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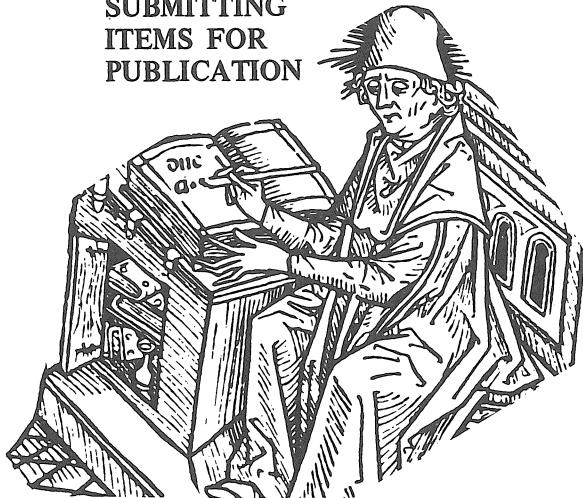
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It is significantly helpful for program listings to be on continuous paper; either white, or very light blue, roll paper, or fan-folded paper. Since we reduce the copy in size, submitting it on individual pages forces us to do a significant amount of extra cutting and pasting. For the same reason, we prefer that you exclude pagination or page headings from any listings.

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COPYRIGHT MANIA: It's mine; it's mine, and you can't play with it!

During the past year or so, People's Computer Company has received several letters-with-enclosures from one Calvin N. Mooers of Rockford Research, Inc. in Cambridge, Mass. We initiated the rather unfortunate contact by asking him for information about an interesting but relatively obscure computer language that he had developed called TRAC. (Note: TRAC is, at the least, a registered trademark, and probably patented, copyrighted, and marked with infra-red dye to boot.) What we have since received from this person, however, appears to primarily be concerned with copyrights, patents, trade-marks, and the like. We don't really know because we didn't take the time to wade through all of it. He has sent us a copyrighted price list for his software and documentation that included an entire paragraph about its copyright protection and registered service mark, a mimeographed policy on copyrights and trade-marks, an article concerning a \$3 million suit against some companies that purportedly have used Mooers' language, and two copies of a major article that Mooers wrote concerning software copyrighting (we hesitate to give the actual name and source of the article—we might be sued for reprinting the title without the author's permission). Oh yes, he also included some information about his computer language. Incidentally, he explicitly prohibited us from publishing most of his letters . . . which saved us at least several microseconds in our reaching the decision not to reprint them. Needless to say, Mooers has shown great interest in (preoccupation with?) the manner in which many hobbyists obtain their software, and has written us concerning this topic . . . but we can't let you know what he said because he prohibited us from printing or paraphrasing it.

If you are interested in the topic of proprietary software, you might look up Mooers' name in some readers' guide to computer science literature.

There is an interesting clincher to this little story: Enclosed with Mooers' most recent paper deluge concerning copyright protection were reproduced copies of two articles from Computerworld newspaper. Yes, Computerworld is copyrighted and includes an explicit prohibition against reproduction of material appearing in it unless written permission is obtained. No, the copies that Mooers included with his letter did not include any indication that he had obtained such permission.

[Editor's Note: We have no quarrel with copyrighting, whether it is applied to publications or to software. You may note that most of the PCC publications are copyrighted, including *Dr. Dobb's Journal*. We do object, however, to the incredible teapot tempest that has recently been raised concerning proprietary software and the hobbyist community. We also object to the blanket indictment that has been laid on all hobbyists: ". . . most of you steal your software" (the essence of Bill Gate's widely publicized February 3rd, open-letter to hobbyists).

1. We feel that it unjustifiably casts a shadow on the entire hobbyist community.
2. We know there are many hobbyists who are *not* thieves in spite of the fact that copyrighted software is as easy

to copy as are copyrighted newspaper articles.

3. We feel this proprietary preoccupation is a waste and misuse of time and energies of talented software professionals.

4. We feel there are differences between marketing software to hobbyist/consumers for their entertainment, and marketing software to the business and industrial community where it is used directly or indirectly for financial gain. We find it unreasonable and impractical to attempt to sell software to hobbyists when its price is half the cost of their hardware systems. It is unreasonable because it's too expensive. It is impractical because, at best, software is very difficult to protect against reproduction.

Furthermore, it is naive to attempt to market software to hobbyists via a royalty agreement with a hardware manufacturer. The analogy comes to mind of someone developing an excellent and useful reference book, then attempting to market it via a royalty agreement with a manufacturer of copying machines, knowing that the manufacturer is going to place the book next to their copiers with a sign saying, "If you want a copy of this book, you must send us \$350."

We feel there are only two practical choices in marketing software for the hobbyist community: 1) Charge very little for your software, and depend on volume sales for your profit; 2) Charge a great deal for your software, and sell it to your *only controllable* marketplace: the hardware manufacturers. They need it to enhance their hardware. They are also the only ones who are making sufficient profit to be able to afford your high price.

We believe that we are exemplifying these viewpoints relevant to the copyrighting of PCC publications. Please note the statement of *Reprint Privileges* inside the front page of each issue of *Dr. Dobb's Journal*. You may also note that, since we are marketing to the non-profit-making hobbyists, our subscription rate is \$10/year. Compare this to, for instance, the \$28/year that *Microcomputer Digest* charges for a smaller, monthly publication, or the \$10 to \$40 that DataPro charges for a *single copy* of some of their slender reports. But, these latter publications are being marketed to the highly profitable business and industrial computer communities. We have no particular quarrel with this. We are simply pointing out that one adjusts to the realities of one's chosen marketplace.

Finally, to those software professionals and hardware manufacturers who choose to provide low-cost software to the hobbyist community: We wish to actively encourage your efforts. As you develop such software, if you will forward information about it, we will be pleased to publicize it, without cost. We believe that you are taking the right track in this new and exciting area.] --Jim C. Warren, Jr.

THE SIX PROJECT STAGES

- Wild Enthusiasm
- Disillusionment
- Total Confusion
- Search for the Guilty
- Punishment of the Innocent
- Promotion of the Nonparticipants

THE 1976 TRENTON COMPUTER FESTIVAL

by Sol Libes

[Editor's Note: The 1976 Trenton Computer Festival was the first manufacturer-independent computer convention of national scope for hobbyists. It was held on May 2nd.]

Back in November 1975 when Al Katz and I conceived of a Computer Festival, if you had said that 1,500 people would attend, I would have said you didn't know what you were talking about. And, if you had said that we would have 45 exhibitors, I would have thought that you belonged in the "cuckoo nest." But, it all happened on May 2nd at Trenton State College in New Jersey.

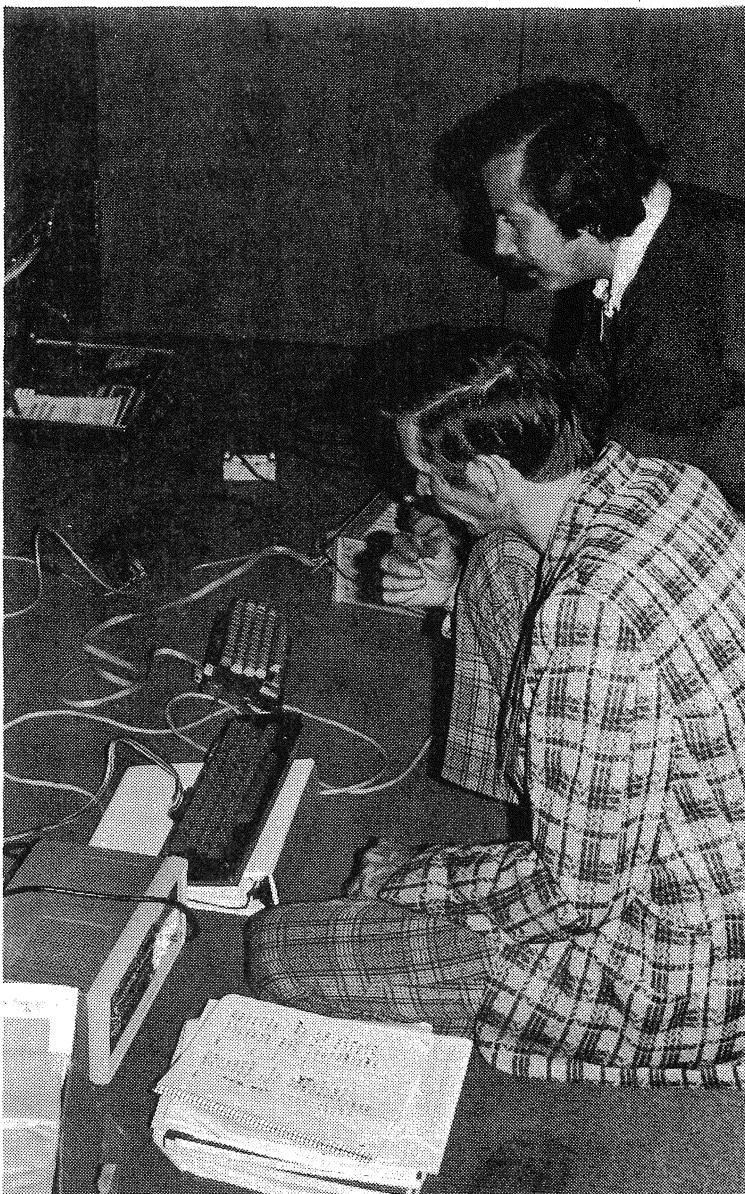


SOL LIBES, ACG-NJ president, spoke at the "Computer Club Congress".

What started out as a small affair for about 300 people (we only had about 100 members at the time), six to nine exhibitors, and a flea market, exploded. Considering that we did not anticipate such a large affair, it is incredible that everything went so well.



FLEA MARKET scene



PAT DEITTMAN and associate prepared for demonstration on use of microcomputers by radio amateurs.

The Festival turned into a National Convention—the first of its kind. People came from California, Colorado, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington DC, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Illinois, Indiana, New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Michigan, and, of course, New Jersey—18 states in all!

There were 26 speakers with such well known authorities as Dr. Robert Suding, Hal Chamberlin, and Dave Ahl. They spoke on subjects such as the Z-80 Mpu—including demo, computer music, computer graphics, writing software, 16-bit mpu's, etc.

The exhibitors included DEC, Motorola, RAC, Digital

Group, dealers for MITS, IMS, Sphere, E&L, HAL Communications, and many others.

Amateurs set up demo's of their systems. There was a free program-copying service for programs in the public domain. There was a huge outdoor flea market.

One exhibitor, who had brought 14 CRT terminals (@\$500 apiece) to the festival, sold 12 within minutes after the doors opened. By noon, all his stock was gone and he closed up his booth!

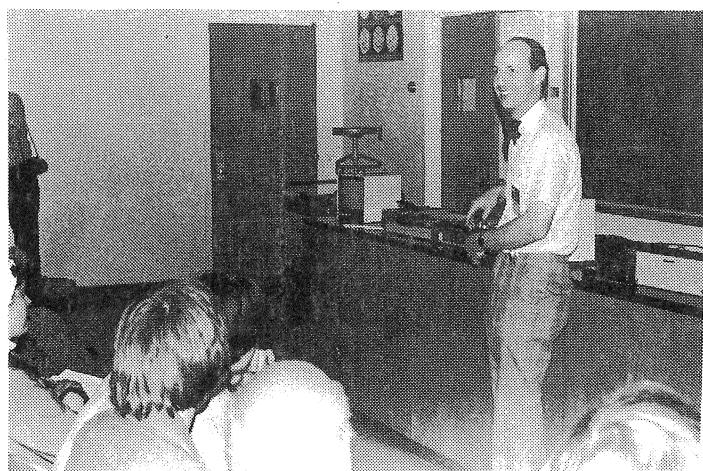
Of course, I was very busy during the Festival, but I did manage to go to two talks—and they were great. I heard Hal Chamberlin's talk on computer music. Hal is doing some radically new things using his IMP 16-bit mpu and a special Fourier hardware system to create music that is better than that I have heard from systems using other techniques. Hal played a tape of the Bach Toccata & Fugue in D Minor which was programmed on a 16-bit machine and processed through his Fourier circuitry to produce a rendition which



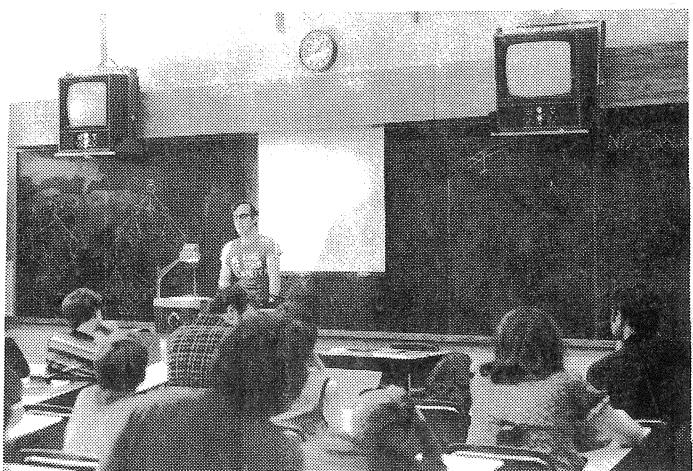
HAL CHAMBERLIN (left), Computer Hobbyist editor, demonstrated his new techniques for computer music.



MORE flea market



DR. ROBERT SUDING talked about, and demonstrated his new Z-80 microcomputer system.

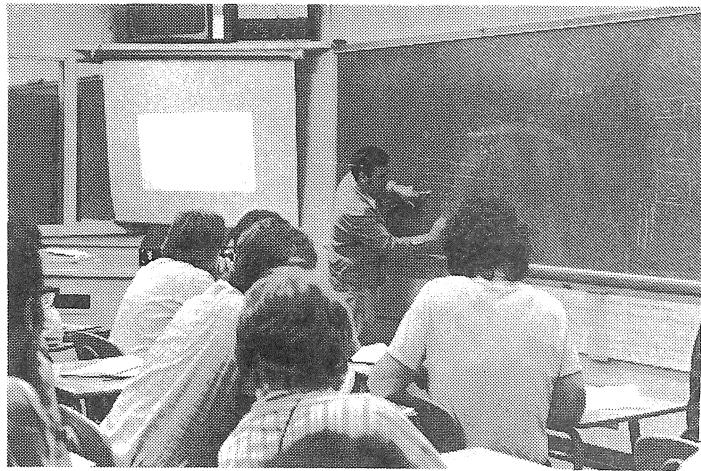


DAVE AHL (Creative Computing editor) spoke on computer games.

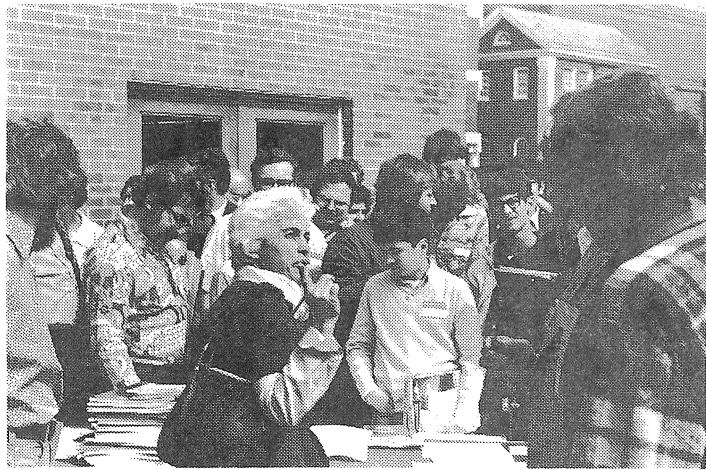
sounded like the best musician I have ever heard.

The other talk I heard was Dr. Robert Suding's concerning the new Zilog Z-80 Mpu. Bob had received an engineering sample of the Z-80 about 6 weeks ago and quickly and easily reworked a Digital Group CPU board to accept the Z-80 (it is *not* pin compatible with the 8080). Bob showed his system with a very impressive CRT display of all those Z-80 double registers.

All I can say is, if you were not there, you really missed the event of the year (there must have been about 100 Mpu-based systems up and running).



ED GERRI spoke on computer graphics.



100 door prizes—worth about \$2K—were handed out at the festival.

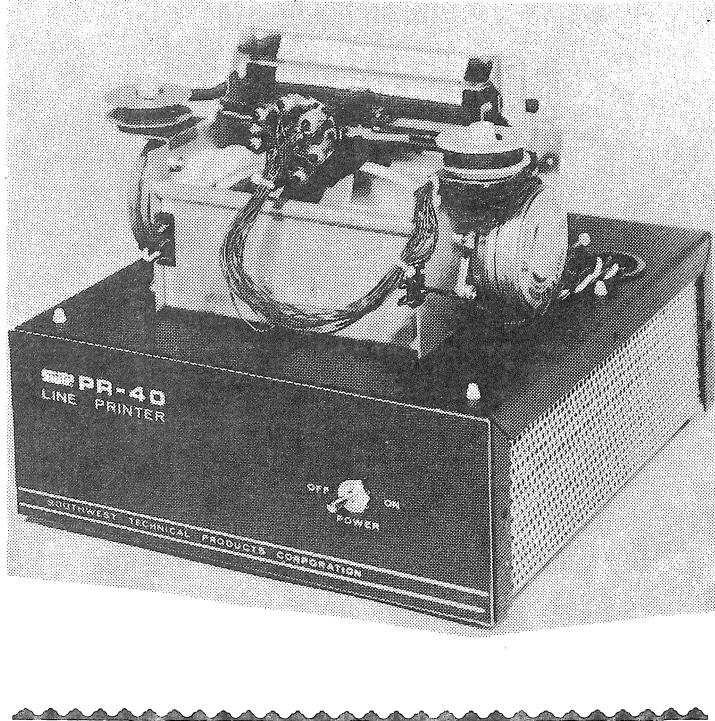
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40 CHARS/LINE PRINTER FOR \$250

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Southwest Technical's PR-40 Alphanumeric Printer Kit is a 5x7 dot matrix impact printer similar in operation to the well-known Centronics printers. It prints the 64 character upper case ASCII set with 40 characters/line at a print rate of 75 lines/minute on standard 3-7/8" wide rolls of adding machine paper. One complete line is printed at a time from an internal forty-character line buffer memory. Printing takes place either on the receipt of a carriage return or automatically whenever the line buffer memory is filled.

The printer is available in kit form only and includes the assembled print mechanism, chassis, circuit boards, components, 120/240 VAC-50/60 Hz power supply, assembly instructions, one ribbon and one roll of paper. It sells for \$250 postpaid in the U.S., and delivery is 30 days.



DAY RECOMMENDS . . .

Dear Jim Warren Jr.

There are two excellent articles in May 7, 1976, *Science*:

"Microprocessors?—An End User's View", R.E. Dessy, pp 511-518.

"Microprocessor Applications: A Less Sophisticated Approach," J.T. Arnold, pp 519-523.

Jim Day

Votrax makes the offer

speech synthesis kit for under \$1K

by John McDaniel

Dear Jim:

April 26, 1976

This letter is to confirm our conversation with regard to the VOTRAX Synthesizer Kit which we had discussed.

As I indicated in our conversation, VOTRAX was not aware of the computer hobbyist market, and therefore had not addressed itself to providing anything for that community.

As a result of preliminary investigation, I am pleased to relate to you that we could provide a VOTRAX Synthesizer in a kit form for a price not to exceed \$1000. However, we require more information as to the specifications of the kit and the size of market potential, before we can commit to this price. Our quotation on a minimum order and delivery would be contingent on receiving this data.

Based on the text of your announcement in *Dr. Dobb's Journal* [Volume 1, Number 3, page 12], I believe that I have misled you with regard to the size of the VOTRAX market. Your inference was that the VOTRAX market is not very large at present. This is not correct and, I am afraid, would tend to mislead your readers as to the impact the hobbyist market would have. This is not to say, however, that we're not interested in providing something for those users.

I hope that this information will be of benefit to you. I look forward to meeting with you again at the Home-Brew Computer Club Meeting. If I can be of further service, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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BASIC SYNTHESIZER INTERFACE SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The synthesizer requires 8 parallel data bits on its input pins in order to operate. Of these 8 bits, 6 are used for phoneme selection and 2 are used for inflection level selection.

The synthesizer provides a clock output which must be used to time the input data. Data should only be presented or changed on the positive transition of this clock.

Also provided is a status indicator (zero decode), which signals the presence of input data. This is useful when the synthesizer is operated from a buffer memory interface.

All signals are TTL signal levels, except audio output.

Pin Description, Conn. 6, (Front Mother Board)

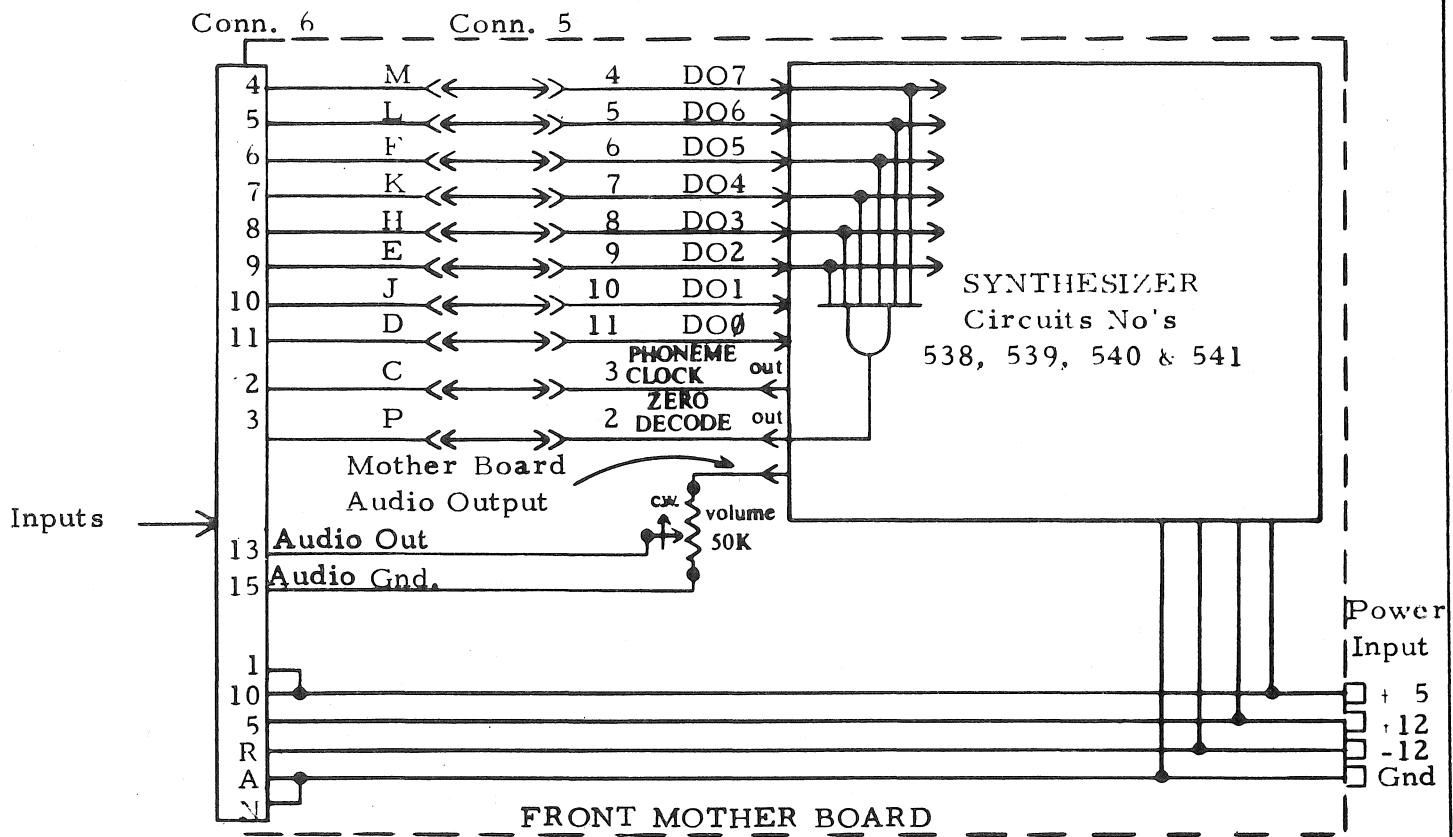
Connector	Pin No.	Function	Description	See Signal Function
	4	Data In, Inflection MSB	1 TTL load, Neg. True	A
	5	Data In, Inflection LSB	1 TTL load, Neg. True	A

6	Data In, Phoneme MSB	1 TTL load, Neg. True	A
7	Data In, Phoneme	1 TTL load, Neg. True	A
8	Data In, Phoneme	1 TTL load, Neg. True	A
9	Data In, Phoneme	1 TTL load, Neg. True	A
10	Data In, Phoneme	1 TTL load, Neg. True	A
11	Data In, Phoneme LSB	1 TTL load, Neg. True	A
2	Output, Phoneme Clock	2 TTL loads, Neg. Pulse	B
3	Output, Zero Decode	2 TTL loads, Pos. Ture	C
13	Output, Audio Control	Ext. 50K Vol. Con. Wiper	D
15	Output, Audio Ground	Audio Return	D
1 & 10	Output, +5 VDC	Interface Supply E	E
S	Output, +12 VDC	Interface Supply E	E
P	Output, -12 VDC	Interface Supply E	E
A&N	Ground	Signal Return	E

SIGNAL FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

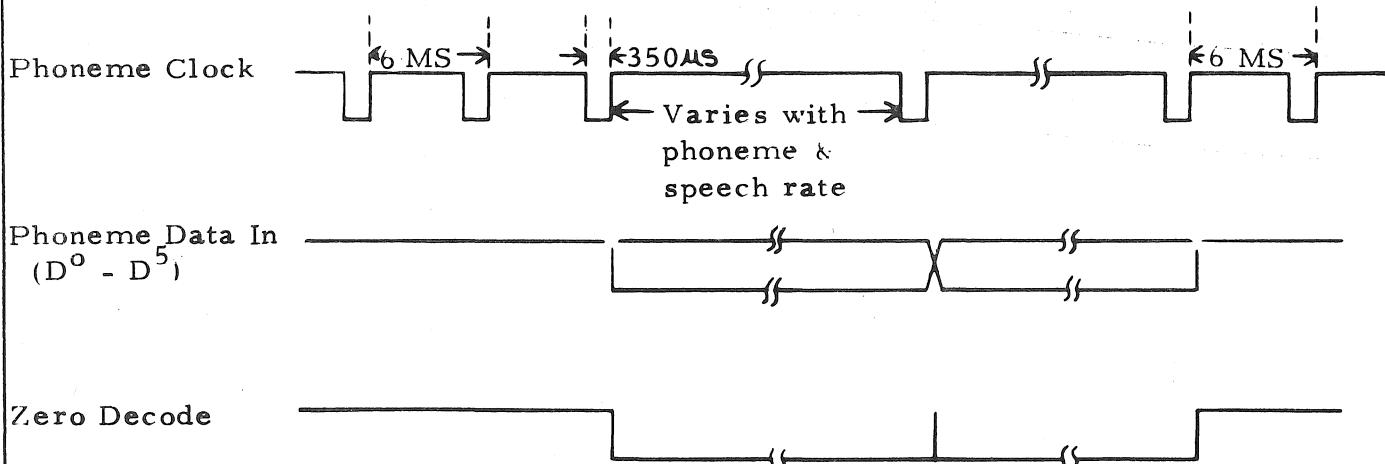
- A. Data In (Pins 4-11) Six bit phoneme code and 2 bit inflection code inputs. All phoneme inputs high are Null code causing no output condition.
- B. Phoneme Clock Output (Pin 2) Provides internal timing of synthesizer and must be used to control data input. Data should only be presented or changed on the positive edge of this signal. When all phoneme data inputs are high, this clock runs with a period of 6 milliseconds. When data input is present, the period lengthens, depending on speech rate and the particular phoneme.
- C. Zero Decode Output (Pin 3) This signal indicates the status of data by a high signal in absence of data and a low signal when any phoneme data input is low.
- D. Audio Control Output (Pins 13 & 15) 1-2 volt maximum audio signal from 50K external volume control. Additional external audio amplifier required to drive speaker.
- E. Power Supply Voltages. The basic synthesizer requires the following power:
 - +5 VDC regulated @ 120 MA
 - +12 VDC regulated @ 160 MA
 - 12 VDC regulated @ 200 MAPins A&N should be used for power supply returns, and Pin 15 for external audio amplifier ground return.

III. DIAGRAMS



- NOTES:
1. Conn. 6 mounted on front mother board.
 2. Conn. 5 requires jumpers as shown.
 3. Power supplied to push on tabs on mother board.
 4. Audio control connected to solder points on mother board.

INPUT/OUTPUT WAVEFORMS



NOTES:

1. Data in should be changed on positive edge of phoneme clock.
2. Zero decode output may contain spikes when data changes.
3. Data in is negative true (1 TTL load with 4.7K pullup resistor).

BAD BIT GETTERS:
Memory Test Programs

by Ray Boaz

(reprinted with permission from *Homebrew Computer Club Newsletter*)

Every computer system needs a memory test program or two to ensure a high level of confidence in the memory system hardware. One bad memory bit can send a program off to Never-Never Land. The memory test programs listed here are for use with 6800 systems operating with MIKBUG as a system monitor. MIKBUG is a simple monitor (as it was meant to be) which has many useful subroutines. Several of them are made use of in these memory test programs.

The terms used herein are consistent with the 6800 nomenclature. A and B are the two accumulators, X is the index register, PC is the program counter, SP is the stack pointer, CCR is the condition code register, and M is the memory location of interest.

Of the two programs, the shortest, MT1, is written to be used in the 6810 RAM used by MIKBUG as a scratch-pad. It is 27 bytes long and fits into address space A060 to A07A. This should work well for the SWTP 6800 Computer Systems. The second, MT2, is a more general test program but takes up 58 bytes total. The start and end addresses in MT1 are direct operands and therefore, shown blank in the listing. MT2 uses locations A002-3 for start, and A004-5 for end addresses. So these locations must be loaded before the program is started. Also in MT2 the I/O interrupt pointer locations (A000-1 are used so if applicable it must be set after running MT2. In general, both MT1 and MT2 operate the same until an error is found.

In both programs a store is made to an M start address, then the data is fetched back, compared to good data, and if true, it is incremented to test M again with A+1. This continues for all 256 bit combinations—00 to FF. Then X is incremented, and the next location is tested. This continues until the address is encountered.

In MT1, on finding an error, a branch to MIKBUG software interrupt is made which results in the status registers being printed out as follows: CCR-B-A-X-PC-SP. B is the good data, A is the error data, and X is the address with the error. If testing 1K bytes, 2000-23FF, and an error was found which resulted in B=00, A=00 and X=007, the chip containing data bit 7 (MSB) at M=2007 is bad. M+1 must be loaded as the new start address to continue the test to end address.

MT2 on finding an error goes to a routine to print A-B-X, then continues to the next M until end address is reached. Here again, A=error data, B=good data, and X=M error.

Both of these programs have worked well as memory testers and as chip testers for 2102 type memory chips.

MT1

A060 CE	_____	START LDX	LOAD X WITH START ADDR
A063 4F	OMT	CLRA	CLEAR A
A064 5F		CLRB	CLEAR B

A065 06		NVAL	TAP	CLEAR CCR
A066 A7	00		STAA	STORE A AT X ADDR
A068 A6	00		LDAA	LOAD A WITH DATA
				JUST STORED
A06A 11			CBA	COMPARE B-A
A06B 26	OD		BNE	IF NOT SAME BRANCH TO <i>ERROR</i>
A06D 4C			INCA	ELSE INCREMENT A
A06E 5C			INCB	INCREMENT B
A06F 26	F5		BNE	IF B NOT EQUAL TO 00 BRANCH TO <i>NVAL</i>
A071 08			INX	ELSE INCREMENT X
A072 8C	_____		CPX	COMPARE X TO END ADDR
A075 26	EC		BNE	IF NOT SAME BRANCH TO <i>OMT</i>
A077 7E	E0E3		JMP	ELSE JUMP TO MIKBUG CONTROL
A07A 3F			ERROR SWI	PRINT ERROR STATUS
MT2				
0000 FE	A002	START LDX		LOAD X WITH START ADDR
0003 4F		OMT	CLRA	CLEAR A
0004 5F			CLRB	CLEAR B
0005 06			TAP	CLEAR CCR
0006 A7	00	NVAL	STAA	STORE A AT X ADDR
0008 A6	00		LDAA	LOAD A WITH DATA
				JUST STORED
000A 11			CBA	COMPARE B-A
000B 26	OD		BNE	IF NOT SAME BRANCH TO <i>ERROR</i>
000D 4C			INCA	ELSE INCREMENT A
000E 5C			INCB	INCREMENT B
000F 26	F5		BNE	IF B NOT EQUAL TO 00 BRANCH TO <i>NVAL</i>
0011 08			INX	ELSE INCREMENT X
0012 BC	A004		CPX	COMPARE X TO END ADDR+1 AT A004
0015 26	EC		BNE	IF NOT SAME BRANCH TO <i>OMT</i>
0017 7E	E0E3		JMP	ELSE JUMP TO MIKBUG CONTROL
001A B7	A000	ERROR STAA		STORE A AT A000
001D F7	A001	STAB		STORE B AT A001
0020 FF	A002	STX		STORE X AT A002
0023 CE	E19D	LDX		LOAD X WITH ADDR OF CR/LF/* STRING
0026 BD	E07E	JSR		JUMP TO PRINT CR/LF/*
0029 CE	A000	LDX		LOAD X WITH ADDR OF ERROR DATA
002C BD	E0CA	JSR		JUMP TO PRINT ERROR (A)
002F BD	E0CA	JSR		JUMP TO PRINT DATA (B)
0032 BD	E0C8	JSR		JUMP TO PRINT ERROR ADDR (X)
0035 7C	A003	INC		INCREMENT M FOR NEW START ADDR
0038 20	C6	BRA		BRANCH TO <i>START</i>

UNIZAP—A MODIFICATION OF 'SHOOTING STARS'

by John C. Shepard

EDITOR'S NOTE: A game called TEASER, written in BASIC, was published in the September, 1974, issue of *PCC*. The game was redone by Willard I. Nico under the title of "Shooting Stars", and was published as an eight-page article in the May, 1976, issue of *Byte* (pages 42-49). UNIZAP is a variation of Nico's "Shooting Stars" game.

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1 ; 'UNIZAP' - A MODIFICATION OF 'SHOOTING STARS', A P
2 ; DESCRIBED IN THE MAY ISSUE OF BYTE MAGAZINE (# 9).
3 ; CONVERTED TO RUN ON INTEL 8080 8080 SYSTEMS BY
4 ; JOHN C. SHEPARD
5 ;
6 ; THIS PROGRAM IS PUBLIC DOMAIN... SEE BYTE MAG. FOR
7 ; ****
8 ; *****

10      ORG 1000H ; A GOOD PLACE TO START!
11      GETCH EQU 021BH ; INPUT ROUTINE user-written
12      ECHO EQU 01F4H ; ECHO ROUTINE user-written
13      HOLE EQU 20H ; A DOT
14      STAR EQU 2AH ; A STAR
15      WHY EQU 59H ; A "Y"
16      SPACE EQU 20H ; A SPACE
17      QUE EQU 51H ; A "Q"
18      COLON EQU 3AH ; A :
19      ZERO EQU 30H ; A "0"
20      CR EQU 0DH ; A ZERO
21      MESND EQU 0FFH ; END OF MESSAGE FLAG

1000 31 EE 12 22      START: LXI SP,12EEH ; SET UP STACK PTR.
1003 21 25 12 23      LXI H,TITLE ; LOAD POINTER TO TITLE M
1006 CD 32 11 24      CALL MESSGE ; PRINT IT
1009 06 00 25      MVI B,00H ; INITIALIZE UNIVERSE
1008 0E 01 26      MVI C,01H ; TO STARTING PATTERN
100D 50 27      MOV D,B ; CLEAR SHOT COUNTER
100E 14 28      UNIDIS: INR D ; INCREMENT SHOT COUNTER
100F 1E 0A 29      UNLOOP: MVI E,0AH ; LOOP COUNT 10 ITERATION
1011 1D 30      ULOOP2: DCR E ; DECREMENT LOOP COUNTER
1012 CA 9F 10 31      JZ WINTST ; IF LOOP DONE, GO TO WIN
1015 7B 32      MOV A,E ; MOVE COUNTER FOR TESTIN
1016 FE 06 33      CPI 06H ; IS LOOP IN 4TH CYCLE?
1018 CA 3E 10 34      JZ CRLF ; IF SO, DO A CR/LF
1018 FE 03 35      CPI 03H ; IS LOOP IN 7TH CYCLE?
101D CA 3E 10 36      JZ CRLF ; IF SO, DO A CR/LF
1020 FE 05 37      CPI 05H ; IS IT STAR FIVE?
1022 CA 45 10 38      JZ TESTS ; IF SO, SO 'SPECIAL' FET
1025 AF 39      NEDOT: XRA A ; CLEAR CARRY (AND A)
1026 78 40      MOV A,B ; MOVE UNIVERSE TO A
1027 0F 41      RRC ; ROTATE NEXT PLACE INTO
1028 A7 42      MOV B,A ; SAVE IT IN B FOR A WHIL
1029 D2 31 10 43      PSUDOT: JNC LOADUT ; IF BLACK HOLE, GO BLACK
102C 3E 2A 44      MVI A,STAR ; ELSE LOAD A STAR
102E C3 33 10 45      JMP DOIT ; AND PRINT IT
1031 3E 20 46      LOADUT: MVI A,HOLE ; LOAD A BLACK HOLE
1033 CD 20 11 47      DOIT: CALL OUTPUT ; PRINT THE CHARACTER
1036 3E 20 48      MVI A,SPACE ; LOAD A SPACE
1038 CD 20 11 49      CALL OUTPUT ; PRINT THAT, TOO
1038 C3 11 10 50      JMP ULOOP2 ; GO BACK INTO UNIVERSE P
103E 3E 00 51      CRLF: MVI A,CR ; LOAD A CARRIAGE RETURN
1040 CD 29 11 52      CALL OUTPUT ; PRINT IT. OUTPUT SUPPLI
1043 C3 25 10 53      JMP NEDOT ; GO BACK AND DO MORE UNI
1046 AF 54      TESTS: XRA A ; CLEAR CARRY (AND A)
1047 79 55      MOV A,C ; GET POSITION FIVE STATU
1048 0F 56      RRC ; PUT STATUS INTO CARRY
1049 C3 29 10 57      JMP PSUDOT ; REJOIN MAIN ROUTINE
104C 21 61 11 58      GOTSTR: LXI H,URSHOT ; POINT TO 'YOUR SHOT?' M
104F CD 32 11 59      CALL MESSGE ; PRINT MESSAGE
1052 CD 18 11 60      CALL INPUT ; GET PLAYER'S INPUT
1055 1E 09 61      MVI E,09H ; LOOP COUNT FOR TABLE SE
1057 21 3D 11 62      LXI H,MSKTB1 ; POINT TO THE MASK TABLE
105A BE 63      NXTGRP: CMP M ; DOES INPUT EQUAL TABLE
105B CA 69 10 64      JZ FOUND ; IF SO, GO ALTER UNIVERS
105E 10 65      DCR E ; OTHERWISE, DECREMENT LO
105F CA 88 10 66      JZ INVALID ; IF LOOP HAS ENDED, CHAR
1062 23 67      INX H ; OTHERWISE INCREMENT
1063 23 68      INX H ; TABLE POINTER FOUR
1064 23 69      INX H ; TIMES TO GET TO NEXT
1065 23 70      INX H ; ENTRY
1066 C3 5A 10 71      JMP NXTGRP ; THEN TEST THAT ENTRY
1069 23 72      FOUND: INX H ; POINT TO POSITION MASK
106A 7E 73      MOV A,M ; AND LOAD MASK INTO A
106B A7 74      ANA A ; SET THE FLAGS
106C C2 78 10 75      JNZ UNI2A ; IF MASK NOT 0 THEN FRIN
106F 79 76      MOV A,C ; OTHERWISE THE CENTER PO
1070 FE 01 77      CPI 01H ; IS STAR IN CENTER?
1072 C2 12 11 78      SNZ BAOMOV ; IF NOT THEN IT'S A WRON
1075 C3 70 10 79      JMP NXTBYT ; ELSE GO PROCESS STAR
1078 78 80      UNI2A: MOV A,B ; REST OF UNIVERSE TO A
1079 A6 81      ANA M ; AND WITH MASK TO ISOLAT
107A CA 12 11 82      JZ BAOMOV ; IF NO STAR THEN WRUNG M
107D 23 83      NXTBYT: INX H ; POINT TO GALAXY MASK

107E 70 84      MOV A,B ; FETCH UNIVERSE AGAIN
107F AE 85      XRA M ; AND COMPLEMENT IT (THAN
1080 47 86      MOV B,A ; THEN REPLACE IT
1081 23 87      INX H ; POINT TO CENTER MASK
1082 79 88      MOV A,C ; FETCH CENTER OF UNIVER
1083 AE 89      XRA M ; COMPLEMENT CENTER
1084 4F 90      MOV C,A ; AND SAVE THE CENTER OF
1085 C3 0E 10 91      JMP UNIDIS ; GU DISPLAY THE NEW UNIV
1086 FE 51 92      INVALID: CPI QUE ; WAS SHOT 'QUIT'?
108A C2 96 10 93      JNZ NUTVAL ; IF NOT DO BAD STAR RUUTI
108D 21 77 11 94      LXI H,HEQUIT ; POINT TO 'YOU QUIT' MES
1090 CD 32 11 95      CALL MESSGE ; PRINT MESSAGE
1093 C3 EF 10 96      JMP AGAIN ; SEE IF HE WANTS TO TRY
1096 21 6F 12 97      NOTVAL: LXI H,BADNUM ; POINT TO BAD MSG.
1099 CD 32 11 98      CALL MESSGE ; PRINT IT
109C C3 0F 10 99      JMP UNLUOP ; GO JACK AND REPRINT UNI
109F 78 100      WINTST: MOV A,B ; MOVE UNIVERSE TO A
10A0 FE FF 101      CPI 0FFH ; ARE ALL FRINGE STARS P
10A2 C2 00 11 102      JNZ LOSTST ; IF NOT, SEE IF PLAYER H
10A5 79 103      MOV A,C ; FETCH CENTER OF UNIVERS
10A6 A7 104      ANA A ; SET FLAGS
10A7 C2 4C 10 105      JNZ GOTSTR ; IF CENTER NOT EMPTY, NO
10A8 21 92 11 106      LXI H,WINMS1 ; POINT TO 1ST HALF OF WI
10AD CD 32 11 107      CALL MESSGE ; AND PRINT WIN MESSAGE
10B0 1E 30 108      MVI E,ZERO ; BEGIN BINARY TO DECIMA
10B2 43 109      MOV B,E ; CONVERSION BY SETTING
10B3 40 110      MOV C,E ; REGISTERS TO (ASCII) ZE
10B4 15 111      DCR D ; GET RID OF LAST SHOT
10B5 7A 112      MOV A,D ; MOVE SHOT COUNT TO A FO
10B6 A7 113      ANA A ; SET FLAGS
10B7 CA E5 10 114      JZ LSTSIG ; IF ZERO, SKIP CONVERSIO
10B8 3E 3A 115      MVI A,Colon ; SET A TO OVERFLOW COD
10B9 1C 116      MORDEC: INR E ; COUNT UP 1 IN 1'S DIGIT
10B0 88 117      CMP E ; IS IT = TO OVERFLOW?
10B1 C2 CB 10 118      JNZ TALLY ; IF NOT THEN TALLY AND C
10B2 1E 30 119      MVI E,ZERO ; ELSE RESET 1'S DIGIT.T
10B3 0C 120      INR C ; AND CARRY INTO NEXT DIG
10B4 B9 121      CMP C ; IS IT = TO OVERFLOW TOO
10B5 C2 CB 10 122      JNZ TALLY ; IF NOT THEN TALLY & CON
10B6 9E 30 123      MVI C,ZERO ; ELSE RESET MIDDLE DIGI
10B7 0A 124      INR B ; AND CARRY INTO 10'S DI
10B8 15 125      TALLY: DCR D ; DECREMENT SCORE FOR TAL
10B9 C2 BC 10 126      JNZ MORDEC ; IF NOT ZERO, KEEP L
10BFC 78 127      MOV A,B ; FETCH LEADING DIGIT TO
10BDF FE 30 128      CPI ZERO ; IS IT (ASCII) ZERO?
10BDE C2 DC 10 129      JNZ THREED ; IF NOT DISPLAY 3 DIGITS
10BDF 79 130      MOV A,C ; FETCH MIDDLE DIGIT TO A.
10BDE FE 30 131      CPI ZERO ; IS IT (ASCII) ZERO TOO
10BDE C2 E2 132      JNZ MIDPR ; IF NOT DISPLAY 2 DIGITS
10BDF C3 E5 10 133      JMP LSISIG ; IF SO DISPLAY ONLY ONE
10BDE CD 28 11 134      THREEED: CALL OUTPUT ; DISPLAY 3 DIGITS, LEFT
10BEE 79 135      MOV A,C ; FETCH MIDDLE DIGIT TO A
10BEC CD 28 11 136      MIDPR: CALL OUTPUT ; DISPLAY 2 DIGITS, LEFT
10BFD 7B 137      LSTSIG: MVI A,E ; DISPLAY 1'S DIGIT
10BFE CD 2B 11 138      CALL OUTPUT ; POINT TO 2ND HALF OF WI
10BFF 21 AC 11 139      LXI H,WINMS2 ; PRINT THE MESSAGE
10C0 CD 32 11 140      CALL MESSGE ; POINT TO 'AGAIN?' MESSA
10C1 21 CA 11 141      AGAIN: LXI H,AGNNES ; PRINT IT
10C2 CD 32 11 142      CALL MESSGE ; GET PLAYER'S RESPONSE
10C3 CD 1E 11 143      CALL INPUT ; IS ANSWER 'YES'?
10C4 FE 50 144      CPI WHY ; IF SO, DO GAME AGAIN
10C5 CA 00 10 145      JZ START ; ELSE, BACK TO KIT EXIT
10C6 C3 07 00 146      JMP 0007H ; SET FLAGS
10C7 A7 147      LOSTST: ANA A ; CONTINUE IF FRINGE NOT
10C8 C2 4C 10 148      JNZ GOTSTR ; TEST CENTER POSITION
10C9 79 149      MOV A,C ; SET FLAGS
10CA 07 150      ANA A ; IF CENTER NOT ZERO, GO
10CB CD 2B 11 151      JNZ GOTSTR ; POINT TO 'YOU LOST' MES
10CD 21 EB 11 152      LXI H,LOSTMS ; PRINT IT
10CE CD 32 11 153      CALL MESSGE ; SEE IF HE WANTS TO PLAY
10CF C3 EF 10 154      JMP AGAIN ; POINT TO 'BAD MOVE' MES
10D0 21 C1 12 155      BADMOV: LXI H,BADMES ; PRINT IT
10D1 CD 32 11 156      CALL MESSGE ; AND BACK INTO GAME
10D2 C3 0F 10 157      JMP UNLOOP ; SAVE B,C REGS. FRM MUN
10D3 C5 158      INPUT: PUSH B ; GET A CHARACTER FRM US
10D4 CD 10 02 159      CALL GETCH ; ECHO IT!
10D5 CD F4 01 160      CALL ECHO ; SAVE IT!
10D6 59 161      MOV C,C ; DO A CR/LF
10D7 FE 00 162      MVI C,CR ; USING THE ECHOER
10D8 F4 01 163      CALL ECHO ; GET THE INPUT BACK
10D9 7B 164      MOV A,L ; RESTORE B,C REGISTERS
10DA C1 165      POP B ; THEN JUST RETURN
10DB C9 166      RET ; SAVE B,C REGS FROM
10DC B5 167      OUTPUT: PUSH B ; LOAD CHARACTER TO PRINT
10DD 4F 168      MOV C,A ; PRINT IT
10DE CD F4 01 169      CALL ECHO ; RESTORE B,C REGS.
10DF C1 170      POP B ; THEN RETURN
10E0 C9 171      RET ; GET CHAR. FROM MEMORY
10E1 7E 172      MESSAGE: MOV A,M ; IS IT STOP CODE?
10E2 FE FF 173      CPI MESND ; YES. RETURN TO CALLER
10E3 C8 174      R2 ; NO. PRINT CHAR.
10E4 CD 28 11 175      CALL OUTPUT ; INC. MESSAGE POINTER
10E5 23 176      INX H ; GO BACK AND GET SOME MO
10E6 C3 32 11 177      JMP MESSGE

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Numbers

All numbers are integers and must be less than 32767.

Variables

There are 26 variables denoted by letters A through Z. There is also a single array $\partial(I)$. The dimension of this array is set automatically to make use of all the memory space that is left unused by the program. (i.e., 0 through SIZE/2, see SIZE function below.)

Functions

There are 3 functions:

$\text{ABS}(X)$ gives the absolute value of X.
 $\text{RND}(X)$ gives a random number between 1 and X (inclusive).
 SIZE gives the number of bytes left unused by the program.

Arithmetic and Compare Operators

/	divide.
*	multiply.
-	subtract.
+	add.
>	greater than (compare).
<	less than (compare).
=	equal to (compare).
#	not equal to (compare).
>=	greater than or equal to (compare).
<=	less than or equal to (compare).

* , 2 , 3 , and $/$ operations result in a value between -32767 and 32767. (-32768 is also allowed in some cases.) All compare operators result in a 1 if true and a 0 if not true.

Expressions

Expressions are formed with numbers, variables, and functions with arithmetic and compare operators between them. + and - signs can also be used at the beginning of an expression. The value of an expression is evaluated from left to right, except that * and / are always done first, and then + and -, and then compare operators. Parentheses can also be used to alter the order of evaluation. Note that compare operators can be used in any expression. For example:

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10 LET A=(X>Y)*123+(X=Y)*456+(X<Y)*789
20 IF (U=1)*(V<2)+(U>V)*(U<99)*(V>3) PRINT "YES"
30 LET R=RND(100), A=(R>3)+(R>15)+(R>56)+(R>98)
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In statement 10, A will be set to 123 if $X > Y$, to 456 if $X = Y$, and to 789 if $X < Y$. In statement 20, the "*" operator acts like a logical AND, and the "+" operator acts like a logical OR. In statement 30, Y will be a random number between 0

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Within the first five issues of *Dr. Dobb's Journal* we have published complete details and listings of four versions of Tiny BASIC:

Jan. & Feb., 1976: Whipple's & Arnold's Tiny BASIC Extended (TBX)

March, 1976: Grieb's Denver Tiny BASIC

April, 1976: Mueller's MINOL

May, 1976 (now): Wang's Palo Alto Tiny BASIC

All of these have been for 8080's. We think this is enough for the 8080, at least for the time being. Therefore, we will publish no more 8080 versions unless they have some very unusual or valuable features, for instance:

floating point package (well documented)

comprehensive string & substring operators

well-designed graphics/display interface & commands

complete interface & commands for mass storage
 significant program & variables editing features
 extensive package of interest built-in functions
 full BASIC capabilities in under two kilobytes

We are very interested, however, in publishing complete information on some versions of Tiny BASIC for the many other microprocessors, for example:

8008

PACE

6502

6800

SC/MP

ETC.

Also, as you read through the articles on the first four implementations, you should see better ways to do things, features that can easily be added, improvements that are possible in the documentation, etc. We hope you will implement those, as you note them; write them up, and forward them for publication in the *Journal* as enhancements to these four Tiny BASIC dialects. --Jim Warren, Jr., Editor

and 4 with a prescribed probability distribution of: 3% of being 0, 15-3=12% of being 1, 56-15=41% of being 2, 98-56=42% of being 3, and 100-98=2% of being 4.

Direct Commands

All the commands described later can be used as direct commands except the following three, they can only be used as direct command and not as part of a statement:

RUN

will start to execute the program starting at the lowest statement number.

LIST

will print out all the statements in numerical order.

LIST 120

will print out all the statements in numerical order starting at statement 120.

NEW

will delete all statements.

Abbreviation and blanks

You may use blanks freely, except that numbers, command key words, and function names can not have embedded blanks.

You may truncate all command keywords and function names and follow them by a period. "P.", "PR.", "PRI.", and "PRIN." all stand for "PRINT". Also the word LET in LET command can be omitted. The "shortest" abbreviation for all keywords are as follows:

A.=ABS	GOSUB	G.=GOTO
IF=IF	L=LIST	N.=NEW
N.=NEXT	REM=REMARK	R.=RETURN
R.=RND	S.=SIZE	S.=STEP
S.=STOP	TO=TO	
Implied = LET		

Statements
A statement consists of a statement number of between 1 and 32767 followed by one or more commands. Commands in the same statement are separated by a semi-colon ":". "GOTO", "STOP", and "RETURN" commands must be the last command in any given statement.

Commands

Tiny Basic commands are listed below with examples. Remember that commands can be concatenated with semi-colons. In order to store the statement, you must also have a statement number in front of the commands. The statement number and the

concatenation are not shown in the examples.

REM or REMARK Command

REM anything goes

This line will be ignored by TBI.

LET Command

LET A=234-5*6, A=A/2, X=X+100, @ (X+9)=A-1

will set the variable A to the value of the expression 234-5*6 (i.e., 204), set the variable A (again) to the value of the expression A/2 (i.e., 102), set the variable X to the value of the expression A-100 (i.e., 2), and then set the variable @ (11) to 101 (where 11 is the value of the expression X+9 and 101 is the value of the expression A-1).

LET U=A#B, V=(A>B)*X+(A<B)*Y

will set the variable U to either 1 or 0 depending on whether A is not equal to or is equal to B; and set the variable V to either X, Y or 0 depending on whether A is greater than, less than, or equal to B.

PRINT Command

PRINT

will cause a carriage-return (CR) and a line-feed (LF) on the output device.

PRINT A*3+1, "ABC 123 !@#", ! CBA !

will print the value of the expression A*3+1 (i.e., 307), the string of characters "ABC 123 !@#", and the string " CBA " and then a CR-LF. Note that either single or double quotes can be used to quote strings, but pairs must be matched.

PRINT A*3+1, "ABC 123 !@#", ! CBA !,

will produce the same output as before, except that there is no CR-LF after the last item is printed. This enables the program to continue printing on the same line with another "PRINT".

PRINT A, B, #3, C, D, E, #10, F, G

will print the values of A and B in 6 spaces, the values of C, D, and E in 3 spaces, and the values of F and G in 10 spaces. If there are not enough spaces specified for a given value to be printed, the value will be printed with enough spaces anyway.

PRINT 'ABC',-, 'XXX'

In order to store the statement, you must also have a statement number will print the string "ABC", a CR without a LF, and then the in front of the commands. The statement number and the

INPUT Command

INPUT A, B

When this command is executed, Tiny Basic will print "A:" and wait to read in an expression from the input device. The variable A will be set to the value of this expression. Then "B:" is printed and variable B is set to the value of the next expression read from the input device. Note that not only numbers, but also expressions can be read as input.

INPUT 'WHAT IS THE WEIGHT' A, "AND SIZE"B

This is the same as the command above, except the prompt "A:" is replaced by "WHAT IS THE WEIGHT:" and the prompt "B:" is replaced by "AND SIZE:". Again, both single and double quotes can be used as long as they are matched.

INPUT A, 'STRING', -, "ANOTHER STRING", B

The strings and the "-" have the same effect as in "PRINT".

IF Command

IF A<B LET X=3; PRINT 'THIS STRING'

& will test the value of the expression A<B. If it is not zero (i.e., if it is true), the commands in the rest of this statement will be executed. If the value of the expression is zero (i.e., if it is not true), the rest of this statement will be skipped over and execution continues at next statement. Note that the word "THEN" is not used.

GOTO Command

GOTO 120

will cause the execution to jump to statement 120. Note that GOTO command cannot be followed by a semi-colon and other commands. It must be ended with a CR.

GOSUB A#10+B

will cause the execution to jump to a different statement number as computed from the value of the expression.

GOSUB and RETURN Commands

GOSUB command is similar to GOTO command except that: a) the current statement number and position within the statement is remembered; and b) a semi-colon and other commands can follow it in the same statement.

GOSUB 120

will cause the execution to jump to statement 120.

will cause the execution to jump to different statements as computed from the value of the expression A#10+B.

RETURN

A RETURN command must be the last command in a statement and followed by a CR. When a RETURN command is encountered, it will cause the execution to jump back to the command following the most recent GOSUB command.

GOSUB can be nested. The depth of nesting is limited only by the stack space.

FOR and NEXT Commands

FOR X=A+1 TO 3*B STEP C-1

The variable X is set to the value of the expression A+1. The values of the expressions (not the expressions themselves) 3*B and C-1 are remembered. The name of the variable X, the statement number and the position of this command within the statement are also remembered. Execution then continues the normal way until a NEXT command is encountered.

The STEP can be positive, negative or even zero. The word STEP and the expression following it can be omitted if the desired STEP is +1.

NEXT X

The name of the variable (X) is checked with that of the most recent FOR command. If they do not agree, that FOR is terminated and the next recent FOR is checked, etc. When a match is found, this variable will be set to its current value plus the value of the STEP expression saved by the FOR command. The updated value is then compared with the value of the TO expression also saved by the FOR command. If this is within the limit, execution will jump back to the command following the FOR command. If this is outside the limit, execution continues following the NEXT command itself.

FOR can be nested. The depth of nesting is limited only by the stack space. If a new FOR command with the same control variable as that of an old FOR command is encountered, the old FOR will be terminated automatically.

STOP Command

STOP

This command stops the execution of the program and returns control to direct commands from the input device. It can appear many times in a program but must be the last command in any given statement. i.e., it cannot be followed by a semi-colon and other commands.

Stopping the Execution

The execution of program or listing of program can be stopped

by the Control-C key on the input device.

Control of Output Device

The Control-O key on the input device can be used to turn the output device ON and OFF. This is useful when you want to read in a program punched on paper tape.

To produce such a paper tape, type "LIST" without CR. Turn on the paper tape punch and type a few Control-Shift-P's and then a CR. When listing is finished, type more Control-Shift-P's and turn off the punch.

To read back such a paper tape, type "NEW", CR, and Control-0, then turn on the paper tape reader. When the paper tape is read, turn the reader off and type a Control-0 again.

Error Report

There are only three error conditions in TINY BASIC. The statement with the error is printed out with a question mark inserted at the point where the error is detected.

(1) WHAT? means it does not understand you. Example:

WHAT?
210 P?INT "THIS"
Where PRINT is misstyped
WHAT?
260 LET A=B+3, C=(3+4?, X=4
(2) HOW? means it understands you but does not know how to do it.
HOW?
310 LET A=B*C?+2
Where B*C is greater than 32767
HOW?
380 GOTO 412?
Where 412 does not exist
(3) SORRY means it understands you and knows how to do it but there is not enough memory to do it.

ERROR Corrections

If you notice an error in typing before you hit the CR, You can delete the last character by the Rub-Out key or delete the entire line by the Alt-Mode key. Tiny Basic will echo a back-slash for each Rub-Out. Echo for Alt-Mode consists of a LF, a CR, and an up-arrow.

To correct a statement, you can retype the statement number and the correct commands. Tiny Basic will replace the old statement with the new one.

To delete a statement, type the statement number and a CR only.

Verify the corrections by "LIST nnnn" and hit the Control-C key while the line is being printed.

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*** ZERO PAGE SUBROUTINES ***

THE 8080 INSTRUCTION SET LETS YOU HAVE 8 ROUTINES IN LOW MEMORY THAT MAY BE CALLED BY RST N. N BEING 0 THROUGH 7. THIS IS A ONE BYTE INSTRUCTION AND HAS THE SAME POWER AS THE THREE BYTE INSTRUCTION CALL LLHH. TINY BASIC WILL USE RST AS START OR RESTART AND RST 1 THROUGH RST 7 FOR THE SEVEN MOST FREQUENTLY USED SUBROUTINES. TWO OTHER SUBROUTINES (CRLF AND TSTNUM) ARE ALSO IN THIS SECTION. THEY CAN BE REACHED ONLY BY 3-BYTE CALLS.

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*** START/RESTART ***
ORG X'0000'          *** START/RESTART ***
DI SP,STACK           INITAILIZE THE STACK
Lodi SP,STACK         GO TO THE MAIN SECTION
JMP STI
CHAR 'L'
XCH HL,(SP)          *** TSTC OR RST 1 ***
IGNBLK               IGNORE BLANKS AND
CMP M                TEST CHARACTER
JMP TCI               REST OF THIS IS AT VCI
*** CRLF ***
ORG X'0000'          *** OUTC OR RST 2 ***
DI SP,STACK           PRINT CHARACTER ONLY
Lodi SP,STACK         IF OCSW SWITCH IS ON
JMP DC2               REST OF THIS IS AT OC2
*** EXP OR RST 3 ***
CALL EXPR2            EVALUATE AN EXPRESSION
PUSH HL               REST OF IT IS AT EXPR1
JMP EXPR1             CHAR 'W'
*** COMP OR RST 4 ***
LDD A,H               COMPARE HL WITH DE
D                   RETURN CORRECT C AND
RET NZ               Z FLAGS
LDD A,L               BUT OLD A IS LOST
CMP E
RET U
*** IGNBLK/RST 5 ***
LD A,(DE)             TEST VARIABLES
CMP I               C NOT "@" ARRAY
RET NZ               IN TEXT (WHERE DE->)
INC DE               AND RETURN THE FIRST
JMP SSI              NON-BLANK CHAR. IN A
*** FINISH/RST 6 ***
POP AF               CHECK END OF COMMAND
CALL QWHA              PRINT "WHAT?" IF WRONG
CHAR 'G'
*** TSTV OR RST 7 ***
SUBI '@'             FIND SIZE OF FREE
RET C               AND CHECK THAT
JMP NZ,TV1            C=NOT "@" ARRAY
INC DE               IT IS THE "@" ARRAY
ADD HL,HL             @ SHOULD BE FOLLOWED
CALL PARN             BY (EXPR) AS ITS INDEX
JMP C,QHOU            IS INDEX TOO BIG?
PUSH DE               WILL IT OVERWRITE
XCH HL,DE             TEXT?
CALL COMP             FIND SIZE OF FREE
JMP E7               AND CHECK THAT
COMP C=SORRY          IF SO, SAY "SORRY"
LODI HL,VARBGN        IF NOT, GET ADDRESS
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0118 67 LOD H,A HL->NEW UNFILLED AREA
0119 11001F 0aa0 LODI DE,TXTEND CHECK TO SEE IF THERE
COMP IS ENOUGH SPACE
JMP NC,SORRY NO ROOM FOR IT
ST HL,TXTUNF OK
POP DE,OLD UNFILLED AREA
CALL MVDOWN DE->DE,HL DE->BEGIN, HL->END
POP CALL MVUP MOVE NEW LINE TO SAVE
JMP ST3 AREA
***** * TABLES *** DIRECT *** & EXEC ***
* THIS SECTION OF THE CODE TESTS A STRING AGAINST A TABLE.
* WHEN A MATCH IS FOUND, CONTROL IS TRANSFERRED TO THE SECTION
* OF CODE ACCORDING TO THE TABLE.
*
* AT "EXEC", DE SHOULD POINT TO THE STRING AND HL SHOULD POINT
* TO THE TABLE. AT "DIRECT", DE SHOULD POINT TO THE STRING.
* HL WILL BE SET UP TO POINT TO TAB1-1, WHICH IS THE TABLE OF
* ALL DIRECT AND STATEMENT COMMANDS.
*
* A " " IN THE STRING WILL TERMINATE THE TEST AND THE PARTIAL
* MATCH WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A MATCH. E.G. "PR. "
* "PRI. " OR "PRINT. " WILL ALL MATCH "PRINT".
*
* THE TABLE CONSISTS OF ANY NUMBER OF ITEMS. EACH ITEM
* IS A STRING OF CHARACTERS WITH BIT 7 SET TO 0 AND
* A JUMP ADDRESS STORED HI-LOW WITH BIT 7 OF THE HIGH
* BYTE SET TO 1.
*
* END OF TABLE IS AN ITEM WITH A JUMP ADDRESS ONLY. IF THE
* STRING DOES NOT MATCH ANY OF THE OTHER ITEMS, IT WILL
* MATCH THIS NULL ITEM AS DEFAULT.

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012F TAB1 EQU * LIST* LIST
ITEM * RUN* RUN
ITEM * NEW* NEW
ITEM *NEXT* NEXT
ITEM * DIRECT/STATEMENT
013F TAB2 EQU * DIRECT/STATEMENT
ITEM * LET* LET
ITEM * IF* IF
ITEM * GOTO*,GOTO
ITEM * GOSUB*,GOSUB
ITEM * RETURN*,RETURN
ITEM *REM*,REM
ITEM *STOP*,STOP
ITEM *FOR*,FOR
ITEM *INPUT*,INPUT
ITEM *PRINT*,PRINT
ITEM * RND*,RND FUNCTIONS
ITEM *ABS*,ABS
ITEM *SIZE*,SIZE
***** * TABLES *** DIRECT *** & EXEC ***
* THIS SECTION OF THE CODE TESTS A STRING AGAINST A TABLE.
* WHEN A MATCH IS FOUND, CONTROL IS TRANSFERRED TO THE SECTION
* OF CODE ACCORDING TO THE TABLE.
*
* AT "EXEC", DE SHOULD POINT TO THE STRING AND HL SHOULD POINT
* TO THE TABLE. AT "DIRECT", DE SHOULD POINT TO TAB1-1, WHICH IS THE TABLE OF
* ALL DIRECT AND STATEMENT COMMANDS.
*
* A " " IN THE STRING WILL TERMINATE THE TEST AND THE PARTIAL
* MATCH WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A MATCH. E.G. "PR. "
* "PRI. " OR "PRINT. " WILL ALL MATCH "PRINT".
*
* THE TABLE CONSISTS OF ANY NUMBER OF ITEMS. EACH ITEM
* IS A STRING OF CHARACTERS WITH BIT 7 SET TO 0 AND
* A JUMP ADDRESS STORED HI-LOW WITH BIT 7 OF THE HIGH
* BYTE SET TO 1.
*
* END OF TABLE IS AN ITEM WITH A JUMP ADDRESS ONLY. IF THE
* STRING DOES NOT MATCH ANY OF THE OTHER ITEMS, IT WILL
* MATCH THIS NULL ITEM AS DEFAULT.

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01AF 853D ITEM *XP40
CHAR *YOU MAY INSERT MORE FUNCTIONS.
01B1 84EC CHAR *TO* IN "FOR"
01B3 594F5204D415920 ITEM *TO*,FR1
01C3 4D4F52452046554E TAB5 EQU *
01CB 4354494F4E53 ITEM *WHAT*
01D1 544F TAB6 EQU *
ITEM *STEP*,FR2
01DB 8304 ITEM *FR3
RELATION OPERATORS
01DF 3E3D TAB8 EQU *
ITEM *>=*,XP11
01E1 8417 ITEM *#*,XP12
01E3 23 ITEM *>*,XP13
01E4 841D ITEM *==*,XP15
01E6 3E ITEM *<=*,XP14
01E7 8423 ITEM *<*,XP16
01E9 3D ITEM *XP17
01EA 8432 DIRECT LODI HL,TAB1-1 *** DIRECT ***
01EC 3C3D ITEM *FR1
01EE 842A ITEM *FR2
01F0 3C ITEM *FR3
01F1 8438 ITEM *FR4
01F3 643E ITEM *FR5
01F5 212E01 EXEC EQU *
01F8 EF EX0 EQU *
01F9 DS EX1 EQU *
01FA 1A EX2 EQU *
01FB 13 EX3 EQU *
01FC FEE2E JUMP Z,EX3
01FE CA1702 INC HL
0201 23 CMP M
0202 BE LD A,(DE)
0203 CAFA01 INC DE
0206 3E7F DEC M
0208 1B CMP M
0209 BE CMP M
020A DA1E02 JUMP C,EX5
020D 23 INC HL
020E BE CMP M
0212 23 INC HL
0213 D1 POP DE
0214 C3FB01 JUMP EX0
0217 3E7F LODI A,X?F
0219 23 INC HL
021A BE CMP M
021B D21902 JUMP NC,EX4
021E 7E LOD A,M
021F 23 INC HL
0220 6E AND I X?F
0221 E67F LOD H,A
0223 67 POP AF
0224 F1 JMP (HL)
0225 E9 LOAD HL WITH THE JUMP
0226 4E555524E ADDRESS FROM THE TABLE
0227 52454D MASK OFF BIT 7
0228 8396 AND I X?F
0229 464F52 LOD H,A
0230 82EA POP AF
0231 844E505554 CLEAN UP THE GARBAGE
0232 82B1 JMP (HL)
0233 83B1 AND WE GO DO IT
0234 5052494E54
0235 8279
0236 53544F60
0237 822F
0238 8401
0239 844E534552542020
0240 404F524520434F4D
0241 40414E44532E TAB4 EQU *
ITEM *RND*,RND FUNCTIONS
0242 524E44
0243 8506
0244 414253
0245 8531
0246 53495A45

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***** * WHAT FOLLOWS IS THE CODE TO EXECUTE DIRECT AND STATEMENT
* COMMANDS. CONTROL IS TRANSFERRED TO THESE POINTS VIA THE
* COMMAND TABLE. LOOKUP CODE OF "DIRECT" AND "EXEC" IN LAST
* SECTION. AFTER THE COMMAND IS EXECUTED, CONTROL IS
* TRANSFERRED TO OTHER SECTIONS AS FOLLOWS:
*
* FOR "LIST", "NEW", AND "STOP" GO BACK TO "START".
* FOR "RUN" : GO EXECUTE THE FIRST STORED LINE IF ANY; ELSE
* GO BACK TO "START".
* FOR "GOTO" AND "GOSUB": GO EXECUTE THE TARGET LINE.
* FOR "RETURN" AND "NEXT": GO BACK TO SAVED RETURN LINE.
* FOR ALL OTHERS: IF "CURRENT" -> 0, GO TO "START". ELSE

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* GO EXECUTE NEXT COMMAND. (THIS IS DONE IN 'FINISH'.)
 * PRINTED OR IF THE LIST IS A NULL LIST. HOWEVER IF THE LIST
 * ENDED WITH A COMMA, NO (CRLF) IS GENERATED.
 *
 *** NEW *** RUN {& FRIENDS} *** & GOTO ***
 * NEW(CR) * SETS *TXTUNF* TO POINT TO 'TXTBGN'.
 * STOP(CR) * GOES BACK TO 'START'.
 *
 * RUN(CR) * FINDS THE FIRST STORED LINE. STORE ITS ADDRESS (IN
 * * CURRENT). AND START EXECUTE IT. NOTE THAT ONLY THOSE
 * COMMANDS IN TAB2 ARE LEGAL FOR STORED PROGRAM.
 *
 * THERE ARE 3 MORE ENTRIES IN 'RUN': IT STORES ITS ADDR. AND EXECUTES IT.
 * * RUNTSL * STORES THE ADDRESS OF THIS LINE AND EXECUTES IT.
 * * RUNSML * CONTINUES THE EXECUTION ON SAME LINE.
 *
 * GOTO EXPR(CR) * EVALUATES THE EXPRESSION. FIND THE TARGET
 * LINE, AND JUMP TO 'RUNTSL' TO DO IT.
 *
 0226 CDA005 NEW CALL ENDCHK *** NEW(CR) ***
 0229 211508 ST HL*TXTBGN
 022C 221308 HL.TXTUNF
 * STOP CALL ENDCHK *** STOP(CR) ***
 022F CDA005 RSTART CALL ENDCHK *** STOP(CR) ***
 0232 C7 RUN CALL ENDCHK *** RUN(CR) ***
 0233 CDA005 0236 111508 LODI DE.TXTBGN FIRST SAVED LINE
 * RUNNXL LODI HL*0 *** RUNNXL ***
 0239 210000 FIND WHATEVER LINE #
 023C CD1C06 CALL FNDLNP C:PASSED TXTUNF. QUIT
 023F DA0000 JMP C.START
 * 0242 EB RUNTSL XCH HL*DE
 0243 220108 XCH HL.CURRENT SET 'CURRENT'->LINE #
 0246 EB INC DE.2 BUMP PASS LINE #
 0247 1313 RUNSML CALL CHK10 *** RUNSML ***
 * 0249 CD3207 LODI HL.TAB2-1 FIND COMMAND IN TAB2
 024C 213E01 EXEC AND EXECUTE IT
 024F C3FB01 *
 * GOTO EXPR ***
 0252 DF PUSH DE SAVE FOR ERROR ROUTINE
 0253 D5 CALL ENDCHK MUST FIND A CR
 0254 CDA005 CALL FNDLN FIND THE TARGET LINE
 * NO SUCH LINE #
 * NZ.AH0W
 * AF CLEAR THE PUSH DE
 * POP
 * JMP RUNTSL GO DO IT
 *
 *** LIST *** & PRINT ***
 * LIST HAS TWO FORMS:
 * * LIST(CR) * LISTS ALL SAVED LINES
 * * LIST #(CR) * START LIST AT THIS LINE #
 * * YOU CAN STOP THE LISTING BY CONTROL C KEY
 *
 * PRINT COMMAND IS *PRINT *** * OR *PRINT *** (CR).
 * WHERE *** IS A LIST OF EXPRESSIONS. FORMATS. BACK-
 * ARROWS, AND STRINGS. THESE ITEMS ARE SEPARATED BY COMMAS.
 * A FORMAT IS A POUND SIGN FOLLOWED BY A NUMBER. IT CONTROLS
 * THE NUMBER OF SPACES THE VALUE OF A EXPRESSION IS GOING TO
 * BE PRINTED. IT STAYS EFFECTIVE FOR THE REST OF THE PRINT
 * COMMAND UNLESS CHANGED BY ANOTHER FORMAT. IF NO FORMAT IS
 * SPECIFIED, 6 POSITIONS WILL BE USED.
 * A STRING IS QUOTED IN A PAIR OF SINGLE QUOTES OR A PAIR OF
 * DOUBLE QUOTES.
 * A BACK-ARROW MEANS GENERATE A (CR) WITHOUT (LF)
 * A (CRLF) IS GENERATED AFTER THE ENTIRE LIST HAS BEEN

02D4 2A0308 LD HL•STKGOS OLD STACK POINTER
02D7 7C LOO A•H 0 MEANS NOT EXIST
IQR Z•QWHAT SO. WE SAY: "WHAT?"
JMP SP•HL ELSE. RESTORE IT.
LOO HL•STKGOS AND THE OLD "STKGOS"
POP ST HL•CURRT AND THE OLD "CURRT".
POP HL•DE OLD TEXT POINTER
POP DE OLD "FOR" PARAMETERS
CALL POPA AND WE ARE BACK HOME
FINISH

*** FOR *** & NEXT ***

* HAS TWO FORMS:
* FOR VAR=EXP1 TO EXP2 STEP EXP3. AND *FOR VAR=EXP1 TO EXP2.
* THE SECOND FORM MEANS THE SAME THING AS THE FIRST FORM WITH
* EXP1=1. I.E. WITH A STEP OF +1.
* TBI WILL FIND THE VARIABLE VAR. AND SET ITS VALUE TO THE
* CURRENT VALUE OF EXP1. IT ALSO EVALUATES EXP2 AND EXP3.
* AND SAVE ALL THESE TOGETHER WITH THE TEXT POINTER ETC. IN
* THE "FOR" SAVE AREA. WHICH CONSISTS OF "LOPVAR".
* LOPMT. "LOPNT". AND "LOPT". IF THERE IS ALREADY SOME-
* THING IN THE SAVE AREA (THIS IS INDICATED BY A NON-ZERO
* "LOPVAR"). THEN THE OLD SAVE AREA IS SAVED IN THE STACK
* BEFORE THE NEW ONE OVERWRITES IT.
* TBI WILL THEN DIG IN THE STACK AND FIND OUT IF THIS SAME
* VARIABLE WAS USED IN ANOTHER CURRENTLY ACTIVE "FOR" LOOP.
* IF THAT IS THE CASE. THEN THE OLD "FOR" LOOP IS DEACTIVATED.
* (PURGED FROM THE STACK..)

!NEXT VAR. SERVES AS THE LOGICAL (NOT NECESSARILY PHYSICAL)
END OF THE "FOR" LOOP. THE CONTROL VARIABLE IS CHECKED
WITH THE "LOPVAR". IF THEY ARE NOT THE SAME. TBI DIGS IN
THE STACK TO FIND THE RIGHT ONE AND PURGES ALL THOSE THAT
DID NOT MATCH. EITHER WAY. TBI THEN ADDS THE "STEP". TO
THAT VARIABLE AND CHECK THE RESULT WITH THE LIMIT. IF IT
IS WITHIN THE LIMIT. CONTROL LOOPS BACK TO THE COMMAND
FOLLOWING THE "FOR". IF OUTSIDE THE LIMIT. THE SAVE AREA
IS PURGED AND EXECUTION CONTINUES.

02EA CDF106 FOR CALL PUSHA SAVE THE OLD SAVE AREA
02ED CD7E05 CALL SETVAL SET THE CONTROL VAR.
02F0 28 DEC HL•LOPVAR HL IS ITS ADDRESS
02F1 220708 ST HL•TAB65-1 SAVE THAT
02F4 21D001 LODI HL•TAB65-1 USE "EXEC" TO LOOK
02FA DF JMP EXEC FOR THE WORD "TO".
02FB 220B08 EXPR EVALUATE THE LIMIT
0301 C3F801 FRI ST HL•LOPMLT SAVE THAT
0304 CF LODI HL•TAB65-1 USE "EXEC" TO LOOK
FR2 EXPR FOR THE WORD "STEP".
JMP FR4 FOUND IT. GET STEP
0308 210100 FR3 LODI HL•LOPVAR NOT FOUND. SET TO 1
030B 220908 FR4 ST HL•LOPVAR SAVE THAT TOO
030E 2A0108 FR5 LD HL•LOPMLN CURRENT LINE #
0311 220DC8 ST HL•LOPMLN
0314 EB XCH HL•DE AND TEXT POINTER
0315 220F08 LODI BC,10 DIG INTO STACK TO
0318 010A00 LD HL•LOPVAR FIND "LOPVAR".
031B 2A0708 XCH HL•DE
031E FB LOD H•B HL=0 NOW
0320 68 ADD HL•SP HERE IS THE STACK
0321 39 SKIP EACH LEVEL IS 10 DEEP
0322 3E FR7 ADD HL•BC GET THAT OLD "LOPVAR".
0323 09 ADD A•M INC HL
0325 23 IOR M Z•FR8 O SAYS NO MORE IN IT
0326 86 JMP A•M
0327 CA4403 LDD HL
032A 7E DEC CMP D
032B 2B JMP NZ•FR7

THE OTHER HALF?

LD A•M
CMP E
JMP NZ•FR7
XCH HL•DE
LDDI HL•SP
ADD HL•SP
LDD BC,HL
LDDI HL•10
ADD HL•DE
CALL MDOWN
LDD SP•HL
LDD HL•LOPPT
XCH HL•DE
FINISH

GET ADDRESS OF VAR.
NO VARIABLE. "WHAT?"
SAVE IT
SAVE TEXT POINTER
GET VAR. IN "FOR".
A•H
0 SAYS NEVER HAD ONE
SO WE ASK: "WHAT?"
ELSE WE CHECK THEM
OK. THEY AGREE
NO. LET'S SEE
PURGE CURRENT LOP
POP A
CALL POPA
LDD HL•VARNXT
JMP NX0
LDD E•M
INC NC
LDD AF
LDD D•M
LDD HL•LOPINC
LDD HL•DE
ADD HL•DE
XCH HL•DE
LDD N•E
INC HL
LDD M•D
LDD HL•LOPLMT HL>LIMIT
POP AF
LDD A
LDD HL•DE
STEP > 0
STEP < 0
XCH HL•DE
CKHDLDE
POP DE
JMP C•NX2
ST HL•CURRENT BACK TO THE SAVED
LDD HL•LOPPT CURRENT AND TEXT
XCH HL•DE
FINISH
CALL POPA
FINISH

*** REM *** IF *** & INPUT *** & LET (** DEFLT) ***
*** REM CAN BE FOLLOWED BY ANYTHING AND IS IGNORED BY TBI.
*** TBI TREATS IT LIKE AN IF. WITH A FALSE CONDITION.
*** IF IS FOLLOWED BY AN EXPRESSION AS A CONDITION AND ONE OR MORE
*** COMMANDS (INCLUDING OTHER IF'S) SEPARATED BY SEMI-COLONS.
*** NOTE THAT THE WORD "THEN" IS NOT USED.
*** IF IT IS NON-ZERO. EXECUTION CONTINUES. IF THE
*** EXPRESSION IS ZERO. THE COMMANDS THAT FOLLOWS ARE IGNORED AND
*** EXECUTION CONTINUES AT THE NEXT LINE.
*** INPUT COMMAND IS LIKE THE "PRINT" COMMAND. AND IS FOLLOWED
BY A LIST OF ITEMS. IF THE ITEM IS A STRING IN SINGLE OR
DOUBLE QUOTES. OR IS A BACK-ARROW. IT HAS THE SAME EFFECT AS
IN "PRINT".
*** PRINT OUT FOLLOWED BY A COLON. THEN WAITS FOR AN
*** EXPRESSION TO BE TYPED IN. THE VARIABLE IS THEN SET TO THE
*** VALUE OF THIS EXPRESSION. IF THE VARIABLE IS PROCESSED BY A STRING

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0454 C9	RET U	0407 C1	GET SIGN BACK AND TEXT POINTER HL MUST BE +	
* 0455 CF	EXPR2 TSTC *--*,XP21	NAGATIVE SIGN?	0408 D1	POP BC
0456 2D			0409 7C	POP DE
0457 C6	LODI HL ⁰ JMP XP26	YES. FAKE "0-" TREAT LIKE SUBTRACT	04DA B7	LOD A,H
0458 210000	TSTC *+*,XP22	POSITIVE SIGN? IGNORE	04DB FA9F00	I OR A
0458 C37F04			04DF B7	JMP S,QHOW
045F 2B	0460 00		04E0 FC6A05	I OR A,B
0461 CD8904	XP21		04E3 C3BC04	CALL C,CHGSIGN
0464 CF	XP22	CALL EXPR3 ADD? <EXPR3>	*	JMP XPK31
0465 2B	XP23	1ST <EXPR3> ADD? <EXPR25	04E6 21A001	HL,TAB4-1
0466 15		YES, SAVE VALUE GET 2ND <EXPR3>	04E9 C3FB01	FIND FUNCTION IN TAB4
0467 E5	0468 CD8904	YES, SAVE VALUE GET 2ND <EXPR3>	04EC FF	AND GO DO IT
0468 EB	XP24	2ND IN DE	04ED DAF504	NO. NOT A FUNCTION
046C E3		1ST IN HL	04EF 7E	VARIABLE
046D 7C		COMPARE SIGN	04F0 23	
046E AA			04F1 66	
046F 7A	0470 19		04F3 6F	
0471 D1			04F4 C9	
0472 FA6404		RESTORE TEXT POINTER	04F5 CD7700	
0475 AC		1ST 2ND SIGN DIFFER	04F8 78	
0476 F6404		1ST 2ND SIGN EQUAL	04FA CO	
0477 C39FC0		SO IS RESULT	04FB CF	
0477 CC	XP25	ELSE WE HAVE OVERFLOW	04FC 28	
047D 2D		04FE DF	04FD 05	
047E 83	XP26	SUBTRACT?	04FF CF	
047F E5			0500 29	
0480 CD8904			0501 01	
0483 CD6A05		YES, SAVE 1ST <EXPR3>	0502 C9	
0486 C36B04		GET 2ND <EXPR3>	0503 C3A405	
*		NEGATE	*	
0489 CDE604	XP31	AND ADD THEM	0506 CDFB04	
048C CF	XP32	GET 1ST <EXPR4>	0509 7C	
048D 2A		MULTIPLY?	050A B7	
048E 2C			050B FA9F00	
048F E5			050E P5	
0490 CDE604		PUSH HL	050F CA9F00	
0493 C600		CALL EXPR4	0512 D5E5	
0495 CD6705		LODI B,O	0514 2A1108	
0496 EB		CALL CHKSGN	0517 1FFF07	
0499 E3		HL,DE	051A E7	
049A CD6705		XCH HL,(SP)	051B DA2105	
049D 7C		CALL CHKSGN	051E 210000	
049E B7		A,H	0521 5E	
049F CAA804		LOD I	0522 23	
04A2 7A		Z,XP32	0523 56	
04A3 B2		I OR A,D	0524 221108	
04A4 EB		LOD I	0527 E1	
04A5 C2A000		XL,DE	0528 EB	
04A6 7D		NZ,AH0W	0529 C5	
04A8 C2B004		LOD I	052A CD4A05	
04A9 210000		A,L	052D C1D1	
04AC B7		LOD I	052F C3	
04AD CAD804		A,HL	0530 C9	
04B0 19	XP33	Z,XP35	*	
04B1 DAA000		ADD HL,DE	0531 CDFB04	
04B4 3D		C,AH0W	0534 CD6705	
04B5 C2B004		OVERFLOW	0537 7C	
04B8 C3DB04		DEC A	0538 B4	
04BB CF		JMP NZ,XP33	0539 FA9F00	
04C2 2F		FINISHED	053C C9	
04C4 4D		DIVIDE?	053D 2A1308	
04C6 44			0540 D5	
04BD E5		PUSH HL	0541 EB	
04BF CDE604		EXPR4	0542 21001F	
04C2 600		LODI B,O	0545 CD6605	
04C4 CD6705		CALL CHKSGN	-0548 -DT	
04C6 E3		XCH HL,DE	0549 C9	
04C9 CD6705		CALL CHKSGN	*	
04CD 7A		LOD I	*	
04CE CAA000		A,D	*	
04D1 C5		I OR E	SAY "HOW2"	
04D2 C04A05		Z,AH0W	ELSE SAVE SIGN	
04D5 6069		PUSH DIVIDE	USE SUBROUTINE	
		CALL HL,BC	RESULT IN BC, REMAINDER IN HL	
		LOD I	*SUBDE* SUBTRACTS DE FROM HL	

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* * * 'CHKSGN' CHECKS SIGN OF HL. IF +, NO CHANGE. IF -, CHANGE SIGN AND FLIP SIGN OF B.

* * * 'CHGSGN' CHANGES SIGN OF HL AND B UNCONDITIONALLY.

* * * 'CKHLD' CHECKS SIGN OF HL AND DE. IF DIFFERENT, HL AND DE ARE INTERCHANGED. IF SAME SIGN, NOT INTERCHANGED. EITHER CASE. HL, DE ARE THEN COMPARED TO SET THE FLAGS.

* * * 'DIVIDE' PUSH HL
 LOD L,H
 LODI H,O
 CALL DV1
 LOD B,C
 LOD A,L
 POP HL
 LOD H,A
 LODI C,-1
 INC C
 CALL SUBDE
 NC,DV2
 ADD HL,DE
 RET U

* * * DIVIDE ***
 DIVIDE H BY DE

* * * 'SAVE RESULT IN B (REMAINDER+L)/DE'
 LOD B,C
 LOD A,L
 POP HL
 LOD H,A
 LODI C,-1
 INC C
 RESULT IN C
 DUMB ROUTINE
 DIVIDE BY SUBTRACT
 AND COUNT

* * * 'SUBDE ***
 SUBTRACT DE FROM HL'

* * * 'SUBDE' LOD A,L
 SUB L,A
 LOD A,H
 SBB D
 LOD H,A
 RET U

* * * 'SUBDE ***
 SUBTRACT DE FROM HL'

* * * 'CHKSGN ***
 CHECK SIGN OF HL
 IF - , CHANGE SIGN

* * * 'CHGSGN ***
 CHANGE SIGN OF HL

* * * 'CHGSGN LOD A,H
 CMA
 LOD A,H
 IOR A
 RET NS

* * * 'CHGSGN LOD A,H
 CMA
 LOD A,H
 IOR A
 RET U

* * * 'CHGSGN LOD A,H
 CMA
 LOD A,H
 IOR A
 RET NS

* * * 'CHGSGN LOD A,H
 CMA
 LOD A,H
 IOR A
 RET U

* * * 'CHGSGN LOD A,H
 CMA
 LOD A,H
 IOR A
 RET NS

* * * 'CHGSGN LOD A,H
 CMA
 LOD A,H
 IOR A
 RET U

* * * 'CHLDE LOD A,H
 XOR D
 JMP XCH
 XCH HL,DE
 COMP
 RET U

* * * 'CHLDE LOD A,H
 XOR D
 NS,CK1
 YES, COMPARE
 NO, XCH AND COMP

* * * 'FIN' CHECKS THE END OF A COMMAND. IF IT ENDED WITH ":" , EXECUTION CONTINUES. IF IT ENDED WITH A CR, IT FINDS THE NEXT LINE AND CONTINUE FROM THERE.

* * * 'SETVAL' EXPECTS A VARIABLE FOLLOWED BY AN EQUAL SIGN AND THEN AN EXPRESSION. IT EVALUATES THE EXPRESSION. AND SET THE VARIABLE TO THAT VALUE.

* * * 'ENDCHK' CHECKS IF A COMMAND IS ENDED WITH CR. THIS IS REQUIRED IN CERTAIN COMMANDS. (GOTO, RETURN, AND STOP ETC.)

* * * 'ERROR' PRINTS THE STRING POINTED BY DE (AND ENDS WITH CR). IT THEN PRINTS THE LINE POINTED BY 'CURRENT', WITH A "?" IF INSERTED AT WHERE THE OLD TEXT POINTER SHOULD BE ON TOP OF THE STACK) POINTS TO. EXECUTION OF TB IS STOPPED AND TB IS RESTARTED. HOWEVER, IF 'CURRENT' -> ZERO (INDICATING A DIRECT COMMAND), THE DIRECT COMMAND IS NOT PRINTED. AND IF 'CURRENT' -> NEGATIVE # (INDICATING INPUT)

COMMAND. THE INPUT LINE IS NOT PRINTED AND EXECUTION IS NOT TERMINATED BUT CONTINUED AT 'INPERR'.

* * * RELATED TO 'ERROR' ARE THE FOLLOWING:
 * * * "QWHAT" JUST GET MESSAGE "WHAT?" AND JUMP TO 'ERROR'.
 * * * "QSORRY" AND "ASORRY". DO SAME KIND OF THING.
 * * * "QHOW" AND "AHOW". IN THE ZERO PAGE SECTION ALSO DO THIS

THE BUFFER AND ECHOES. IT IGNORES LF'S AND NULLS, BUT STILL ECHOS THEM BACK. FNDL-N IS USED TO CAUSE IT TO DELETE THE LAST CHARACTER (IF THERE IS ONE), AND ALT-MOD IS USED TO CAUSE IT TO DELETE THE WHOLE LINE AND START IT ALL OVER. CR SIGNALS THE END OF A LINE, AND CAUSE .GETLN TO RETURN.

FNDLN FINDS A LINE WITH A GIVEN LINE # (IN HL) IN THE TEXT SAVE AREA. DE IS USED AS THE TEXT POINTER. IF THE LINE IS FOUND, DE WILL POINT TO THE BEGINNING OF THAT LINE (1.EP). IF THAT LINE IS NOT THERE, AND A LINE WITH THE LOW BYTE OF THE LINE #), AND FLAGS ARE NC & Z.

IS FOUND. DE POINTS TO THERE AND ALL OTHER ENTRIES OF THIS LINE. AND FLAGS ARE NC & NZ. IF WE REACHED THE END OF TEXT SAVE ARE AND CANNOT FIND THE LINE, FLAGS ARE C & NZ.

FNDLN WILL INITIALIZE DE TO THE BEGINNING OF THE TEXT SAVE AREA TO START THE SEARCH. SCME OTHER ENTRIES OF THIS AREA WILL NOT INITIALIZE DE AND DO THE SEARCH.

FNDLN WILL START WITH DE AND SEARCH FOR THE LINE #. FNDLN WILL NOT INITIALIZE DE AND DO THE SEARCH.

FNDLN WILL BUMP DE BY 2, FIND A CR AND THEN START SEARCH.

FNDLN USE DE TO FIND A CR, AND THEN START SEARCH.

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*** FNDLN *** GETLN *** GETLN ***
05D6 D7 1A371F 300000 GL1 LODI DE,BUFFER PCKT AND INIT.
05D7 1A37207 CALL CKIO CHECK KEYBOARD
05D8 CADA05 JMP Z,GL1 NO INPUT, WAIT
05E0 D7 OUTC INPUT. ECHO BACK
05E1 FE0A CMP1 @LF INPUT. ECHO BACK
05E3 CADA05 JMP Z,GL1 IGNORE LF
05E6 B7 IOR A IGNORE NULL
05E7 CADA05 JMP Z,GL1 DELETE LAST CHARACTER?
05E8 FE7F CMP1 @DLCH YES
05E9 C4FF05 JNP 3,Z,GL3 DEDELETE THE WHOLE LINE?
05EF FE7D CMP1 @DLLN YES
05F1 C40C06 JMP Z,GL4 ELSE. SAVE INPUT
05F4 12 INC A,(DE) AND BUMP POINTER
05F5 13 DE @CR WAS IT CR?
05F6 FE0D CMP1 @CR RET Z YES. END OF LINE
05F8 C8 FE0D> 0642 FE0D YES. END OF LINE
05F9 7B C23D6 0644 C23D6 MORE FREE ROOM?
05FA FE7F NZ,GL1 0647 C9 YES. GET NEXT INPUT
05FF 78 A'E EUFEND-> 0648 CF DELETE LAST CHARACTER
0600 FE37 A'E BUFFER,> BUT DO WE HAVE ANY?
0602 C40C06 JNP 3,Z,GL4 NO. REDO WHOLE LINE
0605 1B DEC DE YES. BACKUP POINTER
0606 3E5C LODI A,@BK5 AND ECHO A BACK-SLASH
0608 D7 OUTC
0609 C3DA05 JMP GL1 GO GET NEXT INPUT
060C C40E00 GL4 CRLF REDO ENTIRE LINE
060F 3E5E LODI A,@UPA CR, LF AND UP-ARROW
0611 C30605 JMP GETLN
# 0614 7C FNDLN LOD A,H *** FNDLN ***
0615 B7 FOR A SHOW CHECK SIGN OF HL
0616 FA9F00 JMP S,SHOW IT CANNOT BE -
0619 111508 LODI DE,TXTBGN INIT. TEXT POINTER
* 061C E5 FL1 PUSH HL *** FNDLNP ***
061D 2A1308 LD HL, TXTUNF CHECK IF WE PASSED END
0621 E7 DEC HL
0622 E1 COMP POP HL GET LINE # BACK
0623 D8 RET C,NZ PASSED END
0624 IA LD A,(DE) WE DID NOT. GET BYTE 1
0625 95 SUB L IS THIS THE LINE?
0626 47 LD B,A COMPARE LOW ORDER
0627 13 INC DE
0628 1A LD A,(DE) GET BYTE 2
0629 9C SBB H COMPARE HIGH ORDER
062A DA3106 C,FL2 NO. NOT THERE YET
062D 1B DEC DE ELSE, WE EITHER FOUND IT, OR IT IS NOT THERE
062E B0 IOR B NC,Z;FOUND: NC,NZ;NG
062F C9 RET U
* 0630 13 FNDNXT EQU * *** FNDNXT ***
0630 13 INC DE FIND NEXT LINE
0631 13 FL2 INC DE JUST PASSED BYTE 1 E 2

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0683 B1 CABF06
 0684 C8
 0687 E3
 0688 2D
 0689 E5
 068A 6069
 068C C37F06
 068F C1
 0690 0D
 0691 79
 0692 B7
 0693 FA9C06
 0696 3E20
 0698 D7
 0699 C39006
 069C 78
 069D D7
 069E SD
 069F 7B
 06A0 FEOA
 06A1 D1
 06A3 C8
 06A4 C630
 06A6 D7
 06A7 C39F06
 * 06AA 1A
 06AB 6F
 06AC 13
 06AD 1A
 -06AE 67
 06AF 13
 06B0 0E04
 06B2 C06E06
 06B5 3E20
 06B7 D7
 06B8 97
 06B9 CD3C06
 06BC C9

C PNP3 HL.(SP)
 XCH L
 DEC HL
 PUSH HL BC
 LOD PN2
 JMP BC
 POP BC
 DEC C
 LOD A.C
 IOR A.
 JMP S.PNS
 LODI A.
 OUTC PNA
 LOD A.B
 OUTC E.L
 LOD A.E
 CMP1 10
 POP DE
 RET Z
 ADDI .0.
 OUTC PNA
 JMP A.(DE)
 LOD L.A
 INC DE
 LD A.(DE)
 LOD H.A
 INC DE
 LOD C.A
 CALL PRNUM
 LODI A.
 OUTC A.
 SUB A
 CALL PATSTG
 RET U

*** MVUP *** MVDOWN *** POPA *** & PUSHU ***
 * MVUP* MOVES A BLOCK UP FROM WHERE DE-> TO WHERE HL->
 * POPA* RESTORES THE *FOR* LOOP VARIABLE SAVE AREA FROM THE
 * STACK
 * PUSHU* STACKS THE *FOR* LOOP VARIABLE SAVE AREA INTO THE
 * STACK

06BD E7 MVUP COMP RET Z
 06BE C8 LD A.(DE)
 06BF 1A ST A.(BC)
 06C1 13 INC DE
 06C2 03 INC BC
 06C3 C3B006 JMP MVUP

* 06C6 78 MVDOWN LOD A.B
 06C7 92 SUB D
 06CB C2CE06 NZ,MD1
 06C8 79 LD A.C
 06CC 93 SUB E
 RET Z
 DEC DE
 DEC HL
 LD A.(DE)
 LOD M.A
 JMP MVDOWN

06D5 C1 POP BC
 06D6 E1 POP HL

YES, WE GOT ALL
 NO. SAVE REMAINDER
 AND COUNT SPACE
 HL IS OLD BC
 MOVE RESULT TO BC
 AND DIVIDE BY 10
 WE GOT ALL DIGITS IN
 THE STACK
 LOOK AT SPACE COUNT
 NO LEADING BLANKS
 LEADING BLANKS
 MORE?
 PRINT SIGN
 MAYBE - OR NULL
 LAST REMAINDER IN E
 CHECK DIGIT IN E
 10 IS FLAG FOR NO MORE
 IF SO. RETURN
 ELSE COVERT TO ASCII
 AND PRINT THE DIGIT
 GO BACK FOR MORE
 *** PRTLN ***
 LOW ORDER LINE #
 HIGH ORDER
 *** PRINT 4 DIGIT LINE #
 CALL PRNUM
 LODI A.
 OUTC A.
 SUB A
 CALL PATSTG
 RET U

06D7 220706
 06DA 7C
 06DB B5
 06DC C4EF06
 06DF E1
 06E0 220903
 06E3 E1
 06E4 220B06
 06E7 E1
 06E8 223008
 06EB E1
 06EC 220F08
 06EF C5
 06F0 C9
 * 06F1 21A71F 000000
 PUSHU LODI HL.STKLMT *** PUSHU ***
 CALL CHGSGN BC=RETURN ADDRESS
 POP BC IS STACK NEAR THE TOP?
 ADD HL.SP NC.QSORRY Y.E. SORRY FOR THAT.
 JMP D2CF05 HL.LOPVAR ELSE SAVE LOOP VAR.S
 LD HL.FC 2A0706 LD A.H BUT IF LOPVAR IS 0
 LD HL.PU1 THAT WILL BE ALL
 LD HL.LOPPT ELSE. MORE TO SAVE
 RET U

06F4 CD6A05
 06F7 C1
 06F8 39
 06F9 D2CF05
 06FF 2A0706
 06FF 7C
 0700 B5
 0701 CA1707
 0704 2A0F08
 0707 E5
 0708 2A0D09
 070B E5
 070C 2A0B03
 070F E5
 0710 2A0908
 0713 E5
 0714 2A0706
 0717 ES
 0718 C5
 0719 C9
 PU1 PUSH HL
 RET U

*** OUTC *** & CKH10 ***
 THESE ARE THE ONLY I/O ROUTINES IN TBI.
 OUTC IS CONTROLLED BY A SOFTWARE SWITCH "OCSW". IF OCSW=0
 OUTC WILL JUST RETURN TO THE CALLER. IF OCSW IS NOT 0,
 IT WILL OUTPUT THE BYTE IN A. IF THAT IS A CR, ALF IS ALSO
 SEND OUT. ONLY THE FLAGS MAY BE CHANGED AT RETURN. ALL REG.
 ARE RESTORED.

*** CKH10* CHECKS THE INPUT. IF NO INPUT, IT WILL RETURN TO
 THE CALLER WITH THE Z FLAG SET. IF THERE IS INPUT, Z FLAG
 IS CLEARED AND THE INPUT BYTE IS IN A. HOWEVER, IF THE
 INPUT IS A CONTROL-O, THE "OCSW" SWITCH IS COMPLEMENTED, AND
 Z FLAG IS RETURNED. IF A CONTROL-C IS READ, "CHK10" WILL
 RESTART TBI AND DO NOT RETURN TO THE CALLER.

OUTC PUSH AF
 LD A.OCSW
 IOR A
 JMP NZ,OC3
 POP AF
 RET U
 INP O
 ANDI X'02'
 JMP Z,OC3
 POP AF
 OUT 1
 CMP1 ZCR
 RET NZ
 LODI A.alF
 OUTC OUTC
 LODI A.BCR
 RET U
 INP O
 ANDI X'20'
 NOP ANDI X'20'
 RET 1
 INP X'7F'
 ANDI X'7F'

THIS IS AT LOC. 10
 CHECK SOFTWARE SWITCH

A NOTE TO MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMPUTER SOCIETY

by Jim C. Warren, Jr., Editor, *Dr. Dobb's Journal*

I am writing to object to several of the actions of Louis G. Fields, vice president of SCCS, that have recently come to our attention.

1. On April 12th, we sent Mr. Fields 500 copies of the March-April issue of *People's Computer Company* newspaper, for distribution at the April 24th SCCS meeting, compliments of PCC.

I happened to attend the meeting and found that, first of all, Mr. Fields had failed to bring most of that supply to the meeting, and secondly, those he *had* distributed were stamped in oversized red letters, "Compliments of Louis G. Fields."

This may have given the completely false impression that either Mr. Fields was the donor of these complimentary copies, or that PCC was somehow supporting Mr. Fields. Mr.

Fields did NOT donate these copies, and, after having the opportunity to see him in action, we wish to adamantly state that PCC does NOT support Mr. Fields in any way!

2. Along with these 500 free copies of *PCC*, we also forwarded a number of other PCC publications, as per Mr. Fields' telephone order of April 12th. His order totaled \$359.75 (unrelated to the free *PCC* copies). We forwarded the telephone-ordered publications to Mr. Fields with the understanding that he was representing SCCS.

In spite of repeated billings, to date he has paid only \$59.75, received June 10th. Our contacts with the *other* SCCS officers have consistently shown them to be responsible, trustworthy, and responsive.

3. As a result of the above-noted incidents, PCC will make no further donations or sales through Mr. Fields to SCCS. We will be delighted, however, to work with any of the many other SCCS officers.

Note: We do not mean this to in any way reflect negatively on the SCCS, nor on the many Society officers who are doing an excellent job of administering a worthwhile organization that provides many useful services to the computer hobbyist community.

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CMPI    BCO      IS IT CONTROL-0?
JMP    NZ.CII   NO. MORE CHECKING
LD     A.OCSW   CONTROL-O FLIPS OCSW
CMA    *        ONTO OFF * OFF TO ON
ST     A.OCSW   GET ANOTHER INPUT
CHKP   ACC     IS IT CONTROL-C?
JMPI   RET     NO. RETURN "NZ"
C11    NZ      YES. RESTART TBL
C7     START   CHAR * YOU MAY NEED THIS SPACE TO*
CHAR   *PATCH UP THE I/O ROUTINES. *
CHAR   *TO FIX UP BUGS. OR TO ADD *
CHAR   *MORE COMMANDS AND FUNCTIONS. *
CHAR   *SKY (SPACE) IS THE LIMIT. *
CHAR   *GOOD LUCK AND GOOD BYE. *
CHAR   *LICHEN WANG, 10 JUNE 76*
LSTRM  EQU     ALL ABOVE CAN BE ROM
ORG   X'0800'  HERE DOWN MUST BE RAM
DB    X'FF'   SWITCH FOR OUTPUT
CURRT  DW     POINTS TO CURRENT LINE
STKGDS DW     SAVES SPIN IN "GOSUB".
VARNXT EQU    TEMP STORAGE
SKINP  DW     SAVES SPIN IN "INPUT".
LOPVAR DW     *FOR* LOOP SAVE AREA
LOPLMT DW     INCREMENT
LOPLN  DW     LIMIT NUMBER
LOPPNT DW     TEXT POINTER
RANPNT DW     RANDOM NUMBER POINTER
TXTUNF DW     -UNFILLED TEXT AREA
TXTBGN DS     TEXT SAVE AREA BEGINS
-TEXTEND-EQU  TEXT SAVE AREA ENDS
VARBGN DS     VARIABLE @10
ORG   X'1FF00'  EXTRA BYTE FOR BUFFER
2#27   DS     INPUT BUFFER
XL1   DS     BUFFER ENDS
XL2   DS     EXTRA BYTES FOR STACK
XL40  DS     TOP LIMIT FOR STACK
STKLMT EQU   X'2000'
ORG   EQU   STACK STARTS HERE
END

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—Jim Warren

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Occasionally, printed circuit boards and other hard to find components are made available to aid our readers in constructing the projects written up.

For further information write to: *The Computer Hobbyist*, Box 295, Cary NC 27511.

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JIPDEC VISITS PCC

We didn't know that People's Computer Company fame had spread so far. On May 19th, we were visited by the Microprocessor Application Study Team from the Japan Information Processing Development Center. The team included Professor Hidetoshi from Keio University; Koichiro Ishihara, a Research Fellow with Hitachi Systems Development Lab; Tatsui Miyakawa, Manager of Fujitsu's Computer Science Lab; and Kazuya Watanabe, from NEC (Nippon Electric Company). We were surprised, honored, and delighted by their visit, and pleased with the opportunity to exchange ideas and information.

What may be even more interesting to our readers is that, in the face of all of the massive microprocessor research and manufacturing that is centered in the San Francisco Bay area, this JIPDEC group chose to visit only PCC and IMS Associates, Inc. (IMSAI).

CHICAGO STORES:

CHICAGO COMPUTER STORE
ITTY BITTY MACHINE CO.

There are two new computer stores in the Chicago area:

Chicago Computer Store (handles MITS stuff)
517 Talcott Rd at Hwy 62
Park Ridge IL 60068

Itty Bitty Machine Co. (handles IMSAI, etc.)
1316 W. Chicago Ave.
Evanston Ill.

Ted Nelson of *Computer Lib* has a hand in the second one.

WHAT'S A BAMUG?

by Richard Lindberg

BAMUG stands for [San Francisco] Bay Area Microprocessor's Users Group. It is one of the many computer hobby clubs which have sprung up like weeds in the past year. We meet in San Leandro, Cal., on the first Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at the Great Western Savings building at E. 14th and Davis, at 7 p.m.

BAMUG is a relatively small group. Anyone is welcome to join us, but we are mostly interested in the Intel 8080. We are starting a software library which, though still small, contains some very useful programs.

We try to keep the meetings interesting. We have some demonstration at every meeting, if possible. At the last meeting we had one of our members, Ken Jackman, tell us some of the concepts involved in Nim-like games. He is writing a book on the subject and presents it well with the aid of his vintage Nova.

At the next meeting we will have George Morrow. He will be hauling odds and ends out of his basement to show us. Of particular interest is his inexpensive tape cassette interface. We also hope to get a preview of his 16K ALTAIR-IMSAI compatible RAM board.

We have voluntary dues of 50 cents per meeting, but you are welcome to attend without paying. If you have a program to contribute to our library, please bring us a copy.

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Texas Tiny BASIC (TBX) Marries TV-Cassette Operating System (TVCOS)

by Digital Group Software Systems, Inc. staff
Box 6528, Denver CO 80206; (303) 861-1686

QUESTION: What could almost be better than having your micro programs run correctly?

ANSWER: Having unique micro software to utilize to your heart's content!! Whether to create some fantastic program(s) or to have the facility to entertain yourself and/or friends with programs and games requiring a bit of "think power" . . . especially for those days when your "think power" could stand a bit of bolstering!

All this is possible thanks to the software packages now being provided by Digital Group Software Systems, Inc., (DGSS), which was recently established and is headed by Chuck and Dianne Howerton. Software which is now available on cassette tapes, complete (for the most part) with documentation for each offering, is as follows:

1. TINY BASIC EXTENDED (TBS-TVCOS) 10K, VERSION 1

Created by Dick Whipple and John Arnold of Tyler, Texas, based upon design criteria published in *Dr. Dobb's Journal* Volume 1, Number 1, page 14. Dr. Robert Suding of The Digital Group designed and developed the software interfaces between TXB (TINY BASIC EXTENDED) and the TV-Cassette Operating System (TVCOS) for the Digital Group 8080 microcomputer. This is a superset of TINY BASIC as originally proposed; a limited and modified subset of the full BASIC language. It has 26 possible simple or dimensioned variables, 4 immediate commands (LST, NEW, RUN, and SZE), and 12 commands (DIM, DTA, END, FOR, GOTO, GOSUB, IF, IN, LET, NXT, PR, and RET) which may be entered either as program statements or immediate execution commands. Also included is a RN or Random Number generator, 14 pages of documentation, which lets you do everything with TINY BASIC EXTENDED that is presently possible, is also included.

PRICE: \$5.00 @ cassette with documentation.

2. TINY BASIC GAMES, DGSS SET 1

Contains 5 games written in TBX language—3 games are TBX versions of games listed in either *101 Computer Games* or *What to do After You Hit Return* [Both are available through PCC bookstore. Please see inside of back cover.]. Other two games are original products of author Howerton. Games on Set 1 tape are:

- a. CHOMP: 2 or more players take turns biting into the poisoned cookie - Each trying to force

one of the others to take the poisoned "byte"!!!

- b. CHECKERS: You against the computer in this classic board game - WARNING: The computer is as crafty as a 6-year old playing his first game!!
- c. TIC-TAC-TOE: The computer plays a fairly reasonable game with just enough randomness in its selection to make the game interesting - Can be beaten.
- d. DIGIGUESS: Try to guess a 4 digit number "thunk" up by the computer based upon clues it supplies.
- e. BRAINTEASER: A strategy game - You against your own worst enemy...YOU! Try to create a pattern working with a set of rules to drive you nuts!!!

PRICE: \$5.00 @ cassette with documentation

NOTE: TINY BASIC GAMES, DGSS Set 1, and all TINY BASIC GAMES are read in AFTER "bootstrapping" TBX-TVCOS program into micro-computer.... and away (:RUNcr) you go!!

3. TINY BASIC GAMES, DGSS Set 2

All the games in this set were adapted to TBX-TVCOS by Dr. Robert Suding from 101 COMPUTER GAMES, PEOPLE'S COMPUTER COMPANY and WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU HIT RETURN.

- a. WAR-3: An artillery duel between 2 or 3 armies - OBJECT: To blast the opponent(s).
- b. THERAPY: Have a relaxing "conversation" with DR. THERAPY and investigate your inner problem(s).
- c. GOLF: 9 holes of championship play on the "micro-links" - Hooks and slices are rare and 1-putts from 40 feet are fairly common.
- d. REVERSE: Test your skills at arranging things in sequential order from a random beginning according to a fixed set of rules.
- e. BIORYTHM: Predict your "highs" and

"lows" from a computer-produced chart based upon your personal statistics.

PRICE: \$5.00 @ cassette with documentation

4. TINY BASIC GAMES, DGSS Set 3

All the games in this set were adapted to TBX-TVCOS by Ted Holdahl from 101 COMPUTER GAMES.

- a. TAXMAN: Test your knowledge of factoring by trying to beat the TAXMAN!! It's tough but he can be beaten!!
- b. SNARK: Learn symbolic logic and the use of Ven diagrams while trying to find the SNARK.
- c. TRAP: Find the computers' number by trapping it between two guesses of your own.
- d. NUMBER: Learn binary-searching techniques while trying to pinpoint a randomly-generated number between 1 and 100.
- e. SQUARE-ROOTS: Computes the square root of any number from -32K to +32K.
- f. CLOCK: This bonus program keeps accurate time using looping techniques and displays on the screen to the nearest second.

PRICE: \$5.00 @ cassette with documentation.

5. TINY BASIC GAMES, DGSS Set 4

All the games in this set were adapted to TBX-TVCOS by Ted Holdahl from 101 COMPUTER GAMES.

- a. HAMURABI: Try governing ancient Sumaria successfully. The author says that the object of the game is to discover the rules.
- b. STARS: Guess the computers' number based on clues which tell you whether your warm, hot, or cold.
- c. 23-MATCHES: Outfox the computer by making it take the last match in the pile - You can beat it if you try hard enough.
- d. 20-QUESTIONS: Take-off on an old radio-TV game where the player

guesses the computers' number by asking questions.

- e. BLACKJACK: From 1-9 players - Play against the house in this Casino game.
- f. FACTOR: A bonus program which will compute the factors of any number up to 32,767 or tell you if it is prime.
- g. BATUM: A super bonus game which is a varient of 23-MATCHES. Good selections will really make the computer think!!

PRICE: \$5.00 @ Cassette with documentation.

6. KINGDOM; LIFE 1 & LIFE 2
(all on one tape)

- a. KINGDOM: Lets you be the "KING" of land/bushels/population of YOUR "KINGDOM" - Object of game is to accumulate 1 million acres and/or bushels which can only be accomplished by buying and selling land. Test your ability to buy and sell these items and outwit the complications all KINGS have!!
- b. LIFE 1: Standard LIFE which will take a pattern and, with simple rules of LIFE, iterate until a stable situation is reached.
- c. LIFE 2: Bi-Symetrical pattern generator based upon modified rules of LIFE but a stable situation is NEVER achieved - Will continue to run and never repeat pattern for approximately 10^{31} years!!

PRICE: \$5.00 @ cassette with documentation (sort of)!!

7. EDUCATOR 8080

Designed to assist the micro-computer user in understanding the effect that the execution of various instructions has on status and operation of micro-processor unit - Provides continuous real-time display of status flags, Accumulator, B and C registers which reflect their contents as changed and/or modified by instructions

issued by user - Complete with EDUCATOR instruction set.

PRICE: \$10.00 @ cassette with documentation.

8. AMATEUR RADIO HAM CASSETTE FOR 8080

Amateur Radio (CW) Send and Receive
RTTY (Baudot) Send and Receive

CW Receive is automatically self-adjusting to any CW speed sent
CW Send has 8 100-character memories that may be individually called up

CW Send also features a 256-character software FIFO buffer

RTTY Receive can select 60, 66 and 100 Words per Minute (WPM); upper or lower case output to TV.

RTTY Send program can send at 60, 66, or 100 WPM.

All 4 programs are designed to reside simultaneously in a 10K Digital Group 8080 system.

PRICE: Documentation and cassette
HAM-1 \$5.00

9. OPERATING GUIDE - TVT MONITOR 8 FOR 8008 BASED SYSTEMS

The TTV Monitor 8 is a modification and extension of the Monitor 8 published by MIL before their untimely demise. The original Monitor 8 was written to be used with teletype/paper tape input and output. The TTV Monitor 8 is designed to be used with a Digital Group TTV, ASCII keyboard and Digital Group Cassette tape interface as input and output.

Several features were added to the Monitor 8 to increase its usefulness. One of these is software scrolling of the TTV. This causes the TTV to simulate the format of a teletype by displaying the previous seven lines. Two other additions were the "Insert" (INS) and

"Delete" (DEL) routines which allow one to insert or delete octal code at any point in your program. These routines move the following instructions in memory to make room for the new instructions or close up a space. In addition, the addresser of JMP and CAL instructions are modified as appropriate to maintain proper loop registration. A program to zero memory was added (ZRO). And a program to load ASCII directly into memory (helpful for TTV output) was also developed (TXT).

The use of this operating system in program development would typically involve the following steps:

- 1) ZRO - zero program storage area
- 2) Symbolic input of rough program draft
- 3) TXT - input of any ASCII characters needed
- 4) DPS - symbolic dump to verify program or DPO - octal dump to verify code
- 5) XOT - execute program as subroutine of monitor
- 6) SBP - set break point to print out register and flag status at any program step
- 7) EDT, INS, DEL - these functions can be used to change, insert, or delete, instructions at any location. A particular advantage of this monitor is that on deletion or insertion of instructions the code following is moved up or down in memory and all JMP and CAL instructions are modified to maintain registration.

ONCE THE PROGRAM IS RUNNING TO YOUR SATISFACTION;

- 8) CPY - moves blocks of data around in memory
- 9) TRN - changes JMP and CAL arguments to reflect

- new page numbers
- 10) TAS - can be used to store completed program on cassette tape
- 11) PRG - can be used (if one has the proper hardware) to program EPROM's.

Price: MONITOR-8 \$6.00

PLEASE NOTE: This package runs only on 8008-based systems - will not run on 8080.

All the above described programs and games can be obtained either by ordering through the Digital Group or, if your order is exclusively for software, you may order direct from:

Digital Group Software Systems
PO Box 1086
Arvada, CO 80001

Should you have any immediate questions, Chuck or Dianne may be reached at (303) 422-6197. Please try to restrict calls to 9 - 5pm Mon - Saturday.

Watch for the next Digital Group Flyer to find out what's new in the way of available programs and/or games and other interesting items for your microcomputer.

NOTE: All TINY BASIC EXTENDED (TBX-TVCOS) users are encouraged to develop additional programs and games which will run under the system. Users who submit programs and/or games to DGSS with appropriate documentation and who consent to permit DGSS to distribute copies will be paid a small royalty for each copy sold. Submissions must include a cassette tape containing the program or game and typewritten documentation as required. All submissions will be acknowledged but cannot be returned

unless accompanied by a self-addressed stamped mailer. Obviously, if many users send in submissions, duplications will occur. In this event, date of receipt AND quality of work will determine which contributor's submission will be utilized. Royalties will be paid quarterly in cash or may be applied to the purchase of products at a discounted rate.

THE ALPHA-NUMERIC MUSIC SYSTEM

by Malcolm Wright

In the January, 1976, issue of *PCC Newspaper*, an article was published on a music program for the 8080 CPU, called "Alpha-Numeric Music with Amplitude Control." Since January, the PCC bookstore has made this 22-page article available for \$2. The interest at the Home Brew Computer Club, computer stores, and mail orders has been relatively high. There have been many other music routines written for the 8008 and 8080 CPU's, but Alpha-Numeric Music seems to be getting a great deal of interest from music majors, as well as the general hobbyist. Why?

Looking into the Alpha-Numeric Music (ANM) program, one can see many features that don't exist in most of the other routines.

1. An easy-to-follow encoding scheme for writing music. Not just *number look-up tables* for coding, but letters like C, D# (D-sharp), A! (A-flat), for the actual notes to be played.

2. A range of 6 octaves can be played, from about 31 Hz up to 2092 Hz.

3. Different voicing (different sounds) can be specified any time in the musical piece by typing CTRL-E and a number 0 thru 9 to pick the sound.

4. Three different volume levels can be called upon for loud and soft passages of music.

5. The duration of the note can be set from a whole note (W) down to a thirty-second note (T), to satisfy most music fans, any time in the musical measure.

6. The tempo of the music can be changed to three different rates including a nominal 100 beats a minute.

If you have a convenient way of loading programs into your 8080 computer, I am sure you will enjoy this program.

This is a NOTEworthy routine that will MEASURE up to any other music program and help you SCALE new heights in micro-computer enjoyment by BEATING the dull and average software.

Editor's Note: Malcolm Wright is the designer of this system, and the author of *Alpha-Numeric Music with Amplitude Control*. Please see page 35 for ordering information.

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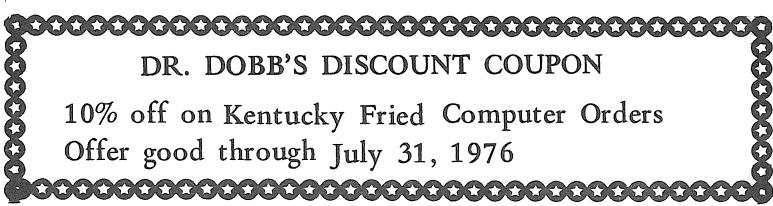
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