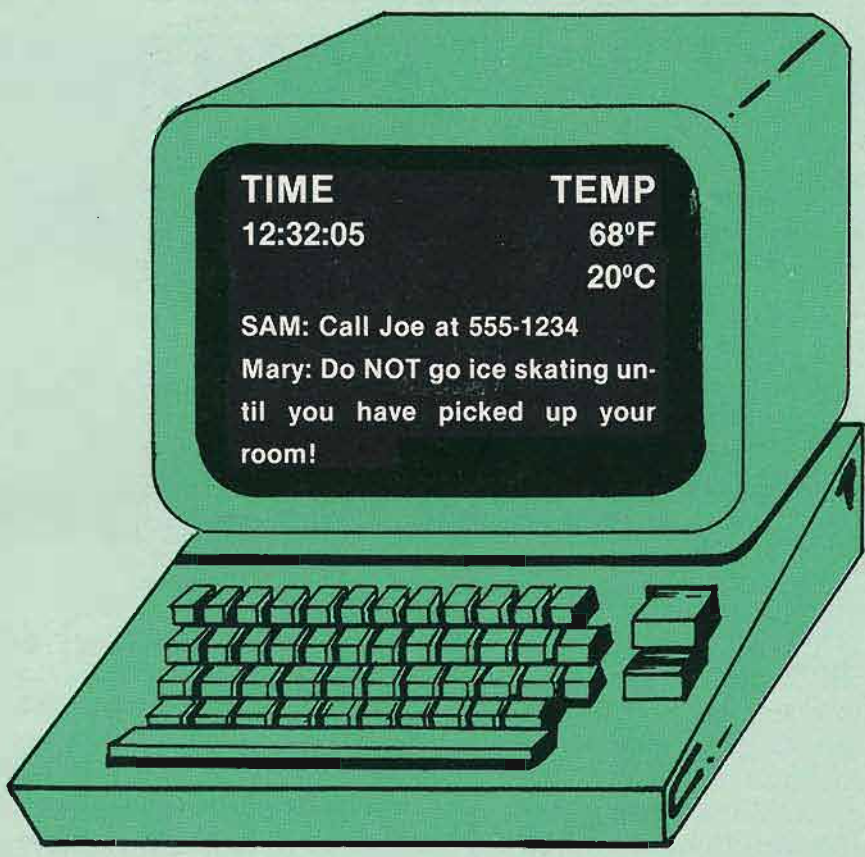


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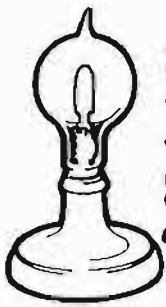
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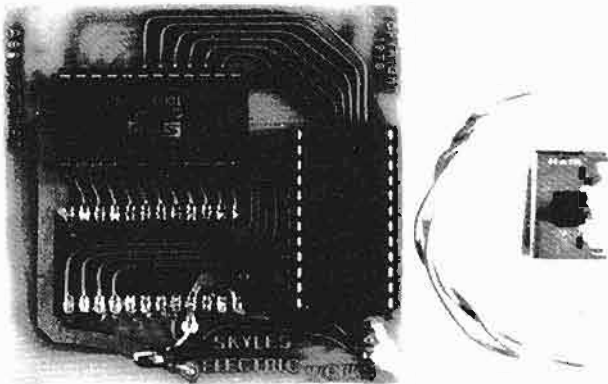
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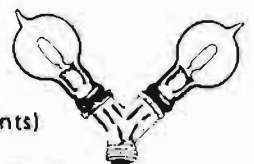
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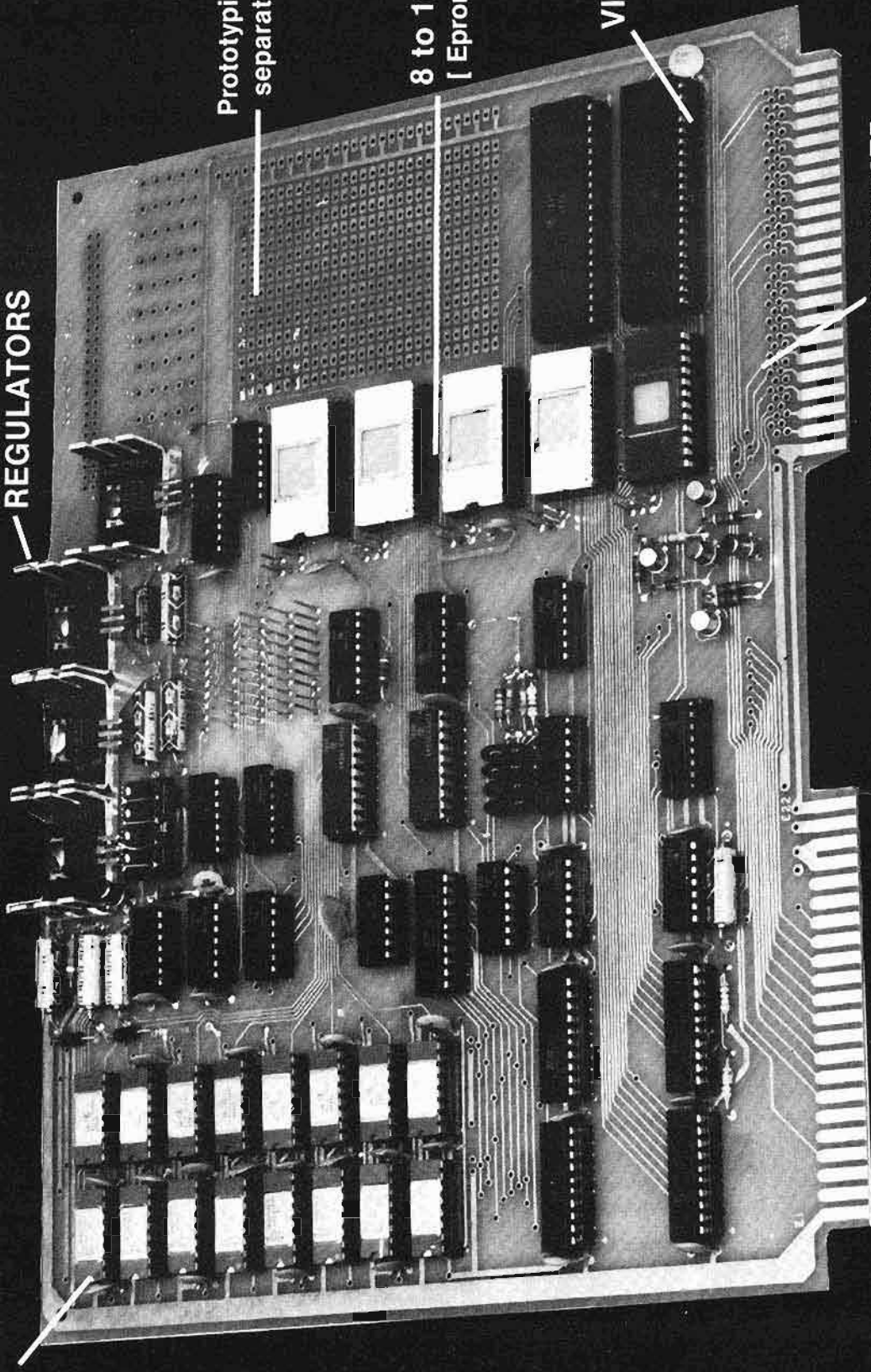
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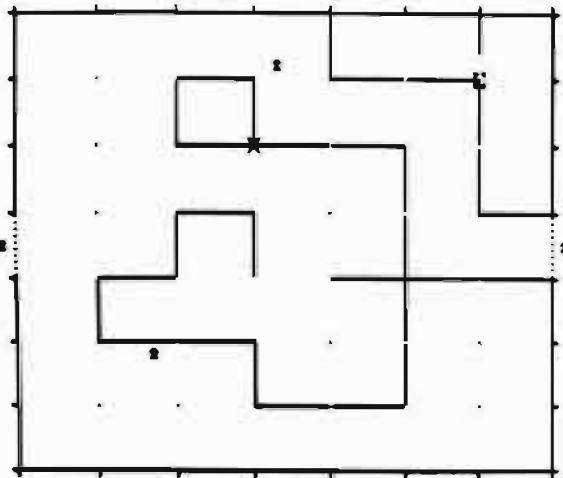
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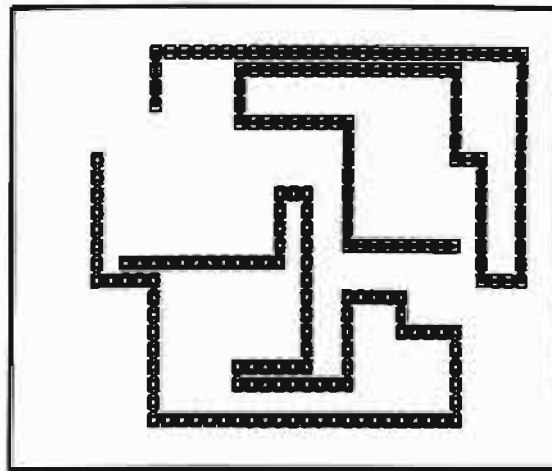
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If someone were to come up with a pseudo 16 bit version of the 6502, what should it contain? And, is there really a need for such a device? I have a few ideas on these matters which I will present next month. An article by Randall Hyde will describe in detail the specifications which were generated for a Synertek 6516. Between now and

then, why don't you think about these topics and see what you would like to have in a 16 bit version of the 6502? Maybe with enough input from various sources we can help get such a project moving.

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Here is a guide to the Applesoft BASIC floating point utility routines which will permit them to be used effectively from assembly language programs. Get the best of both worlds: optimize your programs by writing them in assembly, and, use these excellent floating point math routines directly.

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Although floating point capabilities are available in Applesoft BASIC, it is still useful to do floating point operations from machine language. This is especially true when the floating point operations are needed at some point in a machine language routine and it would be very tedious to pass parameters back up to a FP BASIC program. The alternative of writing special machine language routines for the solution of a few calculations can also delay a programming project unnecessarily. The purpose of this article is to give an idea of how the AFPUR (Apple Floating Point Utility Routines) work and how to use them.

AFPUR uses 248 bytes from \$F425 to \$F4FB and the FIX and underflow routines from \$F63D to \$F65D. In case of overflow, a jump to OVLOC (\$3F5) is taken, where a jump to your own code should be stored. Floating Point work space is given in the reference manual as \$F0 to \$FF although only \$F3 to \$FF are used. The floating point work space bytes and their uses are given in Table 1

E is an extra copy of the FPI mantissa saved during all arithmetic operations although it is actually used only in division. EG is an extra byte changed by the align and normalize code when FP1 and FP2 are being shifted. FP = X,H,M,L is the floating point format of a number where X is the exponent and H, M, and L are the high, medium, and low bytes of the mantissa. Note that the order of the bytes according to significance is opposite that in Integer and FP BASIC and the Sweet 16 interpreter.

The floating point format is similar to 32-bit hardware on many larger computers. The exponent is excess 128 so that \$80 represents 2^0 . The mantissa is two complement normalized until the two leading bits are different so that $+1.0 = \$80\ 40\ 00\ 00$ and $-1.0 = \$7F\ 80\ 00\ 00$. Here are some more examples of decimal numbers in hex floating point format:

```
0.0 = $00 00 00 00
1.5 = $80 60 00 00
1.75 = $80 70 00 00
10.0 = $83 40 00 00
256.0 = $88 40 00 00
0.1 = $7C 66 66 66
```

Note that the floating point form \$7C 66 66 66 is a truncated approximation of 0.1 so that 0.1 multiplied by 10.0 will give \$7F 7F FF FE instead of \$80 40 00 00. The AFPUR will work on unnormalized numbers although there can be a loss of accuracy because of the way the alignment code works. For example, in adding the numbers \$7F 80 00 00 and \$69 40 00 00, the result is \$7F 80 00 00 + \$7F 00 00 01 = \$7F 80 00 01. Using the unnormalized \$80 C0 00 00 would give \$80 C0 00 00 + \$80 00 00 00 = \$7F 80 00 00. These cases give trivial losses of accuracy, but more extreme cases can make your Apple II seem like it can't add. Since results of arithmetic operations are normalized in all cases, unnormalized numbers can only be input to the AFPUR by the programmer in the form of stored constants.

Table 2 gives a general idea of how the AFPUR works.

Trying to POKE or PEEK from Integer BASIC will not work because critical information is stored in the same locations as the floating point work space. For example, \$F6 and \$F7 contain the current Integer BASIC line number and \$F8 contains the automatic line numbering mode flag. If a machine language routine is called from Integer BASIC and AFPUR routines are used, then location \$F8 should be set to 0 before returning to the Integer BASIC program.

In the following examples of calls to AFPUR, FP1 and FP2 are used as the 4-byte FP registers at \$F8 and \$F4. If you can try the monitor calls on your Apple II, the examples will be more instructive.

FCOMPL is called by FSUB one time, FMUL two or three times, and FDIV two or three times. It may be called directly by the user. The only FP number which can cause an overflow error is \$FF 80 00 00. FCOMPL is easy to use from the monitor:

```
*F8:80 60 00 00
*F8:FB F4A4G F8:FB.
```

An example of a call to give $A = -A$ can be coded by the steps:

```
*0) Declare hex storage as a hex string
A .HS 00000000
*1) Load FP1 with A
LDX #3
LDAL LDA A,X
STA FP1,X
DEX
BPL LDAL
```

*2) Floating complement the number

```
JSR $F4A4 FCOMPL
*3) Store FP1 in A
LDX #3
STAL LDA FP1, X
STA A,X
DEX
BPL STAL
```

FLOAT of a fixed point number assumes a 15-bit signed integer in M1H and M1M and an 8-bit fraction in M1L. If no fraction is intended, then M1L must be set to \$00. FLOAT is a special entry point preceding normalization code and is called no other place in APFUR. FLOAT is solely for the user. Because of the 15-bit limit on the magnitude of the integer, there can be no overflow errors.

An example of using FLOAT from the monitor is:

```
*F9:00 64 00
*f8. FB F451G F8.FB.
```

An example of a call to give FPA = float (IA) can be coded by the steps:

```
*0) Declare hex strings for IA and FPA
IA .HS 0000
FPA .HS 00000000
*1) Load IA into M1
LDA IA + 1 Intg high byte
STA M1H
LDA IA Intg low byte
STA M1M
LDA #0
STA M1L
*2) Float the integer
JSR $F451 FLOAT
*3) Store FP1 into FPA
LDX #3
STAL LDA FP1, X
STA FPA, X
DEX
BPL STAL
```

The FIX of an FP number returns a 15-bit signed integer in M1H and M1M and an 8-bit fraction in M1L. Depending on the size of the FP number, EH, EM and EL may also contain parts of a frac-

tion which could be useful in some calculation. In the more typical uses of FIX, only M1H and M1M are of practical use. FIX has a flaw in the way it treats negative numbers. The FIX1 (\$F63D) entry point must be used for negative FP numbers. Calling FIX for FP numbers with exponents larger than \$8E will cause overflow errors. Calling FIX1 for negative FP numbers with \$8E 7F FF 00, \$8E 80 00 00, or exponents larger than \$8E will cause overflow errors. To insure that the overflow routine given later in this article will operate properly, a CLV should precede all FIX and FIX1 calls. Some examples of fixing FP numbers from the Monitor are:

```
*F8:7F 80 00 00
*f8.FB F63DG F8.FB
*f8:80 7F FF 00
*f8.FB F640G F8.FB
```

An example of using an intermediate routine UFIX to give IA = fix(FPA) is:

```
*0) Declare hex strings for IA and FPA
IA .HS 0000
FPA .hs 00000000
*1) General UFIX routine
UFIX CLV FOR OVERFLOW PROCESSING
LDA M1H GET SIGN OF FP1
BPL UFIM
JSR $F68D FIX1 (NEGATIVE FP1)
RTS
UFIM JSR $F640 FIX (POSITIVE FP1)
RTS
*2) Load FPA into FP1
LDX #3
LDAL LDA FPA, X
STA FP1, X
DEX
BPL LDAL
*3) Fix the FP number
JSR UFIX
*4) Store M1 into IA, reversing
```

byte order

```
LDA M1M
STA IA
LDA M1H
STA IA + 1
```

Unfortunately, FP2 is sometimes changed depending on the signs and exponents of FP1 and FP2 in routines FADD, FSUB, FMUL, and FDIV. Thus, if FP2 is a constant being used in a series of calculations, it would be wise to restore FP2 each time.

An overflow error can occur in the FSUB call to FCOMPL. FP1 can be corrected and control returned to FSUB. FADD and FSUB may both have overflow errors after the operation is completed and normalization is being done. FP2 and FP1 are swapped (interchanged) if FP1 has the larger exponent since alignment operates by shifting the mantissa of FP1 right until the exponents X1 and X2 are equal.

An example of using FADD and FSUB from the monitor is:

```
*F4:81 40 00 00 80 40 00 00
*F0.FF F46EG F0.FF
*f4:81 40 00 00 80 40 00 00
*f0.FF F468G F0.FF
```

FMUL and FDIV both call FCOMPL to get the absolute value of the operand in FP1. This is done by swapping FP1 and FP2, taking the absolute value of FP1, swapping FP1 and FP2 again, and taking the absolute value of FP1 again. The sign of the result (product or quotient) is stored at location \$F3 in the right-most bit. Before returning to the user's program, the sign is tested and FCOMPL is called if bit 0 of SIGN is set. An overflow error can occur on any of these FCOMPL calls if FP1 is \$FF 80 00 00. Both FMUL and FDIV check for overflow and underflow when calculating the exponent of the unnormalized result. Underflow is handled by UNDFL at \$F657 and overflow by the user's own routine.

Table 1

| ADDR | NAME | USE |
|------|------|--------------------------|
| \$F3 | SIGN | Product/Quotient sign |
| \$F4 | X2 | FP2 exponent |
| \$F5 | M2H | FP2 mantissa high byte |
| \$F6 | M2M | FP2 mantissa medium byte |
| \$F7 | M2L | FP2 mantissa low byte |
| \$F8 | X1 | FP1 exponent |
| \$F9 | M1H | FP1 mantissa high byte |
| \$FA | M1M | FP1 mantissa medium byte |
| \$FB | M1L | FP1 mantissa low byte |
| \$FC | EH | M1H copy |
| \$FD | EM | M1M copy |
| \$FE | EL | M1L copy |
| \$FF | EG | garbage |

Table 2

| ADDR | ROUTINE | OPERATION | TIME |
|--------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| \$F46E | FADD | FP1 = FP2 + FP1 | 1.5 millisecond |
| \$F468 | FSUB | FP1 = FP2 - FP1 | 1.6 millisecond |
| \$F48C | FMUL | FP1 = FP2 * FP1 | 3.5 millisecond |
| \$F4B2 | FDIV | FP1 = FP2 / FP1 | 5.6 millisecond |
| \$F451 | FLOAT | FP1 = float(M1) | 105 microsecond |
| \$F640 | FIX | M1 = fix(FP1) | 125 microsecond |
| \$F4A4 | FCOMPL | FP1 = -FP1 | 135 microsecond |

FP constants may be calculated by using the monitor as in finding 29.43. The steps are:

- 1) load M1M with 43 = \$2B
- 2) float
- 3) move FP1 to FP2
- 4) load M1M with 100 = \$64
- 5) float
- 6) divide giving FP1 = float (43)/float (100)
- 7) move FP1 to FP2
- 8) load M1M with 29 = \$1C
- 9) float
- 10) add giving FP1 = 29.43
- *F8:00 00 2B 00 F8.FF
- *F451G F4 F8.FBM F0.FF
- *F8:00 00 64 00 F8.FF
- *F451G F4B2G F4 F8.FBM F0.FF
- *F8:00 00 1C 00 F8.FF
- *F451G F46EG F0.FF

The final result is FP1 = \$84 71 B8 51 or 29.43.

As is obvious to the most casual observer, calculating very many constants using the monitor is hazardous to your enthusiasm.

The order in which operands are loaded in FP1 and FP2 for addition and multiplication can be chosen so that the user's code is more efficient. For example, the statement $D = A * B + C$ can be coded by the steps:

- *0) Declare hex strings for A,B,C,D
- A .HS 80 60 00 00 1.5
- B .HS 82 40 00 00 4.0
- C .HS 7F 80 00 00 -1.0
- D .HS 00 00 00 00
- *1) Load FP1 with A
- LDX #3
- LDAL LDA A,X
- STA FP1,X
- DEX
- BPL LDAL
- *2) Load FP2 with B
- LDA #3
- LDBL LDA B,X
- STA FP2,X
- DEX
- BPL LDBL
- *3) Multiply with product left in FP1
- JSR \$F48C
- *4) Load FP2 with C
- LDX #3
- LDCL LDA C,X
- STA FP2,X
- DEX
- BPL LDCL
- *5) Add with sum left in FP1
- JSR \$F46E
- *6) Store answer in D
- LDX #3
- STDL LDA FP1,X
- STA D,X
- DEX
- BPL STDL

The statement $D = A/B - C$ can be coded by the steps:

*7) Load FP2 with A and FP1 with B

```
LDX #3
LABL LDA A,X
STA FP2,X
LDA B,X
STA FP1,X
DEX
BPL LABL
```

*8) Divide leaving the result in FP1

```
JSR $F4B2
```

*9) Move FP1 to FP2 and load FP1 with C

```
LDX #3
LDCL LDA FP1,X
STA FP2,X
LDA C,X
STA FP1,X
DEX
BPL LDCL
```

*10) Subtract leaving the difference in FP1

```
JSR $F468
```

*11) Store the answer in D

```
LDX #3
STDL LDA FP1,X
STA D,X
DEX
BPL STDL
```

All of the overflow errors detected in the AFPUR jump to OVLOC and then to the user's code. When CLV is used before fixing a FP number, the status register bits N,V,Z can be used to determine the routine where the error occurred. Table 3 demonstrates this.

Table 3

| Routine | NVZ | EOR Test | STK |
|---------|-------|----------|-----|
| FIX | 0 0 1 | \$02 | 0 |
| FIXL | 0 0 1 | \$02 | 0 |
| PCOMPL | 0 1 1 | \$42 | 0 |
| FADD | 0 1 1 | \$42 | 0 |
| FSUB | 0 1 1 | \$42 | 0 |
| FMUL | 1 0 0 | \$80 | 2 |
| FDIV | 1 0 0 | \$80 | 2 |

The routine in Listing 1 determines which minimum or maximum integer or FP number to store in FP1 before returning to the AFPUR. The contents of the status register and the AFPUR return address are stored in locations \$F0, \$F1, \$F2.

The times for the AFPUR given at the first of this article are for the routines themselves. As can be seen by the previous examples, much more code is required to make practical use of the AFPUR. Two fairly simple programs were used to time the AFPUR. The program used to time FADD consisted of summing the floated values of the integers 1 to 32,768. The program required about 55 seconds to get \$9C 7F 64 00, which is close to $5.37 * 10^9$. Part of the

time was spent in the FLOAT routine and the summing program itself. A listing of the program is given in Listing 2.

The relative offsets of labels from SUM1 are ZL = \$04, INC2 = \$0A, FLT = \$2D, SL = \$3E and IH = \$49.

The program used to time FMUL consisted of summing a geometric progression with a factor close to 1.0. The multiplications involved calculating the next term in the sequence. For a factor too close to 1.0, the loss of accuracy in the floating point operations gave an incorrect answer. However, for factors like \$80 3F FF F0, the answer was close enough. A listing of the program for finding $(1 - R^N)/(1 - R) = 1 + R + \dots + R^N$ is given in Listing 3.

The code in the AFPUR demonstrates many useful machine language programming tricks. I also think too much speed was sacrificed to get a minimum amount of code. Although the floating point format used is fairly standard, the methods used would work better with a signed magnitude floating point format so that negative operands could be easily complemented before multiplication or division.

Finally, a 3-byte floating point format would be entirely sufficient such that integers and FP numbers had the same byte order for many machine language programming applications.

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Listing 1

```

*          OVFL
*AFPUR OVERFLOW ROUTINE
*
      .OR $3F5
      JMP OVFL
      .OR $900
SIGN  .EQ $F3
FP1   .EQ $F8
OVFL  PHP          SAVE STATUS
      PLA
      AND #$C2
      STA $F0      STORE STATUS
      PHA
      EOR #$80
      BEQ MLDV     MULTIPLY/DIVIDE
      PLA
      EOR #$42
      BEQ ADSB     ADD/SUBTRACT
*FIX  OVERFLOW--SIGN BIT IN C
      BCS FIXM
      LDX #3       INTEGER MINIMUM
      BPL OVST
      FIXM LDX #7   INTEGER MAXIMUM
      BPL OVST
*MULTIPLY/DIVIDE OVERFLOW--SIGN BIT IN SIGN
      MLDV FOR SIGN
      PLA          ADJUST STACK
      PLA
*ADD/SUBTRACT OVERFLOW--SIGN BIT IN C
      ADSB BCS ASM
      LDX #11     FP MINIMUM
      BPL OVST
      ASM  LDX #15  FP MAXIMUM
*STORE OVERFLOW VALUE IN FP1 FOR ALL CASES
      OVST LDY #3
      OVSL LDA OTBL,Y
      STA FP1,Y
      DEX
      DEY
      BPL OVSL
*SAVE AFPUR RETURN ADDRESS
      CLV          CLEAR V STATUS BIT
      PLA
      STA $F1
      INC 1F1
      PLA
      STA $F2
      JMP ($F1)
      OTBL  .HS 8E7FFF00
            .HS 8E800100
            .HS FF7FFFFF
            .HS FF800001

```

Listing 2

```

*          SUMI
*SUM INTEGERS PROGRAM
*
      FP1 .EQ $F8
      FP2 .EQ $F4
      M1  .EQ $F9
      SUM1 LDX #6   ZERO IH THROUGH S
            LDA #0
      ZL  STA IH,X
            DEX
            BPL ZL

```

```

      INC2 INC IM   INCREMENT IM AND IH
            BNE FLT
            INC IH   INCREMENT IH EVERY 256 ITERATIONS
            LDA IH
            CMP #$80
            BNE INC2
            RTS
*LOAD INTEGER INTO M1
      FLT  LDA IH
            STA M1
            LDA IL
            STA M1+1
            LDA #0
            STA M1+2
            JSR $F451  FLOAT
            LDX #3     ADD INTEGER TO SUM
      AL  LDA FP1,X
            STA FP2,X  FP2=FP1
            LDA S,X
            STA FP1,X  FP1+S
            DEX
            BPL AL
            JSR $F46E  FADD
            LDX #3     SAVE SUM
      SL  LDA FP1,X
            STA S,X    S=FP1
            DEX
            BPL SL
            JMP INC2
      IH  .DA #0       INTEGER HIGH BYTE
      IM  .DA #0       INTEGER MIDDLE BYTE
      IL  .DA #0       INTEGER LOW BYTE
      S   .HS 00000000   SUM

```

Listing 3

```

          GSUM
*GEOMETRIC PROGRESSION SUM
*
      FP1 .EQ $F8
      FP2 .EQ $F4
            .OR $800
      GSUM LDX #6   ZERO I AND S
            LDA #0
      ZL  STA IH,X
            DEX
            BPL ZL
*SET T = 1.0
            LDA #$40
            STA T
            LDA #$40
            STA T+1
            LDA #0
            STA T+2
            STA T+3
*SET R = 1.0 - 2 (-18)
            LDA #$80
            STA R
            LDA #$3F
            STA R+1
            LDA #$FF
            STA R+2
            LDA #$F0
            STA R+3
*INCREMENT IM AND IH
      INC2 INC IM
            BNE CALC
            INC IH
            LDA IH
            CMP #$80

```

```

BNE INC2
RTS
*LOAD S AND T FOR ADD
CALC LDX #3
AL LDA S,X
STA FP1,X FP1=S
LDA T,X
STA FP2,X FP2=T
DEX
BPL AL
JSR $F46E FADD S+T
*SAVE S
LDX #3
SL LDA FP1,X
STA S,X
DEX
BPL SL
*LOAD T AND R FOR MULT
LDX#3
ML LDA T,X
STA FP1,X FP1=T
LDA R,X
STA FP2,X FP2=R
DEX
BPL ML
JSR $F48C FMUL R*T
*SAVE T
LDX #3
TL LDA FP1,X
STA T,X
DEX
BPL TL
JMP INC2
IH .DA #0 LOOP INDEX HIGH
IM .DA #0 LOOP INDEX MIDDLE
S .HS 00000000SUM
T .HS 00000000TERM
R .HS 00000000FACTOR

```

A JSR FDIV was substituted in this program to get the FDIV timing.

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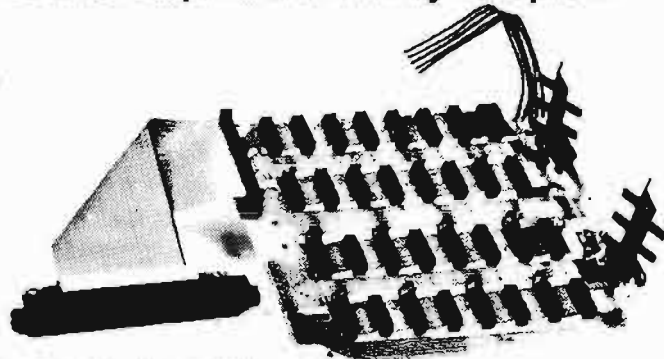
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A Machine Language Screen Print Program- for the Old (or New) PET

A program is presented which gives the user control over printing from the old PET screen. The commented assembly language program provides information on printing and can be used as a starting point for other print utilities.

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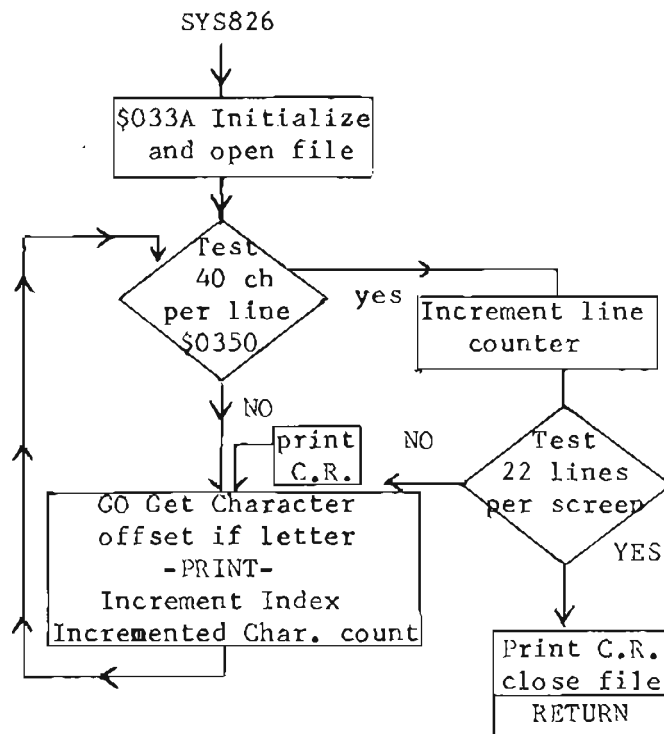
After waiting almost a year, I finally received the dot matrix, friction feed printer for the Commodore PET. The printer plugs right into the IEEE port and will print all the PET graphics as well as upper and lower case letters.

When I received the printer, I also got some very scanty documentation. What I learned from it is that you can print in your programs by using PRINT# statements after OPEN-ing the file. I also learned that you could set up the printer as the primary device by using the following code:

```
OPEN 4,4,0 : GMD 4
```

This is fine to have the printer print *everything* that would be on the screen but still not very good if you just want to print *some* things.

What I needed was a short program that would print what was on the screen when I wanted it printed. This dictated a machine language program stored in the second cassette buffer that I could call with a SYS826 when I wanted anything printed. After some trepidation and a lot of help from other programs, the following is the result. It can reside in the second cassette buffer and will print the *top 22 lines* of the screen at *40 characters per line* when you want it.



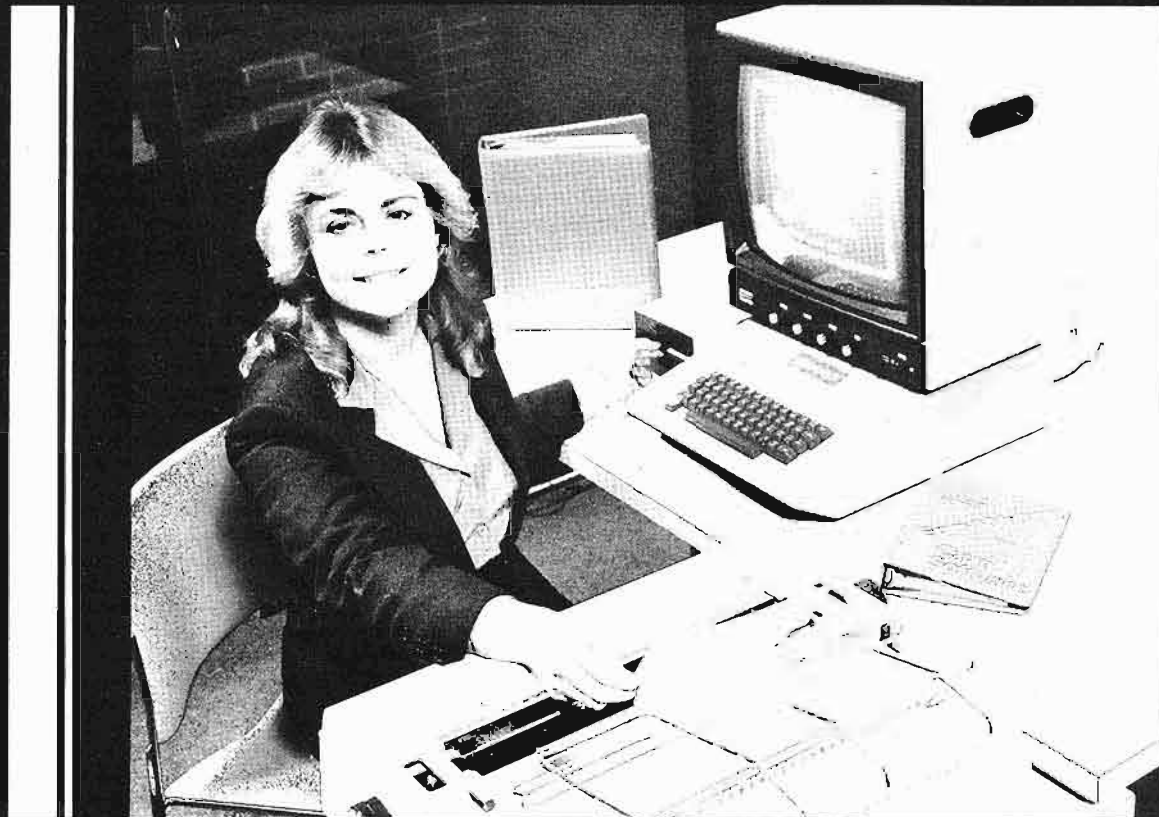
| | | | | |
|------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 033A | A9 00 | LDA | #\$00 | |
| 033C | 8D 56 02 | STA | \$ 0256 | Printer Secondary Address |
| 033F | 8D FE 03 | STA | \$ 03FE | Screen Line Counter |
| 0342 | 8D FF 03 | STA | \$ 03FF | Character counter |
| 0345 | 85 DA | STA | \$ DA | Index Lo-Byte |
| 0347 | A9 01 | LDA | #\$01 | |
| 0349 | 8D 62 02 | STA | \$ 0262 | GPiB File Length |
| 034C | A9 04 | LDA | #\$04 | |
| 034E | 8D 42 02 | STA | \$ 0242 | Logical File # |
| 0351 | 8D 4C 02 | STA | \$ 024C | Device Number |
| 0354 | A2 04 | LDX | #\$04 | |
| 0356 | 20 C9 FF | JSR | \$ FFC9 | Open File (i.e. Open 4,4,0) |
| 0359 | A9 80 | LDA | #\$80 | |
| 035B | 85 DB | STA | \$ DB | Index Hi-Byte |
| 035D | AD FF 03 | LDA | \$ 03FF | |
| 0360 | C9 28 | CMF | #\$28 | 40 Characters per line, test |
| 0362 | D0 14 | BNE | \$ 0378 | (GO) |
| 0364 | EE FE 03 | INC | \$ 03FE | Increment Line Counter |
| 0367 | AD FE 03 | LDA | \$ 03FE | |
| 036A | C9 16 | CMF | #\$16 | 22 lines/screen test |
| 036C | F0 23 | BEQ | \$ 0391 | (END) |
| 036E | A9 00 | LDA | #\$00 | |
| 0370 | 8D FF 03 | STA | \$ 03FF | |
| 0373 | A9 0D | LDA | #\$0D | C.R. in ASCII |
| 0375 | 20 30 F2 | JSR | \$ F230 | Print #4,C.R. |
| 0378 | 18 | (GO)CLC | | |
| 0379 | A2 00 | LDX | #\$00 | |
| 037B | A1 DA | LDA | (\$DA,X) | Get next character via indirect addr. |
| 037D | C9 1F | CMF | #\$1F | Test for Letter |
| 037F | 10 02 | BPL | \$ 0383 | |
| 0381 | 69 40 | ADC | #\$40 | Offset for Pet screen to ASCII |
| 0383 | 20 30 F2 | JSR | \$ F230 | Print #4 |
| 0386 | E6 DA | INC | \$ DA | Increment index Lo-byte |
| 0388 | D0 02 | BNE | \$ 038C | Branch if not zero |
| 038A | E6 DB | INC | \$ DB | Increment Index Hi-byte |
| 038C | EE FF 03 | INC | \$ 03FF | Increment Character counter |
| 038F | 10 CC | BPL | \$ 035D | Return for next character |
| 0391 | A9 0D | (end)LDA | #\$0D | Ascii C.R. |
| 0393 | 20 30 F2 | JSR | \$ F230 | Print #4 |
| 0396 | A9 04 | LDA | #\$04 | |
| 0398 | 20 CC FF | JSR | \$ FFCC | Close 4 |
| 039B | 60 | RTS | | Return |

• 033A, 039B

| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|---|---|---|
| 033A | A9 00 | 8D 56 | 02 8D | FE 03 | | | | |
| 0342 | 8D FF | 03 85 | DA A9 | 01 8D | | | | |
| 034A | 62 02 | A9 04 | 8D 42 | 02 8D | | | | |
| 0352 | 4C 02 | A2 04 | 20 C9 | FF A9 | | | | |
| 035A | 80 85 | DB AD | FF 03 | C9 28 | | | | |
| 0362 | D0 14 | EE FE | 03 AD | FE 03 | | | | |
| 036A | C9 16 | F0 23 | A9 00 | 8D FF | | | | |

• 033A, 039B

| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|---|---|---|
| 0372 | 03 A9 | 0D 20 | 30 F2 | 18 A2 | | | | |
| 037A | 00 A1 | DA C9 | 1F 10 | 02 69 | | | | |
| 0382 | 40 20 | 30 F2 | E6 DA | D0 02 | | | | |
| 038A | E6 DB | EE FF | 03 10 | CC A9 | | | | |
| 0392 | 0D 20 | 30 F2 | A9 04 | 20 CC | | | | |
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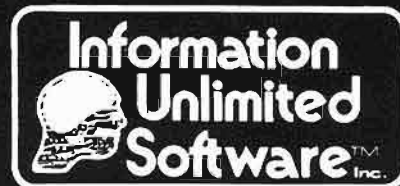


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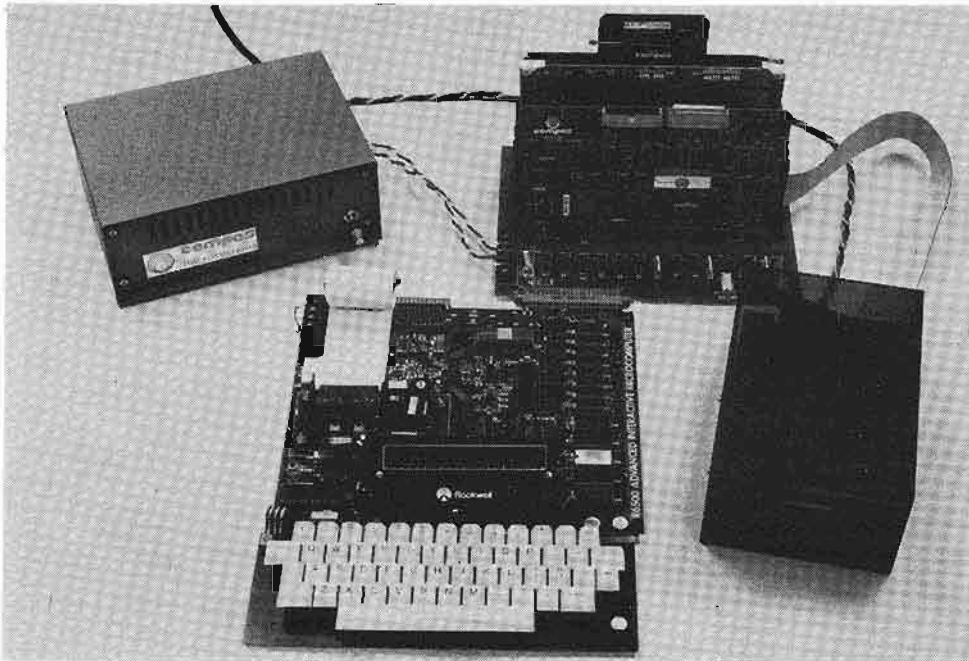
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OSI machines come with a polled keyboard arranged in the standard 53 key format. Each key is a switch whose state (open or closed) can be ascertained under software control. Polled keyboard hardware affords maximum flexibility to the programmer. The most immediate use of the keyboard is for input to BASIC and other standard software which expects letters to be ASCII capitals but numbers and symbols to be unshifted. For this reason, the keyboard ROM in OSI machines has been programmed to yield capital letters and unshifted numbers when the SHIFT LOCK key is depressed. I am writing an editor program and desire the keyboard to act in the conventional "typewriter" manner with respect to shifting. The Program Listing gives a subroutine (lines 80 to 730) for returning the standard ASCII from the keyboard, and a driver program (lines 10 to 70) to demonstrate the subroutine. As a bonus, all the function keys (ESC, etc.) ignored by the OSI ROM are implemented to yield standard ASCII code.

When called, the subroutine loops until a key (other than SHIFT or CTRL) is depressed, then returns with the appropriate ASCII code in bits 0 through 6 of the accumulator. If CTRL was also depressed, bit 7 in the accumulator is set (1), otherwise it is reset (0). Except for the

CTRL and SHIFT keys, the routine expects only one key to be depressed at a time. The routine detects the first character key depressed if several are depressed at the same time. The subroutine clobbers the X register.

Several choices have been made which you can easily change. The SHIFT LOCK key is ignored. The program works the same whether it is depressed or not. AND #7 in line 540 will enable the SHIFT LOCK key. LEFT and RIGHT SHIFT keys are made equivalent, just as on a typewriter. Since REPT is not an ASCII signal, I chose the code \$00 for it arbitrarily. The BREAK key on OSI machines is hard wired to the reset line of the 65XX chips and so is not detectable by this program. ESC, RUB OUT, LINE FEED, and RETURN have ASCII codes \$1B, 7F, 0A, and 0D respectively.

The keys are arranged electrically as an 8x8 matrix. I will not discuss this matrix in detail. It is shown in the OSI Graphics Manual. The first row of the matrix contains only control keys: LEFT SHIFT, RIGHT SHIFT, SHIFT LOCK, REPT, CTRL, and ESC. I call this row CTRLROW and read it first. If the REPT or ESC keys are depressed, the program returns immediately with the appropriate code. If not, CTRLROW is saved and rows 2 through 8 are polled for character keys.

RUB OUT, LINE FEED, and RETURN are included among the character keys. When shifted, they give \$20 "space" as their code. You could change line 730 so that some other ASCII function not represented on the keyboard (for example, \$07 "bell") would be signaled. The polling for character keys continues in a loop until a key closure is detected. Then its ASCII code is put in the accumulator. If a SHIFT key is down, the shifted code is put in the accumulator. Then the CTRL key closure is tested. Bit 7 of the accumulator is set if appropriate.

All this happens in a millisecond or so. Many uses of the subroutine will require a check to see if the keyboard is clear of the old keystroke so that a new keystroke can be sought. The KYDONE subroutine (lines 740 to 780) accomplishes this. Once entered, KYDONE (ignoring the CTRLROW keys) loops until there are no depressed keys on the keyboard, then returns.

A modified KYDONE could be a useful element in a more sophisticated keyboard program. One may wish to implement the repeat-after-a-delay mode that OSI uses in its keyboard routine. Or a two-key-rollover mode can be implemented which allows recovery from errors induced by fast, sloppy typing.

Listing 1

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10 0000 LOC=$D000+256
20 C200 *-C200
30 C200 Z00C00
40 C203 8D00D1
50 C206 20D7C0
60 C209 D0F5
70 C20B F0F3
80 C20D
90 C20E
100 C20F
110 C210
120 C000
130 C000 A901
140 C002 D00DF
150 C005 AD00DF
160 C008 8D0DC2
170 C00B 18
180 C00C 0A
190 C00D 9003
200 C00F A900
210 C011 50
220 C012 0A
230 C013 18
240 C014 0A
250 C015 9003
260 C017 A918
270 C019 50
280 C01A A902
290 C01C 8D00DF
300 C01F AE00DF
310 C022 D005
320 C024 0A
330 C025 D0F5
340 C027 F0D7
350 C029 8D0EC2
360 C02C BE0FC2
370 C02F 18
380 C030 A900
390 C032 4E0EC2
400 C035 4E0EC2
410 C038 8004
420 C03A 6907
430 C03C 90F7
440 C03E 18
450 C03F 4E0FC2
460 C042 4E0FC2
470 C045 B004

MAIN
JSR KYBD
STA LOC
JSR KYDONE
BNE MAIN
BEO MAIN
KYPORT=$DF00
CTLROW*=$+1
ACC*=$+1
XREG*=$+1
*=$C000

KYBD
LDA #1
STA KYPORT
LDA KYPORT
STA CTLROW
CLC
ASL A
BCC KY1
LDA #0
RTS
ASL A
CLC
ASL A
BCC KY2
LDA #1B
RTS
LDA #2
STA KYPORT
LDX KYPORT
BNE CHR
ASL A
BNE KYBD1
BEO KYBD
STA ACC
STX XREG
CLC
LDA #0
LSR ACC
LSR ACC
BCS FNDROW
ADC #7
BCC SHIFT
CLC
FNDROW CLC
LSR XREG
LSR XREG
BCS FNDCOL

LOOK FOR CONTROL KEYS
IS IT 'REPT' ?
NO, BRANCH
YES
SKIP 'CTRL' FOR NOW
IS IT 'ESC'
NO, BRANCH
YES
LOOK FOR CHAR. KEYS
NONE FOUND, LOOK AGAIN
WHICH ROW
WHICH COL.
DECODE MATRIX
BRANCH ALWAYS
FOUND ROW, WHICH COL. 7

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480 C047 6901
490 C045 90F7
500 C04B AA
510 C04C BD75C0
520 C04F 8D0EC2
530 C052 AD0DC2
540 C055 2906
550 C057 F00B
560 C059 18

ADC #1
BCC SHIFT
TAX
LDA CHRTEL,X
STA ACC
LDA CTLROW
AND #6
BEO KY3
CLC

TXA
ADC #49
TAX
LDA CHRTEL,X
STA ACC
LDA CTLROW
AND #40
BEO KY4
LDA ACC
ORA #580
RTS
LDA ACC
RTS

700 CHRTEL .BYTE'p;/zaq,anbucxkjhgfdsiuytrew'
710 .BYTE' , $0D,$0A,'01',' $7F','-:09B7654321'
720 .BYTE' P+? ZAQ<MNBUCXKJHGFDSIUYTREW'
730 .BYTE' OL> =00)(' &250';

740 C0D5 A9FE KYDONE LDA #8FE IS KEY STROKE OVER?
750 C0D7 8D00DF STA KYPORT
760 C0DA AD00DF LDA KYPORT
770 C0DD D0F5 BNE KYDONE
780 C0DF 50 RTS

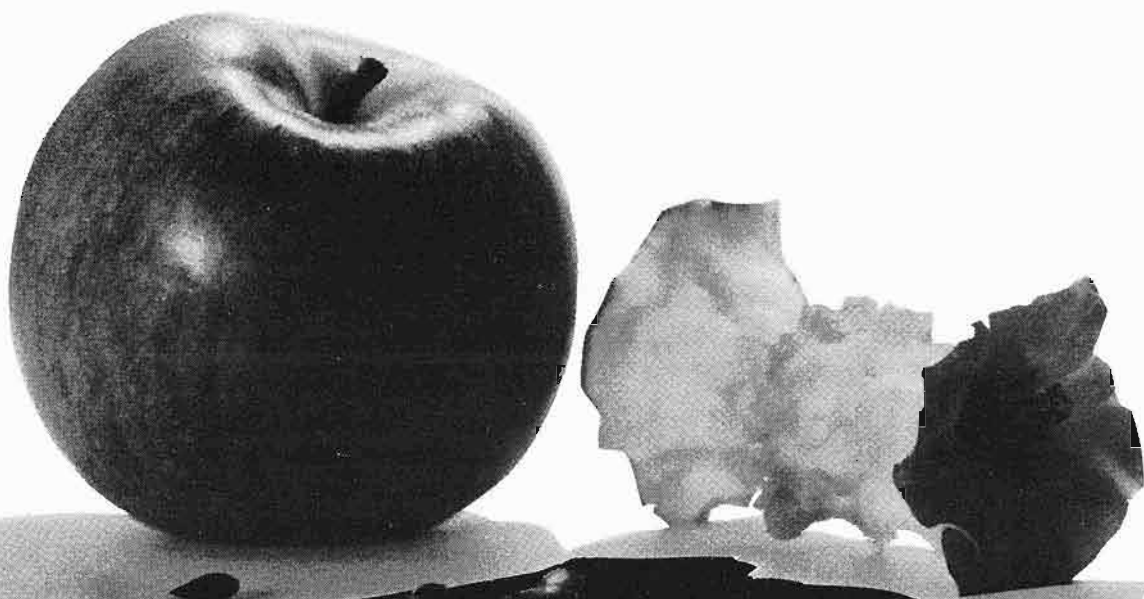
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A Digital Thermometer for the APPLE II

Thermistor probes can be connected directly to the APPLE II Game I/O Connector and their output signals processed via a linearizing algorithm to produce a digital display in both degrees Celsius and Fahrenheit.

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Thermistor probes can be connected directly to the APPLE II Game I/O Connector and their output signals processed via a linearizing algorithm to produce a digital display in both Celcius and Fahrenheit.

A thermistor temperature measuring probe can be directly connected to the APPLE II computer via its built-in Game I/O Connector. This is possible since thermistors are "thermal resistors" which exhibit large resistance changes in response to a change in temperature and paddle input ports, PDL(0,1,2,&3), on the APPLE are essentially eight bit A/D converters for such variable resistance sources.

The APPLE and the thermistor are quite suited for one another since the inherent nonlinearity of the thermistor can be easily handled with a simple algorithm in software. In addition, the small current drain during the sampling cycle of the RC network on the APPLE's 553 timer closely approaches the ideal zero-power operating condition for a thermistor. Both the nonlinearity and the induced temperature due to the probing current have been particularly troublesome characteristics which engineers have had to find ways of working around when applying thermistors.

The program written in Applesoft consists of an input section, a data reduction section and a display section. The input section calls for the selection of a paddle input and two thermistor specifications used by most manufacturers; the room temperature resistance designated as R_0 and a value representing the ratio of the resistance at 25°C to that at 50°C designated as R_A . The selected paddle input is then read and scaled to represent the resistance value at the input port. The corresponding temperature in both degrees Celcius and Fahrenheit are calculated from the resistance via a temperature-resistance relationship:

$$R_1/R_2 = e^{\beta(1/T_1 - 1/T_2)}$$

where R_1 and R_2 are the resistances at the absolute temperature T_1 and T_2 respectively, and β is a constant for the particular thermistor material. The results are rounded to the nearest integer and displayed in a three digit format with the blanking of leading zeros and a negative sign for temperatures below zero.

A thermistor probe can be connected to the APPLE II by merely attaching one of its leads to the +5 volt supply, pin 1, and the other to one of the

PDL ports, pins 6,7, 10, or 11 on the Game I/O connector J 14. No other components or modifications are required so long as a thermistor is chosen with a room temperature resistance and ratio which suits the temperature range and sensitivity desired for application. A 40,000 ohm thermistor with a ratio of 9 or 10 will provide at least one degree Fahrenheit sensitivity and a working range suitable for an indoor thermometer application. The best way to choose a thermistor for your particular application is to run the program using a game paddle as input, enter values for R_0 and the R_A from a manufacturer's specification sheet, and observe the useful operating range and sensitivity of the selected thermistor. This latted proceddure demonstrates the additional usefulness of the program as an engineering design aid in selecting thermistor for other applications.

Thermistors suitable for this application can be purchased for less than five dollars from most supply houses or directly from a manufacturer. A Fenwal GA44P2 glass probe type thermistor with a room temperature resistance of 40,000 ohms and a ratio of 9.53 is a good choice for an indoor thermometer application, whereas a Fenwal GA42P2 with a room temperature resistance of 15,000 ohms and a ratio of 9.1 is a good compromise

for indoor-outdoor use. It is best to house the thermistor probe in a small metal tube to protect it from mechanical damage and to provide thermal inertia to minimize effects of short term temperature transients. It is also advisable to calibrate the thermistor probes against a laboratory type thermometer, if high accuracy is desired, because the manufacturing

tolerances on RO and RA values for the inexpensive probes described here are generally no better than $\pm 10\%$.

Because thermistors can be used that have relatively high resistances, transmission line and contact temperature effects can be neglected and the probes can be situated far from the

computer console. Thus the APPLE II digital thermometer can perform many useful temperature monitoring tasks in and around the house.

The Fenwal products mentioned in this article can be purchased from Fenwal Electronics, 63 Fountain St., PO Box 585, Framingham, MA 01701.

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LIST
100 REM DIGITAL THERMOMETER FOR THERMISTOR PROBE(DISPLAYS
    BOTH CELCIUS &FAHRENHEIT)
110 PRINT "WHICH INPUT DO YOU WANT(0,1,2,3)": INPUT NUMBER
120 PRINT "WHAT THERMISTOR CONSTANTS DO YOU WANT(RO,RATIO)":
    INPUT RO,RA
125 BETA = 1.7636E3 * LOG (RA)
130 HOME : REM CLEAR SCREEN
140 REM PRINT TEMPERATURE SCALE CHARACTERS
150 GR : COLOR= 15
160 HLIN 26,27 AT 6: HLIN 26,27 AT 7: HLIN 26,27 AT 9: HLIN 26,
    27 AT 10: VLIN 7,9 AT 25: VLIN 7,9 AT 28
170 HLIN 34,38 AT 9: HLIN 34,38 AT 10: HLIN 34,36 AT 14: HLIN 3
    4,36 AT 15: VLIN 9,28 AT 33
180 HLIN 26,27 AT 23: HLIN 26,27
    AT 24: HLIN 26,27 AT 26: HLIN 26,27 AT 27: VLIN 24,26 AT 2
    5: VLIN 24,26 AT 28
190 VLIN 28,29 AT 38: VLIN 27,28
    AT 37: VLIN 26,27 AT 36: VLIN 26,27 AT 35: VLIN 27,28 AT 3
    4
200 VLIN 28,35 AT 33: VLIN 35,36
    AT 34: VLIN 36,37 AT 35: VLIN 36,37 AT 36: VLIN 35,36 AT 3
    7: VLIN 34,35 AT 38
210 T = 298: REM SET T(0) AT 29
    8 DEGREES ABSOLUTE
220 RI = 589.94 * PDL (NUMBER): REM
    READ INPUT & SCALE TO OHMS
230 IF RI = 0 THEN RI = 1: REM
    PREVENT DIVISION BY ZERO
240 TC = INT (1 / (1 / T - LOG
    (RO / RI) / BETA) - 272.5): REM
    CALCULATE TEMPERATURE IN D
    EGREES CELCIUS AND ROUND TO
    NEAREST INTEGER
245 IF ABS (TC) > 999 THEN GOTO
    220: REM LIMIT OVERFLOWING
    DISPLAY
250 SIGN = 0
260 IF TC < 0 THEN SIGN = 15
270 COLOR= SIGN
280 HLIN 3,5 AT 29: HLIN 3,5 AT
    30: REM DISPLAY NEGATIVE S
    IGN
290 TC = ABS (TC)
300 J = INT (TC / 100):I = J: REM
    SEPARATE HUNDRED'S DIGIT
310 IF J = 0 THEN J = 10: REM
    BLANK LEADING ZERO
320 X = 1:Y = 26: GOSUB 1000: REM
    DISPLAY CELCIUS HUNDRED'S
330 J = INT ((TC - J * 100) / 10
    ): REM SEPARATE TEN'S DIGI
    T
340 IF I = 0 AND J = 0 THEN J =
    10: REM BLANK BOTH HUNDRED
    'S AND TEN'S LEADING ZEROS I
    F J&I ARE BOTH ZERO
350 X = 9:Y = 26: GOSUB 1000: REM
    DISPLAY CELCIUS TEN'S DIGI
    T
360 J = TC - I * 100 - J * 10: REM
    SEPARATE ONE'S DIGIT
370 X = 17:Y = 26: GOSUB 1000: REM
    DISPLAY CELCIUS ONE'S DIGI
    T
380 TF = INT (9 * (1 / (1 / T -
    LOG (RO / RI) / BETA) - 273
    ) / 5 + 32.5): REM CALCULA
    TE FAHRENHEIT & ROUND TO NEA
    REST INTEGER
390 SIGN = 0
400 IF TF < 0 THEN SIGN = 15
410 COLOR= SIGN
420 HLIN 3,5 AT 12: HLIN 3,5 AT
    13: REM DISPLAY NEGATIVE S
    IGN
430 TF = ABS (TF)
440 J = INT (TF / 100):I = J: REM
    SEPARATE HUNDRED'S DIGIT

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450 IF J = 0 THEN J = 10: REM
    BLANK LEADING ZERO
460 X = 1: Y = 9: GOSUB 1000: REM
    DISPLAY FAHRENHEIT HUNDRED
    'S DIGIT
470 J = INT ((TF - J * 100) / 10)
    ' REM SEPARATE TEN'S DIGIT
    T
480 IF T = 0 AND J = 0 THEN J =
    10: REM BLANK BOTH HUNDRED
    'S AND TEN'S LEADING ZEROS
490 X = 2: Y = 9: GOSUB 1000: REM
    DISPLAY FAHRENHEIT TEN'S D
    IGIT
500 J = TF - J * 100 - T * 10: REM
    SEPARATE ONE'S DIGIT
510 X = 1: Y = 9: GOSUB 1000: REM
    DISPLAY FAHRENHEIT ONE'S D
    IGIT
520 GOTO 200
1000 REM SEVEN SEGMENT ENCODER

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1010 ON J GOTO 1110, 1120, 1130, 11
40, 1150, 1160, 1170, 1180, 1190,
1200
1100 A = 15: B = 15: C = 15: D = 15:
    E = 15: F = 15: G = 0: GOTO 200
00
1110 A = 0: B = 15: C = 15: D = 0: E =
    0: F = 0: G = 0: GOTO 20000
1120 A = 15: B = 15: C = 0: D = 15: F
    = 15: F = 0: G = 15: GOTO 2000
    0
1130 A = 15: B = 15: C = 15: D = 15:
    F = 0: F = 0: G = 15: GOTO 200
    0

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1140 A = 0: B = 15: C = 15: D = 0: E =
    0: F = 15: G = 15: GOTO 20000
1150 A = 15: B = 0: C = 15: D = 15: E
    = 0: F = 15: G = 15: GOTO 2000
    0
1160 A = 15: B = 0: C = 15: D = 15: E
    = 15: F = 15: G = 15: GOTO 200
    00
1170 A = 15: B = 15: C = 15: D = 0: E
    = 0: F = 0: G = 0: GOTO 20000
1180 A = 15: B = 15: C = 15: D = 15:
    E = 15: F = 15: G = 15: GOTO 2
    0000
1190 A = 15: B = 15: C = 15: D = 15:
    E = 0: F = 15: G = 15: GOTO 200
    00
1200 A = 0: B = 0: C = 0: D = 0: E =
    0: F = 0: G = 0: GOTO 200
    00
2000 REM SEVEN SEGMENT DISPLAY
2010 COLOR= A
2020 HLIN X + 1: X + 4 AT Y
2030 HLIN X + 1: X + 4 AT Y + 1
2040 COLOR= G
2050 HLIN X + 1: X + 4 AT Y + 5
2060 HLIN X + 1: X + 4 AT Y + 6
2070 COLOR= D
2080 HLIN X + 1: X + 4 AT Y + 10
2090 HLIN X + 1: X + 4 AT Y + 11
2100 COLOR= F
2110 VLIN Y + 1: Y + 5 AT X
2120 COLOR= B
2130 VLIN Y + 1: Y + 5 AT X + 5
2140 COLOR= E
2150 VLIN Y + 6: Y + 10 AT X
2160 COLOR= C
2170 VLIN Y + 6: Y + 10 AT X + 5
2180 RETURN

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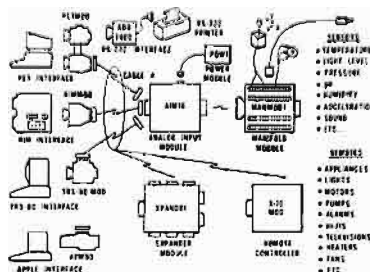
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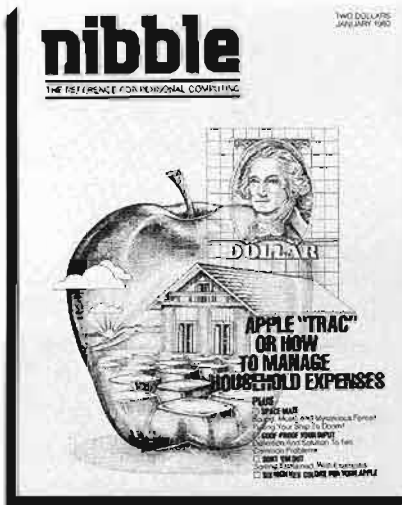
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The Challenger II has available a useful feature which allows the storage and retrieval of sequential data files on cassette using SAVE and LOAD commands in a program. This can be used to extend the size of your BASIC programs by permitting DATA to be INPUT from tape as needed.

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Well, I knew it would happen sooner or later. I came across a program which I wished to run on my Challenger II but my 8K of memory was not enough to satisfy the program's appetite.

The desired program used several arrays to store variable values with DATA statements being used to supply the required values for the arrays. After dimensioning the arrays and entering all the required DATA statements, I discovered, much to my dismay, that these two steps had consumed nearly the entire 8K. What to do...?

After staring blankly at the CRT for several minutes wondering what I was going to do, I remembered reading something in my system documentation about entering data files from the cassette interface using the INPUT statement. This seemed to be my only hope to get the program running.

The Challenger II has a useful feature available which allows you to conveniently store and retrieve sequential data files on cassette using SAVE and

LOAD commands as part of a program. The remainder of this article will describe a simple method to make use of this feature.

The first step is to store the data in a sequential file on cassette tape. Program 1 shows how this can be done. Program line 20 allows for setup and start of the recorder before the data file is recorded. Line 30 is a programmed SAVE instruction which, when executed, turns on the cassette output such that any ASCII characters listed or printed after the SAVE instruction will be output to the cassette tape. Lines 40-70 form a loop which reads data from lines 100 and 110, prints the data on the screen and outputs the data to the cassette, one variable at a time, each variable being followed by the PRINT command's carriage return.

Program 1 shows how to use DATA statements as the data source. Program 1 can be modified, as shown in Program 2 to load the data variables into an array via the keyboard and INPUT statement and then dump the array variables to the cassette. In Program 2, lines 20-60 input

and store the variables in the array "D"; lines 80-110 create the sequential data file on tape as in Program 1. Line 70 allows you to set up and start your recorder before the data file is actually created.

It is very important to insure that there is no unwanted data stored on the cassette tape immediately before the start of the data file because this erroneous data will be mistaken for real data by the program which retrieves the data file. This is easy to accomplish if your recorder erases previous data before it records new data. If your recorder operates in this manner, simply allow the recorder to run in it's record mode for approximately 10 seconds before the save portion of Programs 1 or 2 are executed. Doing so will create a leader free of erroneous data before the start of the data file. If your recorder does not erase before it records, you will have to use a method compatible with your recorder which will erase a portion of the tape before the start of the data file.

After you have recorded your data file using Program 1 or 2, the next task is to retrieve the data.

Program 3 demonstrates a method for retrieving the data. Program 3 will allow you to retrieve the sample data file you created using Program 1. Line 20 dimensions the array into which the data is to be stored as it is retrieved from the data file. You must be sure to dimension the array so it will be large enough to store all your data variables. In this case, the array is dimensioned to ten since we'll only have ten variables. Line 30 is a programmed LOAD instruction which allows the INPUT statement in line 50 to accept inputs from the cassette. Lines 40-60 form a loop which reads the data file from the cassette and stores the data variables in array "D".

Line 70 stores a decimal 0 at decimal memory location 515. On the Challenger II this memory location is a flag which controls the system monitor's cassette load routine. A decimal 0 stored at the location exits the routine and a decimal 255 stored at the same location will enter the load routine. It is necessary to exit the load routine in this manner so that the program using the array variables will be executed directly, without the program stopping after the array is filled. If the program was stopped after the array had been filled to exit the load routine in the usual fashion (space bar, carriage return, etc.), it would be necessary to type RUN to restart the program. Each time you type RUN all variables are set to zero; this would include the array we just filled with data from the data file.

Lines 80-130 in Program 3 simply list the variables which were retrieved from the data file so you can see how this technique works.

In the actual use of Program 3, the program which will use the retrieved data would follow immediately after line 70.

To demonstrate the retrieval of a data file, enter Program 3; place the tape with the data file you created with Program 1 into your recorder. Rewind the tape to the erased leader portion you created. Type RUN. The INPUT statement's question mark will appear to signify that the program is waiting for input from the cassette interface.

You can now start your recorder in its playback mode, and upon the tape reaching the start of the data file the first data variable will appear following the question mark. Another question mark will appear followed by the second data variable and so on until all data has been retrieved.

When the last data variable has been

```
10 REM WRITE DATA FILE TO CASSETTE FROM DATA STATEMENTS
20 INPUT 'SET UP AND START RECORDER...TYPE '1' TO RECORD DATA'; A
30 SAVE
40 FOR I = 1 TO 10
50 READ D
60 PRINT D
70 NEXT I
80 END
100 DATA 1,2,3,4,5
110 DATA 6,7,8,9,10
```

Listing 1

```
10 REM WRITE DATA FILE TO CASSETTE FROM AN ARRAY
20 INPUT 'HOW MANY FILES IN DATA FILE';N
30 DIM D(N)
40 FOR I = 1 TO N
50 INPUT 'DATA'; D(I)
60 NEXT I
70 INPUT 'SET UP AND START RECORDER...TYPE '1' TO RECORD DATA';A
80 SAVE
100 PRINT D(I)
110 NEXT I
120 END
```

Listing 2

```
10 REM RETRIEVE DATA FILE
20 DIM D(10)
30 LOAD
40 FOR I = 1 TO 10
50 INPUT D(I)
60 NEXT I
70 POKE 515,0 : REM EXIT MONITER CASSETTE LOAD ROUTINE
80 REM THE PROGRAM USING DATA ARRAY WOULD START HERE
90 REM PRINT OUT ARRAY FOR TEST OF TECHNIQUE
100 FOR I = 1 TO 10
110 PRINT D(I)
120 NEXT I
130 END
```

Listing 3

retrieved, Program 3 will list the "D" array so you can see that the array now contains the data retrieved from the data file.

If you should discover that the first data variable is something other than what it should be, chances are that the leader before the data file had not been adequately erased or you may have started the tape playback somewhere other than in the erased leader portion of the tape.

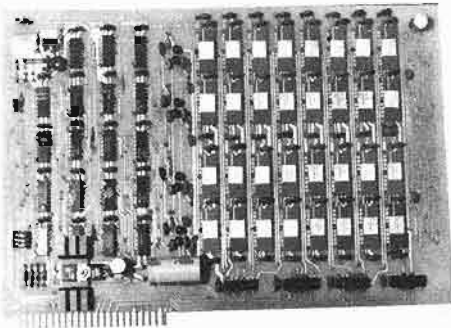
To keep these programs short and simple, I used numerical data and a single one dimensional array. By modifying these programs using nested FOR-NEXT loops in place of the single loops, you can save and retrieve data in two dimensional arrays.

Data can also be saved and retrieved in several different arrays by using one or more FOR-NEXT loops, one for each array, one after another in each of the programs. It is also possible to save and retrieve string data files by using string variables in place of the numerical which were used in these simple programs.

I have obtained reliable results using these programs. Simple modifications such as I have mentioned have allowed me the pleasure of running some programs which I have previously been unable to run.

Hopefully I have provided you with a simple but useful technique to create and retrieve cassette data files with your Challenger II.

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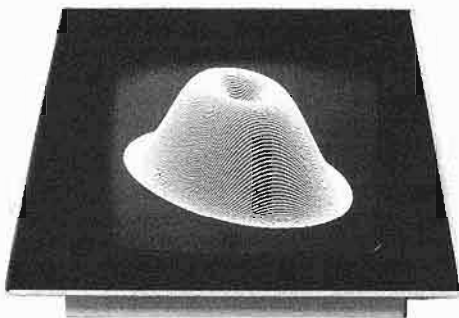


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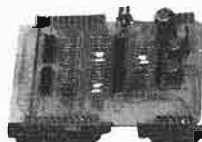
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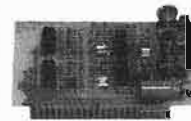


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Beginning Boolean: A Brief Introduction to Boolean Algebra for Computerists

It makes no difference if your computer is maxi or micro, if you program in machine code, BASIC or Pascal, if you do simple games or complex real-time simulations. In the final analysis: "It's All Ones and Zeros". How these ones and zeros are used is the topic of this primer.

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Boolean algebra, invented by George Boole in the early 1800's, is useful in programming a microcomputer for logic design, designing interface circuits, and understanding the functions of integrated circuits. The last point is illustrated by opening the *TTL Data Book* and looking for logical expressions. For example, the 7453 is described by $Y = \overline{AB} + CD + EF + GH + X$ which has to be somewhat of a mystery without any Boolean background. The name tends to scare people, but it turns out that there is a very simple approach to learning Boolean algebra, namely Boolean arithmetic. Anyone who can accept that $1 + 1 = 1$, can also learn Boolean. If you're an electrical engineer or a professional computer scientist, turn to the next article; otherwise give it a try.

Beginning Boolean

Boolean arithmetic is super-simple; there are only two numbers, zero and one. There are only two operations symbolized by $+$ and \cdot . Long division is out, and there is not a minus sign in sight. Figure 1 summarizes all you need to know about the $+$ operation which is called "OR" rather than addition.

*The symbols \vee and \wedge frequently replace $+$ and \cdot , respectively. The dot (\cdot) is sometimes implied, that is $A \cdot B = AB$.

The OR facts are read "0 or 0 equals 0," *not* "0 plus 0 equals 0." Mumble these facts to yourself several times in the privacy of your own home. That will help you get a feeling for them. It is important to relate the OR operation with the circuit in Figure 1. A and B stand for switches. If switch A is closed then $A = 1$; if it is open then $A = 0$. The same holds for switch B. Light L is off when $L = 0$ and it shines when $L = 1$. Referring to either the OR table or the OR facts in Figure 1, it is seen that if both switches are open we have $0 + 0 = 0$ so the light is off. Likewise, the fact that $1 + 0 = 1$ means that if switch A is closed, but B is open, then $L = 1$ so the light is on. This should also be obvious from the circuit. The last two OR facts are equally obvious to anyone who has played with switches and light bulbs. Slipping in a little algebra, unnoticed of course, the circuit is summarized by the simple equation:

$$A + B = L, \quad (1)$$

which gives the correct value for L for each of the four possible combinations of switch settings. Go back and study the table and this paragraph again if you haven't understood.

Before proceeding, a more conventional representation of the OR operation

should be given, and surprisingly enough it appears in Figure 2. The information in Figure 2 is no different than in Figure 1, only the form has been changed. Actually the truth table has nothing to do with telling the truth or telling lies, but that's another story. Suffice it to say that somebody thought if everyone were

| | | | |
|-----|---|---|-------------|
| $+$ | 0 | 1 | $0 + 0 = 0$ |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | $1 + 0 = 1$ |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | $0 + 1 = 1$ |
| | | | $1 + 1 = 1$ |

a) OR Table b) OR Facts

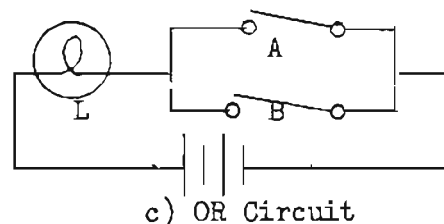


Figure 1: Summary of the properties of the OR operation.

logical we could sort truth from lies and the world would be a better place to live. Dream on!

If you will drop your conservative image for a moment, we might let A and B stand for a string of eight digits each instead of one digit each. Also, let the OR operation be applied to the digits of A and B in sequence. An example is shown in Figure 3. Hopefully you can reproduce this calculation in your own mind. Don't do anything heavy like "carry" or "borrow," just take two digits at a time, one from A and one from B, and apply the OR rule to them.

Since you are very likely the proud owner of an 8-bit computer, an examination of the instruction set will reveal an OR command which does what has just been described. The reader is left with a few problems. Assuming that you are familiar with representing 8-bit binary numbers with hexadecimal (hex) numbers, do the following OR problems. Answers to the first two are given.

- | | |
|--------------|-----------|
| 11 + FE = FF | FF + 2B = |
| 7F + 7F = 7F | 00 + 3E = |
| 22 + 01 = | FO + 5E = |
| 3C + 00 = | FF + 00 = |
| 12 + 34 = | |

Having experienced the intellectual rewards of having mastered the OR operation, you will want to proceed to the AND operation.

AND Away We Go

Figure 4 summarizes the AND operation in the same fashion as Figure 1 treated the OR operation. The AND circuit is a series circuit, requiring that both A and B be on (hence the name) for the light L to light. This is in contrast to the OR circuit which lights if either A or B is on.

Notice that "ANDING" works the same way as old-fashioned multiplication with no weird results like $1 + 1 = 1$ which we obtained with the OR. The AND facts are read "0 and 0 equals 0," or "1 and 1 equals 1." The equation which describes the circuit is:

$$A \cdot B = L \quad (2)$$

the truth of which may be verified by substitution and comparison with the simple series circuit. As before, a more conventional representation of the AND operation is given by a truth table and logic symbol shown in Figure 5.

As before, A and B may be taken to represent 8-bit numbers, and an example of such an AND operation is given in Figure 6. Your microprocessor's instruction set will include an AND command which takes two 8-bit words and ANDs them, as illustrated in Figure 6.

| A | B | A+B |
|---|---|-----|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

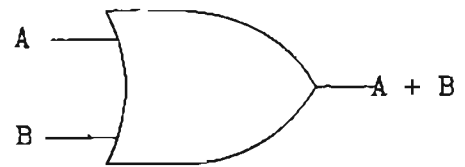


Figure 2: Truth Table and logic symbol for the OR operation.

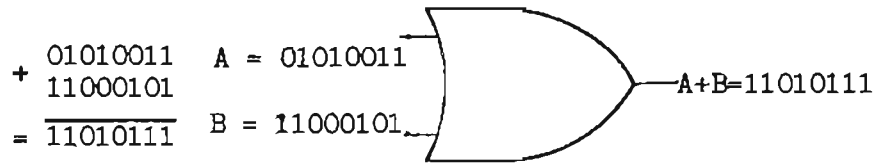


Figure 3: Example of an 8-bit OR operation.

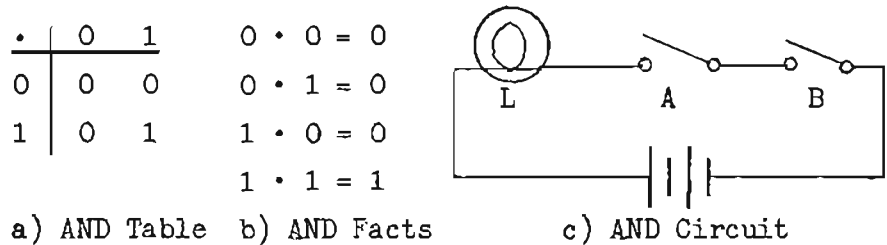


Figure 4: Summary of the properties of the AND operation.

| A | B | A • B |
|---|---|-------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

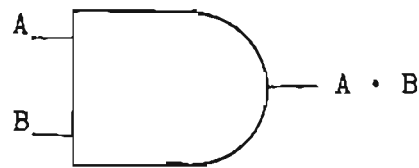


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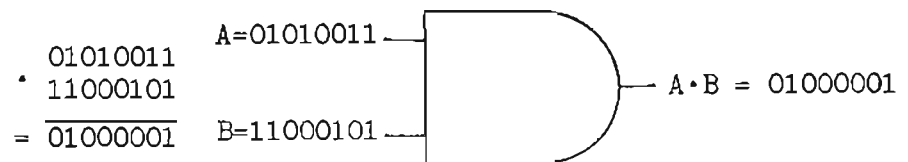


Figure 6: Example of an 8-bit AND operation.

Try the following AND problems where the 8-bit binary numbers have been represented in hex.

FF·11 = 11 33·BC =
 7F·7F = 7F 00·3E =
 0F·37 = FO·37 =
 80·FF = 80·11 =
 55·40 =

Everyone Loves a COMPLEMENT

There is another Boolean process called complementation or negation. It is a simple but very important idea. All complementation facts are summarized in Figure 7, using a truth table and the logic symbol. Clearly, complementation simply changes 0 to 1 and 1 to 0. The bar over the variable indicates complementation, and the inversion circle at the end of the triangle symbolizes complementation. A triangle without such a circle performs no inversion and in computer literature usually refers to a buffer. \bar{A} is read as "not A."

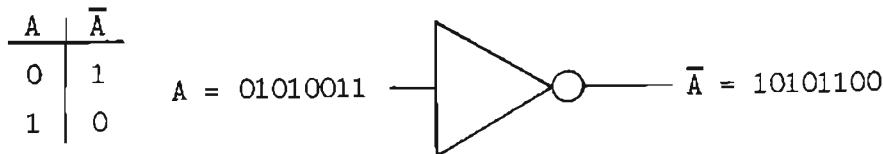


Figure 7: Truth Table and logic symbol for complementation.

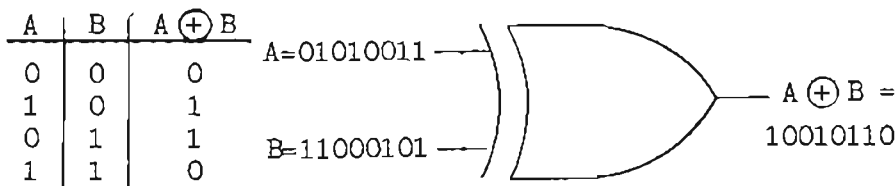


Figure 8: Truth Table and logic symbol for EOR operation.

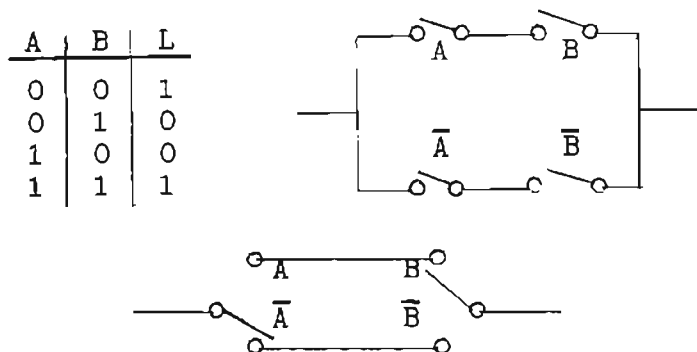


Figure 9: Truth Table and circuit diagram for the coin matcher.

It's Not a Complement to be Called EXCLUSIVE

There is another operation in Boolean mathematics which is the exclusive or, which for our purposes we shall call EOR, and we shall give it the symbol \oplus . I didn't really lie to you in the second paragraph when I said there were only two operations. It turns out that the EOR operation can be accomplished with ORs and ANDs, but it is somewhat simpler to think of it as a third operation. Figure 8 gives the truth table for EOR, the logic symbol, and an example of an 8-bit computation. Later we shall see how it can be implemented with ORs and ANDs. Try some of the problems given earlier for OR and AND operations only do EOR operations. For example, $FF \oplus 11 = EE$ and $7F \oplus 7F = 00$. Doing some EOR arithmetic may lead you to some interesting but important generalizations. In any case, in an EOR operation, if the digits are alike, the result is 0; but if the digits are different, the result is 1.

If You're Exclusive You May Get A Complement

In checking over the instructions for my microprocessor, I find that no complementation command exists. Wow! Here is a fundamental Boolean concept which is missing. If you played with some EOR problems you may have already discovered how to produce a complement with the EOR operation. Suppose we deal with 1 digit numbers for the time being. Consider $1 \oplus A$ for a starting problem. Clearly if A is 1, $1 \oplus 1 = 0$ which is the complement of A. On the other hand, if A is 0, then $1 \oplus 0 = 1$, which is the complement of A. So both possibilities give the complement of A. Summarizing,

$$1 \oplus A = \bar{A} \quad (3)$$

If A is an 8-bit binary number represented by a hex number, equation (3) becomes $FF \oplus A = \bar{A}$. In other words, if you want the complement of a number, do an exclusive or with it and a word containing all ones.

Designing Circuits — A Simple Application

You now know how to OR, EOR, AND and COMPLEMENT. You would like to know how to do something with what you have learned, right? Let's start with a simple problem; namely, constructing an electric coin flipping game. Actually, no coins will be flipped, but the principle is the same. Our machine will have two switches A and B. When the switches are the same a light will light, when they are different the light will be off. This, of course, corresponds to the case of both coins being the same (light on) or one coin coming up heads while the other comes up tails.

The first step in the design is to construct a truth table (sometimes called a closure table) for the system. We require that when A and B are both on the light is lit, when they are both off the light is lit, but when they have different settings (one on, the other off) the light is off. The truth table we would like to implement is clearly the one shown in Figure 9. This is constructed by first listing the four possible combinations for two switch settings, that is 00, 01, 10, and 11. For each of these switch settings the desired value of L is listed, completing the truth table. It is seen that when the switches "match" then L = 1, otherwise it is 0.

The next step in the design is to develop the Boolean equation which is equivalent to the truth table. This is accomplished by the following two steps:

1. Identify all rows with a 1 in the last column. AND the elements making up these rows, complementing those with a 0 in the row.

- OR the products obtained in step 1 and set the result equal to the variable in the last column.

For the first step above and the truth table of Figure 9, we obtain the products $\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}$ and $A \cdot B$ from the first row and the last row, respectively. Step two then gives the equation,

$$\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} + A \cdot B = L, \quad (4)$$

which is the equation for the circuit. It is important for you to verify, by substituting in the various values of A and B given in Figure 9, that this equation does not in fact give the desired values of L.

The final step in the design is to construct a circuit which is equivalent to the equation (4). An examination of this equation indicates that we need two parallel branches, one containing \bar{A} in the series with \bar{B} , the other containing A series with B. This circuit is shown in Figure 9. The battery and the light have been omitted for simplicity. Clearly the circuit could be constructed with two SPDT switches.

It is important to realize that the steps we look to design this particular circuit are perfectly general, that is, they are the same steps one would go through to design any logic circuit. Of course, with more switches the truth tables and the equations get more complicated. For example, with three switches our truth table would have 8 rows; four switches, 16 rows, and so on. Since this article is not meant to be an exhaustive (although you may feel that way) explanation of Boolean algebra, we will not proceed to more complex situations. For those you might want to pick up a textbook on digital electronics or computer science. But if you made it this far, you shouldn't have much trouble with the textbooks.

One other design study will illustrate several points. Suppose we require a logic 0 signal on a chip select pin when either of two other signals, call them A and B, are either both logic 0 or both logic 1. When A and B have opposite logic levels our chip select must be 1. This is clearly an artificial situation which originated in my mind and not in a computer interface circuit, but it illustrates a point. The truth table which fits the description demanded by the design is shown in Figure 10. Following the steps outlined earlier we find that the Boolean equation which implements the truth table is

$$\bar{A} \cdot B + A \cdot \bar{B} = CS. \quad (5)$$

An examination of the truth table will show that it is identical to the EOR table, and thus we have proved that EOR can be implemented with ORs and ANDs. A second point worth mentioning is that if A and B were single digit binary numbers,

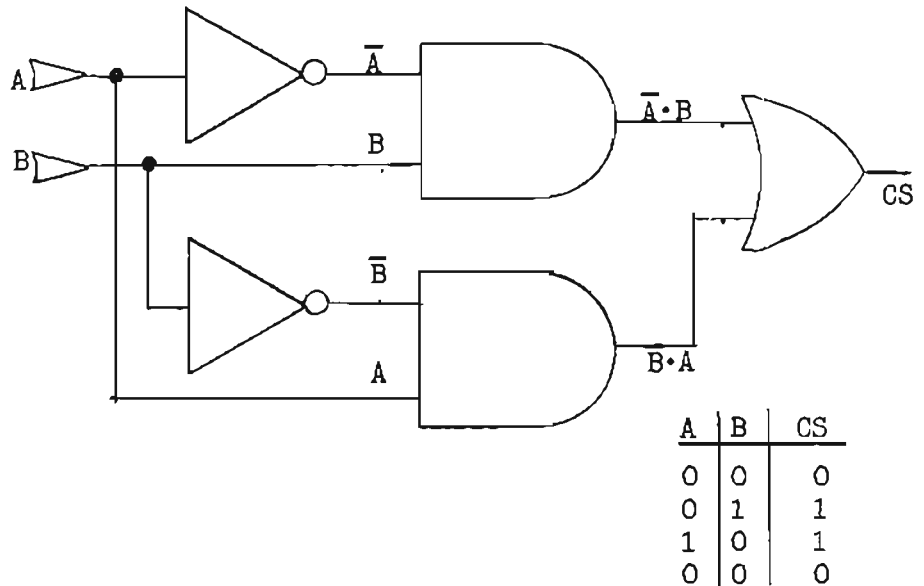


Figure 10: Truth Table and logic circuit for $A \cdot B + \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} = CS$

the value of CS is the value of the least significant digit in the binary sum of A and B. Thus equation (5) is also part of an adding circuit. If A and B are AND'ED the correct value for the "carry" part of the binary addition is also produced. Together these circuits form what is a "half adder." Figure 10 also gives the logic symbol implementation of equation (5).

TO BE OR $\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B} = 1$: Some Boolean Theorems

Once a truth table, closure table, or function table has been constructed for a particular design problem and the Boolean equation has been derived using the steps outlined in the previous section, then one usually tries to simplify the equation to minimize the number of integrated circuits which will be required for the circuit. Here is where Boolean algebra really becomes useful, for it is the theorems of Boolean algebra which allow complex looking equations and circuits to be simplified.

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---|
| $1 + A = 1$ | $1 \cdot A = A$ | $A + B = B + A$ |
| $0 + A = A$ | $0 \cdot A = 0$ | $\frac{A \cdot B}{A + B} = \frac{B \cdot A}{\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}}$ |
| $A + \bar{A} = 1$ | $A \cdot \bar{A} = 0$ | $\frac{A \cdot B}{A \cdot \bar{B}} = \frac{\bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}}{\bar{A} + \bar{B}}$ |

$$\bar{\bar{A}} = A$$

$$A \cdot B + A \cdot \bar{B} = A$$

$$A + A \cdot B = A$$

$$A + (B \cdot C) = (A+B) \cdot (A+C)$$

$$A \cdot (B+C) = (A \cdot B) + (A \cdot C)$$

Table 1: Some Basic Theorems from Boolean Algebra

Because Boolean theorems are quite easy to understand and prove, and because they look different from the equations of real number algebra, a few of the simple theorems are listed in Table 1. An interesting property of Boolean algebra is illustrated by the first two columns. Note that column two can be obtained from column one by replacing all + signs with \cdot , if you replace all 1's with 0's.

It is quite easy and it is good practice to prove these theorems. They are proved by the method of exhaustion, namely all possible values for the variable are tried. For example, the first theorem can be proved by reasoning that A can be 1 or 0. If it is 1, then from the OR table $1 + 1 = 1$. If it is 0, then from the OR table $1 + 0 = 1$. So, for all possible values of A, $1 + A = 1$ and the theorem is proved. All the theorems in the first two columns may be proved in this manner. Theorems involving two variable A and B are usually proved using the four possible values for

A and B, namely

A = 0011 = 03Hex

B = 0101 = 05Hex.

Theorems with three variables require 8 possible combinations to exhaust all the possible arrangements:

A = 10101010 = AA_h

B = 11001100 = CC_h

C = 11110000 = F0_h

The purpose of expressing these in hex is so that you can try to prove the theorems on your computer, and at the same time get some experience in performing logical operations. All of the problems given earlier can also be solved on your computer. Theorems three and four in column three are the famous DE Morgan's theorems with which one can connect the ANDs and ORs with the NANDs and NORs of the real world.

To conclude, go back for a minute to that Boolean expression in the first paragraph. Suppose we ask what the value of Y will be if A and B are both 1. Using what you have just learned, the answer should be easy. If A and B are both 1 the AB (the dots are frequently omitted in AND operations) is 1. From the theorem in the first column of the theorem table it is clear that 1 OR anything is 1. Consequently, no matter what the other variables are, the value under the inversion or complementation bar is 1 if A and B are both 1. Inverting the 1 gives 0, so the answer is 0. Also if X = 1, then Y = 0, regardless of the states of the other variables.

I hope that you had some fun with this weird arithmetic. Perhaps your mind got bent out of shape as an added feature. But my main hope is that some of the mystery in those words "Boolean Algebra" has disappeared. I'll leave you with a homework problem. Draw the logic diagram to implement a full-adder, then expand it to handle 8-bit numbers. Finally, implement it with software on your 8-bit machine, and check your answer using the ADD instruction. Have some fun and get some books on digital electronics and/or computer science and dig into this stuff.

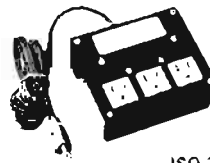
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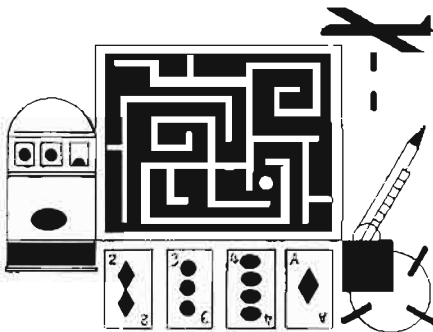
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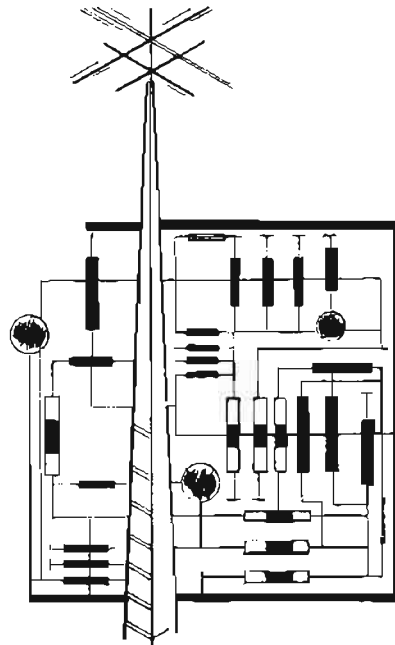
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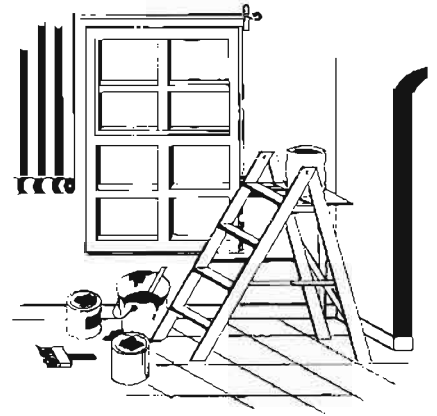
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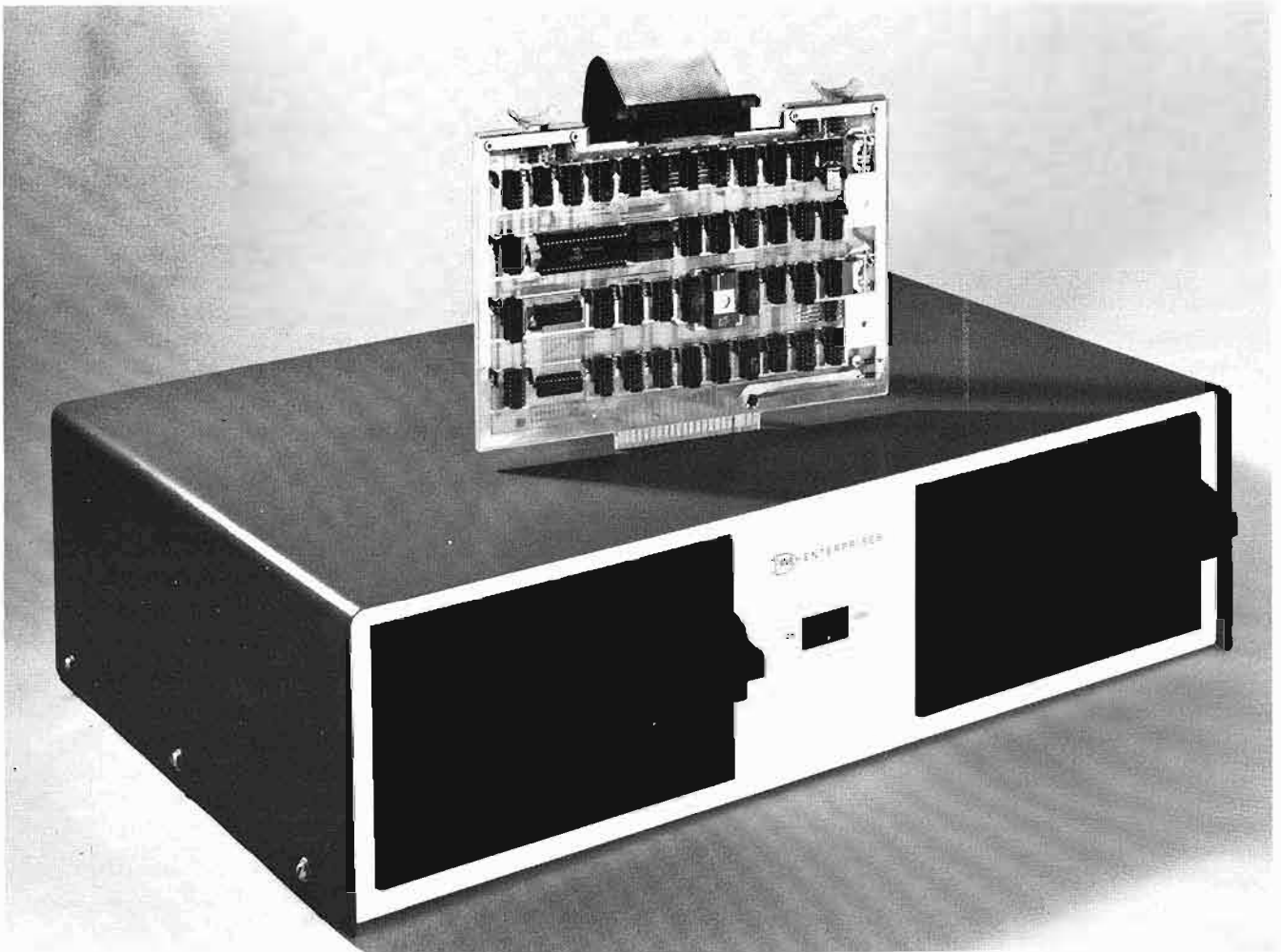
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I decided to write this program for selfish reasons. My hope is that everybody who transfers or writes programs for distribution will use it. The purpose of the program is to compute a sixteen bit checksum by adding up all the bytes in a program. This really isn't a totally new idea. Most methods of transferring programs or data external to a CPU use some sort of checksum routine. Even parity is really a one bit checksum. There is one major method of program transfer which makes almost no use of checksums. That method is listings published in magazines. One of the reasons is probably that noone has published a simple, general program to compute a checksum.

This program was written and tested on a SYM-1, but was designed to be as machine independent as possible. It should run on almost any 6502 system. There are only two monitor routines used, both of which are probably available in most monitors. The routine called OUT-BYT outputs the contents of the 'A' register as two HEX digits. Just in case this routine isn't readily available on your system, I have also included a version of one at the end of the program. OUTCHR is a routine that outputs the contents of 'A' as a character; and unless your are using the HEX output routine, it is only used to output a space as a separator. The pro-

gram does not assume that any registers are saved or restored by either monitor routine. It is completely relocatable (as is HEXOUT), and only uses four bytes of page zero memory. If you want to, you could even put it into an EPROM. The work area for the two byte checksum accumulator is obtained from the stack to avoid any more page zero requirements.

The theory and method of operation is simple. The starting address of the program to be summed is placed at locations \$00 and \$01 (low order first as usual). The ending address is placed at locations \$02 and \$03, and the program is started. The program will output an intermediate checksum after the end of each page of the summed program (i.e., each time the high order byte of the current address changes). This intermediate value would be useful in narrowing down the address of where a mistake lies. For a long program there might be a few of these intermediate sums; but then, that is also when they would be most helpful. Remember they still only narrow it down to 256 bytes (or less for the first and last values).

The program starts by zeroing the checksum accumulator by pushing two zero bytes onto the stack. The stack register then points to the next available stack location, which is actually \$100 plus the stack register value in absolute address terms. The checksum ac-

cumulator is therefore at locations \$101 and \$102 plus the stack register value, since the stack register starts at \$1FF and works toward \$100 each time a value is pushed onto the stack. Transferring the stack register to the 'X' register lets us add directly to these two bytes. It would be possible to accomplish the same thing with Pulls and Pushes, but wouldn't have been as interesting. For the output of the last checksum value, the values are Puled from the stack to keep the stack register the same before as after.

In addition to the aforementioned selfish motives, I have found the program to have other more mundane uses around the computer room. If you suspect a program is modifying itself (possibly by accident), compute the checksum before and after execution. If the checksums are the same, you can be reasonably confident that the program hasn't changed. I say reasonably confident because a simple checksum is not total proof that a program didn't change. If I add to one location and subtract the same amount from another, the checksum will still come out the same. It is orders of magnitude more accurate than guessing or eyeballing a memory dump though.

By the way, the checksum for this program (\$04 to \$48) is \$1AAA! For the HEXOUT subroutine it is \$08F8.

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0020: SYM MONITOR ENTRY POINTS USED
0030: 0049 OUTBYT * $82FA OUTPUT 'A' AS 2 HEX DIGITS
0040: 0049 OUTCHR * $8A47 OUTPUT 'A' AS ASCII
0050:
0060: 0000 ORG $0000
0070:
0080: 0000 00 STRTAD = $00 PROGRAM STARTING ADDRESS LOW
0090: 0001 00 = $00 PROGRAM STARTING ADDRESS HIGH
0100: 0002 00 ENDAD = $00 PROGRAM ENDING ADDRESS LOW
0110: 0003 00 = $00 PROGRAM ENDING ADDRESS HIGH
0120:
0130: 0004 A9 00 PGMSUM LDAIM $00 ZERO CHECKSUM ON THE STACK
0140: 0006 48 PHA
0150: 0007 48 PHA
0160:
0170: 0008 BA ADDIN TSX MOVE STACK POINTER TO INDEX
0180: 0009 A0 00 LDYIM $00 MAKE SURE Y REG IS ZERO
0190: 000B 18 CLC
0200: 000C B1 00 LDALY STRTAD GET A PROGRAM BYTE
0210: 000E 7D 02 01 ADCX $0102 ADD TO CHECKSUM
0220: 0011 9D 02 01 STAX $0102
0230: 0014 90 03 BCC NOCARY
0240: 0016 FE 01 01 INCX $0101
0250:
0260: 0019 E6 00 NOCARY INC STRTAD ADVANCE TO NEXT PROGRAM BYTE
0270: 001B D0 15 BNE CHKEND GO CHECK FOR END OF PROGRAM
0280: 001D E6 01 INC STRTAD +01 OTHERWISE BUMP TO NEXT PAGE
0290: 001F BD 02 01 LDAX $0102 OUTPUT INTERMEDIATE CHECKSUM ALSO
0300: 0022 48 PHA SAVE LOW ORDER ON STACK
0310: 0023 BD 01 01 LDAX $0101 TO AVOID SAVING X
0320: 0026 20 FA 82 JSR OUTBYT OUTPUT HIGH ORDER PART
0330: 0029 68 PLA
0340: 002A 20 FA 82 JSR OUTBYT THEN LOW ORDER
0350: 002D A9 20 LDAIM $20 SPACE
0360: 002F 20 47 8A JSR OUTCHR AND A SPACE AS SEPARATOR
0370:
0380: 0032 A5 01 CHKEND LDA STRTAD +01 CHECK IF TO END OF PROGRAM
0390: 0034 C5 03 CMP ENDAD +01
0400: 0036 D0 04 BNE CHKND A
0410: 0038 A5 00 LDA STRTAD
0420: 003A C5 02 CMP ENDAD
0430: 003C 90 CA CHKND A BCC ADDIN LESS MEANS MORE TO GO
0440: 003E F0 C8 BEQ ADDIN
0450:
0460: 0040 68 PLA ELSE GET HIGH ORDER OF CHECKSUM
0470: 0041 20 FA 82 JSR OUTBYT ENO NEED TO PRESERVE THINGS
0480: 0044 68 PLA
0490: 0045 20 FA 82 JSR OUTBYT
0500: 0048 00 BRK CAUSE WE ARE DONE
0510:
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0010:
0020: 0200 HEXOUT ORG $0200 RELOCATABLE
0030: 0200 48 PHA SAVE EXTRA COPY FOR SECOND HALF
0040: 0201 4A LSRA SHIFT HIGH 4 BITS TO LOW ORDER
0050: 0202 4A LSRA
0060: 0203 4A LSRA
0070: 0204 4A LSRA
0080: 0205 C9 0A CMPIM $0A CHECK IF >9
0090: 0207 90 02 BCC HEXOTA WILL SET CARRY IF >=
0100: 0209 69 06 ADCIM $06 PLUS 7 WILL OFFSET TO GET ASCII 'A'
0110: 020B 69 30 HEXOTA ADCIM $30
0120: 020D 20 47 8A JSR OUTCHR NOW OUTPUT THE FIRST HEX CHARACTER
0130: 0210 68 PLA GET ORIGINAL BACK
0140: 0211 29 0F ANDIM $0F ONLY WANT 4 LOW ORDER BITS NOW
0150: 0213 C9 0A CMPIM $0A SAME CONVERT TO ASCII
0160: 0215 90 02 BCC HEXOTB
0170: 0217 69 06 ADCIM $06
0180: 0219 69 30 HEXOTB ADCIM $30
0190: 021B 4C 47 8A JMP OUTCHR LET THIS GUY DO THE RETURN
0200:
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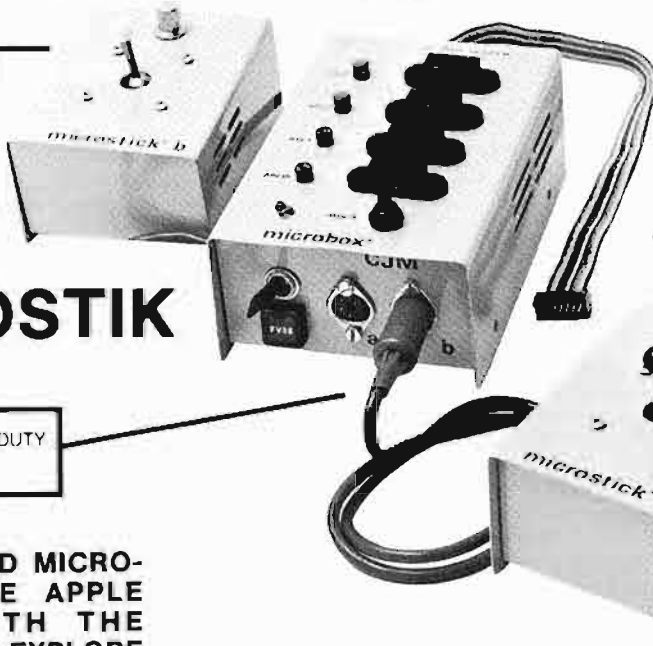
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Ask the Doctor

A technique to solve a problem in the AIM TTY service and a program for easy tape retrieval on the KIM are presented.

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The Serial TTY port on the AIM 65 works in a very similar fashion to that of the KIM described by Ben Doure in MICRO issue number 12, May, 1979. The instructions for achieving synchronization at any baud rate (bits per second) are to switch the slide key from KB (keyboard) to TTY (Teletype), next press RESET and type DELETE on the teletype. The routine DETCPS measures the duration of the start bit and since the start bit is at logic level zero, then DELETE is a suitable character to use, because it consists of eight logic 1 signals following the start bit. Actually, about half of the characters on the keyboard would do just as well provided they *start* with a logic level 1 after the start bit. (Note the least significant bit is transmitted first.) The duration of the start bit is stored in CNTH 30 and CNTL 30 as explained previously.

An ordinary teletype works at 110 baud, but I have available a VDU which has a baud rate switch and will work at 110, 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800 baud. I tried all the rates with the AIM 65 hooked up and they worked perfectly, except for the 1200 baud. At this rate, no synchronization was achieved and only garbled rubbish appeared on the screen. This was of some concern to me because it was my intention to set up a three-way link between the VDU, the AIM 65 and a PRIME 400 computer and the PRIME was to operate *only* 1200 baud.

On pages 9-29 of the AIM 65 User's Guide the contents of CNTH 30 (at \$A417) and CNTL 30 (at \$A418) are listed

for several baud rates. It is essential that the correct values can be entered by hand if synchronization does not work. The values quoted are only approximate, because the on-board crystal will not be exactly 4 M Hz and the devices linked up may vary slightly in baud rate. A check at the rates that did synchronize, showed some slight differences. Entering the values suggested for 1200 baud, namely, \$02 for CNTH 30 (high byte) and \$FD for CNTL 30 (low byte), produced perfect functioning of the VDU.

The Monitor Program Listing, page 10, shows that the programming between locations \$E11B and \$E144 times the start bit, using the timer T2 in the 6522 VIA dedicated to the monitor. The timer is started when the input goes low (start of bit) and when it goes high again (end of bit), the high byte count is read first and slightly later then the low byte count. The counter T2 counts downwards and the counters are initialized with \$FF in both. The latch for T2 has \$FF put into it permanently during initialization at reset, shown at program addresses \$E067 to \$E0D0. The value \$FF is written into the high byte count at program address \$E126, which also writes the latch value into the low byte count.

When the counter is read, the high and low bytes are complimented with \$FF to get the duration of a bit in multiples of 1 μ S. The counter start is delayed slightly by the time taken by the program instructions \$E110 to \$E126 and the low byte reading is delayed after the end of the start bit between instruc-

tions \$E 129 and \$E 136. Thus the count is too high and evidently requires reducing by 44 (decimal). This is carried out by the routine PATCH 1 at program address \$FE 7C. If the low byte count happens to be less than 44 (it is, only for the 1200 baud rate), then the high byte count will require reducing by one also.

The carry bit is set correctly before the SBC instruction for 44. Unfortunately, the fault is that the carry bit is never examined to see if it is unset and then CNTH 30 reduced by one, either in the subroutine or back in the main program. Programming could be written by a user to overcome this problem, but it is not really worth the effort of loading. The simplest course is to attempt the synchronization, switch back to the AIM keyboard, then change \$A417 from \$03 to \$02 using the M instruction. This gives the optimum count for the particular device connected to the serial interface.

On attempting the automatic synchronization at 1200 baud the values obtained for CNTH 30 and CNTL 30 were respectively \$03 and \$F0. The high byte value is different enough to cause the timing of each bit to be about 33 percent high, so the bits could not possibly be recognized by the VDU. I decided to investigate the reason for this, in case the VDU was faulty.

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Fast Tape Retrieval

Although I use the routine primarily for data retrieval for the TVT-6 video interface, it can readily be adapted for many other applications. Basically, it works as follows:

Press Start: Tape recorder starts and tape is read. When seven segment display reads 0000 A9, then

```

0000 49 01    GO    LDAIM $01    TURN TAPE OFF
0002 4D 03 17    EOR  $1703  BY TOGGING CONTROL BIT
0005 8D 03 17    STA  $1703
0006 4C AD 17    JMP  SCAN    JUMP TO SOME PROGRAM
    
```

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```

000B 49 01    ST    LDAIM $01    ST INTERRUPT
000D 4D 03 17    EOR  $1703  TURN TAPE ON
0010 8D 03 17    STA  $1703  BY TOGGING CONTROL BIT
0013 4C 73 18    JMP  $1873  JUMP TO TAPE READ
    
```

```

17FA 0B      =    $0B    POINT TO 000B
17FB 00      =    $00    FOR ST KEY
    
```

Press GO: Tape recorder stops and the information from tape is displayed on a monitor. For next display file, again

Press Start, and so forth.

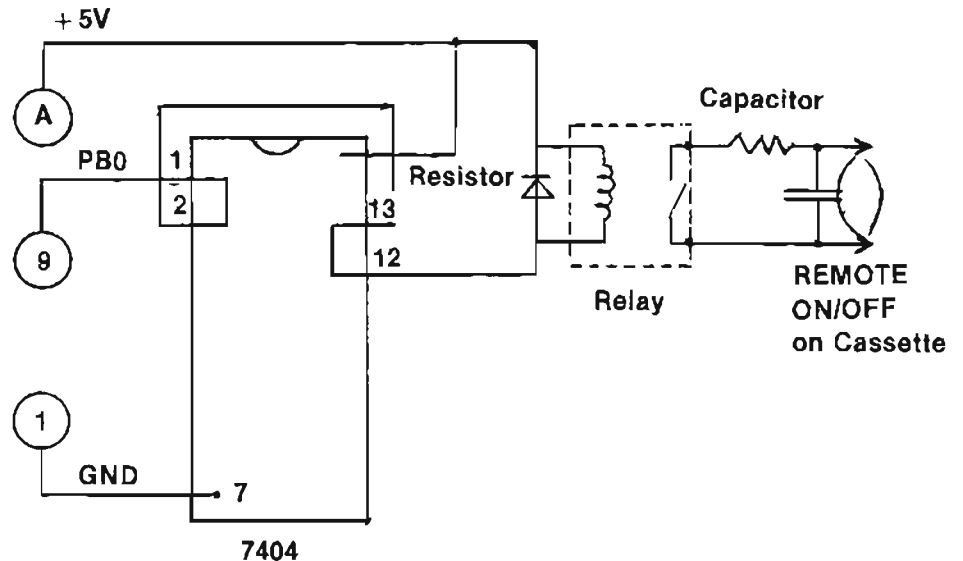
This provides a two button data retrieval system. The files on tape consist of ASCII data loaded into 0200 to 03FF. This, of course, can vary for other applications and could contain any type of data which would not interfere with the program located at the bottom of page zero. A small gap between files is convenient.

Hardware Interface: Consists of the relay circuit shown in figure 1. PB0 is used as the control port. The tape recorder must be set in the PLAY position.

Software Interface: Several items must be inserted memory in order to bring up the system. First, if used with the TVT-6, the SCAN program must be loaded beginning at 17B0. Next, 17F9 must contain 00. This will allow continual reading of files without regard to ID numbers. Finally, the NMI vector must be entered:

17FA 0B and 17FB 00

The program utilizes the fact that on a proper tape read, the monitor returns at location 0000 XX. Now, 0000 is a memory location - a location which can be programmed like any other. I use this location to begin the tape/stop/display program. The ST button provides an NMI which points to the tape/start/read program.



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PRODUCT REVIEW of the HDE DISC SYSTEM by the editor

A number of you have asked for details about the HDE full size disc system:

The system is based around the SYKES 8" drive with the 6502 based intelligent controller.

This drive is soft sectored, IBM compatible, and single density which lets you store about a quarter megabyte of data on a disc.

The system software, called FODS (File Oriented Disc System), manages sequential files on the disc much the same way files are written on magnetic tape - one after another. When a file is deleted from a sequentially managed file system, the space that the file occupied is not immediately reallocated, as in some disc operating systems. As it turns out, this can be an advantage as well as a disadvantage since deleted files on the FODS system can be recovered after the file has been deleted. (This has saved my sanity more than once!) Of course when you want to recover some of the disc space taken up by a number of these deleted files, you can simply re-pack or compress the disc and all the active files will be shifted down until there are no deleted files hanging around using up space.

FODS has this ability to re-pack a disc.

When saving and loading in FODS you work with named files, not track and sector data or L/D bytes. This makes life a lot easier. I've seen some disc systems where you have to specify track and sector info and/or L/D bytes. What a pain that can be!

If you just want to save a source file temporarily, you can do that on what's known as "scratch-pads". There are two of these on a disc, "scratch-pad A" and "scratch-pad B", each of these temporary disc files can hold up to 16 (or 18, if not used, "A" can hold one file up to 32K in length). The only files that can be temporarily saved on scratch pads are files that have been built using the system text editor.

Being a dyed in the wool assembly language programmer, I really appreciate the FODS text editor! This line oriented editor is upwards compatible with the MOS/ARESCO editor but includes about everything you could ask for in a line editor. There is a full and semi-automatic line numbering feature, lines can be edited while they are being entered or recalled and edited later, strings can be located and substituted, the line numbers can be resequenced, the line size can be found, the hex address of a line can be known and comments can be appended to an assembly file, after it has been found correct. Oops! I

forgot to say lines can also be moved around and deleted. This isn't the complete list of FODS editor commands, just the ones that immediately come to mind.

Another very powerful feature of the system is the ability to actually execute a file containing a string of commands. For example, the newsletter mailing list is now being stored on disc. When I want to make labels, I would normally have to load each letter file and run the labels printing program. But with FODS, I can build up a "JOB" file of commands and execute it.

The job file in turn calls each lettered label file in and runs the label printer automatically. The way computers are supposed to operate, right?

Here's a listing of the job file I use to print mailing labels:

```
LIS PRTLBL
0005 LOD A HUN 1 LABEL LOD B JMP F000
LOD C JMP E000
0010 LOD D JMP F000 LOD E JMP F000
LOD F JMP F000
0015 LOD G JMP E000 LOD H JMP E000
LOD I JMP F000
0020 LOD J JMP E000 LOD K JMP E000
LOD L JMP E000
0025 LOD M JMP E000 LOD N JMP E000
LOD O JMP E000
0030 LOD P JMP E000 LOD Q JMP F000
LOD R JMP F000
0035 LOD S JMP E000 LOD T JMP E000
LOD U JMP E000
0038 LOD V JMP F000 LOD W JMP E000
LOD X JMP E000
0040 LOD Y JMP E000 LOD ZYX JMP E000
0045 LOD EXCH JMP E000 LOD COMP
JMP E000
```

Remember the MOS/ARESCO assembler I reviewed several issues ago? Well HDE went and fixed up all the problem areas that I mentioned in the review and then took it several steps further. The HDE assembler is an honest to goodness two-pass assembler which can assemble anywhere in memory using multiple source files from the disc. The assembler is an optional part of the system.

If you're the kind of person (as I am) who enjoys having the ability to customize, modify and expand everything you own, you'll enjoy the system expansion abilities FODS has to offer. Adding a new command is as simple as writing the program, giving it a unique three letter name and saving it to disc. Whenever you type those three letters the system will first go through its own command table, see that it's not there and then go out

and read the disc directory to see if it can find it. If it's on the disc it will read it in and execute it. Simple, right? I've added several commands to my system and REALLY appreciate having this ability. Some of the things I've added include a disassembler, an expanded version of XIM (the extended machine language monitor from Pyramid Data), Hypertape, and a number of system utilities which make life easier. By the way, to get back to the system, all you need to do is execute a BRK instruction.

HDE also provides a piece of software that lets you interface Microsoft 9 digit BASIC to their disc system. The software allows you to load the BASIC interpreter itself from disc as well as saving and loading BASIC Programs to and from the disc. This particular version of the software doesn't allow for saving BASIC data but HDE mentioned that this ability may be possible with a future version.

The first thing I do with a new piece of software after I get used to using it is try to blow it up. I did manage to find a weak spot or two in the very first version of FODS (a pre-release version) but the later, release version has been very tight.

The standard software that is included with the system consists of the disc driver software, the system text editor and the BASIC software interface. Several command extensions may also be included. All the necessary stuff like a power supply, the KIM-4 interface card, and all cables and connectors are included. It took me about 45 minutes to get things up and running the first time I put the system together.

Admittedly, a dual full size disc system from HDE is probably beyond the means of most hobbyists but if you or your company is looking for a dynamite 6502 development system, I would recommend this one. I've used the Rockwell System 05 while I was at MOS and feel that dollar for dollar feature for feature, the HDE system comes out on top. The only place the HDE system falls short when stacked up next to the System 05 is in the area of packaging. At this point, there is no cabinet for the disc drives available from HDE.

So far, I've got nothing but good things to say about HDE and their products. Everything I've received from them has been industrial quality. That includes their documentation and product support. I'm very impressed with what I've seen from this company so far and quite enthusiastic over what my KIM has become since acquiring the disc system and its associated software.

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Clocking KIM

While you probably are not going to use your \$180 KIM to replace your \$18 digital clock, a lot can be learned about proper use of the KIM and 6502 by building a clock as an exercise. This example includes use of the IRQ interrupt, driving the display, and calculating time. The program is intentionally NOT optimized, providing a challenge for the reader.

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When I first laid eyes on KIM, something inside my head screamed out at me. It said, "That six digit display was just made to be a clock display." Not being the type of person who likes getting yelled at, I decided to look into the idea.

The idea may seem trivial or worthless, but the design of a clock program is both challenging and educational. When I first started this project I had only owned my KIM-1 slightly more than a month, and I had not made use of some of the KIM's features (such as the interval timer and interrupt capabilities). I had read the MOS Technology manuals carefully, but some things had to be learned the hard way - like the fact that decimal mode does not effect increments and decrements, PB7 of the 6530-03 must be wired to IRQ on the 6502 by the user, and how to use the KIM's displays. I learned through experience.

A clock program is not totally useless, either. Outside of being a good program for keeping the processor busy, it also could be valuable when run with other programs. If, for instance, you had your KIM connected to an A/D converter, the clock program would enable you to take readings at specified times during the day. Or, when you are going to be away from home, your microprocessor could turn lights, radios, etc. on and off as a deterrent to burglary. And, if you had to scrape together your last dollar to buy

your KIM, and the old alarm clock just croaked, you can build an alarm to hang on your micro with parts from your tool box (see KIM-1 manual, page 57). You would then be the proud owner of the most intelligent alarm clock on the block.

A project such as this is an excellent way to become familiar with the features of your microprocessor. And, although there are several obstacles to be overcome, none are too difficult to surmount, given a little thought. The following discussion, intended for the KIM-1 could also serve as a guide for the development of a clock program on a similar system.

The first difficulty encountered in designing a clock program is a parallel processing problem: how to scan a display (or execute some other process) while at the same time, count the microseconds as they whiz by. Parallel processing on the KIM-1 can be achieved by the use of the 6502's interrupt capabilities. And since one of our processes is a simple counting mechanism, we can use the interval timer on the 6530-03 as our second "processor". The next two problems revolve around the interval timer.

The KIM's interval timer is only capable of timing intervals of 0.261102 seconds or less (with a 1MHz crystal). Problem number two results because of this. We need to simulate, through software, an interval timer able to time inter-

vals of up to one second. This can be accomplished by writing a value(s) into the interval timer until a certain number of interrupts has occurred, and then updating the time. But, it is not quite that simple.

Which brings us to problem number three. We want to be as efficient as possible, which means we want to interrupt normal processing as little as possible. Thus, as large a value as possible should be written into the timer. The problem, the most difficult of all, is; what value(s) to write where, and how many times. The discussion must now become a little more detailed. Keeping efficiency in mind, we want to delay the maximum value between interrupts as many times as possible, without exceeding one second. This means that we should write a \$FF into the ± 1024 location three times. This will give a delay of $(3 * 255 * 1024) \mu s$, or 0.216640 seconds less than one ($1 - 0.783360$).

As you can see, this value is less than the maximum interval. The largest value, less than 0.216640 seconds, that we can write to the interval timer is $(211 * 1024) \mu s$, or 0.216064 seconds. About now you are probably thinking, "Oh! Holy Bit Bucket, will this never end?" But don't fuse a power supply, this tedious process is coming to an end. Now, let's see. If we write a 9 into the ± 64 location, that will give us a delay of $576 \mu s$, and a grand total of exactly one second. Success! We have accomplished our task. But, wait. We've

got some software overhead to consider, right? Right. The software which simulates this interval timer, and the software which updates the time must be taken into consideration. The amount of time allocated to the execution of this software will vary slightly for different programs. But $32\mu\text{s}$ seems to be a sufficient amount of time. So we want our final delay to be $544\mu\text{s}$ (instead of 576). We can easily achieve this by writing 68 into the +8 location.

What do we have so far? We have three delays of $(255 \cdot 1024)\mu\text{s}$, one delay for $(211 \cdot 1024)\mu\text{s}$, and one delay of $(68 \cdot 8)\mu\text{s}$; giving us a grand total of $999,968\mu\text{s}$. (Although not the only combination of intervals which yield one second, this is the most efficient from the standpoint of the interrupted process.) Now, we need to take a look at the software necessary to simulate this timer.

The code needed to simulate a one second interval timer is given in listing 1. The first section of code gives us the delay of $(3 \cdot 255 \cdot 1024)$, assuming that "NUMDLY" is initialized to one (1). The second group of instructions gives the delay of $(211 \cdot 1024)$, and the third group gives the delay of $(68 \cdot 8)$. To assure that your clock program will be accurate, you should determine how much time your software will actually require. When calculating the amount of software overhead for your particular program, remember that the execution time of instructions executed after the timer has been written into, should not be included. This is because the timer will have already started counting down, resulting in an overlap of the countdown and instruction executions. Taking Listing 1 as an example, and assuming "NUMDLY" is less than three (3), all instructions before "INCDLY" should be included, but the increment and restore instructions should not be, since they are executed after the timing begins.

The code in Listing 1 would be contained in an interrupt program, which consists of instructions to do the following:

1. save all registers on the stack,
2. determine if one second has elapsed, if not then (5), else,
3. add one second to the time,
4. reset "NUMDLY" and the timer, and,
5. restore the registers from the stack.

A block diagram of the process is given in Figure 1. The coding for the inter-

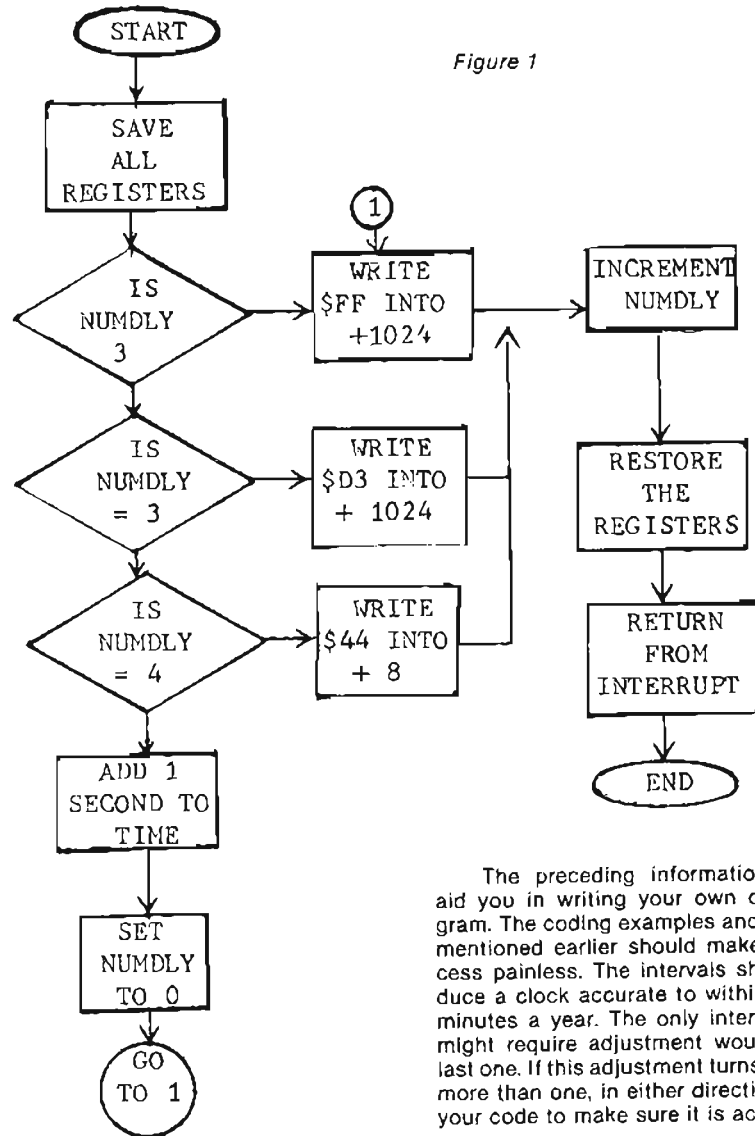


Figure 1

The preceding information should aid you in writing your own clock program. The coding examples and intervals mentioned earlier should make the process painless. The intervals should produce a clock accurate to within about 5 minutes a year. The only interval which might require adjustment would be the last one. If this adjustment turns out to be more than one, in either direction, check your code to make sure it is accurate.

Let me mention a few more things to help you avoid trouble. Don't forget that any program which is to run coincidentally with the clock program you must initialize the interval timer and counter (NUMDLY) at the outset. Also, after you have loaded the clock program into memory, you must also store the starting address of the program in the IRQ interrupt vector locations. And, last but not least, connect the PB7 pin of the 6530-03 to the IRQ pin of the 6502 (A-15 to E-4).

The clock program I have described contains the basic features of any digital clock. It could be expanded to keep track of the month, day, year, and/or just about anything else you could want. If you are willing to spend the time, the clock can be as accurate as the hardware will allow. Theoretically, my clock program should be accurate to within less than 2 minutes a year. In practice, I set the program by WWV and let it run for three days straight. At the end of this time, the seconds were

rupt program occupies about 96 bytes of memory (most of it is used to update the time).

The updating code must:

1. add 1 to the seconds, if not 60 then (4), else zero seconds and
2. add 1 to the minutes, if not 60 then (4), else zero minutes and
3. add 1 to hour, if 13 (or 25 for a 24 hour clock) set hour to 1, else
4. continue.

Since time uses decimal digits, it is necessary to load the byte into the accumulator and perform an add; an increment would not be decimal. The code to update the seconds is given in Listing 2 as an example.

still clicking by, right on the nose. This should be enough accuracy for all but the most exacting and finicky of home-

brewers. (I hope no one is going to run their clock program for a solid year.) Hopefully, the information information in

this article, and the program itself, will be as useful to others as it has been to me. Good Luck!!

Listing 1

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0010:          INTERRUPT SERVICE ROUTINE TO RUN A REAL-TIME
0020:          CLOCK ON A MOS TECHNOLOGY KIM-1.
0030:
0040:          WRITTEN BY : RONALD A GUEST.
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0060:          COPYRIGHT 1976 BY RONALD A. GUEST
0070:
0080: 0020          ORG      $0020
0090:
0100: 0020          NUMDLY *      $000D
0110: 0020          SECNDS *      $000C
0120: 0020          MINUTS *      $000B
0130: 0020          HOURS  *      $000A
0140:
0150: 0020 48          PHA          SAVE REGISTERS ON STACK
0160: 0021 8A          TXA          :
0170: 0022 48          PHA          :
0180: 0023 98          TYA          :
0190: 0024 48          PHA          ..
0200:
0210:          DELAY DETERMINED BY VALUE IN NUMDLY.
0220:          IF DELAY IS < 3 THEN DELAY 255 * 1024
0230:
0240: 0025 A5 0D          LDA      NUMDLY
0250: 0027 C9 03          CMPIM   $03
0260: 0029 10 0A          BPL     DELAYF
0270:
0280: 002B A9 FF          MAXDLY LDAIM   $FF
0290: 002D 8D 0F 17          STA     $170F
0300:
0310: 0030 36 0D          INCDLY INC     NUMDLY INCREMENT COUNT AND GO RESTORE
0320: 0032 4C 80 00          JMP     RESTOR ..
0330:
0340:          IF NUMDLY <> 3 BRANCH TO ONETST
0350:
0360: 0035 D3 08          DELAYF BNE     ONETST
0370: 0037 A9 D3          LDAIM   $D3 IF = 3 THEN DELAY 211*1024
0380: 0039 8D 0F 17          STA     $170F
0390: 003C 4C 30 00          JMP     INCDLY
0400:
0410:          IF NUMDLY > 4 THEN ONE SECOND HAS ELAPSED
0420:
0430: 003F C9 04          ONETST CMPIM   $04
0440: 0041 D3 08          BNE     ONESEC
0450: 0043 A9 44          LDAIM   $44 IF = 4 THEN DELAY 68*8
0460: 0045 8D 0D 17          STA     $170D
0470: 0048 4C 30 00          JMP     INCDLY
0480:
0490:          ONE SECOND HAS ELAPSED, SO, INC STORED TIME
0500: 004E F8          ONESEC SED     USE DECIMAL MATH.
0510: 004C A5 0C          LDA     SECNDS SET SECONDS BYTE
0520: 004E 18          CLC
0530: 004F 69 01          ADCIM   $01 ADD DECIMAL 1.
0540: 0051 85 0C          STA     SECNDS
0550: 0053 C9 60          CMPIM   $60 IF < 60 THEN FINISHED
0560: 0055 30 22          BML     RESET
0570: 0057 A9 0C          LDAIM   $00 ZERO SECONDS
0580: 0059 85 0C          STA     SECNDS
0590:
0600:          INCREMENT MINUTES
0610:
0620: 005E A5 0B          LDA     MINUTS GET MINUTES BYTE
0630: 005D 69 00          ADCIM   $00 ADD IN CARRY FROM PREVIOUS COMPARE
0640: 005F 85 0B          STA     MINUTS
0650: 0061 3A          NOP     FOR TIMING

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Listing 1 continued

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0660: 0062 C9 60      CMPIM $60    IF < 60 , FINISHED
0670: 0064 30 13      BMT  RESET
0680: 0066 A9 00      LDAIM $00   ZERO MINUTES
0690: 0068 85 0B      STA  MINUTS
0700:
0710:                INCREMENT HOURS
0720:
0730: 006A A5 0A      LDA  HOURS
0740: 006C 18          CLC        THIS TIME CLEAR CARRY (FOR TIMING)
0750: 006D 69 01      ADCIM $01
0760: 006F 85 0A      STA  HOURS
0770: 0071 C9 25      CMPIM $25   WOULD BE 13 FOR 12 HOUR CLOCK
0780: 0073 30 04      BMT  RESET
0790: 0075 A9 01      LDAIM $01
0800: 0077 85 0A      STA  HOURS
0810:
0820:                RESET TIMER AND NUMDLY
0830:
0840: 0079 A9 00      RESET  LDAIM $00
0850: 007B 85 0D      STA  NUMDLY
0860: 007D 4C 2B 30   JMP  MAXDLY
0870:
0880:                RESTORE REGISTERS
0890:
0900: 0080 68          RESTOR PLA
0910: 0081 A8          TAY
0920: 0082 68          PLA
0930: 0083 AA          TAX
0940: 0084 68          PLA
0950: 0085 40          RTI
0960:

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0070: 0200                ORG  $0200
0080:
0090: 0200                NUMDLY *  $000D
0100: 0200                CONVD  *  $1F48
0110: 0200                TIME   *  $000A
0120:
0130: 0200 A9 01          LDAIM $01   INITIALIZE INTERRUPT COUNTER
0140: 0202 85 0D          STA  NUMDLY
0150: 0204 A9 FF          LDAIM $FF   INITIALIZE DIVIDE BY 1024 COUNTER
0160: 0206 8D 0F 17     STA  $170F
0170: 0209 58          CLT        ENABLE INTERRUPTS
0180: 020A A9 7F          LDAIM $7F   INITIALIZE DISPLAY PORT
0190: 020C 8D 41 17     STA  $1741
0200: 020F A2 09          START  LDXIM $09   X REG POINTS TO DIGIT TO BE DISPLAYED
0210: 0211 A0 00          LDYIM $00   Y REG IS INDEX TO TIME BYTE TO BE DISPLAYED
0220:
0230:                THIS IS THE START OF THE LOOP
0240:                THE PRECEDING CODE IS INITIALIZATION
0250:
0260: 0213 C0 04          LOOP  CPYIM $04   IF Y REG IS >= 4 THEN JUMP BACK TO START
0270: 0215 10 F8          BPL  START
0280:
0290: 0217 B9 0A 00      LDAY  TIME    GET BYTE OF TIME POINTED TO BY Y REG
0300: 021A 4A          LSRA        GET HIGH ORDER 4 BITS
0310: 021B 4A          LSRA
0320: 021C 4A          LSRA
0330: 021D 4A          LSRA
0340: 021E 20 48 1F    JSR  CONVD   OUTPUT 4 BITS TO POSITIONPOINTED
0350:                TO BY X REG
0360: 0221 B9 0A 00      LDAY  TIME
0370: 0224 29 0F          ANDIM $0F   GET LOW ORDER 4 BITS
0380: 0226 20 48 1F    JSR  CONVD   OUTPUT
0390: 0229 A9 00          LDAIM $00   TURN OFF DISPLAY
0400: 022B 8D 40 17     STA  $1740
0410: 022E C8          INY        INCREMENT Y REG
0420:                X REG IS INCREMENTED BY CONVD
0430: 022F 10 E2          BPL  LOOP    BRANCH ALWAYS TO LOOP

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As I've had my APPLE for less than two months, the program would have to be fairly simple, but I really wanted to incorporate something creative. A tall order for a neophyte programmer who only learned the command LOAD two months ago, but I'm happy with the results and I hope that others will find some value in the ideas incorporated.

A few comments and explanations:

1. If you should happen to get an error message or hit control C, just type in GOTO 0 before listing so you'll have a full page to list without hitting reset.

2. Now you can type in GOTO 90 and the program should recommence without losing your message.

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4. This program has been set up to hold from 1 to 6 messages in a total of about 10K of RAM but can be modified to hold almost as many more as you like if you have adequate memory. You will need to modify number 90 to allow an extra line or two to display names (POKE 35,4 or 35,5); number 100 to move the display down an equal amount (POKE 34,4 or 34,5); line number 145 to check the extra registers for status; lines 150 through 160 to add more z "name strings"; 170 through 180 to add more "message strings"; and lines 190 through 200 to erase the strings, once used.

The *Marquis* type of scrolling

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Copies of this program on cassette tapes are available from the author.

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IPR#6
IPR#6

JLIST, PR#1
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  ,0: POKE 35,24
20 DIM A$(255),B$(255),C$(255),D$(
  25),E$(25),F$(25),G$(25),H$(
  25)
21 DIM K$(255),CC$(255),DD$(255)
  ,EE$(255),FF$(255),GG$(255),
  HH$(255)
40 A = 0:C = 1
90 POKE 32,0: POKE 33,40: POKE 3
  4,0: POKE 35,3: HOME
95 INVERSE : PRINT "MESSAGES WAI
  TING FOR: ";: NORMAL : PRINT
  C$;D$;E$;F$;G$;H$
100 POKE 32,0: POKE 33,40: POKE
  34,3: POKE 35,24: HOME
120 HOME : PRINT " =====
  =====
  HOME MESSAGE CENTER
  =====
  "
121 PRINT : PRINT : PRINT
130 PRINT "WHICH DO YOU WANT ---
  1. ENTE
  R A NEW MESSAGE
  2. RECEIVE A MESSAGE
  " : INPUT "WHI
  CH? ";X
131 IF X = 2 GOTO 185
140 INPUT "MESSAGE IS FOR (NAME)
  " ;E$
141 IF LEN (B$) > 1 THEN B$ = B
  $ + " - "
145 FLASH : IF LEN (H$) > 1 AND
  LEN (G$) > 1 AND LEN (F$) >
  1 AND LEN (E$) > 1 AND LEN
  (D$) > 1 AND LEN (C$) > 1 THEN
  PRINT "SORRY, BUT ALL MY ME
SSAGE REGISTERS ARE FULL!";
FOR Y = 1 TO 500: NEXT Y: GOTO
90
90
146 NORMAL
150 IF LEN (H$) < 1 AND LEN (G
  $) > 1 AND LEN (F$) > 1 AND
  LEN (E$) > 1 AND LEN (D$) >
  1 AND LEN (C$) > 1 THEN H$ =
  B$
152 IF LEN (G$) < 1 AND LEN (F
  $) > 1 AND LEN (E$) > 1 AND
  LEN (D$) > 1 AND LEN (C$) >
  1 THEN G$ = B$
154 IF LEN (F$) < 1 AND LEN (E
  $) > 1 AND LEN (D$) > 1 AND
  LEN (C$) > 1 THEN F$ = B$
156 IF LEN (E$) < 1 AND LEN (D
  $) > 1 AND LEN (C$) > 1 THEN
  E$ = B$
158 IF LEN (D$) < 1 AND LEN (C
  $) > 1 THEN D$ = B$
160 IF LEN (C$) < 1 THEN C$ = B
  $
165 INPUT "THE MESSAGE IS?? (5 L
  INES OR LESS, IN QUOTATION
  MARKS, PLEASE)
  " ;A$
170 IF LEN (HH$) < 1 AND LEN (
  GG$) > 1 AND LEN (FF$) > 1 AND
  LEN (EE$) > 1 AND LEN (DD$
  ) > 1 AND LEN (CC$) > 1 THEN
  HH$ = A$
172 IF LEN (GG$) < 1 AND LEN (
  FF$) > 1 AND LEN (EE$) > 1 AND
  LEN (DD$) > 1 AND LEN (CC$
  ) > 1 THEN GG$ = A$
174 IF LEN (FF$) < 1 AND LEN (
  EE$) > 1 AND LEN (DD$) > 1 AND
  LEN (CC$) > 1 THEN FF$ = A$
176 IF LEN (EE$) < 1 AND LEN (
  DD$) > 1 AND LEN (CC$) > 1 THEN

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300 FOR R = 1 TO 2: FOR M = 1 TO
  ( LEN (K$) + 40):A = M: IF A
  > 38 THEN A = 38
320 C = 1: IF M > 38 THEN C = M -
  37
340 REM C=BEGINNING CHARACTER
  AND A=NUMBER OF EXTRA CHARAC
  TERS TO BE PRINTED.
360 HOME : HTAB 40 - A
380 PRINT MID$(K$,C,A): FOR X =
  1 TO 120: NEXT X
400 IF PEEK ( - 16384) > 127 THEN
  GOTO 90
420 POKE - 16368,0
440 NEXT M: NEXT R
460 GOTO 300
10000 REM "HOME MESSAGE CENTER"
  WAS PROGRAMMED BY BILL MCL
  EAN, 1642 EDGEWATER LANE, CA
  MARILLO, CALIF. 93010
10001 REM ANYONE IS FREE TO USE
  AND COPY IT. MY PHONE IS 8
  05-482-2048. PLEASE CALL OR
  WRITE IF YOU COME UP WITH M
  EANINGFUL CHANGES.
  ?SYNTAX ERROR

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EE$ = A$
178 IF LEN (DD$) < 1 AND LEN (
  CC$) > 1 THEN DD$ = A$
180 IF LEN (CC$) < 1 THEN CC$ =
  A$
182 GOTO 90
185 INPUT "WHICH MESSAGE WOULD Y
  OU LIKE TO HAVE DISPLAYED
  ? (TYPE IN THE NAME EXACTLY
  ) :J$:J$ = J$ + " - "
190 IF C$ = J$ THEN K$ = C$ + CC
  $: IF C$ = J$ THEN CC$ = "":
  IF C$ = J$ THEN C$ = " "
192 IF D$ = J$ THEN K$ = D$ + DD
  $: IF D$ = J$ THEN DD$ = "":
  IF D$ = J$ THEN D$ = " "
194 IF E$ = J$ THEN K$ = E$ + EE
  $: IF E$ = J$ THEN EE$ = "":
  IF E$ = J$ THEN E$ = " "
196 IF F$ = J$ THEN K$ = F$ + FF
  $: IF F$ = J$ THEN FF$ = "":
  IF F$ = J$ THEN F$ = " "
198 IF G$ = J$ THEN K$ = G$ + GG
  $: IF G$ = J$ THEN GG$ = "":
  IF G$ = J$ THEN G$ = " "
200 IF H$ = J$ THEN K$ = H$ + HH
  $: IF H$ = J$ THEN HH$ = "":
  IF H$ = J$ THEN H$ = " "
220 HOME : PRINT " =====
  =====
  HOME MESSAGE CENTER
  =====
  " : FOR X = 1 TO 9: PRINT
  : NEXT X
240 PRINT "TO ERASE CURRENT MESS
  AGE AND/OR TO ENTER NEW
  MESSAGES, PUSH SPACE BAR"
260 FOR W = 1704 TO 1743: POKE W
  ,158: POKE W - 512,159: NEXT
  W
280 POKE 32,0: POKE 33,40: POKE
  34,11: POKE 35,13

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ASSEMBLE LIST
0100 MOVE TBL 1 TO TBL2
0110 DA 2100
0200 - A0 00 0120 LOOP LDY #00
0210 - 00 00 04 0130 LDA TBL1 Y
0220 - 02 00 05 0140 STA TBL2 Y
0400 - C0 0150 INY LOOP
0409 D0 F7 0160 BNE LOOP
0170
0500 0180 TBL 1 DS 256
0500 0190 TBL2 DS 256
0200
0210 EN
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START - 0100 LOOP - 0402 TBL 1 - 0408
TBL2 - 0500
116000 0500 0500

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Stop That PET!

That fantastic new program you are developing for the PET keeps bombing, causing the keyboard to lockup, and forcing you to RESET - thereby losing information about your program and its problems. Is there a way to STOP the run-away program? Would I ask the question if the answer wasn't "Yes"?

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Commodore, for some reason, decided that the PET did not need a reset button. Since they did not provide a ROM monitor, perhaps they figured a reset button was unnecessary. This decision may have affected their sales somewhat.

They did provide a "STOP" button which serves as the equivalent of a CONTROL C, but this was useless if your cursor disappeared (a common early PET problem) or your new machine-language program decided to loop forever instead of returning control to BASIC.

Machine-language programming for the PET therefore became an exercise in frustration:

1. Write your machine-language program.
2. Enter your program into the PET.
3. SAVE it. (Important!)
4. Execute your program via SYS or USR functions.
5. Stare impotently at dead PET. Frantically press STOP key as if you really think it will help.
6. Curse! Be creative!
7. Apply Commodore's RESET procedure. (i.e., turn PET off and back on)
8. Go back to step 2.

Somewhere between steps 2 and 3 you should perhaps examine your program for errors of coding or keypunching that could cause the PET to lock up. The difficulty with this procedure (for me anyway) is that if I thought the coding was wrong, I wouldn't have written it that way in the first place. So I'm left to examine five or six pages of coding that look perfectly good to me. What is needed is a way of knowing exactly where the program hung up so as to narrow the search.

If only there was a way to force an interrupt on the PET, then I could recover control and try again. At least it would eliminate steps 5, 6, 7, and 8. I could then insert breakpoints and narrow the problem down to a manageable level.

Commodore was ahead of me again. The non-maskable interrupt is permanently tied down so it vectors to the cold-start routines at power-on time. And since the cold-start routines destroy the contents of RAM, using this line as a reset would have the same effect as turning the PET off and on. I would have to make hardware changes and burn new PROMS to gain a reset capability with the non-maskable interrupt. Commodore wins this round.

But wait! Can Commodore be beaten at their own game? Maybe. . . .

There is one feature of the PET for which Commodore truly deserves a pat on the head. The PET has a built in real-time clock. This clock is updated by soft-

ware once every sixtieth of a second. A circuit within the PET monitoring the AC line provides sixty interrupts a second. So the PET is not really "dead" at step 5 above. It is merrily executing your infinite loop and keeping good time, but it refuses to answer the keyboard; it is just playing dead.

Let's follow this idea a little way. Every sixtieth of a second, an interrupt is generated that causes the PET to jump indirectly through an address at \$FFFE. This routine saves the accumulator, X register, and Y register on the stack and then jumps indirectly through \$0219 to the clock routine. This vector is changed, when necessary, by the operating system to keep the clock routines from goofing up the timing for tape reads and writes. Normally, however, this vector remains constant. The exceptions to this rule will become important later.

Get the idea? Let's change that vector so the PET is forced to execute a short routine that checks the keyboard sixty times a second. Then, if the "STOP" key is pressed, we can provide a means of returning control to the operator. If the "STOP" key is not pressed, then the routine can proceed to its normal destination.

Now, since we've gone to this much trouble, why not see if we can derive some useful information from this exercise? It will be necessary to clean the stack so the BASIC warm-start address can replace the "real" interrupted return

address. Why not save this information so we can discover just where the interrupt occurred?

Those of you who have had the tenacity to read this far, but who are not the least interested in a description of a machine-language program may wish to skip this section. How to use the program will be told in the last section.

Listing 1 is the "assembly" listing of my program. A few words would now be appropriate to describe my peculiar "assembler". This assembler is a one-line assembler, approximately equivalent to the assembler provided in the Apple II. However, it is written in BASIC, and it has a few features I find convenient. For instance, I think in decimal, so I like to know the decimal address of an instruction. This is handy, considering that the functions SYS, PEEK, and POKE all use decimal arguments. Therefore, I designed the format of the assembler to be: Decimal address, Hex address, Hex op code, Hex operands/addresses, Label (added later — this is a one line assembler), Mnemonic (extended mnemonic set, see below), Operand (decimal, of course, or label added later), then Comments (also added later). Since my output device is an IBM selectric that is in no way connected to my PET, I take the liberty of dressing up my listings at my leisure.

Now, to the program.

Since our intention is to divert the interrupt vector to our own purposes, the routine at 8000 (\$1F40) does just that. A SYS8000 done in immediate mode will cause the vector to be changed from its normal value to a value that will cause the PET to execute a routine located at 8016 (\$1F50) every time an interrupt occurs. This same routine will reverse that vector. This way, you only need to remember one number to set or reset the vector. This routine works like this: the instruction SEI causes the interrupt disable flag to be set, preventing the cpu from recognizing any interrupts. This is done to prevent an interrupt from occurring while we are half through altering the vector. There is no telling where the thing would go if we don't take this precaution! The LDY VECTOR + 1 instruction gets a byte of the current vector so we can determine whether it is the normal or the altered vector. Then we JSR to the SET subroutine which sets the normal vector. If the vector was already set to normal, then we have wasted a few microseconds, but I can wait. Then we compare the Y register to see if the vector was normal. If Y equals 230 (\$E6) then we JSR to the RESET subroutine and alter it. Else the BNE NOTSET causes execution to resume at 8014 (\$1F4E), the CLI clears the interrupt flag, enabling interrupts once again, and exits via the RTS back to BASIC.

Now that we have altered the vector,

the PET will execute the routine located at 8016 (\$1F50) every time an interrupt occurs, which happens sixty times a second. Let's examine this routine.

First we jump to a subroutine located at 62250 (\$F32A) which checks the keyboard and returns a zero in the accumulator if the STOP key is pressed. Upon return from that subroutine, we check the accumulator for zero, BEQ STOPPD. If the accumulator is zero, we jump to STOPPD, which is our recovery routine. If the accumulator is not zero we jump to CONINT, which is where the interrupt would normally have gone.

The instruction at 8024 (\$1F58) loads 8 into the X register, then uses this as a counter and displacement to pull 8 bytes off the stack and store them in memory beginning at location 8165 (\$1FE5). We pull 8 bytes off the stack instead of 6 because we assume at least one level of subroutine call beyond the interrupt. After all, we had to SYS or USR into our machine-language program, didn't we? We don't want the stack to get too cluttered. This isn't going to be a complete answer, but it will help. More will be said about this later.

Once we have stripped and saved the stack contents, we need to restore it. The routine beginning at 8033 (\$1F61) does this. First, we load and stack the high byte and low bytes of the BASIC warm-start routine. Then we recall the original value of the status register and stack it. This is important only because of the interrupt flag. Then we stuff the stack with three bytes of anything just to fill it out. After all, the interrupt handling routine thinks it has stored the accumulator and the X and Y registers on the stack; it will expect them to be there. Since we are not returning to the place where the interrupt occurred, we don't care what those bytes are, so let's just push the status byte onto the stack three more times.

Now that we have cleaned the stack and provided for a fake return from the interrupt, how about displaying the information thus recovered? Sounds easy, yes? Not so.

If we are to display our hard-won information, we can either write our own display routines or use the routines so conveniently provided for in ROM. Being naturally lazy, I much prefer to use the routines already written. But this is a problem. When I first wrote this program I got strange results that I eventually traced to the fact that the interrupt flag was being cleared somewhere, permitting the routine to be interrupted if I don't remove my finger from the STOP button within one sixtieth of a second. I discovered that at location 58816 (\$E5C0) in ROM there was a CLI instruction. Since

this is the print routine, I needed to find a way to use it without allowing the interrupt to screw things up. It was necessary to exit from our routine, return to BASIC, and then display our information. How to do it? I chose to use a TRICK!! Follow closely...

The PET has a keyboard buffer that collects keystrokes until the operating system can service them. This gives the effect of the PET "remembering" keystrokes even if you enter them while your program is doing something other than looking for INPUTs or GETs. If you load this buffer while in a machine language program and then exit to BASIC, the PET will suddenly "see" a command in its keyboard buffer and proceed to execute it.

After we recreate the stack and set the normal interrupt vector (JSR SET) then we load the keyboard buffer with the command "SYS8066cr". The "cr" is a carriage return. The instruction at 8049 (\$1F71) loads 9 into the X register. This number, which is the count for the buffer, is then stored in location 525 (\$020D). Then the command is retrieved byte by byte from location 8128 (\$1FC0) and placed in the keyboard buffer. When that is finished, the PET jumps to CONINT, the normal interrupt routine.

What follows is this: the PET updates the clock register, then jumps to the interrupt routine which restores the registers and "returns" to the BASIC warm-start routine. The prompt "READY." is printed, and control returns to BASIC. BASIC checks the keyboard buffer, sees the command "SYS8066", prints it and executes it. Control is now given to our display routine. Roundabout way of doing it, no?

The display routine begins at location 8066 (\$1F82). First we load the accumulator and Y register with the address of our header line. Then we JSR to the print routine in ROM at 51751 (\$CA27). After that we load the accumulator and X register with the bytes we stored that represent the interrupted return address, and JSR to the number display routine in ROM at 56479 (\$DC9F). This routine displays numbers in decimal, so if you wish them displayed in hex you will have to convert them yourself. Next, a loop is set up that retrieves each byte and displays them — first the status byte, then the accumulator, and the X and Y registers — all in decimal. At the end of all this wonderful activity, the routine exits through the START which alters the interrupt vector so we can do the whole thing over again.

Now, aren't you sorry you decided to read this?

How to Load and Use This Program

Listing 1 is an assembly listing of this program. It may be of interest to people who enjoy machine-language programming, or those who like convoluted logic. It is difficult to enter machine-language programs into the PET, however. So I have provided listing 2, which is a BASIC version of this program. I have converted the machine-language program into DATA statements and built a small loader routine around them to make it easier to key into the PET and SAVE onto tape.

For those of you with the fortitude to attempt to enter this program into your PET, attend: First, this program will not work if your PET is one of the newer models. If your PET comes awake with **### COMMODORE BASIC ###** instead of ***** COMMODORE BASIC *****, then forget this program. Rumor has it that you don't need it anyway. Second, if you still qualify, notice that each DATA statement has exactly eight numbers. If you key this program in exactly as shown it will be easier to find errors later if you miss-key a number.

OK. Are you still with me? Then key the program into your PET exactly as shown but do not RUN!! When finished, SAVE the program on tape. Then replace line 36 with:

```
36 FOR X=8000 TO 8159: READ A:
P=P+X*A:NEXT X:PRINT P
```

Now RUN the program. If the number printed is 146725222, then the odds are very good that you made no mistakes. You may now LOAD and RUN the original program. If, on the other hand, your number did not match the above number, then recheck your keypunching, correct your error, and try again.

NOTE: I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all programmers who write programs involving many DATA statements to include a verify routine. It need not be a permanent part of the program, but should be designed to give the hobbyist some solid evidence that his efforts were accurate.

Now you have LOAded and RUN the program. Notice that line 15 protects the last page of an 8K PET from interference by BASIC. This routine will reside safely here while you write your new machine-language program, debug it, and test it. I put this program in high memory because it is a machine-language debugging aid and most machine-language routines for the PET are located in the second cassette tape buffer area 826-1023 (\$033A-\$03FF) for convenience. If you wish to relocate it, be very sure you understand how it works.

Notice we have not yet activated this routine. First LOAD your machine-language program if you have it on tape, or your assembler if you are just starting. Then execute a SYS8000. This activates the Reset routine. From now on, whenever you hit the STOP key, the machine will halt and display the address where it was interrupted plus the register contents. There are a couple of exceptions which will be noted below.

OK. The Reset routine is activated, you have entered your machine-language program into the second cassette buffer, and executed a SYS826. Somehow the expected results do not materialize and the new program does not return control to BASIC. Now what? Hit the STOP key! Suddenly the PET comes back to life and prints:

```
ADDR ST AC XR YR
835 34 129 66 202
```

Eureka! Somewhere around location 835 there was an error in your program. The status register contained 34, the accumulator had 129 in it, the X register had 66 and the Y register was holding a 202. Were they supposed to have these values? Perhaps a register was initialized wrong or a relative branch was figured wrong. At least you know where to begin looking. Isn't it wonderful?

If the STOP key is pressed during normal command mode, you will likely get:

```
ADDR ST AC XR YR
58013 34 0 1 3
READY.
```

Notice that the numbers do not align perfectly under the header. They are printed without regard to the size of the number but are printed in the order depicted by the header, separated by blanks. Also, while it happens too fast to see, what actually printed was:

```
READY.
SYS8066
ADDR ST AC XR YR
58013 34 0 1 3
READY.
```

The SYS8066 and the header are both prefaced with an up-cursor character, so that they are printed on top of each other. This makes less scrolling, in case the screen contents were important.

Now for the exceptions to the rules. Since it is impossible to know how deeply nested in subroutines the PET was when the interrupt occurred we cannot properly clean the stack. After a while (approx-

imately 23 times) pressing the STOP key will cause a ?OUT OF MEMORY ERROR remark to appear. The Reset routine will be deactivated and it will be necessary to SYS8000 again. Nothing to worry about; the PET corrected the stack before it printed the error message. Another message that will deactivate the Reset routine is ?ILLEGAL QUANTITY ERROR. Same response: SYS8000.

The command SYS8000 will activate the Reset routine if it was not already activated. If the Reset routine is active, SYS8000 will turn it off. Be sure it is on when you are executing your new machine-language program. And be sure it is off whenever you want to use the tape recorder to LOAD or SAVE a program or read or write data files. The cassette routines will not work if the interrupt vector has been altered. If in doubt as to the current status of the Reset routine, simply hit the STOP key. If nothing happens, the routine is off. If you get a register display, the routine is on.

One final exception to the rule. This routine is excellent if you get caught in an infinite loop or you just want to exit from a machine-language program early. It won't protect you from all invalid op codes. Some invalid op codes act like NOPS or do some mysterious, undefined function. These are OK. There are some op codes, however, that will cause the PET to lock up in spite of our marvelous Reset routine. Hex 04 will do this for example. I suspect that these obstinate op codes do something to affect the interrupt flag, thus disabling our routine. Until Commodore see fit to provide a non-maskable interrupt, I guess we will have to live with this inconvenience. But even so, it gives us a place to start looking, doesn't it? If your PET locks up in spite of the Reset routine, look for invalid op codes.

There you are. I hope this encourages more machine-language programming for the PET. Let's get full power out of our computers!

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DEC  HEX #1 #2 #3 LABEL  MNEM  OPER  COMMENTS
8099 1FA3 20 9F DC      JSR      DCPR      :Display bytes
8102 1FA6 EE ED 1F      INC      CNTR      :Increment counter
8105 1FA9 4C 97 1F      JMP      ALLREG    :Continue until done

8108 1FAC EA          NOP
8109 1FAD EA          NOP

8110 1FAE A9 E6      SET      LDAIM 230
8112 1FB0 A2 85      LDXIM 133
8114 1FB2 8D 1A 02  SAVIT STA  VECTOR+1
8117 1FB5 8E 19 02  STX  VECTOR
8120 1F38 60      RTS
8121 1FB9 A9 1F      RESET LDAIM 31
8123 1FB8 A2 50      LDXIM 80
8125 1FB0 4C B2 1F      JMP      SAVIT

SYS8066 constants
8128 1FC0 91      SYS66 DC 145
8129 1FC1 53      DC 83
8130 1FC2 59      DC 89
8131 1FC3 53      DC 83
8132 1FC4 38      DC 56
8133 1FC5 30      DC 48
8134 1FC6 36      DC 54
8135 1FC7 36      DC 54
8136 1FC8 00      DC 13

8137 1FC9 EA          NOP

DEC  HEX #1 #2 #3 LABEL  MNEM  OPER  COMMENTS
8138 1FCA 91      HEADER DC 145
8139 1FCB 20      DC 32
8140 1FCC 41      DC 65
8141 1FCD 44      DC 68
8142 1FCE 44      DC 68
8143 1FCF 52      DC 82
8144 1FD0 20      DC 32
8145 1FD1 53      DC 83
8146 1FD2 54      DC 84
8147 1FD3 20      DC 32
8148 1FD4 41      DC 65
8149 1FD5 43      DC 67
8150 1FD6 20      DC 32
8151 1FD7 58      DC 88
8152 1FD8 52      DC 82
8153 1FD9 20      DC 32
8154 1FDA 59      DC 89
8155 1FDB 52      DC 82
8156 1FDC 00      DC 13
8157 1FDD 00      DC 0

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:Disable interrupts
:Get interrupt vector Hi byte
:Set normal vector
:Was normal vector already set?
:
:No - alter vector to CKSTOP routine
:Enable interrupts
:Return to BASIC

:Check if STOP key pressed
:Skip next instruction if stopped
: Else continue normal interrupt
:Set strip counter
:Strip stack
:Save bytes in memory
:Reduce counter
:Continue until 8 bytes removed

:BASIC warm start Hi byte
:Stack it
:BASIC warm start Lo byte
:Stack it
:Get real status byte
:Stack it
:Pad dummy
: bytes
:Set normal interrupt vector

Create re-entry from BASIC warm start
8049 1F71 A2 09      LDXIM 9
8051 1F73 8E 0D 02  STX  KNT
8054 1F76 BD BF 1F  SETSYS LDAX  SYS66-1
8057 1F79 9D 0E 02  STAX  KBUFF-1
8060 1F7C CA          DEX
8061 1F7D 00 F7      BNE  SETSYS
8063 1F7F 4C 85 E6  JMP  CONJNT

8066 1F82 A0 1F      DISPLY LDYIM 31
8068 1F84 A9 CA      LDAIM 202
8070 1F86 20 27 CA  JSR  ASPR
8073 1F89 AD E7 1F  LDA  LOC
8076 1F8C AE EB 1F  LDX  LOC+1
8079 1F8F 20 9F DC  JSR  DCPR
8082 1F92 AD 00      LDYIM 0
8084 1F94 8C CD 1F  STY  CNTR
8087 1F97 AC ED 1F  ALLREG LDY  CNTR
8090 1F9A C0 04      CPYIM 4
8092 1F9C F0 A2      BEQ  START
8094 1F9E BE E9 1F  LDXY STATUS
8097 1FA1 A9 00      LDAIM 0

:Hi byte = zero

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Working storage -- need not be initialized

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8165 1FE5 00      STK  DC   0      :Extra Hi byte
8166 1FE6 00      DC    DC   0      :Extra Lo byte
8167 1FE7 00      LOC  DC   0      :Interrupted Hi byte
8168 1FE8 00      DC    DC   0      :Interrupted Lo byte
8169 1FE9 00      STATUS DC 0      :Status byte
8170 1FEA 00      DC    DC   0      :Accumulator
8171 1FEB 00      DC    DC   0      :X register
8172 1FEC 00      DC    DC   0      :Y register

8173 1FED 00      CNTR DC 0      :Loop counter

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Memory locations and ROM routines used

| LABEL | DECIMAL | HEX | COMMENT |
|--------|---------|-----------|---|
| VECTOR | 537 | 0219 | Interrupt vector |
| KNT | 525 | 020D | Keystroke counter |
| KBUF | 527-536 | 020F-0218 | Keyboard buffer |
| BASIC | 50059 | C38B | BASIC warm start |
| ASPR | 51751 | CA27 | Print ASCII string terminated with a zero. Enter with ADH in Y, and ADL in A. |
| DCPR | 56479 | DC9F | Print the decimal integer whose binary value is in A (weight=256) and X (weight=1). |
| CONINT | 59013 | E685 | Normal interrupt routine. |
| STOP | 62250 | F32A | Check to see if STOP key pressed. Returns a zero in accumulator if key is pressed. |

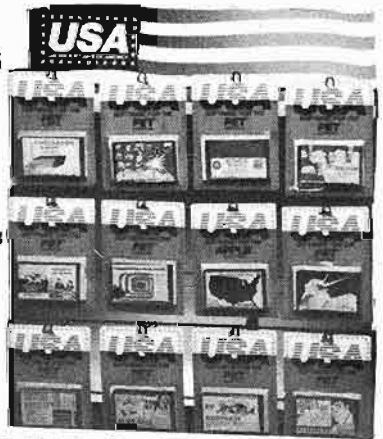
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1 REM"#####"      *** RESET ***
2 REM"#####"
3 REM"#####"      WRITTEN BY:
4 REM"#####"
5 REM"#####"      GARY J. BULLARD
6 REM"#####"      4808 S. ELWOOD
7 REM"#####"      TULSA, OKLAHOMA
8 REM"#####"      74107
9 REM"#####"
10 REM"#####"
11 REM"#####"
15 POKE135,31:POKE134,64
16 DATA 120,172,26,2,32,174,31,192
17 DATA 230,208,3,32,185,31,88,96
18 DATA 32,42,243,240,3,76,133,230
19 DATA 152,8,104,157,228,31,202,208
20 DATA 249,169,195,72,169,139,72,173
21 DATA 233,31,72,72,72,72,32,174
22 DATA 31,162,9,142,13,2,189,191
23 DATA 31,157,14,2,202,208,247,76
24 DATA 133,230,160,31,169,202,32,89
25 DATA 202,173,231,31,174,232,31,32
26 DATA 159,220,160,0,140,237,31,172
27 DATA 237,31,192,4,240,162,190,233
28 DATA 31,169,0,32,159,220,238,237
29 DATA 31,76,151,31,234,234,169,230
30 DATA 162,133,141,26,2,142,25,2
31 DATA 96,169,31,162,80,76,178,31
32 DATA 145,83,89,83,56,48,54,54
33 DATA 13,234,145,32,65,68,68,82
34 DATA 32,83,84,32,65,67,32,88
35 DATA 82,32,89,82,13,0,234,234
36 FORX=8000TO8159:READA:POKEX,A:GOTO NEXT
37
38
39 PRINT"SYSTEMS8000 TO TURN ON OR OFF."
40 PRINT"NOTE: THIS ROUTINE MUST BE TURNED OFF!"
41 PRINT"IF CASSETTE 1/0 IS USED."

READY.

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Listing 2



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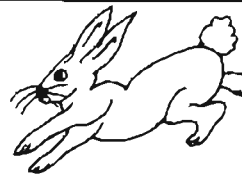
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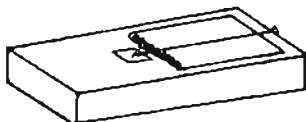
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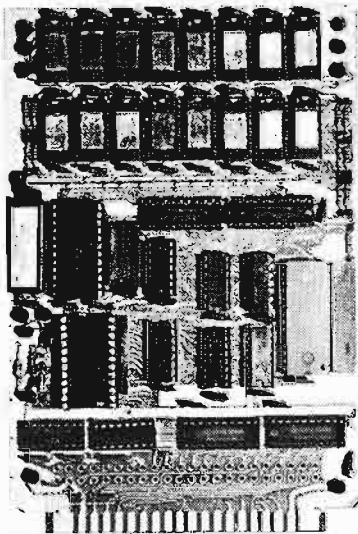
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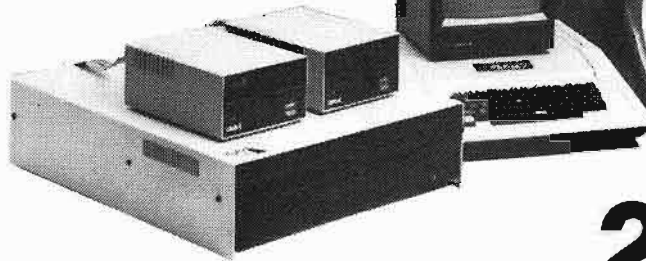
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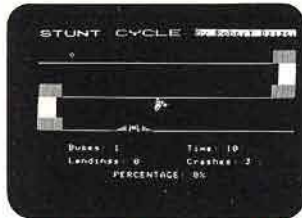
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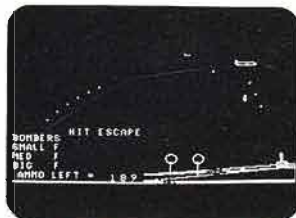


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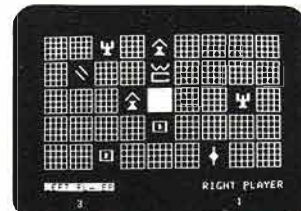
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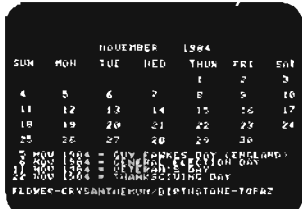
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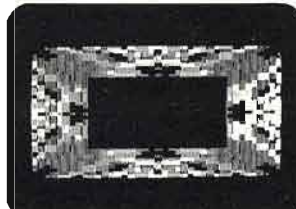
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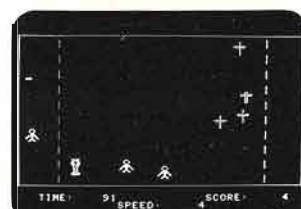
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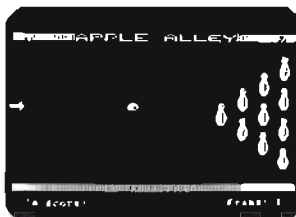
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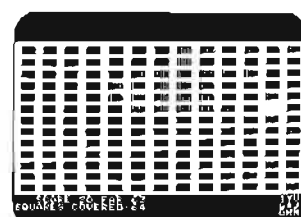
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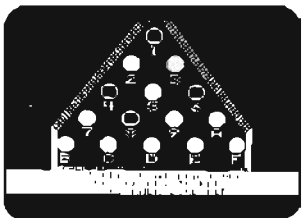
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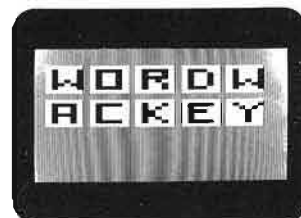
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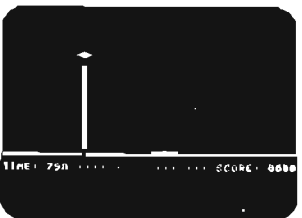
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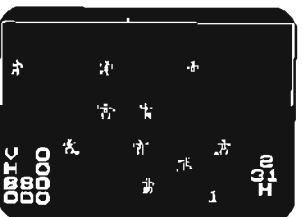
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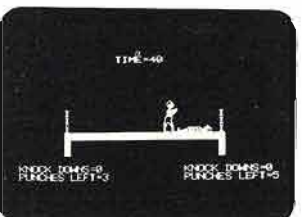
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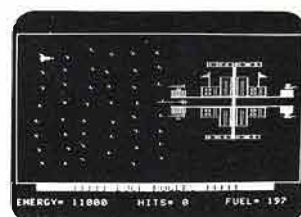
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