS SET IF SCROLLING
; IS UNDERWAY SO THE MAIN
; ROUTINE SIMPLY LOOPS WHILE
; SCREEN IS SCROLLING.
;
VBLRTN      LDA MODFLG      EXIT IF IN
            BNE FF2         MENU MODE
            LDK SCFLG       SCROLLING ?
            BEQ FF1         NO
            LDA #14         SLOW DOWN SCROL
            AND #1          TO EVERY OTHER
            BNE FF2         FRAME
            JSR SCROL
            JMP XITVBV

FF1          LDA TR1B0       IS TR1B PRESSED?
            BEQ FF2         YES
            JSR CHKJS       READ J/S,ADJ SCFLG

FF2          JMP XITVBV     END OF VBL !

;-----
; MAIN ROUTINE
;-----
;
MAIN
GB1          LDA #14         JIFFY ELAPSED ?
            CMP #14
            BEQ GB1         NO
            LDA SCFLG       SCROLLING ?
            BNE MAIN        YES;SO LOOP BACK

CHKTRG       LDA TR1B0       TRIGGER PUSHED ?
            BNE CHEK        NO, CHEK CONSOL
            LDA STICK0
            CMP #7          PUSHED RITE?
            BNE HH1
            JSR CRSRIT
            JMP WAIT

HH1          CMP #11         LEFT ?
            BNE HH2
            JSR CRSLFT
            JMP WAIT

HH2          CMP #14         UP ?
            BNE HH3
            JSR CRSUP
            JMP WAIT

HH3          CMP #13         DOWN ?
            BNE CHEK
            JSR CRSWDN
            JMP WAIT

CHEK         LDA CONSOL
            CMP #OPTION     OPTION PRESSED ?
            BNE JJ1
            JSR CHGPRI      CHANGE PRIORITIES
            JMP CLIK

JJ1          CMP #SELECT     SELECT PRESSED ?
            BNE JJ2
            JSR SHWCHR       SHOW CHAR
            JSR SHWHX        SHOW HEX VALUE
            JMP CLIK

JJ2          CMP #START      START PRESSED ?
            BNE CHEKEY
            JSR FLIPCH       FLIP CHAR SETS

CLIK         LDA #4
            STA CONSOL
            JMP WAIT        WAIT1

CHEKEY       LDA CH
            CMP #FF         GET KEY
                        ANY PRESSED ?
            BEQ KK4         NO

KK1          CMP #ESC        ESCAPE KEY ?
            BNE KK2         NO
            JMP CHMOD        YEP,GOTO MENU

KK2          JSR CMPCHR       PRINTABLE CHAR ?
            BCS KK4         NOT IF CARRY SET
            JSR TSTAR        CRSR CHAR ?
            BCS KK5         YES,IF CARRY SET
            JSR GETCH        ELSE GET CHAR
            JSR CONVERT       CHG ASCI TO DISP
            JSR PUTCHAR       AND PUT ON SCRNR
            JMP WAIT

KK4          JMP MAIN
KK5

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      LDA #FF
      STA CH
      JMP CLIK
WAIT   LDA #FF
      STA CH
      LDX #4
      CLR THE KEYBOARD
      # OF JIFFIES
LL1    LDA #14
      GET FRAME COUNT
LL2    CMP #14
      BEQ LL2
      DEX
      BNE LL1
      WAIT TIL 4 FRAMES
      HAVE ELAPSED
      JMP MAIN
      THEN LOOP TO MAIN
;-----
; PROCESS KEYBOARD
;-----
; BETCH
; THIS ROUTINE ACCEPTS INPUT
; FROM THE KEYBOARD
      LDX #KDEV
      LDA #0
      BUFFER LENGTH=0
      STA ICBLL,X
      STA ICBLL,X
      STA ICBLL,X
      LDA #BETCHR
      STA ICCOM,X
      JSR CIOV
      RTS
; CONVERT
; CONVERT ATASCII TO INTERNAL
; CODE. ENTER W/ATASCII IN ACC
      TAY
      ROL A
      ROL A
      ROL A
      ROL A
      AND #3
      TAX
      TYA
      AND #9F
      DRA AT2INT,X
      STA CHR
      SAVE INT CODE
      RTS
PUTCHAR JSR SETMP
      LDY #0
      LDA CHR
      STA (TEMP0),Y
;-----
; MOVE CURSOR WITH/WRAP AROUND
;-----
CRSRIT LDY COL
      CPY #COLM
      ON RITE COLUMN ?
      BEQ MM1
      IS IT = OR > ?
      BCS MM1
      YEP
      INC COL
      NO, UPDATE COL
      INC SCRN
      AND ADDR UNDER
      BNE MM3
      CURSOR
      INC SCRN+1
MM3     LDA HOPR0
      MOVE CURSOR
      CLC
      ADC #HOR
      STA HOPR0
      STA HPOSP0
      RTS
MM1     LDA #0
      STA COL
      WRAP CURSOR
      LDA #LFTPM
      PUT IN LEFTMOST
      STA HOPR0
      POSITION
      STA HPOSP0
      LDA SCRN
      CHANGE SCRN PTR
      SEC
      SBC #19
      STA SCRN
      BCS MM2
      LDA SCRN+1
      SBC #0
      STA SCRN+1
MM2     RTS
CRSLFT LDY COL
      BEQ NN1
      ON LEFT COLUMN ?
      DEC COL
      YES
      NO, JUST DEC IT
      LDA SCRN
      AND SCRN POINTER
      BNE NN2
      DEC SCRN+1
NN2     DEC SCRN
      MOVE CURSOR
      LDA HOPR0
      SEC
      SBC #HOR
      STA HOPR0
      STA HPOSP0
      RTS

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NN1     LDA #19
      STA COL
      WRAP AROUND CURSOR
      CLC
      ADC SCRN
      STA SCRN
      LDA SCRN+1
      DEC SCRN+1
      ADC #0
      STA SCRN+1
      LDA #RITPM
      STA HOPR0
      STA HPOSP0
      RTS
CRSUP   LDY ROW
      BEQ PP1
      ON TOP ROW ?
      DEC ROW
      YES
      DEC SCRN+1
      NO
      MOV UP 2 PAGES
      DEC SCRN+1
      LDA #0
      ERASE CRSR
      JSR ERPM
      STY VOFF
      LDA #WIDTH
      JSR DRWPM
      RTS
PP1     LDA #ROWM
      STA ROW
      WRAP AROUND CURSOR
      LDA SCRN+1
      CHANGE SCRN PTR
      CLC
      ADC #18
      STA SCRN+1
      LDA #0
      JSR ERPM
      ERASE CRSR
      LDY #BOTPM
      STY VOFF
      LDA #WIDTH
      JSR DRWPM
      RTS
CRSDWN  LDY ROW
      CPY #ROWM
      ON BOTTOM ROW ?
      BEQ QQ1
      BCS QQ1
      YES
      INC ROW
      NO
      MOV DWN 2 PAGES
      INC SCRN+1
      INC SCRN+1
      LDA #0
      JSR ERPM
      CLC
      ADC #HITE
      STA VOFF
      LDA #WIDTH
      JSR DRWPM
      RTS
QQ1     LDA #0
      STA ROW
      WRAP AROUND CURSOR
      LDA SCRN+1
      CHANGE SCRN PTR
      SEC
      SBC #18
      STA SCRN+1
      LDA #0
      JSR ERPM
      ERASE CRSR
      LDY #TOPPM
      STY VOFF
      LDA #WIDTH
      JSR DRWPM
      RTS
;-----
; READ JOYSTICK FOR SCROLLING
;-----
CHKJS   LDA STICK0
      SET J/S
      CMP #7
      PUSHED RITE ?
      BNE RR1
      JSR CHKLF
      CAN WE SCROL LFT ?
      BCS RR2
      NO
      LDA #0
      STA SCBIT
      LDA #80
      STA SCFL0
      RTS
RR1     CMP #11
      PUSHED LEFT ?
      BNE RR2
      JSR CHKRT
      CAN WE SCROL RIT ?
      BCS RR2
      LDA #0
      STA SCBIT
      LDA #20
      STA SCFL0
      RTS
RR2     RTS
ERPM    DRWPM
; ENTER WITH ACC = 0 TO ERASE
; OR ACC = WIDTH TO DRAW CRSR
      LDY VOFF
      LDX #HITE
      STA (PMLO),Y
SS1     STA (PMLO),Y

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      DEY
      DEX
      BNE SS1
      RTS
;-----
; FINE SCROLL A BYTE AT A TIME
;-----
CHKLF   LDY SCRL0
      CPY #225
      TEST FOR EAST MAX
      BCC TT1
      IS LOBYTE >225 ?
      LDA SCRH1
      NO
      BNE TT2
      YES; IS HYBYTE=0?
      NO ! DON'T SCROL
TT1     INC SCRL0
      BNE TT3
      INC SCRH1
TT3     CLC
      RTS
TT2     SEC
      RTS
CHKRT   LDY SCRL0
      CPY #6
      BCC UU1
      CHECK HI BYTE IF <6
      DEC SCRL0
      CLC
      RTS
UU1     LDX SCRH1
      BEQ UU2
      DONT'T SCROL IF 0
      DEC SCRL0
      ELSE DEC LO CTR
      BPL UU3
      DEC SCRH1
UU3     CLC
      RTS
UU2     SEC
      RTS
SCROL   TXA
      BPL RITSC
      RITE SCROL
LFTSC   DEC SCBIT
      DEC SCROL BIT
      BEQ LFTLP
      LDA SCBIT
      STA HSCROL
      RTS
LFTLP   LDX #28
      PT TO Hiest LO LMS
V1      INC DLIST+3,X
      BNE V2
      INC DLIST+4,X ELSE INC HIBYT
V2      DEX
      DLI INS
      DEX
      LMS HI
      DEX
      LMS LO
      BPL V1
      LDA #0
      STA SCFL0
      INC SCRN
      UPDATE SCREEN
      BNE V3
      INC SCRN+1
V3      LDA #0
      STA SCBIT
      STA HSCROL
      RTS
RITSC   INC SCBIT
      LDY SCBIT
      LDY SCBIT
      CPY #0
      BCS RITLP
      LDA SCBIT
      STA HSCROL
      RTS
RITLP   LDX #28
      WW1   LDA DLIST+3,X
      RESET LO BY
      BNE WW2
      DEC DLIST+4,X DEC HIBYTE
      DEC DLIST+3,X
      DEX
      DLI
      DEX
      LMS HI
      DEX
      LMS LO
      BPL WW1
      LDA #0
      STA SCFL0
      LDA SCRN
      BNE WW3
      DEC SCRN+1
      WW3   DEC SCRN
      LDA #0
      STA SCBIT

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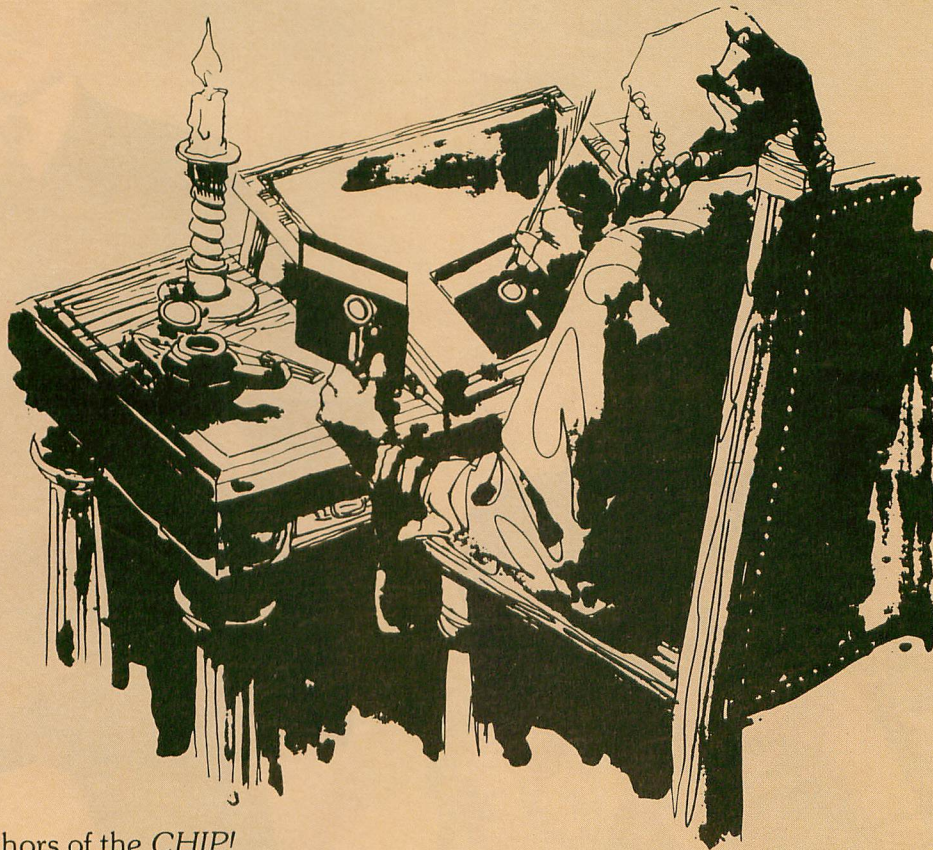


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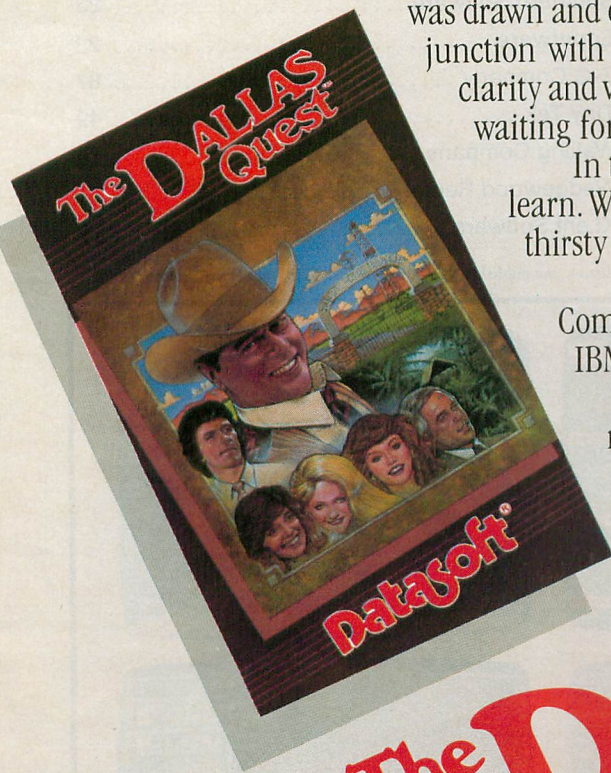
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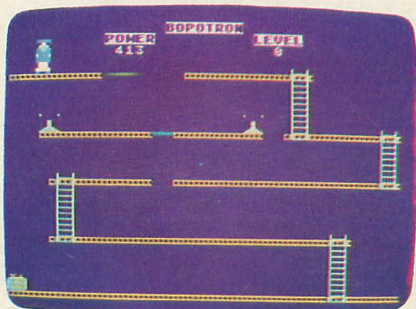
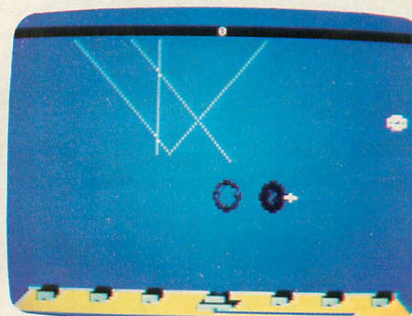
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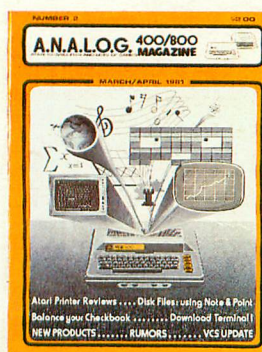
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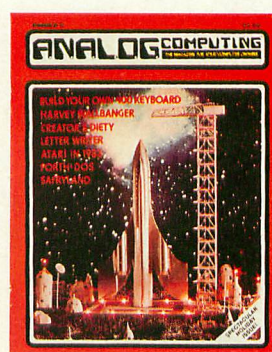
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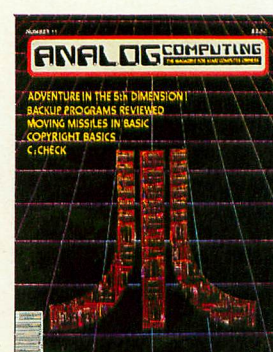
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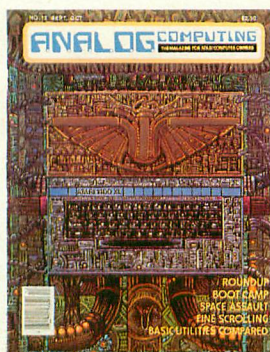
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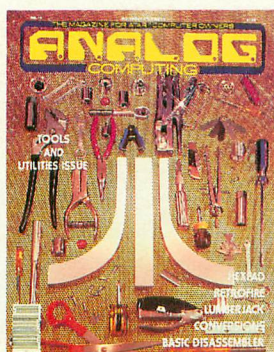
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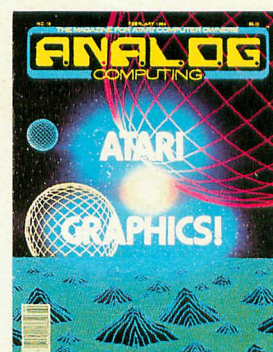
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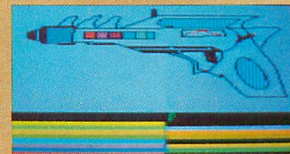
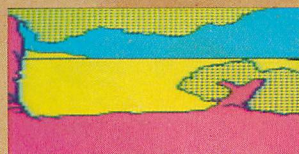
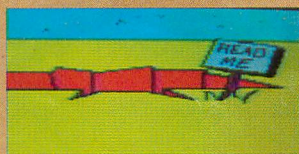
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