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ISSUE:

EDITORIAL

Well. After a week down at Memotech it's time for issue three. Time seems to go nowhere, and no matter how hard we work, we never seem to be able to get rid of the backlog.

Due to the tremendous success of the printer offer we have decided to continue the same into this month, this will give all the new members a chance to take advantage of this excellent package. Talking of new members, some of you are unaware that you can purchase hardware & software at reduced prices through the club, if you are intending to buy some new equipment ring Genpat for a price.

In last month's edition we stated that we had stocks of the **new User Manual**, unfortunately in the time that lapsed between writing and publication. Memotech withdrew their approval due to a technical difficulty. This has still not been resolved, and I ask you to be patient until the matter can be resolved. All members who have ordered the manual will most definitely receive it before any other orders are processed.

The software scene is looking very promising: 4 new titles have been issued by one of the most look ahead companies in this country, Sentient Distribution, and they have some excellent ideas lined up including a Flight Simulator & Logo. Peter Brunning has not been idle since he released Brunword, he is almost ready to release his Data File program which seems an excellent package. We have also negotiated a deal with Xaversiene and their Composer can now be ordered through the club at a discount rate of 10%. However, there will be a waiting period of 21 days for delivery, and distribution will be on a first come, first served basis. Solway Software have agreed to supply the club with their two titles, and a full review of the programs will be published when we receive review copies.

Memotech are busy working on three Disc Drives which will be on sale at an incredible price of £199 to £399 with a very special offer to Genpat members. Watch the post for further details.

Salty Sam is the first game available from Syntax Software and will be released within the next fourteen days at £4.95.

On my recent visit to Witney it was pleasing to see that the Company was having a great success in Denmark, Finland, & Holland, and that the home market is at last recognising what a good computer the MTX is !

Finally, I would like to thank all you excellent people who returned the questionaire from the back of the magazine.... every form was read and all the information was collated. In this edition you will see that we have taken some of your points to heart. Thanks to all members who have submitted programs for publication, and to those of you who who have entered the competitions.



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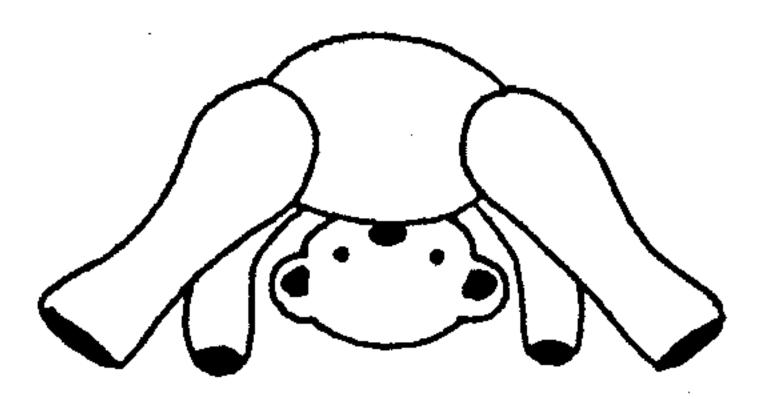
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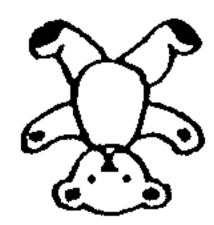
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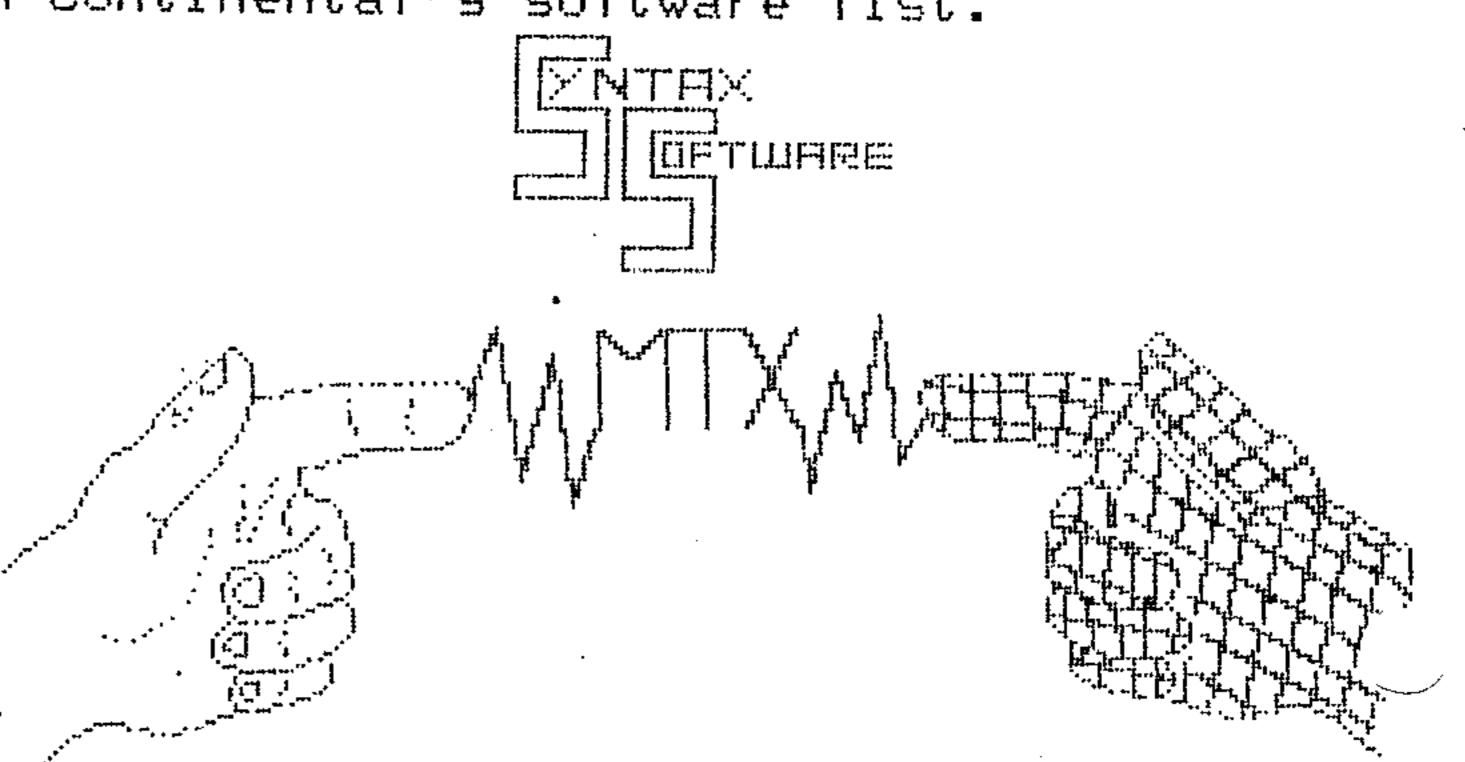
NOBODY WON THE COMPETITION "WHERE DID THE MTX GET IT'S NAME"...
Mind you, I didn't expect that there would be a winner!
The MTX was taken from the die cast number which was stamped on the very first sample of the MTX casing. However, I would like to award one piece of software to the most original answer. Not the most favourite one taken from Ian Sinclair's book. but this one submitted by Robert Heydon.

A pack of 26 cards were dealt with letters on, and put in alphabetical order.

- 12 cards were dealt and the next placed face up.
 - 6 cards were dealt and the next placed face up.
- 3 cards were dealt and the next placed face up. THE CARDS FACE UP SPELL MTX.

Syntax Software Competition

This competition really did bring out the creativity in you. It was a real hard task to choose the winning entry, but after many hours looking at the four finalists the winner of the competition is MR R.A.MITCHELL member C573. This is an excellent title page and a screen dump appears below. If Mr. Mitchell will contact Genpat we shall be pleased to send him the software of his own choice from Continental's software list.



WINNER OF THE QUESTIONAIRE COMPETITION

The first questionaire opened on the 17th - yes! I know I said the 15th, but I was still down at Witney on that date - was from member C814 Mr. B. Midcalf from Otley. Two pieces of software are now on the way, and thanks again, to all who took the trouble to return the form.

RAFFLE: WINNING £1 NOTE for DMX80 PRINTER

The raffle was a real disappointment. It started like an hurricane and ended like a damp squib. However, we shall run it for a further month to see if the response does increase.

The winner of this month's raffle is:-Mr.M.W.Divall Membership number C647

He will receive a DMX 80 Printer which will be despatched within the next few days. Well done !

Incidently, this raffle was drawn by someone who has no connection with the club.... in fact, it was a customer from my wife's take-a-way who was press-ganged into pulling the £1 note out of the hat!

START SENDING YOUR £1 NOTES NOW FOR THE NEXT RAFFLE WHICH WILL BE DRAWN ON 12TH DECEMBER IN ORDER TO CATCH CHRISTMAS POST.....SO DON'T DELAY.

PROGRAM

TAKE THE PLOD OUT OF NODDY BY E.ROY

Screens of text are very easy to set up on the Memotech thanks to the resident text handling language Noddy. However, setting up screens of text that are to be sent to the printer is much harder, if, like myself, you own a printer that does not allow the number of characters per line to be changed from 80 to 39 as described in the manual. Also, unlike other word processors, Noddy does not allow imbedded print control codes.

The following program: Noddy to Printer Formatter is written for the Seikosha GP-100A MkII, but will work on any make of printer if two lines of the listing are changed.

The program provides the following functions:-

- 1. A number of Noddy pages can be created, and output as a formatted document.
- 2. The number of copies required can be set.
- 3. Single pages can be Llisted or formatted to the printer.
- 4. The number of characters per line can be changed from page to page.
- 5. Each page can be can be printed in single or double line spacing.
- 6. Control characters can be detected and type face changed from line to line within a page.

The Noddy *LIST is not used to send the page to the printer, instead the commands *DISPLAY PAGE NAME & *RETURN are used to display the text on the screen and return to basic. The SPK\$ (screen peek) command is used to read the characters from the screen into a \$string which is then sent to the printer. It is this latter feature that enables control characters to be detected. Unfortunately, the function keys cannot be redefined and used as control characters - this is due to the way Noddy compresses, and stores the number of space characters between words.

E.g 2 space are compressed and held in one byte as 129 - the same code as function key F2.

There are, however, a number of characters on the top right of the keyboard that are not commonly used in text, and I have used the { & } characters for the two print commands available on the Seikosha.

- 3 Centre one line on paper.
- { Send one screen line in double width.

Before using the Formatter, Noddy pages must always be set up as follows.

1. The TEXT screen must be redefined to allow 40 characters by 23 line. (Running the program and selecting Option A will take care of this.)

2. Once in the Noddy Editor enter the page name as usual, and then delete the name that appears on the top line. The top line of each page is used as the command line and must always contain the Noddy commands :*DISPLAY PAGE NAME. RETURN. SEE DEMO NODDY PAGES AT END OF MAIN LISTING. This prevents a separate Noddy program page containing these commands from being written to display the page being sent to the printer.

Five additional command characters can also be included in the command line. These are:- 4 8 @ 1 2 and have the following functions.....

- 4 Send this page to printer 40 characters wide.
- 8 Send this page to the printer 80 characters wide.
- @ Force a new sheet of paper before printing this page.
- 1 Frint this page with single line spacing.
- 2 Frint this page with double line spacing.

Note: The command characters 4 8 1 & 2 will stay in effect ntil changed by the next command line. These commands must appear on the top line only, and inserted before the *DISPLAY command. E.g. 8 *DISPLAY

The remaining 22 lines are available for text. This allows 22 lines of 40 column output, or 11 lines of 80 column output to the printer. It is in this area of the screen that the printer control characters { & } can be inserted, and for reasons of speed these must always be the first character on that line. Both the above control characters cause the next 39 characters to be sent to the printer, so care should be taken if the page being sent is 40 columns wide. That is to say, printing 21 characters in double width mode will work, but the layout of the document may be spoiled.

Once the page has been created, exit from the Noddy Editor in the normal way. This will return you to basic where you should enter the Noddy Fages to be sent to the printer in DATA LINES starting at line 2530. Care should be exercised when entering, or editing DATA lines - only ONE space should appear between DATA & the contents of the line. The DATA lines should be set up in the correct order as per Listing Lines 2530 to 2700.

DOCUMENT 1 ==== NAME OF DOCUMENT: HEADING, ADDRESS, TEXT1, GRAPH, TEXT2 & ENDING are the Noddy pages that make up DOCUMENT 1. XXX === End of Document Marker. FINI === end of DATA Lines.

After the DATA lines have been inserted **RUN** the program, and select one of the options from the **Menu** to output the document, or page as required. Selecting **option B** will ask you for the document name i.e DOCUMENT 1. This will output the Noddy pages between the **document name & XXX**, as specified in the DATA lines, as a formatted document. When asked for number of copies your input must always be 1 or more.

Option c will also ask you to enter a name. However, this time, it requires a Noddy page name i.e HEADING, ADDRESS etc. You will then be asked if the page is to be Llisted or Formatted. The Llist option will llist the page to the printer exactly as per the screen. The Format option will send the page to the printer, but will take into account any command line or print controls that may appear.

If you make a spelling mistake or can't remember the document while in option B or C just enter HELP or any name that is not in the DATA lines and the contents of the DATA lines will be displayed.

Option D allows you to save the program plus Noddy pages to tape. The saved file will auto-run on reloading. Use Option E to exit from the program.

If you own a printer other than a Seikosha GP-100A change Lines 1760 1860 as required by your printer to give the following print modes: The Lprint String in line 1760 will print the C\$ to paper starting 20 characters in from the left-hand edge.Line 1860 contains another Lprint string which switches the Seikosha to Double Width Mode. CHR\$(14) then prints C\$. CHR\$(15) switches the printer back to normal mode.

The LF\$ will contain one of two character codes: CHR\$(10) = Print a Line Feed after printing C\$. or CHR\$(20) = Don't print a Line Feed after printing C\$. This allows the use of single or double line spacing..... these codes must also be changed if not compatable with your printer.

Main Variables:

COM\$ Command line character to be tested. C\$ String to be sent to printer. LF\$ Send line feed or no line feed to printer. PN\$ Noddy document or page number. AN\$ Holds answer from input. LF Llist flag. True = llist page. False = format page. LL Length of line to b read by SPK\$. CR Counter for Line Feed/Carriage Return. NCR Increase CR by this amount for every line feed. PL Paper length between perforations. EP End print of text on paper. NC Number of copies to be printed.

CT Counter for number of copies.

NL Number of screen lines actual page takes up.

LC Screen line counter.

Any futher information on this program can be obtained from Mr. E. Roy, 1 Orchard Street, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire KA3 1EB.

```
790 GOTO 200
100 REM *******************
                                                         800 REM-----
110 REM *** NODDY TO PRINTER
                                                         810 REM Check Document, Page Name.
120 REM ****
          FORMATTER.
                           ***
                                                         820 RFM-----
130 REM *** by E.Roy Aug. 84 ***
                                                         830 PRINT : PRINT
140 REM *******************
                                                         840 INPUT * ENTER NAME then (RET) *; AN$
150 REM
                                                         850 RESTORE 2530: LET FD=FALSE
160 DIM C$(80), COM$(1), LF$(1)
170 REM-----
                                                         860 READ N$
180 REM Display Instruction Page.
                                                         870 IF NS=ANS THEN LET FD=TRUE: RETURN
                                                         880 IF N$="FINI" THEN GOSUB 1930: RETURN
190 REM-----
200 CRVS 5,0,0,0,40,23,40: PAPER 5: CLS
                                                         890 60TO 860
                                                         900 REM-----
210 PRINT " --- NODDY PAGES TO PRINTER ---": PRINT : PRINT
                                                       910 REM Save program to tape.
220 PRINT " DO YOU WISH TO.....": PRINT
230 PRINT " A....ENTER NEW NODDY PAGES.": PRINT
                                                         920 REM-----
                                                         930 PRINT : PRINT
240 PRINT B....SEND DOCUMENT TO PRINTER.": PRINT
                                                         940 PRINT * ENTER NAME, SELECT RECORD then (RET)*: PRINT
250 PRINT " C....LLIST, FORMAT ONE PAGE.": PRINT
260 PRINT " D.....SAVE PROGRAM TO TAPE.": PRINT
                                                         950 INPUT " PROGRAM NAME ";AN$
270 PRINT * E....EXIT FROM PROGRAM.*: PRINT
                                                         960 SAVE ANS
280 GOSUB 2430
                                                         970 CLEAR
300 REM-----
                                                         980 GOTO 160
310 REM Get Input and Take Action.
                                                         990 REM
                                                         1000 REM-----
320 REM-----
                                                         1010 REM Exit from Program.
330 INPUT * PRESS KEY A, B, C, D, E then (RET) "; AN$
                                                         1020 REM-----
340 PRINT "
                                                         1030 PRINT : PRINT
350 LET KP=ASC(AN$)-65
                                                         1040 INPUT * ARE YOU SURE ? press Y or N. ";AN$
360 IF KP(0 OR KP)4 THEN CLS: GOTO 210
                                                         1050 IF AN$="Y" OR AN$="y" THEN CLS : STOP
370 IF KP=0 THEN NODDY
                                                          1060 60TO 200
380 ON KP-1 GOTO 430,630,930,1030
                                                         1100 REM *****************
400 REM-----
                                                         1110 REM *** FORMAT NODDY PAGES ***
410 REM Send Document Pages.
                                                         1120 REM **** TO SEIKOSHA 6P-100 A ****
420 REM-----
                                                                                     ***
                                                                         FRINTER.
                                                         1130 REM ***
430 GOSUB 830: IF FD=FALSE THEN GOTO 200
                                                          1140 REM ******************
440 PRINT
450 INPUT " HOW MANY COPIES TO PRINT? ";NC
                                                         1150 REM-----
                                                         1160 REM Display Noddy Page.
460 IF NC<=0 THEN 60TO 450
                                                          1170 REM-----
470 LET CT=0: LET LF=FALSE
                                                          1180 PLOD PN$
480 READ PN$
                                                          1190 LET NL=PEEK(65450)
490 IF PN$="XXX" THEN GOTO 550
                                                          1200 LET LC=1: LET C$=""
500 GOSUB 1180
                                                          1210 GOSUB 2230
510 GOTO 480
                                                          1300 REM-----
520 REM-----
                                                          1310 REM Check for Control Characters.
530 REM Count Number of Copys.
                                                          1320 REM----
540 REM-----
                                                          1330 CSR 0,1
550 LET CT=CT+1
                                                          1340 LET C$=SPK$
560 IF CT<>NC THEN GOSUB 2150: GOSUB 850: GOTO 480
                                                          1350 IF LC>NL THEN RETURN
570 GOSUB 2150
                                                          1360 IF C$="{" THEN GOSUB 1830: GOTO 1340
580 GOTO 200
                                                          1370 IF C$="}" THEN GOSUB 1730: GOTO 1340
600 REM-----
                                                          1380 GOSUB 1430
610 REM Llist or Format One Page.
                                                          1390 60TO 1340
620 REM-----
                                                          1400 REM-----
630 GOSUB 830: IF FD=FALSE THEN GOTO 200
                                                          1410 REM Output One Line Normal Text.
640 LET PN$=AN$
650 PRINT
                                                          1430 FOR L=2 TO LL
660 INPUT * LLIST or FORMAT PAGE? press L or F. ";AN$
670 IF AN$="F" OR AN$="f" THEN LET LF=TRUE: 60SUB 1180: 60TO 200
                                                          1440 LET C$(L)=SPK$
                                                          1450 NEXT L
680 PLOD PN$
                                                          1460 LPRINT C$+LF$
690 LET NL=PEEK(65450): LET LC=0
                                                          1470 IF LL=80 THEN LET LC=LC+2 ELSE LET LC=LC+1
700 LPRINT : LPRINT
                                                          1480 GOSUB 2130
710 LPRINT * Noddy Page Name = *; PN$: LPRINT
                                                          1490 RETURN
720 CSR 0,0
                                                          1700 REM-----
730 FOR L=1 TO 40
                                                          1710 REM Center One Line on 80 Columns
740 LET C$(L)=SPK$
                                                          1720 REM------
750 NEXT L
                                                          1730 FOR L=1 TO 39
760 LPRINT C$: LET LC=LC+1
                                                          1740 LET C$(L)=SPK$
770 IF LC<=NL THEN GOTO 730
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780 LPRINT : LPRINT

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1750 NEXT L
                                                                             Noddy Page Name = GRAPH
1760 LPRINT CHR$(16)+CHR$(2)+CHR$(0)+C$+LF$
1770 LPRINT ;: LET LC=LC+1
                                                                              8 1 *DISPLAY GRAPH. *RETURN
1780 GOSUB 2130
1790 RETURN
                                                                                  GRAPH OF YEARS SALES TO DATE.
1800 REM-----
1810 REM Output One Line Double Width.
                                                                                  ******
                                                                             }JAN
1820 REM-----
                                                                                  ******
                                                                             )FEB
1830 FOR L=1 TO 39
                                                                                   ********
1840 LET C$(L)=SPK$
                                                                                  ********
1850 NEXT L
                                                                                   **********
                                                                             }MAY
1860 LPRINT CHR$(14)+C$+LF$+CHR$(15)
                                                                                  ***********
1870 LPRINT :: LET LC=LC+1
                                                                                  ***********
1880 GOSUB 2130
                                                                                  *********
1890 RETURN
                                                                                   **********
1900 REM----
                                                                                  ************
1910 REM Display Noddy Page Names.
                                                                             )NOV
1920 REM-----
                                                                             }DEC
1930 CLS: RESTORE 2530
                                                                                   0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
1940 PRINT " "; AN$; " IS NOT IN DATA LINES."
                                                                                      (Scale = $10 units)
1950 PRINT: PRINT
                                                                                    Printer...ACME DELUX MkII.
1960 PRINT " Only the following names are legal,"
1970 PRINT: PRINT
1980 READ N$
1990 IF N$="FINI" THEN 60TO 2020
2000 IF N$\(\)"XXX" THEN PRINT ,, N$ ELSE PRINT ,,"____": PRINT
                                                                Noddy Page Name = HEADING
2010 GOTO 1980
2020 PRINT: PRINT
                                                                     *DISPLAY HEADING. *RETURN
2030 PRINT PRESS 'M' TO RETURN TO THE MENU PAGE."
                                                                         ACHE PRINTERS LTD.
2040 LET KP$=INKEY$
 2050 IF KP$="M" OR KP$="m" THEN RETURN
                                                                          1, ORCHARD ST.,
2060 GOTO 2040
                                                                            KILHARNOCK.
 2100 REM-----
                                                                            AYRSHIRE.
2110 REM Wind Paper on to Next Sheet.
                                                                            KA3 1EB
 2120 REM-----
2130 LET CR=CR+NCR
                                                                       Telephone 0563 34684
2140 IF CR (=EP THEN RETURN
 2150 IF LF=TRUE THEN RETURN
                                                                   SALES DEPT.
 2160 FOR L=CR TO PL
                                                                                     Ref.01-1234
 2170 LPRINT
 2180 NEXT L
 2190 LET CR=0: RETURN
 2200 REM-----
 2210 REM Read Command Line.
 2220 REM-----
                                                                                 2540 DATA HEADING
 2230 CSR 0,0
                                                                                 2550 DATA ADDRESS
 2240 LET COM$=5PK$
2250 IF COM$="4" THEN LET LL=40
                                                                                 2560 DATA TEXT1
 2260 IF COM$="8" THEN LET LL=80
                                                                                 2570 DATA GRAPH
 2270 IF COM$="@" THEN
                                                                                 2580 DATA TEXT2
                   GOSUB 2150
 2280 IF COM$="1" THEN LET LF$=CHR$(20): LET NCR=1
                                                                                 2590 DATA ENDING
 2290 IF COM$="2" THEN LET LF$=CHR$(10): LET NCR=2
                                                                                 2600 DATA XXX
 2380 IF COMS="X" THEN RETURN
                                                                                 2700 DATA FINI
 2390 GOTO 2240
 2400 REM-----
 2410 REM Default variable values.
 2420 REM-----
 2430 LET TRUE=0: LET FALSE=-1
 2440 LET LF=FALSE: LET LF$=CHR$(20)
 2450 LET LL=80: LET CR=0: LET NCR=1
 2460 LET PL=65: LET EP=60
 2470 RETURN
 2500 REM-----
 2510 REM Data Lines. End With FINI
 2520 REM-----
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2530 DATA DOCUMENT 1

Programming in Pascal

```
PROCEDURE LF;
PROGRAM SecondArticleForGENPAT:
                                                                                        BEGIN
                                                                                        write(chr(10))
       ****PRINTER EXTENSIONS***
                                                                                        END;
           7/10/84 S. Varley (MEMBRAIN software) }
                                                                                        PROCEDURE UNDERLINE(flag:0.,1);
           PDN switch on printer
                                                                                        BEGIN
           POFF switch off printer
                                                                                        write(chr(27),'-');
           PRINTASC(n) prints ascii character OF n }
                                                                                        IF flag=1 THEN
           CR print carriage return empty buffer }
                                                                                         write(chr(1))
           DOUBLE(0 OR 1) Double width enlarged character setting }
                                                                                        ELSE write(chr(0))
           EMPHASIS(0 OR 1) SET reset emphasized print }
                                                                                        END;
           ELITE(0 OR 1) elite style on/off }
           REDUCED(O OR 1) Reduced character setting }
                                                                                        PROCEDURE PITCH(x:0..255);
           DEL delete last character IN buffer }
                                                                                        BEGIN
           BS backspace }
                                                                                        write(chr(27), A, chr(x))
           BELL sound bell on printer }
                                                                                        END;
           NINTHFEED sets 1/9th inch spacing }
           SIXTHFEED SET 1/6th inch spacing }
                                                                                       PROCEDURE EMPHASIS(flag:0..1);
           PITCH(x) sets linefeed pitch TO x/36th OF an inch }
                                                                                        BEGIN
           LF linefeed }
                                                                                        IF flag=1 THEN write(chr(27),'E')
           COLUMNS(x) sets width OF paper TO be printed on }
                                                                                       ELSE write(chr(27),'F')
           UNDERLINE(O OR 1) underline chars on/off }
                                                                                        END;
           SUPERSCRIPT(0 OR 1) sets/resets superscript printing }
           SUBSCRIPT(0 OR 1) sets/resets subscript printing }
                                                                                       PROCEDURE ELITE(flag:0..1);
           GRAPHIC(TYPE,n) prepare printer FOR n bytes OF TYPE density graphics data }
          NOTE TYPE is 0 standard density }
                                                                                       BEGIN
                                                                                        IF flag=1 THEM write(chr(27),'M')
                        1 double density }
                                                                                       ELSE write(chr(18))
                                                                                       END;
                                        PROCEDURE REDUCED(flag:0..1);
 Switch on printer }
                                        BEGIN
                                                                                       PROCEDURE COLUMNS(x:1..132);
PROCEDURE PON:
                                        IF flag=1 THEN
                                                                                       BEGIN
BEGIN
                                         write(chr(15))
                                                                                       write(chr(27),'Q',chr(x))
POKE(&FD75, CHR(1)); {PRORPL=IOPL}
                                        ELSE
                                                                                       END;
POKE(&FABF,CHR(1));(IOPL=Centronics)
                                         write(chr(18))
END;
                                        END:
                                                                                       PROCEDURE SUPERSCRIPT(flag:0..1):
                                                                                       BEGIN
{ Switch off printer }
                                        PROCEDURE DEL:
                                                                                       IF flag=1 THEN write(chr(27),'S',chr(0))
PROCEDURE POFF:
                                        BEGIN
                                                                                       ELSE write(chr(27),'T')
BEGIN
                                        write(chr(127))
                                                                                       END;
POKE(£FD75,0) {PRORPL=IOPR}
                                        END
END;
                                                                                       PROCEDURE SUBSCRIPT(flag:0..1);
                                        PROCEDURE BS;
                                                                                       BEGIN
PROCEDURE PRINTASC(x:integer);
                                        BEGIN
                                                                                       IF flag=1 THEN write(chr(27),'5',chr(1))
BEGIN
                                        write(chr(8))
                                                                                       ELSE write(chr(27),'T')
write(chr(x))
                                        END;
                                                                                       END;
END;
                                        PROCEDURE BELL;
                                                                                       PROCEDURE SRAPHIC(flag:0..1;n:integer);
PROCEDURE CR;
                                        BEGIN
                                                                                       BEGIN
BEGIN
                                                                                       IF flag=1 THEN write(chr(27),'K') ELSE write(chr(27),'L');
                                        vrite(chr(7))
writein
                                        END;
END;
                                        PROCEDURE NINTHFEED;
PROCEDURE DOUBLE(flag:0..1);
                                        BEGIN
                                                                                       write(chr(n MOD 256),chr(n DIV 256))
BESIN
                                        write(chr(27),'0')
                                                                                       END;
IF flag=1 THEN
                                        END;
 write(chr(14))
ELSE
                                        PROCEDURE SIXTHFEED;
                                                                                     Driver program continued
 write(chr(20))
                                        BEGIN
                                                                                     on page 12
END;
                                        write(chr(27),'2')
                                        END:
MEMOPAD
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BETTER BASIC Save Time Typing Those Listings.

It has suddenly occurred to me that nowhere in the manual is there a mention of how many, or what abbreviations can be used when typing in Basic programs. Well; here they are

| | ABS | AB. | ADJSFR | AD. | ANGLE | ANG. |
|------|--------|-------|---------|---------------|---------|--------|
| | ARC | AR. | ASSEM | A . | ATTE | AT. |
| | AUTO | AU. | BAUD | B. | CHR\$ | CH. |
| | CIRCLE | CI. | CLEAR | CLE. | CLOCK | CLO. |
| | CLS | C. | COLOUR | COL. | CONT | CO. |
| | CRVS | CR. | CSR | CS. | CTLSPR | CT. |
| | DATA | [] " | DIM | I) I | DRAW | DE. |
| | DSI | DS. | EDIT | E. | EDITOR | EDITO. |
| | ELSE | | EXF | EX. | FOR | F. |
| | GENFAT | GE. | GOSUB | GOS. | GOTO | G. |
| | GF:\$ | (S) = | INK | I. | INKEY\$ | INKE. |
| -· · | INFUT | INF. | LEFT\$ | LEF. | LET | |
| | LINE | LIN. | LIST | L 11 | LLIST | |
| • | LOAD | LO. | LFRINT | LF. | MID\$ | MI . |
| • | MOD | MO. | MVSFR | MV. | NEXT | N. |
| | NODDY | NODD. | MODE | NOD. | ON | 0. |
| | OUT | OU. | PANEL | PAN. | PAPER | FA. |
| | PAUSE | PAU. | PHI | FH. | FLOD | Fil |
| | POKE | FO. | PRINT | n | EAND | EA. |
| | READ | REA. | REM | Fr | RESTORE | RES. |
| | RETURN | RET. | RIGHT\$ | RIG. | RND | EN. |
| | RUN | RU. | SAVE | SA. | SBUF | SB. |
| | SGN | SG. | SIN | SI | SOUND | SO. |
| | SFK\$ | SPK. | SPRITE | S. | SOR | SQ. |
| | STEF | SE. | STOF | STO. | STR\$ | STR. |
| | TAN | TA. | THEN | T . | TIME\$ | TI. |
| | USER | U. | VAL | VA. | VERIFY | VE. |
| | VIEW | VI. | VS | V_{\bullet} | | |

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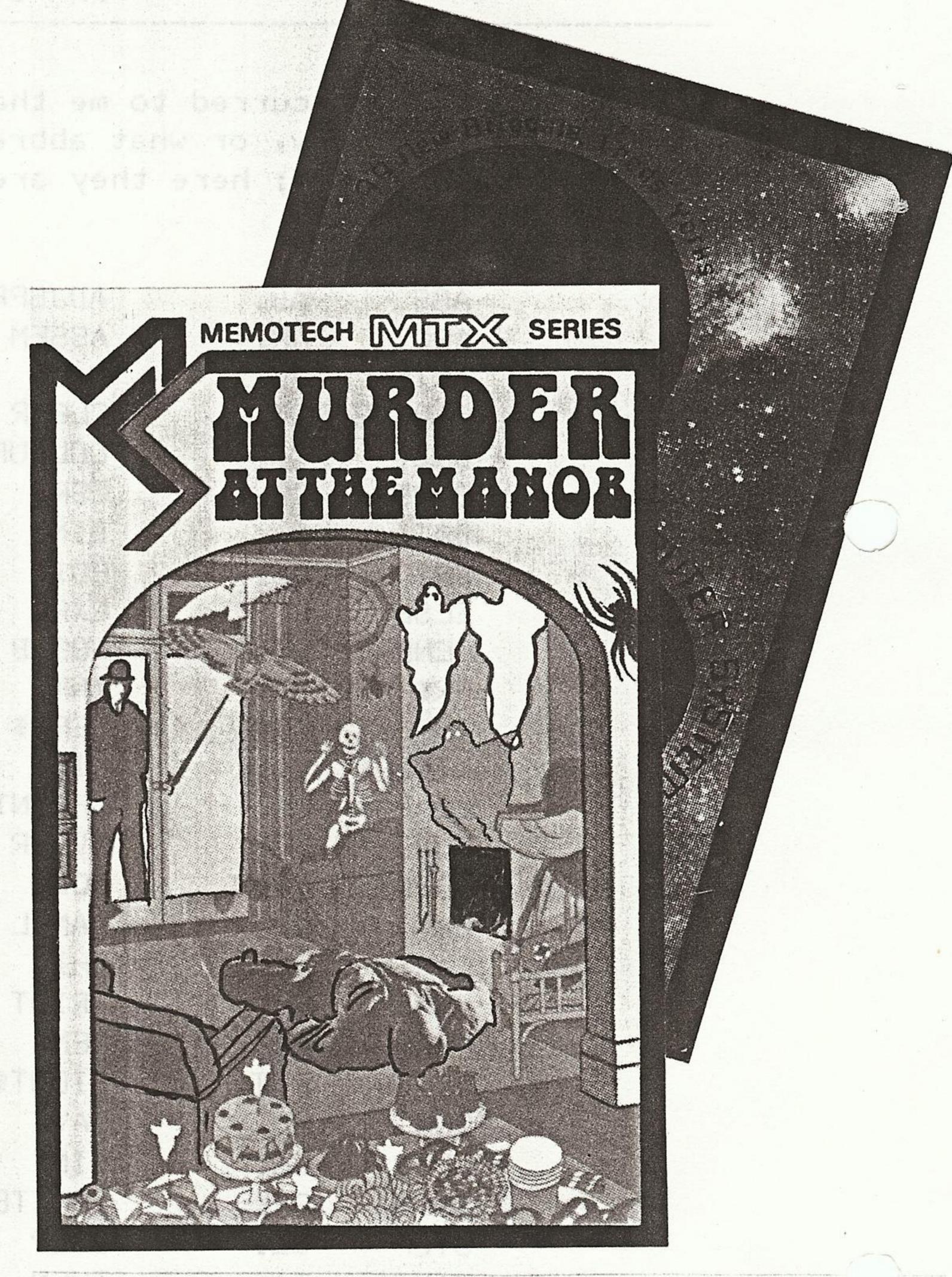


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ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE

PART 3

In last month's magazine, we examined the different registers of the Z80A CPU. Before we look at the various ways in which we address these registers, let's take a closer look at the F or Flag register.

A common CPU operation is the **compare** instruction - **CP** in Z80 mnenomics. This works in a similar way to the Basic statement:-

10 IF A = 10 DR A > 10 DR A < 10 THEN GOTO 100

It allows you to make decisions then act accordingly by branching out of one routine, or jumping into another part of your program. The result of a compare is checked by testing the state of the bits in the F register.

BIT 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 S Z - H - P/V N C

C = CARRY FLAG : N = ADD/SUBTRACT FLAG [BCD OPERATIONS]

H = HALF CARRY FLAG [BCD OPERATIONS] : P/V = PARITY OVERFLOW Z = ZERO FLAG : S = SIGN BIT

Bits 3 & 5 are not used. The Half Carry and N flags are used for Binary Coded Decimal operations, and we are not concerned with them at this point.

The Carry Flag, if set, denotes a CARRY (C), and if reset denotes a NO CARRY (NC) condition. This flag is directly affected by an addition or subtraction. It should be understood that all CP operations compare the value contained in the A register with the next operand, which can be a value in a register or an absolute value:

CP L ; compare value in A with value in C CP £32 ; compare value in A with 32 hexidecimal

What is actually happening during a compare operation is the value of the compare operand is subtracted from the value contained in the A register.

LD A,£40; Load A reg with 40 Hex CP L; VALUE OF A - VALUE OF L

You can see, from the above, that a compare operations is essentially an arithmetic operation on the A register, and, as such, the result will affect the Carry Flag.

The Zero flag is set [1] whenever the result of an arithmetic operation results in zero. If the Carry & Zero flags are used in tandem, any

possibility can be tested. Consider the following Basic statement:-

10 LET A = VALUE 20 IF A = 10 THEN GOTO 40 30 IF A> 10 THEN GOTO 50 40 GOTO 40

Translating this into assembler:

LD A, VALUE ; put value in A reg.

CP 10 ; compare value in A to 10.

JR Z, EQUAL ; if value in A = 10 then goto Equal.

JR NC, GREATER ; if carry flag not set goto Greater.

LOOP: JR LOOP ; value in A is not equal to, and is less than 10

The **No Carry** situation will arise if A = 10 or A > 10 and so it is always wise to compare the A register with a value 1 greater than the value you wish to test for.

CP 10
JR NC, NEXT

If the carry is not set then A is definitely greater than 9 but could be equal to 10.

This is the reason we tested for **Zero** before testing the carry flag in the previous example.

The four situations can be summarised as follows:-

N Value in A reg > or = to compared value

C Value in A reg < compared value

Z Value in A reg = compared value

NZ Value in A reg not equal compared value

Also note that the value in the A register is not affected, and is left unchanged by the compare... the subtraction takes place in theory only.

The Sign Bit: If you can remember issue one, we discussed the 2's complement of a number. In 2's complement notation if the 7th bit is a 1 then the number is negative, and if bit 7 is = 0 then the number is positive. The sign bit reflects the state of this seventh bit. The other flags will be discussed as the situation arises, but the three already discussed are the most important.

ADDRESSING MODES

Any detailed review of a CPU will always mention its addressing modes. This is where the Z80 comes into its own: the wide variety of addressing modes available on this CPU makes life really easy for the programmer. Addressing modes will create no serious problem to you. You will soon become familiar with the most useful, and to help you, here are the most common ways of addressing the Z80.

Immediate Addressing:

In Basic a similar instruction would be: LET A = 3

LD A,03 or LD HL,5007 (known as immediate extended addressing)

You are loading a register or a register pair with immediate data.

Register Addressing:

This exactly what it says: One register is loaded from another.

LD A,C : Load A from C

Indirect Register Addressing:

In this mode of addressing, the location of the operand is held in one of the register pairs; BC,DE or HL. A translation in Basic would be:

10 LET BC = 14390 20 LET A = PEEK(BC)

In assembler:

LD A,(BC) ; load A register with the value in the RAM/ROM location ; pointed to by the BC register pair.

* * * * * * * * * * *

LD HL, 14390 ; make HL point to address 14390

LD A, (HL); put value in A register.

LD DE,56789 ; point DE registers to location 56789

LD (DE),A; load memory location pointed to by DE registers with

; value in A register.

Indexed Addressing:

This is really powerful addressing mode. It allows you to retrieve, or store data from tables set up in memory. We can make IX or IY registers point to an address the add an offset within the range of -128 to +127. If the IX register points to memory address 3C00 Hex we can LD A,(IX+15) which would load the A reister with the contents of memory location 3C0F hex. LD A,(IX+00) would load the A register from memory location 3C00 hex.

Implied Addressing:

This mode means that the register is not named in the mnemonic, but is implied by it.

ADD E ; The contents of the E register are added to the contents of the ; A register.

SCF ; Set Carry Flag.

Protocol:

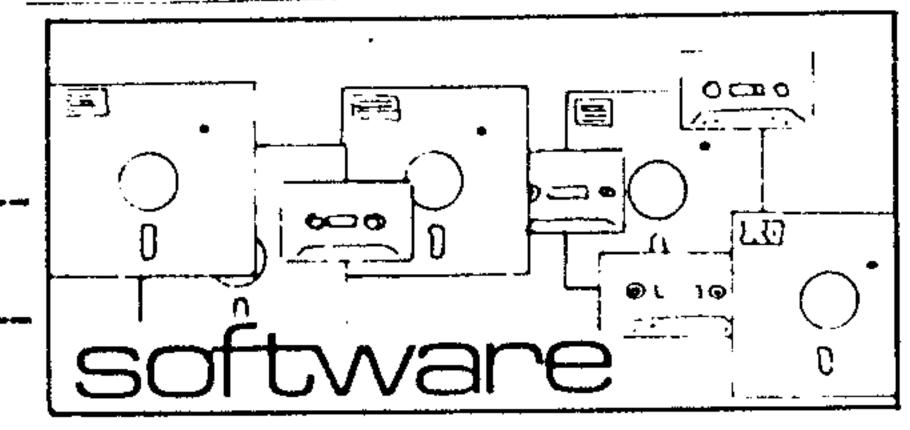
LD A, (HL) LD A FROM LOCATION POINTED TO BY HL.

Data flow.... A <====== HL <======= Memory Location.

Data always flows from RIGHT to LEFT LD A, 36

REVIEWS

TURBO By Andrew Key & Published by Continental



This game is supposed to be based on the ever popular Poll Position. In the original, you race your car around a circuit trying to avoid other cars coming at you from the opposite direction, and from behind. After completing the circuit you then progress into the city, and then back onto the racing circuit.

Turbo follow this formula. But, my goodness, moving into the city from the track is just a disasterous **mess!** The graphics are lousy, and my overall impression is that the game has been rushed, without care for the end purchaser.

The speed of the game is fast, and the idea is good, but Andrew Key is capable of far better things than this program. I hate to be unkind, but I certainly cannot find any reason to justify paying £6.95p for this games program.

I am afraid it is thumbs down on this game & a black mark to Continental for allowing this through the net especially now that most programmers know the machine well enough to produce games in the ilk of Pothole Pete.

FIRST LETTERS Continental Software

The program is generally well conceived, and the material is aligned for the stated age group - 4 to 7 years.

Tutor selection well organised although placing the cursor over a blank area will subsequently cause the program to hang up. Some symbols were considered to be badly formed, i.e Bell, Face - looks more like a mask-Owl - looks more like a bear!

There is a spelling mistake under the Letter Selection header, and should not have appeared in an educational program. ED... we all make mistakes

The program was considered to be suitable for education of the young members of the family, but with certain reservations as described above. Also, it was thought that a pause facility would permit the child/children sufficient time to copy the correct results from the screen.

With slight refinement this could be a useful teaching\learning program.

B.Cooke 13th November 1984

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PROGRAM

SOUND ROUTINE

The following, excellent, routine was sent in by one of our members. Unfortunately, he did not put is name on the listing. If he can contact me, we will give him a credit in the December edition. I urge you to try this routine, I have had many a try a producing some really fascinating effects.

The program can be used if you are writing a game, and are looking for some good, and unusual sound effects. When you find a sound type any key and the poke will be sent to the printer — those of you that haven't got a printer change line 50 to read **Print**. Lines **5, 10,& 15** can also be altered and once you undestand the program, try altering these lines to give you customised effects.

PROGRAM

5 POKE 64084,0 :POKE 64085,0
10 FOR A = 1 TO 255
15 PRINT "POKE 64086 -----";A
20 POKE 64086,A
30 INPUT B\$
40 IF B\$ ="" THEN GOTO 60 ELSE GOTO 50
50 LPRINT "64086,";A
60 NEXT

SOUND TABLES:

| SOUND POKES | TYPE: CHn: No. | 64101-64104 | JP | 11/2: |
|-------------|----------------|--|--------|----------|
| | | 64104-64106 | JP | 12 1102 |
| 64077-64082 | SP | 64106-64110 | HP | 12 1 |
| 64082-64084 | JP 10 1086 | 64110-64111 | TN | 12 1 |
| 64084-64086 | JP | 64111-64114 | BN | 12/3/112 |
| 64086-64090 | HP . 10 ! | 64114-64116 | BN | 13 : |
| 64090-64091 | TN :0 : | 64116-64120 | TN | ;3 ; |
| 64091-64092 | SP :0/1:100 | 64120-64121 | TN | 13 1 |
| 64092-64093 | SP :0/1:086 | · | | |
| 64094-64096 | JP :1 : | SP=Special:TN= | Tone | :JP=Jump |
| 64096-64100 | HP !1 ! | BN=Bounce:HP=F | ligh l | Pitched |
| 64100-64101 | HP :1 : | ************************************** | | |

HOW TO USE THE SOUND TABLE:

The first column shows which pokes must be typed in from Nnn to Nnnn. The second column is the type of sound and the third is which sound channel is used. After entering the first pokes, a new range of sounds

can be created by poking the number in the 4th column.

eg:

64082 - 64084 JP : 0 : 086

Try this program using the above range from the sound tables

You can use them in the direct command state if you want (you can just type them in as written.... you don't need to make a program to do it).

POKE 64082,n :POKE 64083,n:POKE 64084,n : POKE 64086,n

. . .

Where n = any value in the range 0 - 255 &

...Value from Column 4

eg 2:

64104 - 64106 | JP:2:102

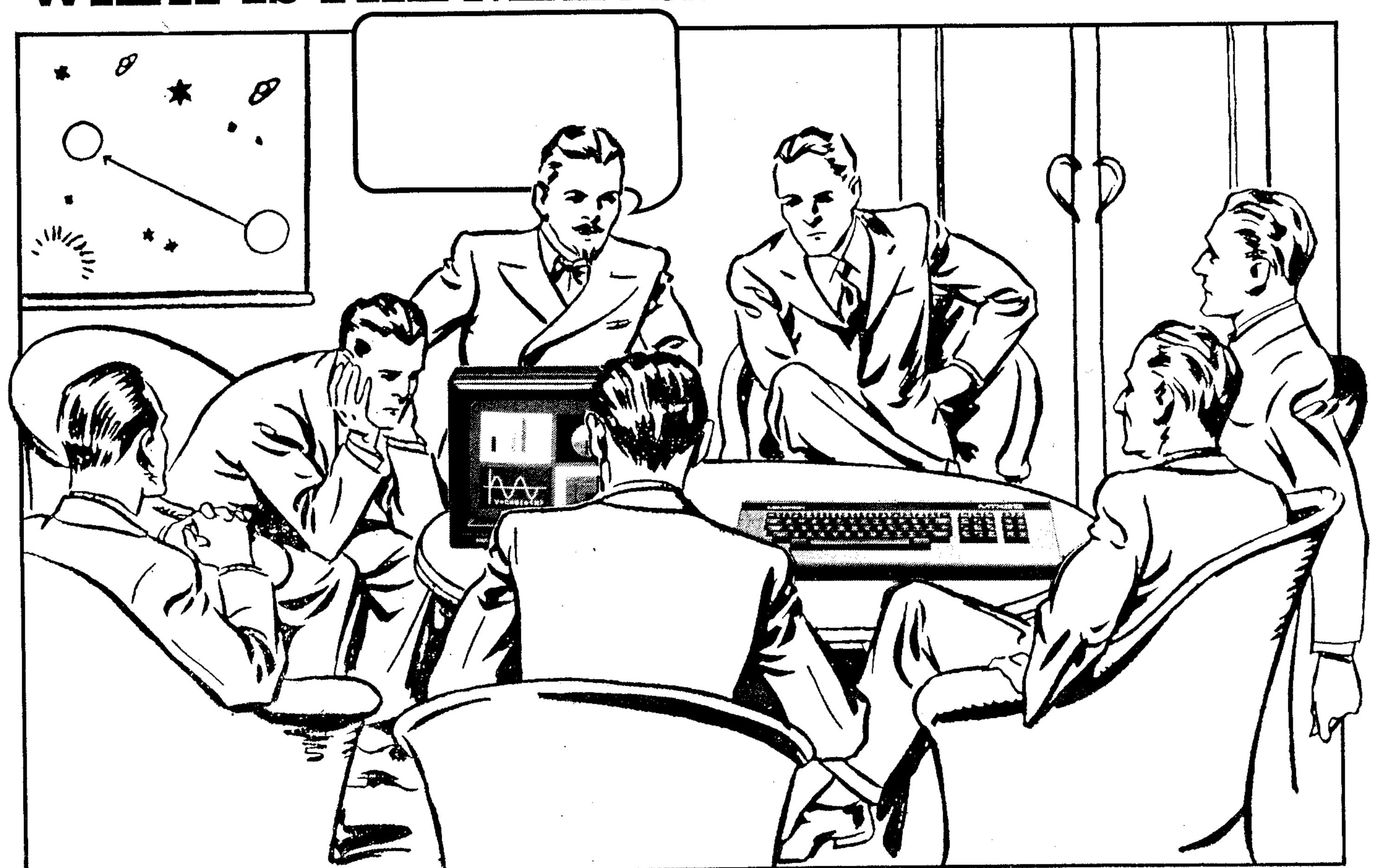
POKE 64104, n: POKE 64105, n: POKE 64106, n: POKE 64102, n

You can create many thousands of different sound effects by experimenting. However, be very careful when using high pitched POKES as this can sometimes crash the system. Using Pokes to mix II channels can create superb effects. If a crash does occur: RESET THE MACHINE AND POKE 64167,1 AND YOU CAN THEN LIST THE PROGRAM TO A PRINTER.

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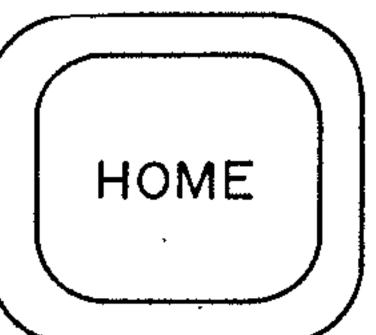
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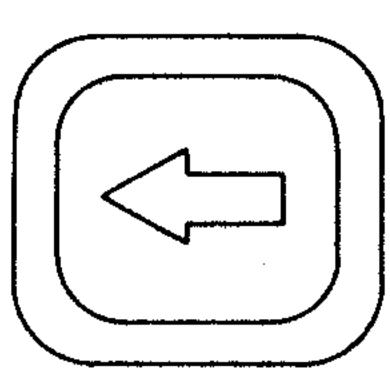


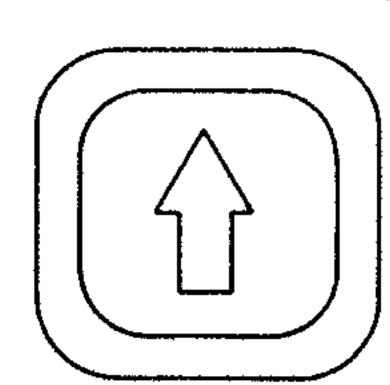
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BASIC FOR BEGINNERS

CONTROL CODES







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SCREEN FORMATTING

The novice Basic programmer tends to find screen formatting a tedious task. Even hardened hackers still go all around the woods to get to the trees. Consider the following section from a Basic program — seen all to often in programs submitted for publication.

10 CSR 3,5: PRINT "INPUT A NUMBER BETWEEN 1 - 10 ";:INPUT X 20 IF X > 10 OR X <1 THEN CSR 3,5:PRINT " :GOTO 10

The same routine can be re-written and will run faster by re-coding in the following way:

10 CSR 3,5: INPUT "INPUT A NUMBER BETWEEN 1-10";X
20 IF X >10 OR X<1 THEN CSR 3,5:PRINT CHR\$(5);:GOTO 10

CHR\$(5) IS KNOWN AS A CONTROL CODE. It is used by the Basic interpreter to carry out a pre-defined function which has been programmed into the ROM.

You can take advantage of all the control codes, and with a little thought, make your program run faster and more efficiently.

CHR\$(4): Using this code will set your background colour.

10 PRINT CHR\$(4);"8" ... Will set your backdrop to colour red.

CHR\$(6): This control code will set the colour of your foreground.

10 PRINT CHR\$(6); "3" will set foreground colour to green.

CHR\$(7): If you use this in a Basic line you will sound the BELL.

10 IF X = 40 THEN PRINT CHR\$(7)

CHR\$(30) will turn the cursor off & CHR\$(31) will turn it back on again.

You can simulate the action of **all** the cursor keys that appear on the left-hand keypad by using the following control characters in the same format as above just by putting them in a print statement: eg PRINT CHR\$(n).

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CHR$(7) ...... BACKSPACE CURSOR ONE PLACE <==
CHR$(25) ...... MOVE CURSOR FORWARD ONE PLACE ==>
CHR$(11) ...... MOVE CURSOR UP ONE LINE
CHR$(10) ...... MOVE CURSOR DOWN ONE LINE ....LINE FEED
CHR$(12) ...... CLS & MOVE CURSOR TO HOME POSITION.
CHR$(13) ...... CARRIAGE RETURN..... MOVE CURSOR TO LEFT OF NEXT
LINE.
CHR$(9) ..... TAB CURSOR TO START OF NEXT 8 COLUMNS.
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Along with the control codes we also have the **Escape Sequences**. A lot of members have telephoned to ask how they can get a £ sign printed to the screen instead of the 'hash' sign. This is easy if you know how!

PRINT CHR\$(27); "B1";

You can even simulate any of the above control sequences by using the following: PRINT CHR\$(27); CHR\$(88); "N" where N= the control code number that appears in the brackets in the above list.

The Comma ',' tells the computer to print at the next print zone which normally is 8 spaces from the start of the current zone.

The semi-colon ';' suppresses a Line Feed after a Print statement. String\$ will print hard up against each other, and variables will print with a space between them to allow for the minus sign - if there should be one. Eg:

LET X\$ = "KEITH": LET Y\$ = "HOOK" : PRINT X\$; Y\$... This would print on the screen as.. **KEITHHOOK.**LET X = 10 :LET Y = 15: PRINT X; Y... would print to the screen as
10 15 and if Y = -15 the above would print to the screen as: 10-15.

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10 PRINT CHR$(12); CHR$(31);: PRINT CHR$(4); "1": PAUSE 500
20 PRINT CHR$(6); *2";: PRINT CHR$(12); CHR$(30);
30 LET X=38
40 LET Y=23
50 FOR I=1 TO X
60 PRINT CHR$(25);
70 PAUSE 50: NEXT I
BO FOR I=1 TO Y
90 PRINT CHR$(10);
100 PAUSE 20: NEXT I
110 LET Y=Y-1
120 LET X=X-1
130 FOR I=1 TO X
140 PRINT CHR$(8);
150 NEXT I
160 FOR I=1 TO Y
170 PRINT CHR$(11);
180 NEXT I
190 LET X=X-1
200 LET Y=Y-1
210 GOTO 50
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I REM This program demonstrates the use of CONTROL CHRACTERS to move the csr around the screen.

MTX SCREEN LOAD & SAVE JOHN MULLINS

One of the biggest criticisms of the MTX micros is the inadequate cassette facilities. Only saving, loading and verifying of Basic programs and their variables is catered for, there is no provision for saving and loading blocks of memory or your patiently designed graphics screens.

Saving and loading blocks of memory provide no real problems (See listing 1). On most micros, having this facility would enable us to save a graphics screen, however, with the MTX it is not quite so easy. This is because screen memory is not directly accessed by the CPU, but rather indirectly by reading and writing to and from CPU ports 1 and 2. It is possible to copy screen memory into the Z80's memory and then save the appropriate block to tape, however this requires that we have 16K of spare memory, and it is not very spectacular in that we have a blank screen whilst 16K of data loads and then suddenly our screen appears when we copy the data into video RAM (VRAM). A much more acceptable solution would be to take one byte at a time from VRAM and save it to tape, the reverse process being used when loading so that the screen builds up as the data is being fetched from tape.

In order to perform the above task we need to know a little about the graphics processor. To read a byte from VRAM we must first set up the VRAM address of that byte using port 2 and then read the byte in on port 1, the VRAM address is then incremented automatically, and subsequent accesses will read contiguous bytes from screen memory (The same is true for writing to to VRAM. See PCN Issue for a full explanation of the graphics processor). To save all 16K of VRAM, all that is required is to copy the save routine from the MTX's ROM and adjust the part that reads from the Z8O's memory so as to read from VRAM, similar for loading.

Saving the whole of VRAM means that any sprite patterns and positions have also been saved, and, when loaded back should appear. However there is a problem, if, for instance, we were using 16*16 sprites with double magnification at the time of saving, they may not have these characteristics when loaded back. This is because the size and magnification of sprites is held in one of the graphics chips "write only" registers i.e. we cannot read it!! Fortunately the MTX stores this value at location #FF55, thus we can save this before the screen data, and when loaded back write the correct value to the graphics chip. The value at #FF55 should always be in the range 0-3 and corresponds to the values in the CTLSPR 6,n command, thus if we require some kind of error checking we can test this value, and if not in the correct range signal an error.

Listing 2 provides the code for saving, and listing 3 the code for loading. Both routines are almost identical to the MTX ROM routines at #OAAE, except that data is fetched from VRAM.

LIST ONE

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It would be very nice if we could tag these routines onto Basic, and access them via a keyword as opposed to having to GOSUB the code lines or call them via USR. Again this is not the huge problem it appears to be, since the authors of the MTX ROM, in their infinite wisdom, actually left a keyword for the user to define. No prizes for guessing that this keyword is USER!!

In order to activate USER we must do two things, firstly define it's syntax (i.e. how many parameters, string or numeric etc.) and secondly define the actual routine itself. Without going into a long discussion on how the syntax checker works, just take it from me that the POKEs described in listing 4 set to require a simple numeric parameter, and anything else will produce a 'Mistake' error and the MTX will not accept the command. To get the parameter for USER we use the RST 30 instruction, a single byte call to the MTX ROM which returns the value in the accumulator. I have used USER 0 for save and USER 1 for load, and anything else will give an 'Out of range' error. Listing 4 shows the routine and how to place it high up in memory (in a sound buffer) so that it is saved alongside a Basic program and will be active once reloaded. The obvious drawback to this method is that you cannot use continuous sound, since this uses the sound buffer and will overwrite the code, however most, people will not be using sound whilst creating graphics screens, so the problem is not that great.

It is really nice to welcome John to the fold. John worked on the conversion of MURDER AT THE MANOR & THE KEYS TO TIME. My first meet with John was at Memotech, and we have been great friends ever since. I have never met a more dedicated programmer. When he is not selling MTX's - which he does for a living - he is key bashing. Watch out for some really super programs from John & his muckers at Sentient Software.

LISTING TWO

| , | 10 CODE | • · . | 10 CODE |
|------|----------------------|--|---|
| | 4007 400A 400D | LD HL,START ;Start of ; LD DE,LENGTH ;Length of LD A,DATA1 | 4007 XOR A ;Signal SAVE 4008 LD (£FD68),A 400B RST 10 ;Enter VS 7 with the message "Start tape etc." |
| | 400F 4012 | LD (EFD67), A LD A, DATA2 | 400C DB £6F,£9C,"Start tape, then press a key" 402A WAITKEY:CALL £79 ;Wait for a keypress |
| | 4014 4017 401A | LD (EFD68),A CALL EAAE RET | 402D JR Z, WAITKEY 402F RST 10 ; Enter VS 4 |
| | Symbols: | F34. 1 | 4030 DB £44 4031 LD HL,£FF55 ;Save SMBYTE 4034 LD DE,1 |
| | | A1=0 for SAVE and LOAD, 1 for VE | 4037 CALL £AAE 403A LD DE,£4000 ;Signal 16K to be saved 403D LD HL,0 ;Set up address zero in VRAM (Read mode) |
| | 30 REM DAT | A2=0 for SAVE, 1 for LOAD and VE | 4040 LD A, L 4041 OUT (2), A |
| MEM(| OPAD 2 | 2 | 4043 LD A, H |
| | | | |

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LISTING THREE CONTINUED
LISTING TWO CONTINUED
                                                                                                            ;Store size-magnification byte at SMBYTE
                                                                            4024 OKCHAR: LD (£FF55),A
4044
             OUT (2), A
                                                                                                    ;Send it to VDP
                                                                                         OR EEO
                                                                            4027
4046
             CALL £B10
                                                                                         OUT (2),A
                                                                            4029
4049
             EX AF, AF'
                                                                                         LD A, £81
                                                                            402B
404A
             LD A, £90
                                                                                         OUT (2),A
                                                                            402D
404C
             EX AF, AF'
                                                                                                             ;Set up address zero in VRAM (Write mode)
                                                                                         LD HL, £4000
                                                                            402F
404D
             LD BC, £05DC
                                 :Send 1500 zero bits for "leader" tone
                                                                                                            ;Sigan! 16K of data to be loaded
                                                                            4032
                                                                                         LD DE, £4000
4050 OUTBLK1:XOR A
                                                                            4035
                                                                                         LD A, L
4051
             CALL £0A82
                                                                                         OUT (2), A
                                                                            4036
4054
             DEC BC
                                                                                         LD A, H
                                                                            4038
4055
             LD A, B
                                                                                         OUT (2),A
                                                                            4039
4056
             OR C
                                                                                         CALL £B10 ; Set up CTC for loading
                                                                            403B
4057
             JR NZ, OUTBLK1
                                                                                         EX AF, AF'
                                                                                                    ;Save the flags
                                                                            403E
4059 DEL:
             JR NC, DEL : Now send a single set bit to indicate start of c
                                                                            403F
                                                                                         LD A, £90
                                                                                                    :Used for sound
4058
             OUT (3),A
                                                                            4041
                                                                                         EX AF, AF'
405D DEL1:
             JR C, DEL1
                                                                                                     ;Search for 256 zero bits
                                                                            4042 INBLCK: LD B, 0
405F
             CCF
                                                                            4044 INBLK1: CALL EAGB
4060
             CALL £A92
                                                                                         JR C, INBLCK
                                                                            4047
4063 OUTBLK2: IN A, (1)
                        ;Get the byte from VRAM
                                                                                         DJNZ INBLKI
                                                                            4049
             LD C.A
4065
                                                                                         EI : Now wait for a set bit to indicate data ready
                                                                             404B STBIT:
             CALL EAA4
                       :Send it to tape
4066
                                                                            404C
                                                                                          XOR A
4069
             DEC DE
                        ;Decrease counter and loop back until done
                                                                                          CCF
                                                                             404D
406A
             LD A,D
                                                                                         CALL EA72
                                                                             404E
406B
             OR E
                                                                                          JR NC, STBIT
                                                                             4051
406C
             JR NZ, OUTBLK2
                                                                             4053 INBLK2: CALL £A9A ; Get byte from tape
406E
             CALL £B06 ; Reset CTC to normal operation
                                                                                                     ;Store it in A
                                                                                          LD A, C
                                                                             4056
             RET
4071
                                                                                         OUT (1), A ; Send it to VRAM
                                                                             4057
                                                                                          IN A_{r}(2)
                                                                             4059
Symbols:
                                                                             405B
                                                                                                     ; Decrement counter and loop back until done
OUTBLK1 4050
                        4059
                                                                             405C
                                                                                         LD A,D
                OUTBLK2 4063
        405D
DELI
                                                                             405D
                                                                                          OR E
WAITKEY 402A
                                                                                          JR NZ, INBLK2
                                                                             405E
                                                                                          CALL £B06 ; Reset CTC to normal operation
                                                                             4060
                                                                             4063
                                                                                          RET
LISTING THREE
10 CODE
                                                                                          LISTING FOUR
                                                                              10 CODE
                        ;Indicate LOAD
             LD A, 1
4007
             LD (£FD68), A
                                                                                                      :Get the parameter
                                                                                           RST 30
4009
                                                                              4007
                        ;Signal *not verify*
                                                                                           LD (£FD68),A
                                                                                                              :Store it at type
             XOR A
400C
                                                                              4008
                                                                                                    Signal "not verify"
             LD (EFD67), A
                                                                                           XOR A
4000
                                                                              4008
                        ;Enter VS 4
             RST 10
                                                                                           LD (EFD67), A
4010 LOAD:
                                                                              400C
             DB £44
                                                                                           LD A, (£FD68)
                                                                                                              ;Get type
                                                                              400F
4011
                                 Store size magnification byte temporarily
                                                                                                      :Is it zero?
             LD HL, EFFFF
                                                                              4012
                                                                                           OR A
4012
                                                                                                      :Save this (Essential for BASIC)
             LO DE, I
4015
                                                                              4013
                                                                                                              ; Jump forward if SAVE
                                                                                           JR Z, OUTBLCK
             CALL EAAE
                                                                              4014
 4018
                                 :Is it in correct range
                                                                                                      ; Is it a 1?
             LD A, (EFFFF)
                                                                                           DEC A
                                                                              4016
401B
                                                                                                      ; Jump forward for load
                                                                                           JR Z,LOAD
                                                                              4017
401E
             CP 4
                                                                                                      ;Tidy up the stack
                                :Proceed if so
                                                                                           POP DE
             JR C, OKCHAR
                                                                              4019
4020
                        ;Signal "Mismatch error"
                                                                                                      ; Give "Out of range" error
                                                                                           RST 28
             RST 28
                                                                              401A
4022
                                                                                           DB £22
              DB £0B
                                                                              401B
 4023
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LD A, L
                                                                             40A3
                       :Enter VS 4
401C LOAD:
            RST 10
                                                                                          OUT (2), A
                                                                             40A4
             DB £44
401D
                                                                                          LD A, H
                                                                             40A6
                                Store size magnification byte temporarily
            LD HL, EFFFF
401E
                                                                                          OUT (2),A
                                                                             40A7
            LD DE, 1
4021
                                                                                          CALL EB10
                                                                             40A9
             CALL EAAE
4024
                                                                                          EX AF, AF'
                                                                             40AC
                               ; Is it in correct range
             LD A, (£FFFF)
4027
                                                                                          LD A, £90
                                                                             40AD
402A
             CP 4
                                                                                          EX AF, AF'
                                                                             40AF
                                :Proceed if so
             JR C, OKCHAR
402C
                                                                                                             ;Send 1500 zero bits for "leader" tone
                                                                                          LD BC, £05DC
                                                                              40B0
                       ;Signal "Mismatch error"
402E
             RST 28
                                                                             4083 OUTBLK1: XOR A
             DB £0B
402F
                                                                                          CALL £0A82
                                                                              40B4
                                Store size-magnification byte at SMBYTE
4030 OKCHAR: LD (£FF55), A
                                                                                           DEC BC
                                                                              4087
                        ;Send it to VDP
            OR £EO
4033
                                                                                           LD A, B
                                                                              40B8
             OUT (2), A
4035
                                                                                           OR C
                                                                              40B9
             LD A, £81
4037
                                                                                           JR NZ, OUTBLK1
                                                                              40BA
             OUT (2),A
4039
                                                                                                     ; Now send a sinule set bit
                                                                                           JR NC, DEL
                                                                              40BC DEL:
                                ;Set up address zero in VRAM (Write mode)
             LD HL,£4000
403B
                                                                                                      to indicate start of data
                                                                                           OUT (3),A
                                                                              408E
                                ;Siganl 16K of data to be saved
             LD DE, £4000
403E
                                                                                           JR C, DEL1
                                                                              40C0 DEL1:
             LD A, L
4041
                                                                                           CCF
                                                                              40C2
             OUT (2), A
4042
                                                                                           CALL £A92
                                                                              40C3
             LD A,H
4044
                                                                                                      ; Get the byte from VRAM
                                                                              40C6 DUTBLK2: IN A, (1)
             OUT (2),A
4045
                                                                                           LD C,A
                                                                              40C8
             CALL £B10 ; Set up CTC for loading
4047
                                                                                                      ;Send it to tape
                                                                                           CALL £AA4
                                                                               40C9
             EX AF, AF'; Save the flags
404A
                                                                                                      Decrease counter and loop back until done
                                                                                           DEC DE
                                                                              40CC
                        :Used for sound
             LD A,£90
404B
                                                                                            LD A, D
                                                                               40CD
             EX AF, AF'
404D
                                                                                            OR E
                                                                               40CE
                        ;Search for 256 zero bits
404E INBLCK: LD B, 0
                                                                                            JR NZ, OUTBLK2
                                                                               40CF
4050 INBLK1: CALL EA6B
                                                                                            CALL £BO6 ; Reset CTC to normal operation
                                                                               40D1 OUT:
             JR C, INBLCK
4053
                                                                                                      ;Retreive DE and return to execution of BASIC
                                                                                            POP DE
                                                                               4004
             DJNZ INBLKI
4055
                                                                               40D5
                                                                                            RET
4057 STBIT: EI ; Now wait for a set bit to indicate data ready
             XOR A
4058
                                                                                      20 REM Type in the above, then as a
             CCF
4059
                                                                                      30 REM direct command enter SBUF 7.
             CALL EA72
405A
                                                                                      40 REM Then enter PANEL type "M" when
             JR NC, STBIT
 4050
                                                                                      50 REM you will be given the prompt
405F INBLK2: CALL £A9A ; Get byte from tape
                                                                                      60 REM MOVE now type 4007 (8007 on an
                        :Store it in A
             LD A, C
 4062
                                                                                      70 REM MTX 500), press (RET) the prompt
             OUT (1), A ; Send it to VRAM
 4063
                                                                                       80 REM END appears type 40D5 (80CF)
            - IN A, (2)
 4065
                                                                                       90 REM then (RET), the prompt TO appears
                        Decrement counter and loop back until done
             DEC DE
 4067
                                                                                       100 REM type F803 then (RET)
             LD A, D
4068
                                                                                       110 REM Now as a direct command enter
             OR E
 4069
                                                                                       120 REM POKE 64135, 201
             JR NZ, INBLK2
 406A
                        Exit the routine and resume execution of BASIC
                                                                                       130 REM POKE 64136,2
 406C
              JR OUT
                        Enter VS 7 with the message "Start tape etc."
                                                                                       140 REM POKE 64137,195
 406E OUTBLCK: RST 10
                                                                                       150 REM POKE 64138,3
              DB £6F,£9C, "Start tape, then press a key"
 406F
                                                                                       160 REM POKE 64139,248
 4080 WAITKEY: CALL £79 ; Wait for a keypress
             JR Z, WAITKEY
                                                                                        170 REM
 4090
                                                                                        180 REM To save a screen type USER O,
                        ;Enter VS 4
              RST 10
 4092
                                                                                       190 REM to load type USER 1, other
              DB £44
 4093
                                                                                        200 REM values are reserved for future
                                 ;Save SMBYTE
              LD HL, £FF55
 4094
              LD DE, 1
                                                                                        210 REM use.
 4097
              CALL £AAE
 409A
                                 ;Signal 16K to be saved
              LD DE,£4000
 409D
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;Set up address zero in VRAM (Read mode)

LD HL,O

40A0

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software

REVIEW - The Zoo by Mike Bray

This is an adventure game of the text variety (similar to Alice in Wonderland) from Continental Software. The storyline is that some animals have escaped from a local zoo, and you, as Sidney Noble, (a well known 'cunning individual') are requested to recapture them. You can travel through the town collecting items to help you with the capture of the animals, and occasionally you run into trouble with the local townsfolk.

The game starts with two pages of instructions and an explanation of the routine to save the game so you can restart from where you left off. You are then requested to input the time - I normally set this to zero so elapsed time was shown - after which the game starts.

The game screen has five areas for information. At the top is your present location. On the right, two areas give the move direction options, and the items to be collected. The left screen shows the last move with an input prompt, and at the bottom the clock ticks away. A number of the direction words may be abbreviated to the first letter in the word i.e. N for North, I for Inside. This is a good feature as it speeds up play.

One of the drawbacks of this type of game for me is the lack of a word list. I found it very frustrating when my attempts were met with "PARDON!" and after a number of attempts to catch a train I gave up as all the word combinations I tried met with the same lack of success.

Apart from this drawback, which may only be my problem, (I hit the same snag in "Alice in Wonderland"), I found the game absorbing and worthwhile. There are many levels that I failed to reach (I had a peek via PANEL) but I did catch an elephant!. Recommended for those of you who like text adventure games with a difference, and will someone please tell me how to catch that train?.

HERE IS THE ANSWER FOR ALL WHO WOULD REALLY LIKE TO LEARN MACHINE CODE....

The Club has negotiated a deal with Robert Broome, the principal of the CDMPUTER TRAINING COLLEGE which is located in Manchester, to set up a tutorial course on Z.80 machine code.

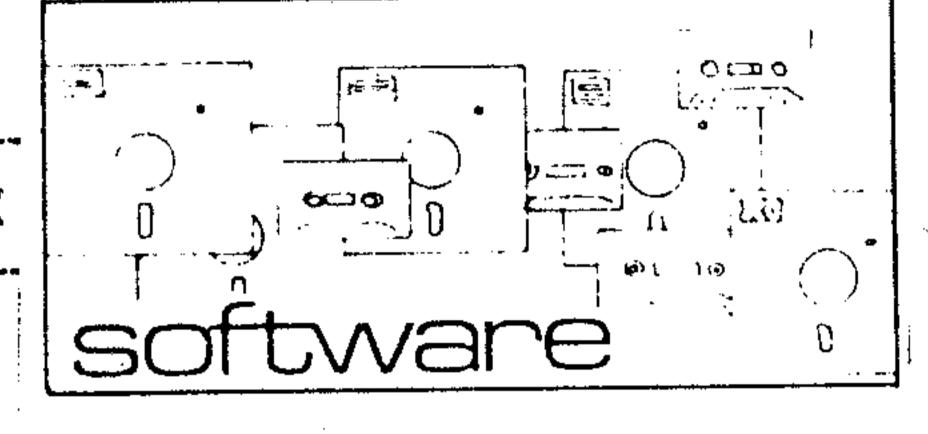
The College has been running a Flexi Course for some time now, and they have re-written parts of their work to cover the MTX. The course revolves around an excellent tutorial book written by Michael Moore F.I.C.O.

The Computer Training college will also support their book with a backup service. That is to say, any member who purchases the book and then finds that they do not fully understand certain aspects of its contents can write to the college, and they will then do their best to expand on the area that is causing the difficulty.

This is an excellent package, and is offered to the club at a special discount rate of £7.95p.

You can apply by sending a cheque to Mr.R. Broome F.I.C.O., M.R.A.M.C.A, THE COMPUTER TRAINING COLLEGE, Norvic House, 1-7, Hilton Street, Manchester M4 1LP: Telephone: 061-835-1315.

KERIAN SOFTWARE RELEASE 4 PIECES OF SOFTWARE FOR MTX



THE KEYS TO TIME: This is a really superb adventure, and if you look within the pages of any computer magazine from recent months, you will see that this was given a real good review when produced on the Spectrum.

MURDER AT THE MANOR: Also given favourable reviews. In this adventure you play the detective... if you find the suspect before he finds you, all well and good, if you don't................. Random suspect select on each game. Both these packages will be reviewed in the December edition.

Now in stock at the club for a incredible £4.95 inc p.p each.

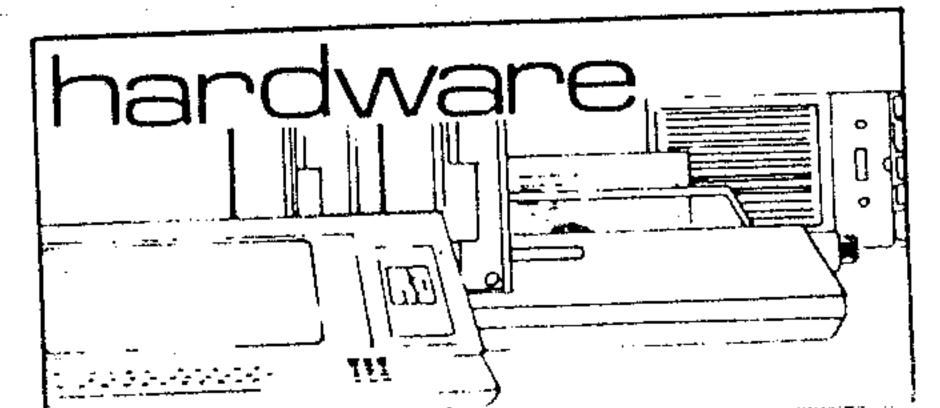
HELLI-MATHS & SPELLI-COPTER. Two programs for the younger members of the family. Rewards for spelling and getting your sums right.... if you don't then see what happens to the helli-copter! These two programs have been sent to a school teacher, Alan Sturgess, and we will be publishing his findings in the next issue. For those of you who can't wait, they are now in stock at the club for £4.95 each inclusive.

IT'S GOOD NEWS WEEK - MEMOTECH TO RELEASE LOW PRICED DISC DRIVES.

Memotech are to release three disc drives. If you sent your guarantee card into the Company then you may have already received notification. If you want to make further investigations, write to Memotech asking for details.

The first drive is a 100k capacity drive which will cost you £199.00 plus £36.00 for the RS232 interface, making a total of £135.00.

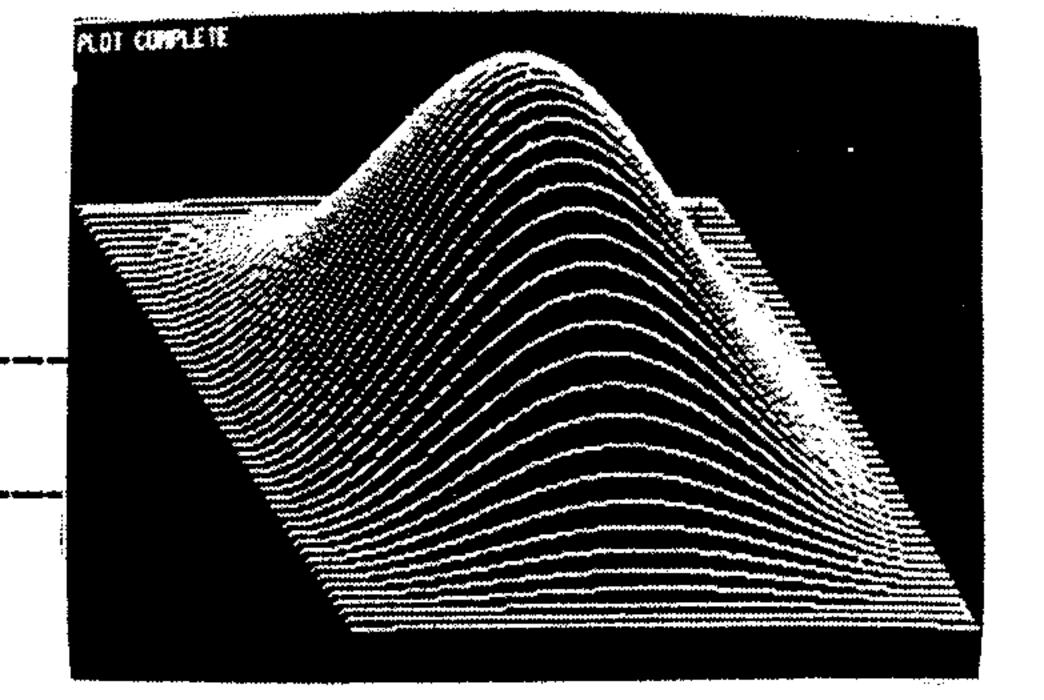
The second drive will cost you £149.00, and as a member of Genpat you will get the RS232 free !!. This is a 250K drive and will take 28 days delivery, but you can order now on first come, first served basis. Your cheques will not be cashed until you have taken delivery, but please send CASH WITH ORDER TO MEMOTECH MARKED GENPAT DISC DRIVE OFFER



PROGRAMMING

PROGRAMMING THE VDP

Part Two



Final words of Graphic Mode II

month we discussed setting up the VDP to Mode II. Before we leave this subject I would like to give you two other ways of setting up Mode II screens.

Graphic Mode II as a Bit Mapped Display

The crafty programmer can, with a bit of thought, use Mode II as a Bit Mapped Screen.... This is how the MTX sets up VS 4.

Using Mode II in this manner allows you to address every pixel on the screen individually, which is useful for plotting points & drawing lines, etc. Unfortunately, there is a draw-back when using this method: although you can address each pixel on the screen, the colour bits cannot be formatted in the same manner. We can, however, get around this by using either two colours, one colour for on, and another for the pixels that are turned off. The other method is to use more than two colours, but be very careful where we plot them on the actual screen.

To set up Mode II in this way we must write a different value to each of the Pattern Name Table [screen] entries, which would mean the Pattern Name Table would hold values from 0 - 767 instead of containing the actual Pattern numbers which is the normal method. What this means is: by writing a certain pattern to 8 bytes in the Generator Table you have created a unique numbered pattern on the screen.

Explanation:

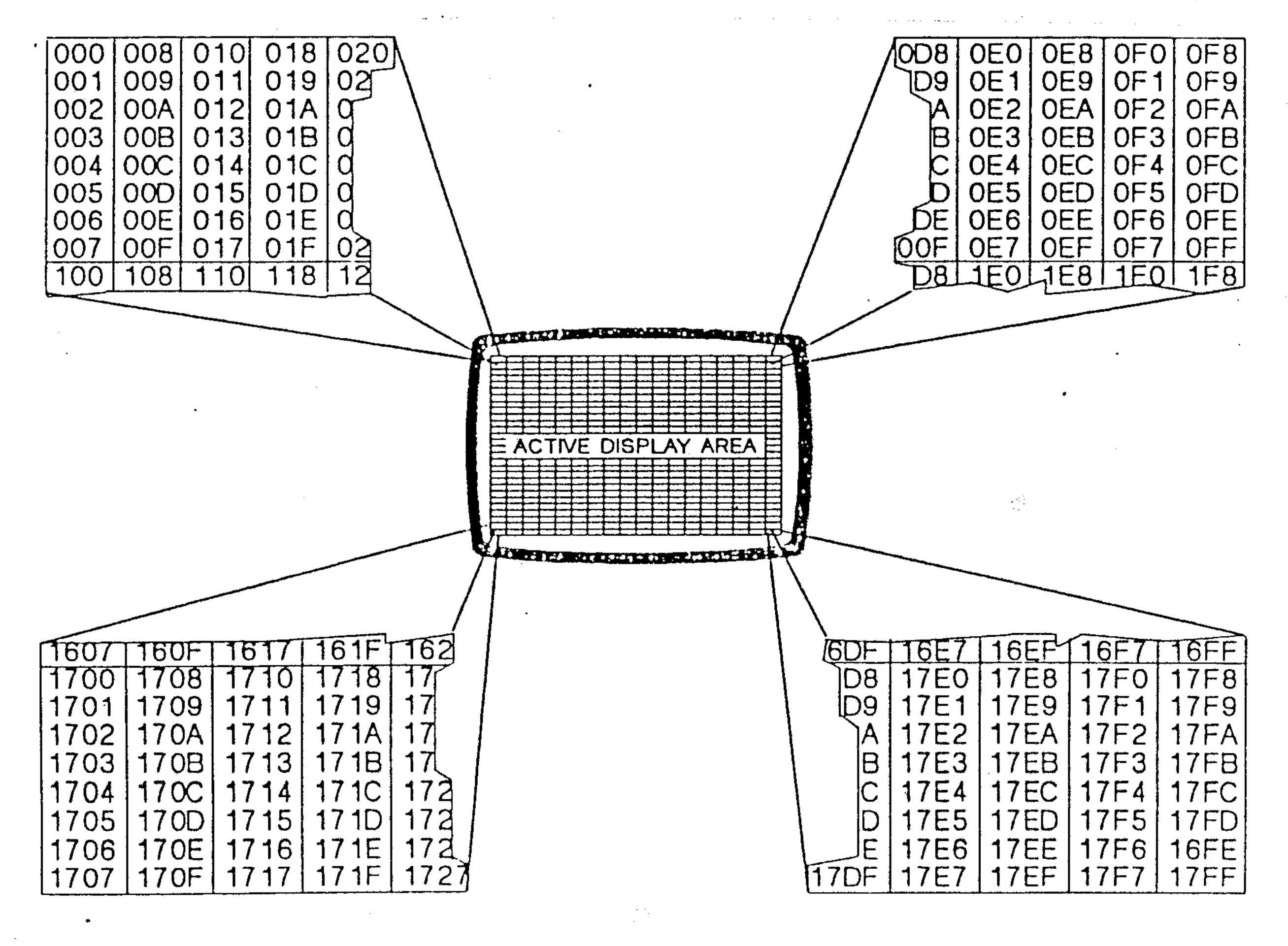
You will find this hard to grasp, but a little thought should clear the fog. Normally, we would set up patterns in the generator table and 'then place them on the screen by putting the character code in the pattern name table. This is no longer true as a bit mapped screen. We have already placed character pattern numbers into the screen positions - 0 to 767 if we now fill the first 8 bytes in the generator table with the information that goes to make up the letter A it will take on the character value of O. Now, if we again write the same values to the last eight bytes in the generator table the letter A also takes on the character value of 255 in that position. We now have two letter A's written to the screen, but instead of both taking on the character value of £41 hex - which is the normal ascii character value - they have unique ascii character numbers of 0 & 255. If you now wanted to draw a line to underline the first A, it will not affect the A in position 767. In this way you can set or reset pixels in a unique and exclusive manner.

Try this:

1. Set up the GII Pattern Name Table as follows. [We have already seen that the screen, in Mode II, is split into 3 sections: 0 - 255 then 0 - 255 and finally, 0 - 255. Load the 3sections of the Pattern Name Table with the number 0 - 255 three times:-LD HL, £3C00 ; START OF PATTERN NAME TABLE MTX BASIC LD A,L OUT (02),A LD A,H OR £40 OUT (02),A LD C, 03 ; 3 TIMES MAIN: LD B, 00 LOOP: LD A, B ; PUT VALUE OF B IN A OUT (01),A CP 255 ; HAVE WE DONE 255 YET ? JR NZ, LOOP : NO DO IT AGAIN LD A,C DEC A CP 00 ; CHECK IF WE'VE DONE IT 3 TIMES YET ? JR NZ, MAIN ; NO SO RE-SET B TO 255 ALL FINISHED

We can now forget about the Name Table this will never change in this mode.

Now set all the bytes in the Colour table to £4F this will give you the typical blue & white screen... o.k. you don't like blue and white...so put in you own values! Don't forget that you are now filling 6144 bytes - 2048 for each third of the table! (see last month's edition)



After studying the diagram you will see that to turn one pixel on which is located at the very first position on the screen we would write £80 to the first byte of the PATTERN GENERATOR TABLE. ======£80 = 10000000 BINARY. In the same manner, to turn on the last pixel in the bottom left hand corner of the screen, we would write 01 to location £17FF in the PATTERN GENERATOR TABLE. ========£01 = 00000001 BINARY.

To make matters easier, we can now write a sub-routine that will calculate the address for any given X, Y pixel co-ordinate.

Using the formula that X = 0 - 255 [O-FF Hex] Y = 0 - 192 [O-CO Hex]see manual.

a: Take the integer of X/8 and multiply it by 8.,,,, This will give the horizontal offset.

b: Now take the integer value of Y/8 and multiply it by £100 hex. This now gives us the vertical byte offset to the nearest 8 bits. NOTE: if there is a remainder after calculating Y/8 it is added to the vertical byte offset to give the VERTICAL STARTING ADDRESS.

c: Add the VERTICAL STARTING ADDRESS to the HORIZONTAL OFFSET and this now is = to the ACTUAL BYTE ADDRESS WE NEED TO WRITE TO.

d: Use the REMAINDER from X/8 to look up in the table below to find the actual data to plot into the BYTE ADDRESS.

| Remainder | of X/8 | Data to write |
|-----------|--------|---------------|
| 0 | | £80 |
| 1 | | £40 |
| 2 | | £20 |
| 3 | | £10 |
| 4 | | £08 |
| 5 | | £04 |
| 6 | | £02 |
| 7 | | £01 |

Formula: BYTE ADDRESS = 8(INT(X/8))+256(INT(Y/8))+REMAINDER OF Y/8Data to write = remainder (X/8) from value in table.

Playing Games With VRAM Addressing

So far in Section 9 we have described how to use Graphics II Mode in its normal table driven environment and also how to arrange it as a bitmap. Now we are going to complicate things further by telling you that there are other tricks you can play with the VDP. By experimenting with the values in VDP registers R2 thru R6 (entering nonstandard initialization values), we can obtain some interesting effects.

You should be forewarned that fooling around with VRAM addressing can cause some interesting effects but almost always produces some undesirable side effects such as losing the ability to use sprites or being only able to use a small number of sprites. Rather than dwell too long on this subject, we will describe one interesting new configuration that can be obtained and leave the rest to you.

Table 8-2 shows the register initialization values for the mode about to be described. Note that the only registers containing nonstandard values are Registers 3 and 4 which determine the Color Table and Pattern Table base address.

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| TARIF | 8-2 | NFW | MODE | INITIALIZATION | VALUES |
|-------|------------------|-----|------|----------------|--------|
| LABLE | 8 ⁻ 4 | NEW | コロロロ | TINT LINE TOWN | AVEACA |

| | | \ <i>1</i> | \ | |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|---|--|
| REGISTER | MSB LSB | HEX | ↓ DESCRIPTION | |
| ↓ REG O | 00000010 | 02 | GRII Mode,No External Video | |
| REG 1 | 11000010 | C2 | 4116, Enable Disp., Disable Int., 16x16 Sprites, Mag. C | |
| ↓ REG 2 | 00001110 | OE . | Address of Name Table in VRAM = Hex 3800 | |
| ↓ REG 3 | 1001111 | 9F | Color Table Adress = Hex 2000 to Hex 2800 | |
| ↓ REG 4 | 0000000 | 00 | Pattern Table Address = Hex 0000 to Hex 0800 | |
| ↓ REG 5 | ↓ ↓ 01110110 | ↓ 76 ↓ 76 | Address of Sprite Attribute Table in VRAM = Hex 3B00 | |
| ↓ REG 6 | ↓ ↓ 0000011 | ↓ ↓ 03 <u></u> | Address of Sprite Pattern Table in VRAM = 1800 | |
| ↓ ↓ REG 7 | ↓ ↓ 00001111 | ↓ ↓ OF | ↓ Backdrop color = White | |

What this mode does is effectively shrink the Graphics II Mode Color and Pattern Tables down from Hex 1800 bytes to Hex 800 bytes. This enables us to define up to 256 8x8 pixel patterns and 256 corresponding eight byte Color Table entries. Color is still mapped onto a pattern exactly as in Graphics II Mode.

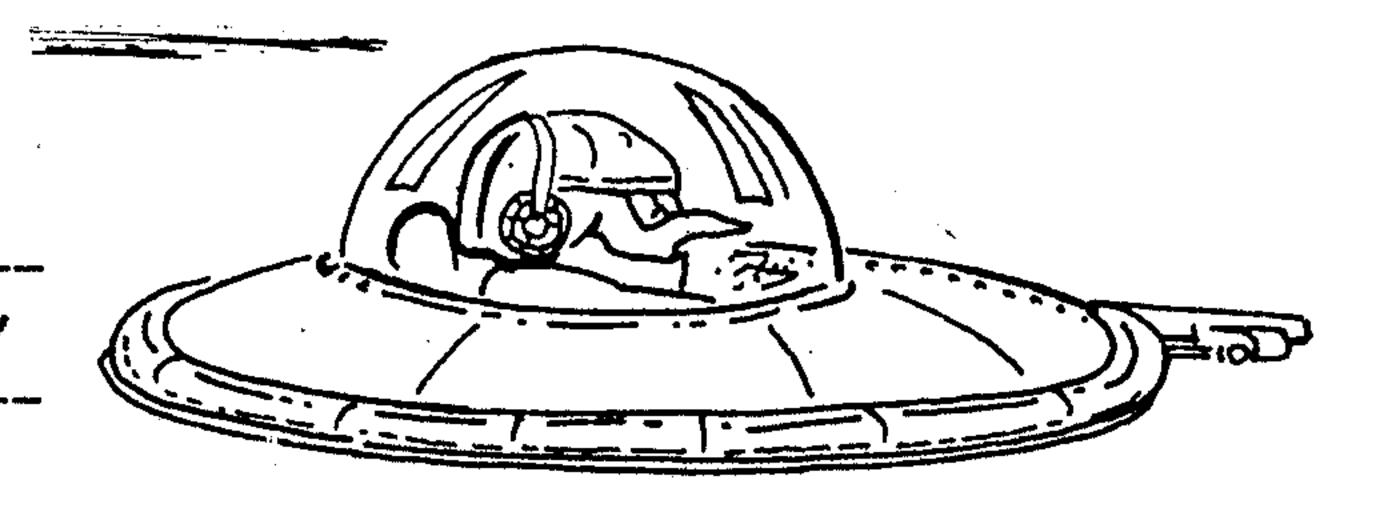
The 768 byte Name Table is not split up into three equal sections as in Graphics II Mode but works as in Graphics I Mode. A byte of information written anywhere in the Name Table will select the appropriate pattern and the corresponding eight byte color entry and place it on the screen. In Appendix C can be found the Pattern Graphics Address Location Tables.

This mode is useful because it provides memory savings of Graphics I Mode while allowing the color detail available in Graphics II Mode. However, we can no longer can define a unique pattern for each screen position, which is neccessary for highly detailed pictures or for bit mapping the screen. When in this mode we can no longer use 32 sprites. If you try to put more than eight sprites on the screen at once, they will start to duplicate themselves on the screen.

program listing

ROCKET LANDER

BY ANTHONY RANSLEY



This is one of the most popular games on the home micro. In old days we used to play this with no graphics! But, it was so addictive, no other work ever was finalised!

You must land your Space Ship on the landing pad with the minimum of impact. If the impact speed exceeds 10 when your Space Ship touches the landing pad, it will destroy your ship, you, and your crew!

The landing pad is the only safe place to land. If your Space Ship touches the ground, no matter what speed, it will be destroyed!

At the beginning of the game you are given 1000 units of fuel. One short blast of the MAIN BOOSTERS use 3 units of fuel. Using the side rockets burns a further 2 units for each blast. The main boosters are used to slow the Lander down, and the side rockets are used to steer the Ship.

An instrument pad is constantly displayed at the bottom of the screen, and will indicate the SPEED, FUEL, & SCORE.

The Lander can be controlled by joysticks or cursor keys. All REM statements have been left so that you can change the program if you want to. Be careful you don't run out of fuel......HAPPY LANDINGS !!!

Anthony is currently working on a Machine Code arcade game which he hopes to publish in the very near future..

| 110 LET HS 150 GOSUB 160 FOR J= 170 CSR J= 180 CSR 32 190 NEXT . 260 LET FU 270 LET SC 280 LET RO 290 GOTO 3 300 RETURN | 260: 60TO 360 :0 TO 19 :2: PRINT " LANDER" !-J,2: PRINT "ROCKET " !EL=1000 !ORE=0 !UND=0 !20 !5: LET Y=182 IFT=200 AV=1 | 1984 MTX 500 | 365 REM ***ROCKET*** 370 GENPAT 4,1,3,15,30,63,50,26,14,6 380 GENPAT 5,1,63,47,63,37,41,19,32,248 398 GENPAT 6,1,192,240,120,252,76,88,112,96 392 GENPAT 7,1,252,244,252,164,148,200,4,31 195 REM ***HOUSE*** 100 GENPAT 4,2,0,0,0,1,5,2,13,1 10 GENPAT 5,2,1,15,31,28,28,31,31,31 20 GENPAT 6,2,4,14,0,14,0,14,14,142 30 GENPAT 7,2,191,255,255,89,89,249,249,249 15 REM ****LANDING PAD & GROUND*** 0 GENPAT 1,129,255,127,0,0,0,0,0,0 0 GENPAT 1,130,255,255,0,0,0,0,0,0 5 GENPAT 1,131,192,128,0,0,0,0,0,0 5 GENPAT 1,132,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0 8 REM *****FLAME**** 0 GENPAT 4,3,1,3,7,7,7,7,3,11 4 GENPAT 6,3,128,192,224,224,224,224,192,208 0 GENPAT 7,3,192,160,128,144,0,32,0,128 1 REM ****EXPLOTION 1**** 1 GENPAT 4,4,0,5,16,10,32,9,2,74 1 GENPAT 5,4,21,3,41,0,36,1,42,4 GENPAT 6,4,0,64,16,68,16,80,162,208 GENPAT 7,4,170,64,208,136,34,80,32,132 | 486 REM ####EXPLOTION 2#### 487 GENPAT 4,5,0,0,2,40,2,84,0,5 488 GENPAT 5,5,10,33,6,11,0,36,0,18 489 GENPAT 6,5,0,144,0,36,0,132,18,192 490 GENPAT 7,5,144,98,132,80,132,32,136,32 492 REM ################################### |
|---|---|-----------------|---|---|
|---|---|-----------------|---|---|

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1200 CSR 0,5: PRINT "YOUR SPACE SHIP HAS GONE OUT OF LANDING"
                                                                                                                 1395 SOUND 3,0,0
605 COLOUR 3,12
                                                   1210 PRINT: PRINT "ZONE, AND HAS BEEN SHOT DOWN BY THE"
                                                                                                                 1398 GOSUB 160
610 ANGLE 5.60
                                                   1220 PRINT: PRINT "DEFENCE SYSTEM."
                                                                                                                 1400 IF INKEY$="N" THEN STOP
615 PLOT 132,110
                                                   1230 GOTO 1382
                                                                                                                 1410 IF INKEY$(>"Y" THEN 60TO 1400
620 ARC 90,.2
                                                   1240 REM ******LANDED SAFLY****
                                                                                                                 1420 VS 4
735 COLOUR 0,1: COLOUR 1,10
                                                   1250 LET SCORE=SCORE+250
                                                                                                                 1425 GOSUB 508: COLOUR 0,1
740 CSR 1,21: PRINT "SCORE 0
                                                   1255 SPRITE 2, 3, X, Y-14, 0, 0, 0
                                                                                                                 1430 GOTO 800
750 CSR 13,21: PRINT "FUEL"
                                                   1260 IF INT(X)=129 THEN LET SCORE=SCORE+250
                                                                                                                 1500 REM ****EXPLOTION***
760 CSR 23,21: PRINT "DRIFT"
                                                   1265 SOUND 3,0,0
                                                                                                                 1510 LET DEL=10
770 CSR 1,23: PRINT "INPACT SPEED";
                                                   1270 FOR C=1 TO FUEL
                                                                                                                 1520 FOR N=15 TO 0 STEP -.75
1285 SOUND 1,C,15
                                                                                                                 1525 SPRITE 1,4,X,Y,0,0,9
800 IF INKEY$(>CHR$(26) THEN GOTO 845
                                                   1290 LET SCORE=SCORE+3
                                                                                                                 1530 SOUND 3,6,N
810 IF FUEL(5 THEN GOTO 845
                                                   1300 CSR 6,21: PRINT SCORE
                                                                                                                 1535 SPRITE 1,4,X,Y,0,0,0
815 LET K=6
                                                   1310 LET FUEL=FUEL-1
                                                                                                                 1540 FOR J=0 TO DEL
820 SOUND 3,5,15
                                                   1320 CSR 18,21: PRINT FUEL: " "
                                                                                                                 1542 SPRITE 2,5,X,Y,0,0,6
830 LET FUEL=FUEL-5
                                                   1330 NEXT C
                                                                                                                 1544 PAUSE 3
840 LET GRAV=GRAV-2
                                                   1340 SOUND 1,0,0
                                                                                                                 1546 SPRITE 2,5, X, Y, 0, 0, 0
842 60TO 850
                                                   1350 LET ROUND=ROUND+75
                                                                                                                 1550 NEXT J
845 SOUND 3,0,0
                                                   1360 LET FUEL=1000-ROUND
                                                                                                                 1592 LET DEL=DEL-1
848 LET K=0
                                                   1370 GOSUB 320
                                                                                                                 1570 NEXT N
850 IF INKEY$(>CHR$(8) THEN 60TO 900
                                                   1375 GOSUB 508: COLOUR 0,1
                                                                                                                 1580 SPRITE 1,4,X,Y,0,0,0
860 IF FUEL(2 THEN GOTO 900
                                                   1380 60TO 800
                                                                                                                 1590 SPRITE 2,5,X,Y,0,0,0
870 LET DRIFT=DRIFT+(-5)
                                                   1382 IF SCORE HS THEN LET HS=SCORE
                                                                                                                 1600 PAUSE 150
880 LET FUEL=FUEL-2
                                                   1385 PRINT: PRINT "YOU SCORED"; SCORE
                                                                                                                 1605 CSR 6,21: PRINT * 0
890 SOUND 3,3,15
                                                   1390 PRINT : PRINT " HI-SCORE"; HS
                                                                                                                 1606 CSR 13,23: PRINT " ";
900 IF INKEY$(>CHR$(25) THEN 60TO 950
                                                   1392 PRINT: PRINT *
                                                                             ANOTHER SAME ?
                                                                                              YES/NO."
910 IF FUEL(2 THEN GOTO 950
                                                   1395 SOUND 3,0,0
920 LET DRIFT=DRIFT+5
930 LET FUEL=FUEL-2
940 SOUND 3,3,15
950 REM ***ROCKET TESTS***
                                                                 1610 VS 5: CLS
960 LET X=X+(DRIFT/100)
                                                                 1620 CSR 0,5: PRINT "YOUR SPACE SHIP WAS DESTROYED AS IT HIT"
970 LET Y=Y-(GRAV/50)
                                                                 1630 PRINT: PRINT "THE GROUND AT AN INPACT SPEED OF"; GRAV
980 IF Y>46.9 THEN GOTO 1020
                                                                 1640 60TO 1382
990 IF GRAV>10 THEN GOTO 1510
                                                                 1700 DATA 107, 108, 109, 109, 110, 111, 112, 112, 113
1000 IF X>(U*8)+8 AND X((U*8)+10 THEN GOTO 1250
                                                                 1710 DATA 114,114,115,116,116,117,117,118,118
1010 GOTO 1510
                                                                 1720 DATA 119,120,120,121,122,123,123,124,125,126,126,127,127,127,127,126
1020 IF Y>191 THEN GOTO 1160
                                                                 1730 DATA 126,127,127,127,127,128,128,129,129,130,131,131,132,133,134,134
1030 IF X<0 OR X>255 THEN GOTO 1190
                                                                 1740 DATA 135,135,136,136,136,137,137,138,138,139,139,139,139,139,140,140
1040 SOUND 1,0,0
                                                                 1750 DATA 139, 139, 139, 140, 140, 140, 141, 140, 140, 140, 139, 139, 138, 137, 138, 135
1050 SPRITE 1, 1, X, Y, 0, 0, 1
                                                                 1060 SPRITE 2,3,X,Y-14,0,0,K
                                                                 1770 DATA 129, 129, 128, 127, 127, 126, 125, 124, 123, 123, 122, 121, 120, 120, 119, 118
1070 LET GRAV=GRAV+1
                                                                 1780 DATA 117,117,116,116,116,115,115,115,114,114,113,113,113,112,112,111
1090 CSR 17,21: PRINT FUEL: " "
                                                                 1790 DATA 111,110,110,111,112,113,113,114,114,115,115,116,116,117,117,118
1110 CSR 28,21: PRINT DRIFT; " "
                                                                 1800 DATA 118,119,119,119,119,120,120,121,122,122,122,123,123,123,123,124
1130 CSR 14,23: PRINT GRAV: ":
                                                                 1810 DATA 124, 124, 125, 125, 125, 126, 126, 127, 127, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 131, 132
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1840 DATA

1850 DATA

1860 DATA

1820 DATA 133,134,134,135,135,136,137,137,138,138,139,139,139,139,140,140,140

155, 154, 153, 153, 152, 152, 151, 151, 150, 150, 150, 149, 149, 149

145, 145, 145, 145, 146, 146, 146, 146, 147, 147, 147, 148, 148, 149, 149, 150

150, 151, 151, 152, 152, 153, 153, 154, 154, 155, 155, 156, 156, 157, 156, 155

1140 GOTO 800

1160 VS 5: CLS

1180 GOTO 1382

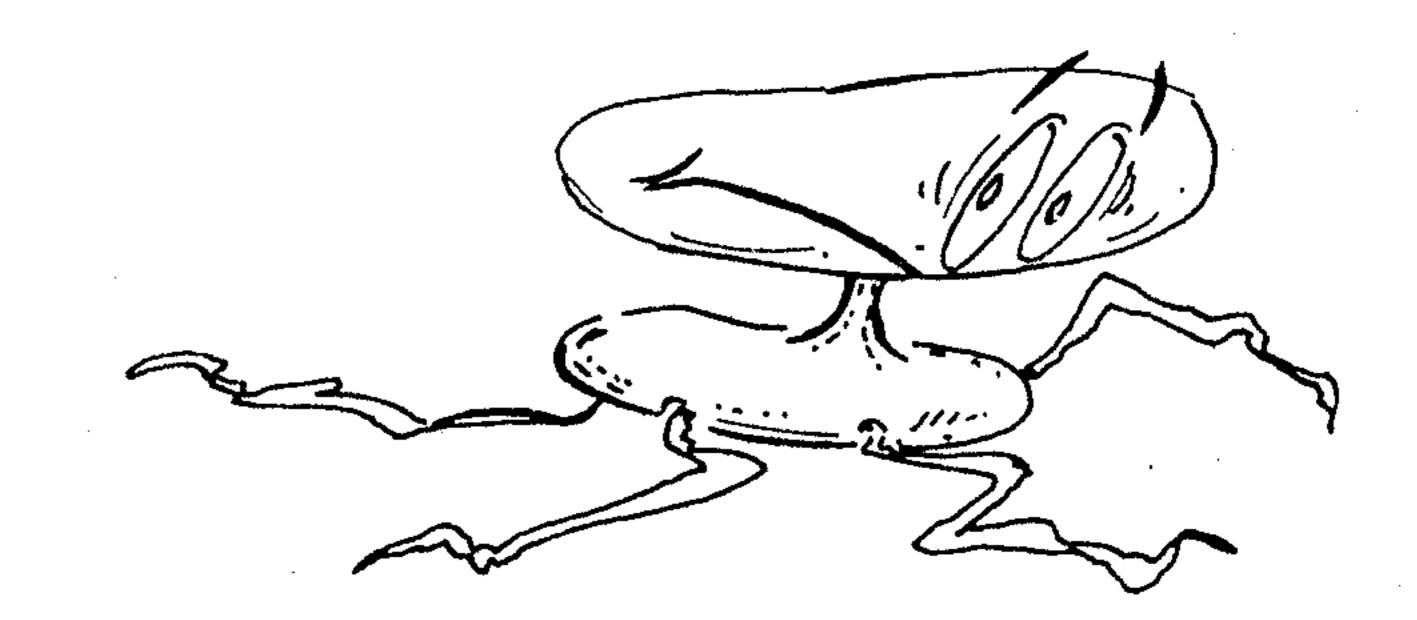
1190 VS 5: CLS

1150 REM ***************************

1170 CSR 0,5: PRINT "YOUR SPACE SHIP HAS GONE OUT OF ORBIT."

PROGRAMMING

SPRITE DETECTION by ROBIN HEYDON



The program is an example of how the code can be interfaced in a Basic program.

The code starts by searching through the sprite table, working out the χ and Y co-ordinates of each sprite and comparing them with every other. As soon as two sprites coincide the code loads two addresses (£FA50 & £FA51) with the numbers of the two sprites which coincide.

The code has one major disability, that is if more than two sprites coincide only the first two register: e.g. if sprites 2, 6 and 12 are all on the same spot, only sprites 2 and 6 will register.

The code uses one other address £FA49. This address is proportioned to the CTLSPR 6 command. It alters the area of the collision check, i.e. the larger the number at £FA49, the larger the area checked. You can change this number by changing the values of register A as 54, 58 and 516 in the code. The code exists after the table OUT.

I tried using interupts but the routine was so slow it filled the screen with "HELLO" in 4.4 seconds, only 2.5 times slower than normal!! The code can be increased by changing the values of the CP for B and C at £4107 and £411B respectively, i.e. if you want only sprite 1 and sprite 2 to collide with any another sprite you would leave £410B as CP£21 but change £411B to CP£03, one more than is required (£4107 and £411B are as in the source listing).

How to find the position of a sprite.

First find the position of your sprite in the sprite table.

Position = No. of sprite * 8 + 65101

Y speed = Pos
Y pos Msb = Pos+1
X speed = Pos+3
X pos Msb = Pos+4
X pos Lsb = Pos+5
Pat Number = Pos+6
Colour = Pos+7

To find position of sprite 2

Position = 2x8+65101 = 16+65101 = 65117 Y pos Msb = 65118 Y pos Lsb = 65119

= 65121

X pos Lsb = 65122

X pos Msb

You now need to know one other piece of information. The Y & X change for each magnitude and size.

| SIZE | MAG | CTL SPR 6 | Y CHANGE | X CHANGE | AREA |
|------|-----|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 219 :£DB | 16 : £10 | 8*8 |
| 0 | 1 | . 1 | 215 :£D7 | 24 : £18 | 16*16 |
| 1 | 0 | 2 | 215 :£D7 | 24 : £18 | 16*16 |
| 1 | 1 | 3 | 207 : £CF | 28 : £1C | 32*32 |

Y=Y CHANGE-(Y pos Msb * 16 + Y pos Lsb/16) X=(X pos Msb * 16+ X pos Lsb/16)-X change E.6 for SPRITE 2 : Pos = 65117 CTLSPR 6,2

| £FE5D | [65117] | Y SPEED | £00 |
|-------|---------|------------|-----|
| £FE5E | [65118] | Y MSB POS | £08 |
| £FE5F | [65119] | Y LSB POS | £50 |
| £FE60 | [65120] | X SPEED | £00 |
| £FE61 | [65121] | X MSB POS | £OD |
| £FE62 | [65122] | X LSB POS | £AO |
| £FE63 | [65123] | PAT NUMBER | £20 |
| £FE64 | [65124] | COLOUR | £OC |

Y CHANGE = 215 & X CHANGE = 24

X = Msb Pos * 16 + Lsb Pos /16 - X

= 13 * 16 + 160/16 - 24

= 208 + 10 - 24

= 194

Y = CHANGE - Msb Pos * 16 + Lsb Pos/16

= 215 - 8 * 16 + 80/16

These values would have been obtained after the statement:

SPRITE 2,8,194,81,0,0,2

= 81

My first contact with Robin was when he took me to task regarding a mistake we had made when printing edition One. I threw the gauntlet to him, and this is the result. Robin is a typical example of the younger members.... they know their stuff! We shall be hearing more from Robin in future editions.

I urge you to type in the listing complete with the basic demo.... you're in for a nice surprise.... Ed.

| | O GOTO 100 | | ፈለማማ | ~~~ | 4060 | SLA A |
|---|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| | 1 CODE | | 4033 | CP 3 | 4062 | SLA A |
| | | | 4035 | JR Z,S16 | 40€4 | SLA A |
| | 4010 CONC: | LD A, O | 4037 | LD A, O | 4066 | LD D, A |
| | 4012 | LD (£FA50), A | 4039 | LD B, O | 4067 | LD A, (IX+5) |
| | 4015 | LD (£FA51),A | 403B | JR OUT | | - |
| | 4018 | JP JUMP1 | 403D 54: | LD A, 4 | 406A | SRL A |
| | | | 403F | JR JUMP2 | 406C | SRL A |
| | 401B OUT: | CP B | 4041 58: | • | 406E | SRL A |
| | 401C | LD (£FA50),A | | LD A, £08 | 4070 | SRL A |
| | 401F | LD A, B | | JR JUMP2 | 4072 | SRL A |
| | 4020 | LD (£FA51),A | 4045 516: | LD A,£10 | 4074 | ADD A, D |
| | 4023 | RET | 4047 JUMP2: | LD (£FA49),A | 4075 | LD D, A |
| | 4024 JUMP1: | LD A, (£FF55) | 404A | LD IX,£FE55 | 4076 | LD A, (IX+1) |
| | 4027 | CP 00 | 404E | LD IY, £FE55 | 4079 | |
| | 4029 | JR Z, S4 | 4052 | LD BC, £0101 | | CP £01 |
| | 402B | CP 1 | 4055 LOOP1: | LD DE,£0000 | 407B | JP C, SAME |
| | | · | | • | 407E | CP £OE |
| • | 402D | JR Z,58 | 4058 | LD A, (IX+4) | 4080 | JP NC, SAME |
| | 402F | CP 2 | 405B | CP £12 | 4083 | SLA A |
| | 4031 | JR Z,S8 | 405D | JP NC, SAME | 4085 | SLA A |
| | | | | | - | **** ***** |

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POP BC
                                                         40FD NOC:
                                          SLA A
              SLA A
                            40CC
4087
                                                         40FE SAME:
                                                                        PUSH DE
                                          LD L, A
              LD E, A
                            40CE
4089
                                                                        LD DE,£0008
                                                         40FF
                                          LD A, (IY+2)
              LD A, (IX+2)
                            40CF
408A
                                                                        ADD IY, DE
                                                         4102
                                          SRL A
              SRL A
                            40D2
408D
                                                                        POP DE
                                                         4104
                                          SRL A
              SRL A
                            40D4
408F
                                                                        INC C
                                                         4105
                                          SRL A
              SRL A
                            40D6
4091
                                                         4106
                                                                        LD A, C
                                          SRL A
              SRL A
                            40D8
4093
                                                                        CP £21
                                                         4107
                                          SRL A
              SRL A
                            40DA
4095
                                                                        JP NZ, LOOP2
                                                         4109
                                          ADD A, L
                            40DC
              ADD A, E
4097
                                                                        LD C,£01
                                                         410C
                                           LD L,A
                            40DD
              LD E, A
4098
                                                                        LD IY, £FE55
                                                         410E
                                           PUSH BC
                            40DE
4099 LOOP2:
              LD A, B
                                                                        PUSH DE
                                                         4112
                                          LD A, (£FA49)
                            40DF
              CP C
409A
                                                                        LD DE,£0008
                                                         4113
                                           LD B, A
                            40E2
              JR Z, SAME
409B
                                                                        ADD IX, DE
                                                          4116
                                           LD A, D
                            40E3
              LD HL, £0000
409D
                                                                        POP DE
                                                          4118
                                           SUB B
                            40E4
              LD A, (IY+4)
40A0
                                                                        INC B
                                                          4119
                                           CP H
                             40E5
              CP £12
40A3
                                                                        LD A, B
                                                          411A
                                           JR NC, NOC
                             40E6
              JR NC, SAME
40A5
                                                          411B
                                                                        CP £21
                                           LD A, D
                             40E8
40A7
              SLA A
                                                                        JP NZ, LOOP1
                                                          411D
                                           ADD A, B
                             40E9
40A9
              SLA A
                                                                        LD A, O
                                                          4120
                                           CP H
                             40EA
40AB
              SLA A
                                                                        LD B, O
                                                          4122
                                           JR C, NOC
                             40EB
              LD H, A
40AD
                                                                        JP OUT
                                                          4124
                                           LD A, E
                             40ED
              LD A, (IY+5)
40AE
                                                                        RET
                                                          4127
                                           SUB B
                             40EE
              SRL A
40B1
                                           CP L
                             40EF
              SRL A
40B3
                                           JR NC, NOC
                             40F0
              SRL A
40B5
                                           LD A, E
                             40F2
              SRL A
40B7
                                           ADD A, B
                             40F3
              SRL A
40B9
                                           CP L
                             40F4
              ADD A, H
40BB
                                           JR C, NOC
                             40F5
              LD H, A
40BC
              LD A, (IY+1)
                             40F7
                                           POP BC
40BD
                                           LD A, B
              CF £01
                             40F8
40C0
                                           LD B, C
                             40F9
              JR C, SAME
40C2
                                            JP OUT
                             40FA
              CP £OE
40C4
              JR NC, SAME
40C6
40C8
              SLA A
              SLA A
40CA
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2 RETURN

- 100 CTLSPR 0,1: CTLSPR 1,0: CTLSPR 2,32: CTLSPR 3,32: CTLSPR 4,0: CTLSPR 5,32: CTLSPR 6,0
- 110 GENPAT 3,0,60,66,129,129,129,129,66,60
- 115 VS 4: CLS
- 120 FOR F=1 TO 32
- 130 SPRITE F,O,RND*120+60,RND*90+45,RND*10-5,RND*10-5,1
- **135 NEXT**
- 150 GOSUB 1
- 160 LET SPR1=PEEK(64080)
- 170 LET SPR2=PEEK(64081)
- GOTO 210 175 IF SPR1=0 THEN
- 180 CSR 0,0
- 190 SPRITE SPR1,0,RND*120+60,RND*90+45,RND*10-5,RND*10-5,RND*10+3
- 200 SPRITE SPR2,0,RND*120+60,RND*90+45,RND*10-5,RND*10-5,RND*10+3
- 210 GOTO 150

STOCK SITUATION SOFTWARE



LEVEL 9 ADVENTURES £8.75 [Club Price]

GENPAT HAS STOCKS OF ALL LEVEL 9 ADVENTURES INCLUDING "RETURN TO EDEN" THE VERY LATEST, AND IN MY OPINION, THE BEST TITLE YET!

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WE HAVE A GOOD STOCK OF THIS EXCELLENT CONTINENTAL TITLE £6.02p [Club Price]

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XAVERSIENE.....COMPOSER.....XAVERSIENE HAVE ASSURED ME THAT STOCKS WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE CHRISTMAS ON THIS EXCELLENT MUSIC PROGRAM. WE WILL BE THE FIRST IN LINE TO RECEIVE THIS PACKAGE£13.00 [Club Price]

ALL OTHER TITLES IN STOCK AT GENPAT EXCEPT FOR TRI-COM SOFT.

HARDWARE

STOCK SITUATION

ALL HARDWARE IS EX STOCK DELIVERY BY SECURICOR OR REGISTERED POST.

THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE 3 NEW DISC DRIVES WHICH ARE 28 DAYS DELIVERY FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.

SPECIAL NOTE ON MACHINE CODE LISTINGS....

I have had a lot of phone calls from people who do not understand the difference between the 512 & 500. If you have a MTX 500 you can still type in the listings that are published but your addresses will START with £80 not £40... the reverse is true for the 512. However, if there are any USER calls to ABSOLUTE ADDRESSES THEN YOU MUST ADD (500) OR SUBTRACT (512) £4000 Hex (16384 Decimal). E.g USER (32460) FOR 512 WOULD BECOME USER (48844) FOR THE 500.

NEW DISC DRIVES FROM MEMOTECH FROM £199.00

UPGRADE

There is a 250 K disc drive available in 28 days @ £249 including RS232 interface... if you are a Member of Genpat. Order direct from Memotech but you must quote your Membership number !!!! Cheques will not be cashed until you take delivery.

SOFTWARE

32K add-on rom. This is an excellent word processor. NEWWORD magazine is prepared with the disc version of this package. Rom version is as powerful as the disc version and comes complete with manuals.£75.00

Hi-soft PASCAL 16K add-on rom. This is one of the most powerful versions of Pascal on the market today. Adapted for the MTX, the compiler supports peek, Poke, Vs, Paper, Ink, Plot, Line, Addr, Crvs, User, and many more. If you're fed up with Basic try Pascal......£60.00

BUSINESS PROGRAMS

PAYROLL: Handles up to 170 employees on a MTX512. Prints payslips, caculates payments due to Inland Revenue and denominations and quantities of coins and notes required for cash paid employees. £25.00

PURCHASE LEDGER: The program provides for up to 35 purchase ledger accounts, 20 expense codes and supplies accurate purchase ledger balances as required. £15.00

SALES LEDGER: Not yet available but probably priced at £15.00 BASIC BUSINESS: Loan repayment, forecasting, breakeven analysis, job costings, equipment analysis, inventory use projections. £5.95

SOFTWARE @ £6.95

GRAPHICS: A powerful graphics tool, this program allows you to design 24 User Definable Graphics, 96 Sprite Patterns and 96 standard ASCII codes.

NEMO: Harpoon the sharks before they enjoy you! Multi-level game.

KILOPEDE : Eliminate the mushrooms and smash the Kilopede before it breaks into segments. Watch out for the nasties - killer crabs, fleas (ugh), spiders, and jellyfish (ow!).

SUPER MINEFIELD: Cross the minefield armed only with your detector. My wife loves this one. A game of logic and deduction. Nice one Ed.

BLOBBO: A maze game with nothing much different, but good graphics and difficult to master. You won't get bored with this in a hurry!

PHAID : Real fast arcade action. The more aliens you kill the faster it gets. Try to keep your eyes from crossing on sheet 15.

MISSION ALPHATRON: If you like Scramble, you'll love this. Superb graphics, and plenty of them.

TOADO : You've all got this one - what did you do with the tadpoles ?

OBLOIDS: Yes another maze game. See this issue for review.

TAPEWORM : Ugh! Make sure out you don't eat your own tail, or you're in trouble. Good action on this one.

CONTINENTAL RAIDERS : A shoot-em-up space game. If you get the first wave, watch out for the next. Try to hit the Mother ship for extra points. ASTROMILON: Real Arcade Action with this one. Kamikazi aliens try to

obliterate you. Good graphics. ASTRO PAC: Assemble your spaceship and fight off the aliens before your

oxygen supply runs out. POT HOLE PETE: Help Pete get through over 30 different screens, collecting keys and points as he goes. Reviewed in Issue 2.

QOGO: One the most addictive games ever written. Bounce Qogo around the pyramid of diamonds but watch out for bouncing bombs and bonus swirlers.

MUSIC PAD: Reviewed in Issue 2. SNAPPO: Race around the maze gobbling fruit, dots and power packs. DENNIS & THE CHICKEN: Climb the ladders and platforms collecting eggs and bird seed. Watch out for the Frantic Farmer, Carnivorous Chicken and Deadly Duck. Sounds great, but is not yet available. DENNIS GOES BANANAS: The sequel to Dennis & the Chicken, this game involves apes and bananas as well. You've guessed it ! Not yet available. MISSILE KOMMAND : A classic arcade favourite with the added bonus of fantastic MTX graphics. Not yet available. THE ZOO GAME: An adventure with animals. See this issue for a review. MAXIMA: See this edition for review of this game. Highly recommended. GAUNLET: Details on this are top secret. Not yet available. M CODER : Compiles BASIC to machine code. Not yet available. : Let you as cobra eat the fruit as you guide it around the screen, but don't touch those walls, and watch out for the rocks. JOHNNY REB : A good game. Set in the Civil War, you've got to capture the enemy's flag. From one of the best War Game software companies around. MURDER AT THE MANOR: A traditional adventure in the 'Who-dunnit' mould. THE KEY TO TIME: Be your favourite Time Traveller in this quest through time to discover the five fragments of the Key To Time. FRANTIC FREDDIE: Cimb the moving ladders on to the conveyor belts. Great graphics. Available soon.

SOFTWARE @ £7.95

STAR COMMAND : See this issue for a review. Mr Spock there's a Klingon stepping on your ear!

DRAUGHTS: You should have this one.

TURBO: See review in this issue. Enough said !. 3D TACHYON FIGHTER: Pilot your laser equipped fighter through towers, aliens, aliens in fighters, etc.

SOFTWARE @ £8.95

KNUCKLES: A fast action maze game with good graphics and sound. BACKGAMMON: Good graphical representation of the dice on this one. You can learn the game from this program. REVERSI : Continental's version of Othello. I like this game. Four levels, and the computer plays a good game.

SOFTWARE @ £9.95

CHESS: Excellent implementation of the game. Ten levels - although on the higher levels you will need plenty of time. FIRST LETTERS : Excellent program for the young child. I love the way the man builds his car when you get a question right. WORDS & PICTURES: Another good program for the young child. : O Level Maths. It's all here - Venn Diagrams, fractions, decimals, number bases....includes index. PHYSICS 1 : O Level Physics. This program is spoiled by an annoying bug. Could have been put right by the time you read this.

SOFTWARE @ £9.90 DUNGEON ADVENTURE : ADVENTURE QUEST : LORDS OF TIME : COLOSSAL ADVENTURE: RETURN TO EDEN. These programs must rank as the Rolls Royce of Adventure games. I haven't seen a bad review yet for these.

SOFTWARE @ £5.95

SPELLI-COPTER: Over 800 words to test and teach your child. Makes spelling fun for children up to 11 years old.

HELLI-MATHS: Interactive maths program for children up to 11 years old.

OTHER SOFTWARE

UTILITIES 1: Renumber, binary/hex/decimal convertor, 40 column text and graphics and Data save and load. £4.95

TUMBLEDOWN TOWN: An adventure game which is very good value at a special offer price of £4.50, but hurry it can't last.

CHARMKATZ: Cross between tapeworm & kilopede with adventure type structure. Should be avialable soon.

COMPOSER: A music composer program with many facilities at £14.95.

All the above software is available from GENPAT

CLUB PRICES: RETAIL = £8.95 YOUR PRICE £7.80p

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RETAIL = £6.95 YOUR PRICE £6.02p

LEVEL 9 ADVENTURES CLUB PRICE £8.75p

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SALTY SAM: Collect the treasures, before the octopi get you!. Club price - £4.95.

DOODLEBUG DESTROYER: This is really fast! This is the first game imported from Norway. Club price - £4.95 (available mid December).

SPECIAL CLUB HARDWARE PRICES

[all prices include VAT and postage]

MTX 500 - £174 MTX 512 - £249 RS 128 - £346.96

RS232 communications board - £53.17 Oxford ring node kit - £44.48

FDX Single Drive - £346.00 (requires RS232)

UP1 Upgrade 1 Kit (upgrades single FDX to full 80 column) - £192.00 UP2 Upgrade 2 Kit (coupled with UP1 upgrades FDX single to twin floppy CP/m system) - £218.00

FDX System - £759.50 FDX/Silicon Disc - £865.00 256K Silicon Disc Expansion - £334.78

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PROGRAMMING IN PASCAL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10 -

{ *****END OF PRINTER EXTENSIONS**** }

pon;
double(1);
write('Helio Genpat readers');cr;cr;double(0);
emphasis(1);write('This is my latest program in Pascal for you');cr;
emphasis(0);
ELITE(1);write('This listing should give you some idea');emphasis(1);write('of the power of the routines');
elite(0);emphasis(0);
bell;pitch(i1);cr;
underline(1);write('All');underline(0);
writeln(' the usual Epson type printer commands are available');
writeln('with some experimentation you should be able to produce some clever output.');
write('Subscripts like ');subscript(1);write('this');subscript(0);write(' do work so do super');superscript(1);write('scripts.');superscript(0);
poff
END.

| Editorial | Note | * * * * * * * * * * | |
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On the front cover you will find that we have said there would be a 'Teach-in' on using the Front Panel unfortunately, this article was promised to us by Memotech..... needless to say...it didn't arrive!!

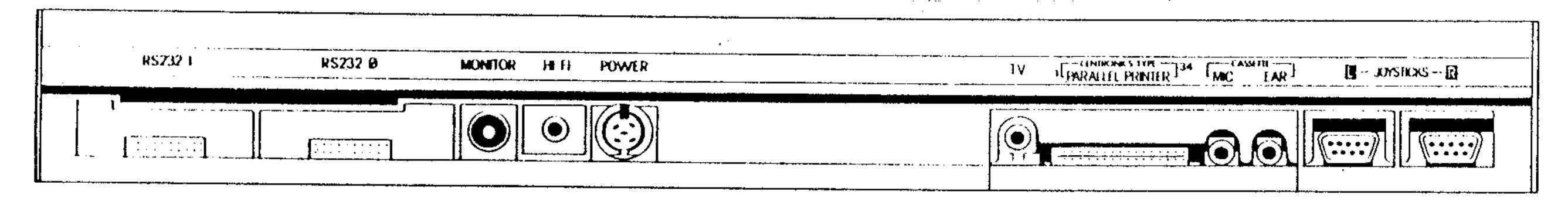
However, I shall personally deal with the subject in the next edition also, I will be starting a series on **CP/m** and the FDX. If any members have discovered any brilliant ways of using the FDX I would like to hear from them.

In January we will be starting the promised conversion of Connect Four to machine code. I am sorry that this has been held over, but the orginal intention was to keep the magazine to 30 to 32 pages.... we are finding that this is not possible... at 40 pages it is a real hard slog.

RAFFLE

DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR £1.00 AND MAKE SURE YOU HAVE WRITTEN YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ON THE TOP! WE SHALL NOW DRAW THIS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE WINNER IN THE JANUARY EDITION......

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|---------------|-----|--|----------------|
| | * | MEMBRAIN SOFTWARE HOLD STOCKS OF TWO EXCELLENT UTILITIES FOR THE | MTX * |
| | * | HIGH RES & LOW RES SCREEN DUMP UTILITY | * |
| | * | Dump your screens to the printer Genpat Price £4.95 | * |
| • | * | MEMBRAIN TOOL-KIT See Issue 2 for details | * |
| ME"MESES A TV | * | Genpat price £9.95 | * |
| 40 | * * | Lots of extra useful commands including the screen Dumps | * |
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END STATEMENT

I must start off with an apology for the magazine being late. You wouldn't believe the difficulties that have been involved with the production of this edition... the magazine covers didn't arrive on time... the printer broke down 3 times in a week, and when we decided to get a new one, the shiny new machine thanked us by breaking down twice within two days, and once over the weekend which lost us over a week in the long run!

Phone calls the situation is getting drastic. Some members cannot get through. I am personally taking over 160 calls a day, and this doesn't leave much time for me to earn a living. I must have my book finalised by the middle of December, and the original intention was to run the club in my spare time. However, I didn't realise we would recruit so many owners in such a short time... the situation is now out of hand. Therefore, until January, I shall not be available until after 6.00pm on Wednesdays & Fridays. In January we will revert to the orginal times. My sincere thanks to all those people who have sent in programs... some of them are brilliant! My thanks also to the members who have helped out when the going got rough.

The New User Manual problem has not yet been resolved, but hopefully, we shall be in a position to supply this in the not to distant future.

Many new companies are starting to take an interest in the MTX and this is good news. The Computer College is all set up ready to help you with your Assembly Language problems.... but only if you have purchased the book. Sentient Software have some really exciting programs in the pipeline including a Flight Simulator. Forth is on the horizon from Membrain Software, and Artic are starting to program for the computer. Megga Games have some really fantastic programs in progress, and I mean fantastic.

Finally, I would like to welcome all the new members who have joined during this past month, and I am sorry if they have had to wait just that little while longer for their magazine. I shall be happy to help all the members who have purchased their first computer and are experiencing difficulties.

Don't forget to include 50p for any information sheets and a S.A.E for any replies you may require. A very final word. I would like to thank TIM & John for their help, and my wife, who has given up all her free time during the past three weeks - including her weekends - to help with the mail, and orders.

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