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More About 16 Bits

Last month's article by Randall Hyde, "The SY6516 Pseudo-16 Bit Processor" [MICRO 23:36] is an interesting combination of a year-old rumor and author fantasy.

More than a year ago, Synertek considered developing a part to be called the SY6516. Several different SY6516's were proposed which significantly differed from each other. It was decided not to develop any of the proposed 6516's. Therefore, it is not "almost ready to ship".

Of course, Synertek does have several other development programs running in both the peripheral and CPU areas. The SY6545 improved CRT controller and the SY6591 floppy disk controller, each with the 6502 bus, will be available later this year.

This letter may not be the action referred to in last month's editorial. A simple phone call to Synertek from Micro to discuss the SY6516 would have forestalled publication of this article which has created so much confusion and annoyance among 6502 enthusiasts.

> Michael Smolin Strategic Marketing Manager, Synertek, Inc.

Editor's Note: The intent of the above mentioned article, and my editorial 'The Value of 16 Bits"[MICRO 23:9], was to spark reader interest in improved versions of our 6502 microprocessor. My intent was not to cause anyone "confusion and annoyance" and to the degree that this has occurred, I apologize. I did, by the way, attempt to get some information from my local distributor, but without any success. Now that I have a contact at Synertek who is aware of this type of project, I will certainly check out any Synertek related material in the future.

It is heartening to hear that the article and editorial did generate interest in an improved 6502. Several readers have written with their suggestions. If you have any ideas, please send them in. We will present the best ideas in an article in a few months.

Robert M. Tripp

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ROADRUNNER -A Math Drill for Second - Graders

Remember 'rationalizing' the purchase of your microcomputer on the grounds that 'it would be good for the kids'? Well, he are some suggestions on using your Apple for Computer Assisted Instruction.

Computer Assisted Instruction (CAI) will spread rapidly in the field of education as the use of small computers becomes more widespread. Children in their earliest school years can enjoy using a keyboard to learn the traditional skills, if programs are prepared with imagination and care. The greatest challenge in designing these programs is the fact that young children too easily become bored and lose interest.

Making a Game of It

My second-grader was having trouble beating the clock during timed math drills at school, so I devised a program which presents him wih 50 practice problems on an Apple II computer. Random additon and subtraction problems such as the following are displayed on the screen.

11	9	3	12
- 2	- 5	+ 4	+ 0

The largest number used is 12, for either operand or result. This can be changed as the needs of the child dictate.

To increase the interest level and heighten the student's motivation, several elements have been added which turn the drill into a game, called "Roadrunner". These added features provide the child with a visible goal, immediate reinforcement, and a certain amount of pressure.

Goal orientation is provided by six animal names which illuminate in sequence as each group of ten problems is completed. The lowest level is the snail, for the beginning problems with a long time interval, progressing to the roadrunner for the last problem with the shortest interval.



The player is informed at the end of each problem whether or not his answer is correct. If so, the next problem is presented. If not, the problem sequence is stopped, and the player is given as many chances as needed to determine the right answer. The game will not end until the correct answer has been given, so the student isn't left hanging as to what the proper answer should be.

Pressure is applied in the form of a time countdown for each problem. The time interval starts at 20 seconds for the first ten problems, then decreases by two seconds after each set of ten problems is completed.

The game stops running if an answer is not given before the time elapses, or when an answer is incorrect. Once the correct answer is supplied, or when 50 problems are completed, the animal name corresponding to the highest level attained begins flashing. This is accompanied by several beeps from the speaker, to officially announce the end of the game.

The Program

Coding the Applesoft program was fairly straightforward with the exception of the time countdown. A random number is first selected between 0 and 24. If it is greater than 12, then 12 is subtracted from it, and the problem will be a subtraction problem. A second random number is then selected between 0 and 12. In the case of an addition problem, the sum of the two numbers is checked to be sure it is no higher than 12. For a subtraction problem, the second number is checked to be sure it is less than the first number. The problem is then presented on the screen, and a reply is requested.

The usual method for inputting a reply to a question in Applesoft, using the IN-PUT or GET statement, will not work in this case because they cause the program to stop and wait indefinitely until a reply is keyed in. Memory location -16384 contains the ASCII value of the last key Peter A. Cook 1443 N. 24th Street Mesa, AZ 85203

depressed, plus 128, provided that the keyboard strobe (-16368) has been reset to zero.(*Applesoft BASIC Programming Reference Manual*, Apple Computer Inc., 1978) By PEEKing this location repeatedly during a time delay loop, as in program lines 60 through 66, the computer will know whether or not an answer has been keyed in prior to the time interval elapsing. Since a reply could have one or two digits, the return key is used to signify the end of data input and to stop the timer from counting down.

Once the reply is received, it is tested for correctness, and the appropriate message is printed. When ten problems have been completed, the animal name and time delay are changed, and the above process is repeated.

Several changes can be made to the program to make the game more or less challenging, depending on the age and ability of the child. Numbers larger or smaller than 12 can be programmed in by changing H in line 2. The time interval, 20 seconds, is defined by T in line 4, and the decrease after each ten problems, 2 seconds, is subtracted from U in line 84.

One caution needs to be mentioned which could cause some frustration if not explained before using the program. The process of reading the keyboard using PEEK (-16384) depends on the particular time during the cycle that a key is depressed, and for how long. It seems to work about 95 per cent of the time. Watch the screen to be sure each digit is printed before pressing the next key during the time countdown, or an incorrect answer will be accepted. Sometimes the desired key must be pressed one or two additonal times. The time interval is purposely long enough to allow for this. Also, if the wrong key is pressed, you cannot back up and correct it.

That completes the description. Type in the program, have your second-grader RUN it, and see if he can answer the problems fast enough to become a ROADRUNNER.

ILISTØ
Ø REM "ROADRUNNER", PETE COOK, OCT 79
2 H = 12: REM HIGHEST NUMBER 4 T = 20: REM LONGEST TIME, SECON
DS 6 DIM W\$(6): FOR W = 1 TO 6: READ W\$(W): NEXT
8 DATA SNAIL, TURTLE, CHIPMUNK, RAB BIT, COYOTE, ROADRUNNER
10 REM PRINT HEADINGS:
12 HOME : HTAB 11: PRINT "R O A D R U N N E R": PRINT : HTAB 9: PRINT "50 ADD/SUBTRACT PR
OBLEMS"
14 POKE 34,5: REM TOP MARGIN 16 POKE 33,22: REM WIDTH, ALTERN
16 POKE 33,22: REM WIDTH, ALTERN ATES FROM LEFT HALF TO RIGHT HALF
18 P = 1:X = 0:Y = 1:Z = 0:U = T: REM RESETS VARIABLES FOR NE
W GAME 20 REM PRINT ANIMALS:
21 VTAB 10: FOR W = 1 TO 6: IF W
= Y THEN INVERSE : IF Z =
1 THEN FLASH 22 PRINT W\$(W): NORMAL : PRINT :
NEXT
23 IF Z = 1 THEN FOR C = 1 TO 5
: FOR D = 1 TO 10: NEXT D: PRINT CHR\$ (7); NEXT C: GOTO 90:
REM 5 BEEPS
24 REM BLANK LAST PROBLEM, PRIN T NEW NUMBER AND TIME REMAIN
ING:
25 VTAB 6: CALL - 868: REM BLA NK LINE
26 POKE 32,17: REM LEFT MARGIN
27 FOR C = 1 TO 20: FOR D = 1 TO
60: NEXT D: CALL - 912: NEXT
C: REM SCROLL UP ONE LINE 28 POKE 32,0: VTAB 6: PRINT "NUM
BER: ", P: POKE 32,17: FOR D =
1 TO 1000: NEXT : REM DELAY
29 VTAB 6: HTAB 3: PRINT "SECOND S: ";U
30 REM SELECT NUMBERS:
$31 \ S = "+ ":L = H:A = 0$
32 M = INT (RND (1) * 100); IF M > 2 * H THEN 32; REM TOP N
UMBER
34 N = INT (RND (1) * 100): IF N > H THEN 34: REM BOTTOM NU
MBER 36 IF M > H THEN 42: REM SUBTRAC
T 38 S = M + N: IF S > H THEN 34
40 GOTO 46
42 L = M - H: IF N > L THEN 34: REM
TOP NUMBER MUST BE LARGER 44 S = L - N:S $ = "- ":M = L$
45 REM PRINT PROBLEM:
46 FOR D = 1 TO 1000: NEXT : REM
50 VTAB 9: HTAB 8: IF M < 10 THEN HTAB 9: REM RIGHT JUSTIFY
52 PRINT M: HTAB 6: PRINT S\$; 54 IF N < 10 THEN HTAB 9
ST IF N VIO INCN NIND 2
55 PRINT N: HTAB 6: PRINT ""
55 PRINT N: HTHB 6: PRINT ""

ROADRUNNER **50 ADD/SUBTRACT PROBLEMS** NUMBER: 32 SECONDS: 9 SNAIL 12 Δ TURTLE CHIPMONK ANSWER? 7 RABBIT WRONG, TRY AGAIN. COYOTE ANSWER? 8 ROADRUNNER **RIGHT!**

Figure 1: End of game, Problem 32 was answered incorrectly. "RABBIT" flashes to show highest level achieved.

- 56 REM INPUT ANSWER, TEST IT:
- 57 V = U * 18: REM MULTIPLIER FO R ACTUAL SECONDS
- 58 PRINT : PRINT : HTAB 3: PRINT "ANSWER? ") : REM NO CURSOR
- 60 I = PEEK (16384): POKE 16368,0: REM READ KEYBOARD, RESET KEYBOARD STROBE
- IF I = 141 THEN VTAB 15: GOTO 62 74: REM RETURN KEY INDICATE S ALL DIGITS RECEIVED
- IF I > 127 THEN A = A * 10 + 64 VAL (CHR\$ (I - 128)): VTAB 14: HTAB 11: PRINT A: REM WEIGHT KEYSTROKES FOR UNITS, TENS
- 66 V = V 1: IF V > 0 THEN VTAB 6: HTAB 13: PRINT " "; HTAB 12: PRINT INT (V / 18): GOTO 60: REM BLANK SECOND DIGIT OF SECONDS REMAINING
- 70 Z = 1: VTAB 16: HTAB 5: PRINT CHR\$ (7); "TOO LATE!"
- 72 PRINT : PRINT : HTAB 3: INPUT "ANSWER? ") A
- IF A = S THEN 78: REM CORRECT 74 ANSWER
- 76 Z = 1: PRINT : HTAB 5: PRINT " WRONG, TRY AGAIN!": GOTO 72
- 78 P = P + 1: IF P = 51 THEN Z = 1: Y = 6
- PRINT : HTAB 5: PRINT "RIGHT! 80 ...
- POKE 32,0: IF Z = 1 THEN 21: REM 82 Z STOPS GAME
- 84 X = X + 1: IF X > 9 THEN X = 0 :Y = Y + 1:U = U 2: REM CH ANGE ANIMAL AND TIME INTERVA L AFTER 10 PROBLEMS
- 86
- GOTO 21 VTAB 24: INPUT "ANOTHER GAME 90 (Y/N)? ") I\$: IF I\$ = "Y" THEN POKE 33,40: HOME : GOTO 16
- 92 POKE 34,0: POKE 33,40: HOME : END

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Roadrunner Variables List

A	Answer
C	Counter
	Delay
н	Highest Number
1	Input
1\$	Input
L	Top number for subtraction
M	Top number
N	Bottom number
P	Problem number
S	Sum or difference
S\$	Sign
Т	Maximum time interval
U	Decreased time interval
V	Actual seconds remaining
W\$(6)	Winning animal
W	Subscript
x	Counts ten problems
X Y	Level attained
z	Ends game

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Plotting with Special Character Graphics

A primer on, and program for, generating plot mode type graphics with special characters. Applicable to the PET, Challenger, and other micros.

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Microcomputers that support graphics are basically one of two types. One type supports their graphics with a special set of graphics characters that are printed or poked on the screen thereby drawing the picture you were trying to portray. Examples of this type of computer are the Challenger, Sorcerer, and Pet. The second type of graphics support divides the screen into small squares or rectangles which are turned on or off by specifying their address in a matrix system. These points are said to be "plotted" on the screen in the same fashion that you would plot on a piece of graph paper. Examples of this type of machine include the Compucolor, Intecolor and TRS-80.

If you are an owner of the first type of computer and have ever been envious of the people who own the second type or would like to use graphics programs written for the second type then this is the article for you! A program will be presented that allows you to duplicate the plot mode graphics and allows you to create your own expanded graphics mode.

First let us take a minute and ensure that everyone understands plot mode graphics. I will use the TRS-80 for an example. They have divided the screen into 128 points across (horizontally) and 48 points down (vertically). To identify any single point you must specify its location with two numbers; the first will identify how many points over from the left edge of the screen your point is and the second number will identify how may points down from the top edge. To turn a point on you would use the instruction SET (X,Y) where X is the distance across (0-127) and Y is the distance down (0-47). To draw a line across the screen you would have to write a program that would specify a value for Y and included a loop that would increment or decrement X until the line was drawn.

For example, consider the following program:

10 Y = 6 20 FOR X = 0 TO 63 30 SET (X,Y) 40 NEXT X

This program would plot a line near the top of the screen beginning at the left edge and extending across to the center of the screen.

The TRS-80 has three instructions that support their graphic; one to turn a point on, one to turn a point off, and one to examine a point to see whether it is on or off.

Some people call this graphics mode "high resolution" or simply HIRES graphics since this is the smallest increment of data that the programmer has control of. HIRES graphics capability of the TRS-80 is 128 × 48. A low resolution graphics capability exists also and is inherent in all computers whether they have graphics capability or not. This LOWRES graphics mode is simply to use a character form the keyboard (such as X) and draw pictures with it. Most people have used this technique when playing around with a typewriter. In this mode the TRS-80 would have a resolution of 64 \times 16. (The number of characters per line by the number of lines.) To use this mode of graphics you would simply use print statements.

Intecolor and Compucolor use a method very much like that used by Radio Shack. They use a sequence of PLOT instructions to accomplish their graphics capability. In addition, they have some subplot modes which allow you to draw lines and bars without the necessity of writing loops like the one I showed you for the TRS-80. This capability gives the programmer a very powerful tool for fancy graphing such as vector mode, point to point lines, bar graphs, etc.

Most home computers display the screen from a memory somewhere in the 64K that a programmer has access to. The BASIC interpreter program simply places the information in the proper address of this memory and the hardware of the computer constantly displays this memory on the TV tube that you look at. For this reason, if you know where this refresh RAM (memory) is located, then you can simply use the BASIC PEEK instruction to find out what is there and the POKE instruction to put anything you choose on the screen, whether it be keyboard characters or graphics characters. Normally each character on the screen occupies one byte of data in the refresh RAM. This means that there are 256 possible characters that can be displayed. The way that each manufacturer uses these 256 characters is one of the major differences between home computers.

The TRS-80 is no exception. They reserve 64 of these characters for the keyboard, 64 of these characters are used for the double width characters and the other 128 are the graphics characters. Mathematically it can be shown that the 128 characters are enough to contain all possible combinations of 6 bits ($2^6 = 128$); therefore what Radio Shack did was divide a character into 6 pieces arranged in a two by three group.

Compucolor and Intecolor devote two bytes of data to each character on the screen since they must also include color information. This also gives then the ability to devote 256 characters to graphics, 8 bits in a two by four group, and thus they have a higher resolution capability than does Radio Shack. Now that you understand plot mode character graphics let's see how we can duplicate this graphics mode with the special character graphics. The demonstration programs and the special graphics subroutine we'll be looking at will run unmodified on a PET computer but I'll try to include enough notes so that it should be easy to modify these routines for any computer that uses Microsoft BASIC as long as the graphics symbols are available.

The symbols that we are going to use are shown in Figure 1. Since we are going to divide our characters into four bits we will need 2⁴ or 16 characters. PET has thoughtfully provided all of these characters on the keyboard, although some will have to be used with the RVS key. Challenger doesn't provide these characters from the keyboard but you should be able to find them listed in the graphics program book. The first one is simply a space.

Since we plan to poke these characters on the screen, we'll need to know the decimal equilalents of all of these characters. The following subroutine will build an array of all the characters shown in figure 1 by using the decimal equivalents of these characters in the data statements.

- 32000 DIM X2 (15) :FOR Y1 = 0 TO
- 32010 READ X2(Y1):NEXT:RETURN
- 32020 DATA 32,126,124,226,123,97, 225,236,108,127,225,251, 98,252,254,160

If you don't have a PET, change the DATA statement per your machine documentation. Be sure to enter them in the order shown in figure 1.

My subroutines all use the variables X, Y, plus these variables with numbers. This is done to minimize the impact on variables you may be using in your program. Variable definitions are given in the table below.

X The horizontal coordinate of the point

Y The vertical coordinate of the point

X1 The decimal address of the character that the point is in.

X2 The original data at the address X1

X3 A flag to tell the subroutine what kind of plotting is desired (see text)

Y1 The pointer into the array containing our plot character

Y2 A flag indicating which one of the four points in the character that X,Y points to

X2(Y1) The array of possible plot characters

Now let's look at the program in detail. Line 50 gets rid of any ambiguity about the value of X; first by making sure that it is an integer and then by making sure that the point is on the screen. The number 79 is one less than twice the number of characters you have across your screen. A good value to use on the Challenger 1P is 47; Challenger 2 would use 127.

Line 52 does the same thing for Y. The number 49 represents one less than twice the number of lines.

Line 54 generates the address of the character we are interested in and peeks the current value. It then searches to try and match this value with the array that we set up earlier. The number 40 is the number of characters on the Pet line. For a Challenger 1P this must be 32. 32768 is the decimal address of the starting location of the Pet memory map for screen refresh. Your system documentation should tell you where yours is located. For the Challenger 1P this starting location depends on the TV overscan but 53349 should be a good place to start.

Line 56. If the search is unsuccessful and X3 is a zero, we'll assume Y1 = 0, thereby overwriting any data that is already on the screen. Otherwise, we will abort the plot and preserve the data on the screen.

Lines 58 and 60 find the proper quadrant of the character.

Let's skip lines 63, 64 and 66 for now.

Line 68 does the actual plotting by oring the old data pointer and the quadrant pointer. If you've gotten this far and you suddenly find that your machine won't, or that there are two numbers together, then please drop me a line and I'll give you a program that does the same thing with logical IF tests. Be sure to tell me what kind of machine you have.

The program we have just discussed will simulate the TRS-80 SET instruction except that we can also have control over what happens should our plot program encounter a normal print character. To demonstrate this, consider the following example:

> 5 GOSUB 32000 10 Y = 6 20 FOR X = 0 TO 39 30 GOSUB 50 40 NEXT X : END

If you have entered the two subroutines prior to this, then this program will draw a

line half way across the screen near the top, just like the Radio Shack program did. Now, remove these lines (5 through 40) and enter the following program.

10 PRINT CHR\$(147):REM CLRS SCREEN 20 GOSUB 32000

30 GOTO 100 100 FOR X = 0 TO 79 110 Y = 24 + 15 * SIN(X/5) 120 GOSUB 50 130 NEXT X 140 END

When you run this you should have a nice sine wave appear on the screen.

Radio Shack has a RESET instruction also that allows them to turn off a bit. Some of the time this is used to simulate a ball or bullet for animation purposes. Since this program is in Basic which is inherently slow for this sort of thing, I have provided for a special feature to allow simulating this kind of action. Please add this one line to your earlier program.

115 POKE X1, X2 This turns off the bit that was just turned on by poking back the original value. Once you have tried this program, please be sure to remove line 115. This is not the only use of the RESET instruction, however. We should be able to simulate this instruction also. Now we can discuss the rest of the main subroutine.

Line 62 holds the key to the power of this subroutine. By setting X3 to a particular value we can use this subroutine to do many plotting functions. We have already discussed the values of X3 = 0 and X3 = 1.

Line 64 is required since the ON instruction cannot work with X3 = 0.

Line 70 is the place we will jump to if X3 = 2. Add the following lines to your program and try it again.

140 IF X3 = 2 THEN END 150 X3 = 2 160 GOTO 100

As you can see, X3 = 2 simulates the RESET instruction very well. You should now save your program tape.

This same routine provides more advanced functions as well which are similar to those supplied by Compucolor. For example, if X3 = 3, then a test is made on the bit at the X,Y coordinate. If it is off, we'll turn it on but if it's already on, we'll turn it off. This decision is made with line 66.

Line 72 is the line we will get to if X3 = 4. This will cause us to enter the X-bar graph mode. Consider this program:

5 GOSUB 32000 10 PRINT CHR\$(147) 15 Y = 6 20 X3 = 4 25 X = 39 30 GOSUB 50 35 END

It draws the same horizontal line we saw earlier but we didn't have to write a loop. It was also a little faster.

Line 74 is where you will end up when X3 = 5. This enters the Y-bar graph mode and vertical lines will be drawn.

Of course several more variations could be derived depending on your application. For example, if X3 = 6 pointed to line 76, then

76 GOSUB 68:X = X - 1:Y = Y + 1:GOTO 50 would draw a diagonal line. Or alternately,an adaptation of line 66 could provide a status that would indicate whether one bit was on or off.

Final Considerations

This routine is intended to reside near the front of your using program since subroutines at the beginning of programs execute faster than those near the end. The initialization subroutine only executes once, so placing it at the end simply gets it out of the way.

Notes on the Challenger 1P

In addition to the changes described in the text, you will have to make the following changes to run this program on the Challenger 1P. Line 54 will have to be broken into two lines since it is more than 72 characters long. The same is true of line 32020. Although Challenger has a very extensive set of graphics characters, they really blew it when using the sixteen characters described in this article. Four are missing. This prevents not only a clean implementation of this program but alos prevents another use for these characters such as that of creating large lettering. The best compromise may be the following statements:

32020 DATA 32, 168, 166, 155, 167, 156, 170, 175

32030 DATA 165, 169, 157, 177, 154, 178, 176, 161

Challenger should consider changing their ROM; perhaps changing 171 through 174.



Figure 1

Main Subroutine

- 50 X = INT(X): IF X 79 OR X 0 THEN RETURN
- 52 Y = INT(Y): IF Y 49 OR Y 0 THEN RETURN
- 54 X1 = INT(X/2) + 40* INT(Y/2) + 32768: X2 = PEEK(X1): FOR Y1 = 0 TO 15: IF X2 = X2(Y1) THEN 58
- 56 NEXT: Y1 = 0: IF X3 THEN RETURN
- 58 Y2 = 1: IF X/2 INT(X/2) THEN Y2 = 2*Y2
- 60 IF Y/2 INT(Y/2) THEN $Y2 = Y2^{*}4$
- 62 ON X3 GOTO 68,70,66,72,74
- 64 GOTO 68
- 66 IF X2(Y1 OR Y2) = X2(Y1) THEN 70
- 68 POKE X1, X2(Y1 OR Y2) : RETURN
- 70 POKE X1,X2(Y1 AND 15 Y2) : RETURN
- 72 GOSUB 68 : X = X 1 : GOTO 50
- 74 GOSUB 68 : Y = Y + 1 : GOTO 52



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SYM - 1 BASIC "GET" Command

Everything you need to know to implement the 'GET' function in SYM - 1 BASIC. The use of the GET function is discussed and several examples are provided.

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The SYM-1 BASIC Interpreter provides for an unused "GET" token which always produces a Function Call error (FC) whenever it is encountered in a program. GET is an alternate form of INPUT except that it only inputs one character for each call and that one character can be any keyboard character including control characters and lower case letters. The first section of this article describes a simple procedure to implement this very useful command. The second section explains in detail how it works and the the third section offers some examples of BASIC subroutines utilizing the GET command.

Section One Implementing the GET Command

Step 1: Deposit and Verify the code in the OBJECT LISTING. If it consistently will not Verify, read Section 2 before proceeding.

Step 2: Enter the following monitor command:

.SD A600,A664

Step 3: Jump to BASIC: .J O

Step 4: Enter and RUN a BASIC program such as:

- 100 PRINT "HIT ANY KEY:" 110 GET A\$
- 120 PRINT ASC(A\$)
- 130 GOTO 100

The GET command is always used to input a character string which will normally have a length of one. (A doublequote (") or a NULL results in a length of zero which causes an FC error to occur. See Section 2.) Of course, the string variable can be either simple or an element of a matrix, but only one variable is allowed for each GET and it cannot be used in a Direct Command. When GET is encountered in a running program there is no prompt "?" and prompt strings are not allowed. This is intentional to allow for several characters in a row to be typed in, in response to several GET's or for a loop which examines the characters for errors as they are typed. It is therefore normal to precede GET with a PRINT statement to serve as a prompt.

Section Two Detailed Explanation of GET Implementation

The assembly language program to implement GET is stored in two sections of RAM that are unused by both the Monitor and BASIC. The first of these is the first 32 bytes of System RAM which are normally allocated as the Scope Buffer but are not changed in any way as long as none of the hex keypad buttons are pushed (except, of course, RST and DEBUG ON and OFF). These 32 bytes are located at \$A600-\$A61F. The second section of RAM is the 16 bytes located on page zero at \$E8-\$F7. The code can be entered into your SYM-1 and verified using the object code listing or if you have Synertek's RAE-1, you can enter the source code as it appears in the assembly listing. After it is assembled the block of code belonging on page zero must be moved there from page \$0F with the monitor command:

B E8, FE8-FF7

The code can not be assembled directly on page zero since RAE-1 also uses that block of memory. If you happen to have EPROM in your system you can also relocate the code there (delete line 300 JMP GET.COMD.3). In order to activate GET, the System Output Vector (\$A664,5) must be changed from its present value, assumed to be the Terminal Output routine (TOUT = \$8AA0), to the GET command processor (GET.COMD = \$A600). This vector can be changed at the monitor level with the simple command:

.SD A600,A664

or it can be done in BASIC with:

POKE 42596,0: POKE 42597,166

which can be either a Direct Command or part of a program. If you decide to relocate the code to some other address than \$A600 then be sure to use the correct address when changing the System Output Vector. Please be aware of the fact that the System RAM is write protected after a warm start to BASIC (G O) until after a LOAD or SAVE command is attempted (if you have the new Monitor ROM) or until a call to ACCESS is made some other way, for example, with QQ = USR(&"8B86",0) or unless the jumper at 45-MM is removed. Incidentally, since BASIC passes the program size and file ID information to the Tape routines through the System RAM, the first LOAD or SAVE after a warm start won't work.

To understand how the GET command is processed look at the assembly language listing. Each time BASIC attempts to print any character, this routine will be entered. If the character to be printed is a carriage return, which is the case when any error is encountered, then further testing is performed to see if it is a Function Call error and then if it was caused by a GET token. If any of the proper conditions are not met then a jump is made to the Terminal Output routine or to whatever special output routine you might have.

Assuming that all the conditions for the GET command are met, then twelve bytes are taken off the stack to account for the series of JSR's involved in printing the error message. Next, the BASIC Input Buffer is set up as it would be if a single character were entered in response to an INPUT command. However, the routines that normally bring characters into the Input Buffer are bypassed because they ignore all control characters (except BELL) and change lower case letters to upper case. Instead, the Input Buffer is loaded directly by the GET command processor so that all characters will be allowed. In addition, a double-quote is automatically inserted before the typed character so that commas, colons and spaces will also be properly interpreted. After the typed character a zero is inserted which is the End-of-Line token. There remains an ambiguity over two characters which can be typed in, namely, NULL and double-quote ("), both of which will be interpreted as a string of zero length. The NULL looks like the End-of-Line token and the doublequote looks like the End-of-String character. If you are not concerned with this ambiguity in your application, skip the remainder of this section.

There are two ways to avoid the ambiguity between double-quote and NULL. First you can change the assembly language instruction on line 350 from AND #\$7F to ORA #\$80 and then subtract 128 from each character after the GET statement. Example: Change BASIC program line 630 to:

630 CHAR\$ = CHR\$(ASC(CHAR\$)-128)

The second way to handle this is by inserting three instructions between lines 350 and 360 of the assembly program as follows:

CMP #\$22 BNE +2 ORA #\$80

But this will require relocating the code to accomodate the additional bytes of program. (Due to a minor error in RAE-1, the branch must be entered as BNE = +3.) In this case, only a double-quote has its most significant bit set. It is not necessary to subtract 128 as long as you treat the ASCII code for double-quote as 162 instead of 34. Also, line 630 of the BASIC program should be deleted.

Section Three Examples of Using GET

The remainder of this article will describe several BASIC subroutines which can be used to simulate the INPUT function for integer, numeric and string variables. Also described is a means to disable the BREAK key to make it possible to write programs that are incapable of being clobbered by the operator. This is an especially important feature when

OBJECT LISTING

.V E8-F7 00E8 20 58 8A 29 7F 85 1F A2+F0 00F0 1D A0 00 84 20 4C EA C9+50 0650 .V A600-A61F A600 C9 0B D0 08 E0 08 D0 04+6A A608 C0 36 F0 03 4C A0 8A BA+83 A610 8A 69 0B AA 9A A9 2C 85+1F A618 1D A9 22 85 1E 4C E8 00+DE 0DDE

running programs for the novice. If you've had the frustrating experience of trying to leave your computer in the hands of the kids to play games only to have them forget to press RETURN after every input and not press RETURN without some input, then you know what a boon this can be. It can save you from having to reload a program because the kids have unknowingly deleted lines of program by typing in numbers while in Command Level.

LIST

10 PROMPTS = "INPUT A STRING: " 11 GUSUB 600 12 PRINT PHRASES 13 GOTO 10 20 PROMPTS = "INPUT A NUMBER: " 21 GOSUB 500 22 PRINT NUMBER 23 60TO 20 30 PROMPTS = "INPUT AN INTEGER: " 31 GOSUB 400 32 PRINT NUMBER% 33 6070 30 35 : 95 REM ↔ SUBROUTINE TO ACTIVATE "GET" ROUTINE ↔ 100 QQ = USR(%"8886",0): REM ALLOW ACCESS TO SYSTEM RAM 110 PDKE 42596,0: PDKE 42597,166: REM CHANGE DUTPUT VECTOR TO "GET" 120 RETURN 120 REFORM 135 REM ↔ SUBROUTINE TO DISABLE "BREAK" KEY ↔ 195 REM SIMULATE MONITOR COMMAND: .SD 862D,A667 200 QQ = USR(& 8B86°,0): REM ALLOW ACCESS TO SYSTEM RAM 210 POKE 42570;103: POKE 42571;166: REM STORE INSYEC+1 IN P3 220 POKE 42572;45: POKE 42573;134: REM STORE \$862D (CLC-RTS) IN P2 230 QQ = USR(& 861D",0): REM EXECUTE STORE DOUBLE BYTE COMMAND 240 PETUEN 240 RETURN 240 RETURN 285 REM ↔ SUBRDUTINE TO ENRBLE "BREAK" KEY ↔ 295 REM SIMULATE MONITOR COMMAND: .SD 883C,A667 300 QQ = USR(%"8886",0): REM ALLOW ACCESS TO SYSTEM RAM 310 PDKE 42570,103: PDKE 42571,166: REM STORE INSVEC+1 IN P3 320 PDKE 42572,60: PDKE 42573,139: REM STORE \$8833C (TSTAT) IN P2 330 QQ = USR(%"961D",0): REM EXECUTE STORE DOUBLE BYTE COMMAND 340 QETUEN 340 RETURN 345 REM ↔ SUBROUTINE TO INPUT AN INTEGER ↔ 400 GOSUB 500: REM INPUT A NUMBER 410 IF ABS(NUMBER) > 32767 THEN 400: REM REPEAT IF DUT DF RANGE 420 NUMBER% = INT (ABS (NUMBER)) +S6N (NUMBER): REM DROP FRACTIONAL PART 430 RETURN 430 RETURN 495 REM ↔↔ SUBROUTINE TO INPUT A NUMBER ↔↔ 500 GOSUB 600: REM INPUT A STRING 510 NUMBER = VAL(PHRASE\$>: REM CONVERT STRING TO NUMBER 520 RETURN 595 RET +++ SUBROUTINE TO INPUT A STRING +++ 600 PRINT: PRINT PROMPT\$;: REM PRINT PROMPT ON NEW LINE 610 PHRASE\$ = "": REM DELETE PHRASE GET CHARS 620 620 GET CHARS) = 0 THEN CHARS = CHRS(34): REM CHARGE NULL STRING TO " 640 IF ASC(CHARS) <> 8 THEN 680: REM BRANCH IF NOT BACK-SPACE 650 IF LEN(PHRASES) = 0 THEN PRINT RIGHTS(PROMPTS,1);: GOTO 620 660 PHRASES = LEFTS(PHRASES).LEN(PHRASES)-1): REM DELETE LAST CHARACTER 670 PRINT " "; CHRS(8);: GOTO 620 680 IF ASC(CHARS) = 10 THEN 600: REM START OVER IF LINE-FEED 690 IF ASC(CHARS) = 10 THEN 600: REM START DVER IF LINE-FEED 690 IF ASC(CHARS) = 13 THEN PRINT: RETURN: REM DONE IF CARRIAGE RETURN 700 PHRASES = PHRASES + CHARS 710 GOTO 620 795 REM ↔ SUBROUTINE TO DE-ACTIVATE "GET" ROUTINE ↔ 800 QQ = USR(%"8886",0): REM ALLOW ACCESS TO SYSTEM RAM 810 PDKE 42596,160: PDKE 42597,138: REM CHANGE DUTPUT VECTOR TO "TOUT" 820 RETURN DK

The BASIC program lisitng contains two parts. The first part (lines 10-35) contains sample drivers for the three types of INPUT's and the second part (lines 95-820) contains the actual subroutines. The first subroutine (GOSUB 100) changes the output vector to point to the assembly language program which of course must be loaded prior to entering BASIC. The last subroutine (GOSUB 800) can be used to switch the output vector back to its normal state. The second and third subroutines can be used to disable and enable the BREAK key. These routines use part of the Monitor Store Double Byte Command to change the Input Status Vector because it is impossible to do the same thing in pure BASIC since the status would be checked between the two POKE's and would result in the program going to an undesired place. The BREAK is disabled by simply pointing it to a routine that always returns a status clear.

The subroutine beginning at line 600 simulates the INPUT command for a character string. The first thing it does is print a prompt string which should be defined prior to calling the subroutine.

SASSEMBLY LISTING

BASIC "GET" TOKEN 0010 GET. TOKEN .DE \$98 BASIC "FC ERROR" TOKEN BASIC INPUT COMMAND INTERPRETER BASIC INPUT BUFFER .DE \$08 0020 FC.ERROR 0030 INPUT.COMD .DE \$C989 .DE SIE 0040 INP. BUFFER MONITOR TERMINAL DUTPUT ROUTINE . DE \$8AA0 0050 TOUT .DE \$8858 MONITOR INPUT TERMINAL CHARACTER 0060 INTCHR 0070 .DS 0080 .BA \$8600 0090 0100 *** PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT SYM-1 BASIC "GET" COMMAND *** 0110 ; 0120 TEST FOR CARRIAGE RETURN A600- C9 0D 0130 GET.COMD CMP #\$0D BNE GET.COMD.1 AND BRANCH IF NOT. 86 02- D0 08 0140 TEST FOR FC ERROR AND CPX #FC.ERROR 8604- E0 08 BRANCH IF NOT. BNE GET.COMD.1 0160 A606- D0 04 #L, GET. TOKEN+GET. TOKEN TEST FOR GET AND CPY A608- C0 36 0170 BRANCH IF SD. BEQ GET.COMD.2 A60A- F0 03 0180 IF NOT, CONTINUE DUTPUT. A60C- 4C A0 8A 0190 GET.COMD.1 JMP TOUT 0200 TAKE 12 BYTES OFF STACK. 0210 GET.COMD.2 TSX AGOF- BA ALREADY IN BINARY MODE AND A610- SA A611- 69 TXA 0250 CARRY SET, SO ADD 11. ADC #12-1 0B 0230 TAX A613- AA 0240 ZXT 0250 A614- 98 A615- 89 20 STORE COMMA IN FRONT OF 0260 LDA =', BUFFER (NEEDED BY BASIC). STA +INP. BUFFER-1 A617- 85 1D A619- A9 22 0270 STORE QUDTE IN BUFFER TO LDA #" 0280 ALLOW AUTO STRING INPUT. STA +INP. BUFFER R618- 85 1E 0290 CONTINUE ON PAGE ZERD. JMP GET.COMD.3 A61D- 4C E8 00 0300 0310 STORE SES CODE AT SFES, BA SES 0320 MOVE WITH: B E8, FE8-FF7 INPUT A CHARACTER. .MC SFE8 0330 0340 GET.COMD.3 JSR INTCHR 00E8- 20 58 8A 00E8- 29 7F CLEAR PARITY BIT. AND #\$7F 0350 PUT IT IN BUFFER. X NEEDED BY BASIC. STA .INP. BUFFER+1 00ED- 85 1F 0360 LDX #INP.BUFFER-1 00EF- A2 1D 0370 Y=0 NEEDED BY BASIC. LDY #0 00F1- A0 00 0380 STY +INP. BUFFER+2 END-OF-LINE TOKEN. 00F3-84 20 0390 INPUT.COMD+49 CONT INTO BASIC. JMP 00F5- 4C EA C9 0400 .EN 0410

LABEL FILE: [/ = EXTERNAL]

>GET.TOKEN=009B
>INP.BUFFER=001E
GET.COMD=A600
GET.COMD.3=00E8
>>0000,00F8;0FF8

✓FC.ERRDP=0008 ✓TOUT=8AA0 GET.COMD.1=A60C The name of the prompt string is PRO-MPT\$ (or PR\$). Next, the string which will contain the typed characters is cleared. Its name is PHRASE\$ (or PH\$). Then a loop is entered which GETs the typed characters one at a time and examines them before it puts them into the PHRASE\$ string to see if they are any of the following special characters:

1. NULL (same as double-quote) is changed to ".

2. Back Space deletes previous character.

3. Line Feed deletes entire line.

4. Carriage Return ends the input.

No test is made to limit the number of characters to 255. Therefore, typing in 256 characters is a way to "BREAK" a program that has the BREAK key disabled since it will cause a Long String Error (LS).

The subroutine beginning at line 500 simulates the INPUT command for a number. It does this by calling the string

input subroutine and using the BASIC VAL function to put the string into the variable called NUMBER (or NU). If the string does not convert correctly into a number, no error is generated, instead that portion of the string up to the error is used (or zero if it is completely wrong). However, if the magnitude of the number is too large for BASIC an Overflow Error(OV) results. This is another way to "BREAK" a program even with the BREAK key disabled.

The subroutine beginning at line 400 simulates the INPUT command for an integer. It does this by calling the number input subroutine and using the BASIC INT function to convert it to an integer called NUMBER• (or NU•). If the number is too large to be an integer, the prompt is repeated to avoid an error. Also, the fractional part of a negative number is dropped instead of rounding up to the next larger integer (absolute value).

Obviously, similar sorts of routines can be written to accomodate any particular requirements you might have. One word of caution: at the lower baud rates BASIC can't keep up with a fast typist. Using the BREAK disable subroutine will keep the program from aborting but might result in incorrect characters being read. However, if they are read incorrectly they will also be echoed incorrectly, so backspace over any errors and retype. At 4800 baud, BASIC can easily keep up with all but the fastest typist. At 110 baud it isn't hard to get incorrect reads, but even then it's not likely to be a problem with a novice operator. However, if you are running at 110 baud it is probably because you are running on a teletype in which case you will have to handle the character deletes with something other than a back-space.

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A Simple Temperature Measurement Program and Interface

Using a micro for temperature measurement demonstrates some of the problems and some of the solutions involved in interfacing to the real world. Marvin L. DeJong Dept. of Math & Physics The School of the Ozarks Point Lookout, MO 65726

Temperature measurements at least as precise as $+1^{\circ}$ C can be made with the circuit shown in Figure 1 and the program listed in Table 1. The 555 timer integrated circuit operates in conjunction with a FENWAL GB41P2 thermistor as a temperature-to-frequency converter. The pulses from the circuit in Figure 1 are counted with the T2 counter/timer on the 6522 Versatile Interface Adapter. A machine language subroutine measures the number of pulses in one second, while a BASIC program converts the frequency to temperature.

The relationship of the temperature of the thermistor to the frquency of the pusises at PB6 is non-linear. A temperature -Vs- frequency curve for our system is shown in Figure 2. You must make such a clibration curve for the system to work. A calibration curve is obtained by immersing the thermistor and a previously calibrated thermometer in some fluid and making measurements of the frequency as the temperature of the fluid is changed. We used water, heat, and ice cubes to produce our calibration curve. The frequency measurement program in Table 2 is used to measure the pulse frequency as a function of temperature. If you want to use this system as an air themometer, then the fluid should be air. You will have to wait for nature to provide the necessary temperature changes. Temperatures below and above those shown on our calibration curve (Figure 2) may be included, depending on your intended application. Provided components with low temperature coefficients are used in the 555 timer circuit, the precision of the temperature measurements made by the program will depend largely on the quality of the calibration data you obtain for your circuit. The thermistor may be located in some remote location and connected to the 555 timer circuit by a twisted wire pair.

The program listed in Table 1 requires the user to input 20 frequency -temperature points from the calibration curve. The program can be easily modified to input more or less data. With the calibration data in memory, it calls the machine language subroutine to measure the frequency of the pulses from the interface circuit in Figure 1. Using the measured frequency and the calibration data, it performs a quadratic interpolation calculation to conver the frequency measurement to a temperature. It also converts the Celsius temperature to a Fahrenheit temperature and outputs both. In the BASIC program, statements number 50, 60 and 70 serve to get the frequency using the machine language subroutine. We are using AIM 65 BASIC, and the techniques necessary to call the machine language subroutine may vary from machine to machine. In any case,



Figure 1: Using the 555 Timer as a Temperature-to-Frequency Converter statement number 50 pokes the starting address of th machine language subroutine into a location where AIM 65 BASIC can find it. Statement number 60 actually produces the subroutine jump. The variable Y means nothing in statement 60. In statement 70 the BASIC program obtains the frequency from the two bytes in memory where the machine language subroutine stored it, namely 49 = \$31 and 50 = \$32 in zero page.

Because of the way the quadratic interpolation formula is applied to the incoming frequency data, it is a good idea to make the first calibration point entered into the BASIC program be F = 0, T =-100 or some other low temperature below the range where you wish to operate. The other calibration points, from your calibration curve, are entered in **order** from low frequency-low temperature to high frequency-high temperature. For example, our first few data points entered were:

	0, -40
1000,	- 10
2550,	0.5
3000,	5.0

A close inspection of our calibration curve in Figure 2 shows that the first two sets of points are a dummy point (0, -40)and an extrapolated point (1000, -10). Note that the data are entered in pairs, frequency first, temperature second.

For reference purposes, let's review very briefly the quadratic interpolation formula that is used. Given a function T(F)defined at three points, (F^i, T^i) , (F^j, T^j) , and (F^k, T^k) , we must find the value of the function at an arbitrary point F, assuming that the curve through the three points is a second degree equation (quadratic) in F. The equation is:

т = т _ј	+ U $[-R^2T_i + (R^2 - L^2)T_j + L^2T_k]$
+ U2	$\frac{(R+L)}{RL} = [RT_i - (R+L)T_j + LT_k],$
where,	$R = F_j - F_i$, $L = F_k - F_j$, and
Defe	$U = (F - F_j)/(R + L).$

Refer to Figure 3 for a graphical interpretation of quadratic interpolation. In the program, the value of j (J in BASIC) that is chosen is such that F exceeds FJ but is less than F^k . Then i = j - 1 and k = j + 1. Thus the points FJ and F^k always bracket F.

Now a few comments on the machine language subroutines used in the programs in Tables 1 and 2. These routines are identical. They allow the T2 counter/timer on the 6522 to count pulses for a number of 50,000 clock cycle intervals. The number of such intervals is determined by the byte of data in location OFO7 in the program. 14 = 20 such intervals give a total counting period of one second. Clearly this number may be changed to count pulses for either 0.1 s, 10.0 s, or some other time interval if





Table 1	•	A simple	frequency-to-temperature	conversion	program.

10 DIM F(20), T(20) 20 FOR J = 1 TO 20 30 INPUT F(J),T(J) 40 NEXT J 50 POKE \$4,\$\$ POKE \$5, 15 60 Y=USR(Ø) 70 Y=PEEK(49): Z=PEEK(50) 80 FRQ=256*Z+Y 90 FOR J = 1 TO 20 100 IF FRQ <F(J) THEN 120 110 NEXT J 120 I=J-1: K=J+1 130 L=F(J) - F(I)140 R=F(K) - F(J)150 U=(FRQ - F(J))/(R + L)160 TC=T(J) + U/(R*L)*(-R*R*T(I)+(R*R-L*L)*T(J)+L*L*T(K)) 170 TC=TC+U*U*(R+L)/(L*R)*(R*T(I)-(R+L)*T(J)+L*T(K)) 180 TF = 9/5 *TC + 32190 TC= INT(TC + .5): TF= INT(TF + .5) 200 PRINT " ";TF;"F ";TC;"C" 210 GO TO 60 220 END \$0F00 D8 START CLD \$OFIC 2C OD AO TEST BIT IFR OF01 A9 60 LDA \$60 OF1F 50 FB OF21 AD 04 A0 BVC TEST OF03 8D OB AO STA ACR LDA T1CL OF06 A9 4D OF24 C6 30 LDA \$4D DEC CNTR OF08 8D 06 A0 OF26 D0 F4 STA TILL BNE TEST OFOB A9 14 LDA \$14 OF28 38 SEC OFOD 85 30 STA CNTR OF29 A9 FF LDA \$FF OFOF A9 C3 LDA \$C3 OF2B ED 08 AO SBC T2CL OF11 8D 05 AO STA T1LH OF2E 85 31 STA PLSLO OF14 A9 FF LDA \$FF OF30 A9 FF LDA \$FF OF16 8D 08 AO STA T2LL OF32 ED 09 A0 SBC T2CH OF19 8D 09 AO STA T2CH OF35 85 32 STA PLSHI OF37 4C D1 CO JMP BASIC * Used in AIM 65 BASIC. Other BASICs may use a different return-from-subroutine Table 2. A program to measure frequency using BASIC and machine language.

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10 POKE Ø4,ØØ: POKE Ø5, 15
20 Y = USR(Ø)
30 FRQ = 256*PEEK(5Ø) + PEEK(49)
40 PRINT FRQ
50 GO TO 20
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\$0F00	D8			START	CLD		Clear decimal mode.
OF01	A9	60			LDA	\$60	Set up ACR so T1 runs free and
OF03	8D	OB	AO		STA	ACR	T2 counts pulses.
OF06	A9	14			LDA	\$14	The program will count pulses for
OF08	85	30			STA	COUNT	\$14 = 20 intervals of 50,000 clock
OFOA	A9	4D			LDA	\$4D	cycles. T1 is loaded with \$C34D,
OFOC	8D	06	AO		STA	T1LL	since \$C34D + 2 = 50,000. IFR6 will
OFOF	A9	C3			LDA	\$C3	be set every 50,000 clock cycles.
OF11	8D	05	AO		STA	TILH	Clear IFR6 and start T1 running.
OF14					LDA	\$FF	Set up T2 to start counting down
OF16	8D	08	AO		STA	T2LL	from \$FFFF.
0F19	8D	09	AO		STA	T2CH	Start counting pulses on PB6.
OF1C	20	OD	AO	LOAF	BIT	IFR	Has T1 timed out yet?
OF1F	50	FB			BVC	LOAF	No, then wait in this loop.
0F21	AD	04	AO		LDA	TICL	Read TICL simply to clear IFR6.
0F24	C6	30			DEC	COUNT	Decrement interval counter.
0F26	DO	F4			BNE	LOAF	Count pulses for another interval if
0F28	38				SEC		interval counter has not reached zero.
0F29	A9	FF			LDA	\$FF	If it has reached zero, obtain the
			AO		SBC	T2CL	number of pulses from T2 by subtracting
OF2E	85	31			STA	PULSLO	the number in T2 from \$FFFF.
OF30) A 9	FF	2		LDA	\$FF	Result into locations \$0031 and \$0032.
0F32	ED	09	AO AO		SBC	T2CH	
OF35					STA	PULSHI	
10.00		1927	CO		JMP	BASIC	AIM 65 return to BASIC command.
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necessary. The programs in Tables 1 and 2 will count to a maximum of 65535 pulses in one one-second interval at a maximum rate of 500,000 Hz, the limit of the 6522. Note that the total counting interval ma be more or less than one second by say ten microseconds. This error amounts to less than one count if the incoming pulse rate is less than 65,535 Hz, and is of no consequence for this application. The listing in Table 2 is useful as a frequency counter with no regard to our frequency-to-temperature conversion program listed in Table 1. That is, the program in Table 2 is a stand-alone frequency counting program which may be used to count the frequency of pulses arriving at PB6, provided these are TTL level pulses similar to those provided by the 555 temperature-to-frequency circuit. A clever programmer will note that if IFR5, the T2 interrupt flag, is read, the T2 counter becomes a 17 bit counter, extending the range listed above by a factor of two. We did not program this feature into the programs in Tables 1 and 2.

Now that you can measure temperature, let's see what interesting applications you can come up with, and please let us hear from you. Of course, the first thing you will want to do is put the thermistor under your tongue and measure your body temperature. Analog Devices sells a T/F converter (AS537) that provides a linear relationship between T and F. We now describe how to interface it to your computer.

The connection diagram for the AD537 is shown in Figure 4. Again, the T2 timer/counter on the 6522 is used to measure the frequency of the pulses coming from

A Program to Measure Temperature with the AD537 Interface

10 POKE Ø4,ØØ: POKE Ø5,15 20 Y = USR(Ø) 30 FRQ = 256*PEEK(5Ø) + PEEK(49) 40 TC = (FRQ - 2731)/1Ø 50 TF = TC*9/5 + 32 60 TF = INT(TF + .5) 70 PRINT " "; TF; "F"; TC; "C" 80 GO TO 2Ø the AD537. With the values shown, the AD537 will produce a linear relationship between frequency and absolute temperature (Kelvin degrees) of $10Hz^{0}K$. At room temperature (about $300^{\circ}K$) the frequency will be 3000 Hz. The 15 k potentiometer in Figure 4 is adjusted to give the correct temperature. The adjustments are easier if the 15 k potentiometer is replaced by a 9.1 k resistor in series with a 2 k potentiometer to trim the total resistance to about 10 k ohms.

To convert from absolute temperature (°K) to Celsius temperature, we make use of the formula [°C = °K - 273.1]. Then we can convert to Fahrenheit with the formula [°F = (°C)(9/5) + 32]. The entire process is handled with the BASIC program listed in Table 3. This program also calls the machine subroutine listed in Tables 1 and 2.

The AD537 is a versatile device. It can also be used as a very fine voltage-tofrequency converter with only a few external components. Analog Devices appears to share my philosophy that the fewer external components around, the less likely it is for me to have problems. In any case, with the same integrated circuit you can make youself a voltmeter. The same machine language subroutine will provide the necessary software, and a simple BASIC calling program will place the decimal point and output the answer. You should be sure to obtain the specification sheets on the AD537 if you get one. They contain a lot of useful and vital information. For example, the Ad537 can be operated in a remote location with a twowire connection. Several of them can be multiplexed because the pulse output pin is an open-collector connection. The AD537 is much more expensive than a 555 timer, and jAnalog Devices may require a minimum order. Perhaps the members of your computer club can get together and place an order. Write: Analog Devices, 1 Industrial Park, P.O. Box 280, Norwood, Ma. 02062.

If you do not have a BASIC interpreter on your computer, then the machine language output subroutines given in Tables 4, 5, and 6 may be used with the programs in Tables 2 and 3 to output the frequency and temperature information. (Note that in order to measure temperature with the 555 timer circuit, a BASIC interpreter is an absolute essential.) SYM-1 and KIM-1 users can use the binary-to-BCD conversion routine in Table 4, together with their own subroutine that displays six numbers on the 7-segment LEDs, to display the frequency of the pulses measured by the machine language program in Table 2. The JMP BASIC instruction at \$0F37 would be replaced by the following instructions:

20 60 OF	JSR DCML
20 ?? ??	JSR DISPLAY
4C 00 OF	JMP START

where DISPLAY is the user's routine to display six digits. AIM 65 owners will want to use all the subroutines in Tables 4, 5, and 6 to output the BCD digits representing the frequency to the AIM 65 twenty character display. To use the subroutines with the AD537 interface and the program in Table 3, you must first subtract \$0AAB (2731) from the measured pulse rate to convert it to Celsius, and then output the BCD digits, remembering for yourself where the decimal place is. Good luck.





Figure 4: Frequency-to-Temperature Conversion Curve for the 555 Circuit.

Table 4. A subroutine to convert a 16-bit binary number to six BCD digits.

\$0031	=]	PLSLO;	contains	low-or	der byte o	f 16-bit number to be converted.
\$0032	=]	PLSHI;	contains	high-or	rder byte	of 16-bit number to be converted.
\$0F60	A9	00	DCML	LDA	\$00	Clear memory locations for the
0F62	85	01		STA	BCDLO	BCD number
OF64	85	02		STA	BCDMI	
0F66	85	03		STA	BCDHI	
OF68	F8			SED		Set decimal mode for subsequent
OF69	AO	10		LDY	\$10	additions. Y contains number of
OF6B	06	31	THERE	ASL	PLSMO	bits to be converted. One bit of
OF6D	26	32		ROL	PLSMI	the number is shifted into the
OF6F	A2	FD		LDX	\$FD	carry bit at a time. X serves as
OF71	B5	04	MORE	LDA	BYT,X	a counter for a triple-precision
OF73	75	04		ADC	BYT,X	addition.
OF75	95	04		STA	BYT,X	
OF77	E8			INX		
OF78	DO	F7		BNE	MORE	
OF7A	88			DEY		Get the next bit.
OF7B	DO	EE		BNE	THERE	When $Y = 0$, the conversion is
OF7D	D8			CLD		complete.
OF7E	60			RTS		Return to calling program.



Table 5. A subroutine to convert six BCD digits to ASCII and call an output subroutine.

\$0F80	A2	06	ASCII	LDX	\$06	X contains the number of BCD digits.
0F82				LDA	\$00	Our out-character (OUTCH) subroutine
OF84				STA	LOC	requires LOC to start at \$00.
0F86			NEXT	LDA	BCDHI	Get the most-significant nibble
OF88				AND	\$FO	of the BCD number. The BCD digits
OF8A	0.83			LSR	A	will be output from the most-
OF 8B	2.20			LSR	A	significant to the least significant.
OF8C				LSR	. Α	Move high-order nibble to the low-
OF8D				LSR	A	order nibble.
OFSE	05405			CLC		
OF8F		30		ADC	\$30	Adding \$30 to a BCD digit converts
0F91	1.000.000	2004		JSR	OUTCH	it to ASCII. Output the character.
0F94				LDY	\$04	Get another nibble.
0F96		- market	AGN	ASI	BCDLO	
0F98				ROI	, BCDMI	
OF 9A				ROI	BCDHI	
OF90				DEX	t.	
OF9I				BNI	E AGN	
OF9I				DE	ζ.	Get another digit?
OFA				BNI	E NEXT	Yes.
OFA				RT	5	No.

A subroutine to display six digits on the AIM 65 display. Table 6.

\$0FA5	09	80		OUTCH	ORA	\$80	ASCII chara
\$0FA7				100000	STA	TEMP	Set bit sev
SOFA9		0.5			TXA		Save X.
SOFAA					PHA		
SOFAB		04			LDX	LOC	LOC contain
SOFAD					LDA	TEMP	on the 20 c
SOFAD			FF			OUTDD1	Use AIM 65
\$0FB2					INC		
\$0FB2					LDA		
\$0FB6					CMP		Have all si
\$0FB8						AHEAD	
SOFBA					LDA		Yes. Clean
SOFBC					STA		
				AHEAD	PLA	200	Get X back
SOFBE				ALLAD	TAX		
\$9FBF					RTS		Return to
\$0 FC0	00				1110		

acter is in the accumulator. ven and store temporarily. ns location of the digit character display monitor routine.

ix characters been output?

r LOC.

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Shorthand Commands for Superboard II and Challenger C1P BASICs

This article shows how to intercept the BASIC's input routine and how to implement a shorthand notation.

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As a superboard or Challenger IP owner, you surely have noticed the large amount of adds for extra software for the Apple, PET and TRS 80 machines and you hoped for just some of these goodies to show up for your own computer.

Well, no such luck, so far. So, now we have to do the job ourselves. One of the advertised options for the TRS 80, single stroke instructions, looked nice and I started to program something like that for the OSI machine. The result is presented here, and the shorthand routine is almost alway present in my machine during program development.

Before describing how the job was done, let's first have a look at what this routine does exactly. After loading the program, type

POKE 536,34:POKE 537,2 and instead of typing the instruction letter by letter, you can enter it by hitting the ESCAPE KEY and another key after that. The last key determines which instructin is entered. For instance, if you want to enter RIGHT\$, hit the ESCAPE key first. On the display the cursor will change to an arrow to warn you that the next entry will be an instruction instead of a single character. Now hit C and you have just entered RIGHT\$ as the display shows you.

All instructions are accessible in this way, and by altering the table in memory locations 0280 through 02C3 you may even choose your own shorthand codes.

There are a few things about the Microsoft Basic for the OSI machines that should be known before you can fully understand the program.

First, if Basic asks for an input, the input routine is accessed by a vector located in memory locations 0218 and 0219 (hex) or 536 and 537 decimal. You can intercept the input by changing these locations and so routing the input through your own routines, and that is the way I did the job.

Secondly, to use the token system in their Basic, Microsoft put a table containing all possible instruction in their program starting at location A084 hex. The instructions are separated in the table by the last character of ever instruction having bit 7 set. If you strip off bit 7 of the token, you have the relative position of the instruction in the table. If we look at the instruction END with token 80, then this one has the first position in the table (actually position 0, since we count from zero). RIGHT\$ with Token C3 (hex) has the hex position of 43 in the table.

Third to consider is that the input buffer is located at hex location 13 and up in page zero. X serves as the buffer pointer during input.

And lastly, location 0200 is used as the relative cursor location. The routine WRCHAR at BFC2 puts the character in location 0201 on the screen, at location 0300 + the contents of 0200. You can use this in your own programs; I found it very handy. Now to the program. Most of it will be clear to you now.

First a character from the keyboard or cassetport is input, and if it is not 'ESCAPE' we return it to the A register. Basic can't tell the difference between this routine and the original one. If the character is 'ESCAPE', the cursor is changed from underline to right arrow and another character is input. The shorthand table (0280 through 02C3) is scanned for a match, and if a match is found, the X register will contain the token for that command with bit 7 stripped off. If no match is found another (shorthand) character is input. The start of the instruction is searched for in the Basic table and then the instruction is output to the screen and stored in the input buffer, character by character. If bit 7 of a character is set, (signaling the end of the instruction) this process is stopped, bit 7 stripped off and the last character processed. Another character or shorthand command can then be input.

By now you have noticed the strange BIT \$07A9 instruction around locations 0263 and 0274. It is a short way of entering a routine with different contents of the accumulator. For instance, if you enter the OUTCH routine via locations 0262 - 0263 - 0266, you have the character in A output, but entering the routine via 0264-0266 you have the 'BELL' character in A and so output. 025E and 026F switch between the two, depending on the input buffer being full.

Now let's look at the shorthand table starting at location 0280. The last two characters of the addresses also give the token for the instruction. I have programmed this table for you in a way that I have found convenient for the location of the shorthand commands on the keyboard. If you want to program this layout yourself, just enter the ASCII value in the table for the shorthand key you want. For example, if you want the Q-key to be shorthand for 'THEN', only put 51, the ASCII code for Q, in location 02A0, the location for 'THEN'.

The last thing to explain is the choice of where to put this routine in memory. I used locations 0222 and up, because these locations are unused by BASIC and the monitor, and they are not affect by either a cold or a warm start. If you have hit the BREAK key you have to change the input vector again by proper POKING as described earlier.

I hope this little routine will make programming a little easier for you as it did for me. Imagine being able to RUN, LIST, SAVE, and LOAD with one simple keystroke! Most likely, you have exceeded the maximum line length by using a ? instead of PRINT, so you had to type the line all over again after a list, because the program wouldn't load. This routine shows PRINT on the screen after 'ESCAPE' and ? so you will always see what you are doing. Good luck!

Second part of Memloc is taken for command in that location.

MEM	LOC COMMAN	D SHORTHAND	CODE(HEX)	0242	STEP	Е	45
028		н	48	0243	+	+	2B
028		Q	51	0244	3 	-	2D
028		G	47	0245	2	×	2A
028		0	4F	0246	1	1	2 F
028	5	I	49	0247	•	•	5E
028		J	4.	0248	AND	5	35
028	beir Tara	U	55	0249	OR	\$	25
028		:	21	0244	*	>	3E
028		R	52	02AB		=	3D
028		'CR'	OD	02AC	<	<	3C
028		D	44	OZAD	SGN	(28
028		T	54	02AE	INT	6٠	36
028			59	OZAF	ABS	డి	26
028			22	02B0	USR	٠	27
028		^G	07	02B1	FRE	7	37
029		:	34	02B2	POS	8	38
029	NULL	^ E	05	•2B3	SQR	9	39
029	2 WAIT	^ A	01	Ó2B4	RND	ø	- 30
029	3 LOAD	L	4C	02B5LOG	LOG	\$	24
029	4 SAVE	К	4B	0286	EXP	4	34
029	5 DEF	^D	04	02B7	COS	2	32
029	6 POKE	A	41	0288	SIN	1	31
029	7 PRINT	?	3F	•2B9	TAN	3	33
029	8 CONT	^в	02	02BA	ATN	#	23
029	9 LIST	· RUBOUT ·	7F	02BB	PEEK	S	53
029	A CLEAR	^c	03	02BC	LEN	м	40
029	B NEW	·LF·	A O	02BD	STR\$	В	42
029	C TAB(2 E	02BE	VAL	•	20
029	D TO	W	5年	●2BF	ASC	N	4E
029	E FN	^F	06	0260	CHR\$	v	56
029	F SPC (4	3B	0201	LEFT\$	Z	5▲
024	O THEN	F	46	0202	KIGHTS	C	43
D2A	1 NOT)	29	0203	MIDS	X	58

SHORTHAND COMMAND FOR OSI CHALLENGER IP and SUPERBOARD

0222	20 1	RA	FF	SHORTI	JSR I	N	INPUT CHAR FROM KEYB. OR TAPE
0222	C9 .			DIIVILLA		\$1B	Is IT 'ESCAPE' ?
	FO O				BEQ	SHORTZ	YES2 BRANCH
0227	60	JT.			RTS	Unional	NO, RETURN TO BASIC WITH ECHAR
0229	98			SHORT2	TYA		SAVE Y
0224				SHURIZ	PHA		AND
022B	48				TXA		X REGISTERS
0220	88				PHA		A REGISTERING
022D	48				LDAIM	\$1.2	LOAD 'ARROW' TO
0223	A9		00		STA	CURSOR	CHANGE CURSOR
0230	8D				JSR	WRCHAR	DO IT
0233	20		BF				LOAD MAX TABLE INDEX
0236	¥2			SHORT 3	LDAIM	342	INPUT SHORTHAN DCOMMAND
0238	20				JSR IN		COMPARE WITH TABLE
023B	DD		02	SHORT4	CMPX		FOUND IT? BRANCH
023E	FO	06			BEQ	SHORT5	DECKEMENT INDEX FOR NEXT TRY
0240	CA				DEX		IF NOT DONE? LOOP BACK
0241	10					SHORT4	NO MATCH? IGNORE AND LOOP BACK
0243	4C	36	02		JMP	SHORT 3	NO MATCHY IGNORE AND LOOP BACK
0246	E8			SHORT5	INX		COME HERE WITH TABLE INDEX IN X PREPARE FOR LOOKUP IN COMMAND T
0247	AO	FF			TDAIM	SFF	
0249	CA			SHORT6	DEX	1.1	COMMAND FOUND?
024A	FO	08			BEQ	SHORT8	YES? BRANCH
024C	C8			SHORT7	INY		NO SKIP CURRENT COMMAND IN TABL
0240	B9	84	AO			\$A084,Y	DONE YET?
0250	10	FΛ			BPL	SHOLT7	NG, LOOP BACK
0252	30	F5			BMI	SHORT6	YES? GO AND THY NEXT ITEM
0254	68			SHORT8	PLA		CET INPUTBUFFER INDEX BACK
0255	AA				TAX		AND STORE IT IN X HEG
0256	C8			SHORT9	INY		GET READY TO STORE COLLAND IN B
0257	B9	84	AO		LDA S.	A084,Y	GET COMMAND CHAR
025A	30				BMI	SHORT10	IF LAST CHAR OF COMM, BRANCH
025C	EO				CPXIM	\$47	INPUTBUFFER FULL?
025E	BO				BCS	+04	YES? BRANCH TO SHORTYA + 1
0260	95				STAX	\$13	STORE CHAR IN INPUTBUFFER
0262	E8				INX		INCR. BUFFERPOINTER
0263	20	9.4	07	SHORT9A	BIT	\$07A9	SKIP OR LOAD 'BELL' IN A
0266			84		JSR	OUTCH	OUTPUT CHAR
0269	DO				BNE	S.IORT9	BRANCH ALWAYS
026B	29			SHORT10	CONTRACTOR -		LAST CHAR. STRIP OF HIGH BIT
026D	EO			DIIONILLO		\$47	INPUTBUFFER FULL?
	BO				BCS	+ 04	YES, BRANCH
026F	95				STAX		STORE CHAR IN INPUTBUFFER
0271	95 E8				INX		INCR BUFFERPOINTER
0273			07		BIT	\$0749	SKIP OR LOAD 'BELL' IN A
0274			07		JSR	OUTCH	OUTPUT CHAR
0277		ED	84		PLA	outen	RESTORE
0274	68				TAY		Y REGISTER AND
027B	84	00	00			SHORT1	LOOP BACK
027C	4C	22	02		JMP	SHORT	BOOL MOR

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A Formatted Dump Routine for the AIM 65

This HEX dump utility permits the user to control the formatting of the dump to conform to his printer's capabilities.

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The Dump routine in the AIM 65 Monitor produces a continuous character string and thus is not very readable. The dump format is essentially not fit for human consumption. The serious AIM 65 user who needs a memory dump is thus limited to using the Monitor "M" command, which only dumps four locations at a time. A more useful and efficient dump routine with a variable output format was needed by the author and thus the following program was written.

The Formatted Dump routine will dump memory over the range specified in response to the "FROM =" and "TO =" parameters. The number of bytes in each line of the dump is specified in response to "/". All input and output is in hexidecimal. Each line of the dump gives the starting address of the first byte in the line, a space, 1st byte, space, 2nd byte, etc. The standard AIM-65 printer will handle \$05 bytes per line and an 80 column TTY type unit will handle up to \$16 (22) bytes per line.

The dump routine makes extensive use of the routines in the AIM-65 Monitor as well as RAM locations reserved for the Monitor. No locations outside of the Monitor area, except for the dump routine itself, are used by the dump routine. Thus the dump routine may be located at any convenient place in RAM and will not affect any other software. The following dumps demonstrate the use of the routine.

AIM-65 MONITOR ROUTINES USED IN DUMP PROGRAM

E7A3 = Print "FROM =" and get address in \$A41C/D.

E83E = Print " " (blank).

E910 = Move address from \$A41C/D to \$A41AB.

E7A7 = Print "TO = " and get address in A41C/D.

E837 = Print "/".

E785 = Get two hex digits and store in A419.

EA13 = Print "CRLF".

EA46 = Print one hex byte = Two ASCII characters.

EB58 = LDAY - Simulates LDA (N), Y without page 0.

E182 = AIM-65 Monitor Re-entry.

A Formatted Dump Routine for the AIM-65 List 1

0112 4C JMP 0F90

0590	20	JSR	EZA3
0F93	BO	BCS	0F90
0F95	20	JSR	E83E
0F98	20	JSR	F910
OF9B	20	JSR	EZAZ
OF9E	BO	BCS	OF9B
OFAO	20	JSR	E83E
OFA3	20	JSR	E837

OFA6	20	JSR	E785
OFA9	20	JSR	EA13
OFAC	AD	LUA	A41C
OFAF	38	SEC	
OFBO	$\mathbb{E} \mathbb{D}$	SBC	A41A
OFB3	48	PHA	
OFB4	AD	LDA	A410
OFB7	ED	SBC	A41B
OFBA	30	BMI	OFF6
OFBC	DО	BME	OFC1
OFBE	68	PLA	
OFBE	FO	BEQ	01716
OFC1	ΑD	LDA	A41B
OFC4	20	JSR	EA46
OFCZ	ΑD	LDA	A41A
OFCA	20	JSR	EA46
OFCD	AE	L.DX	A419
OFDO	AO	L.DY	(#O)
01702	20	JSR	E83E
OFDS	A9	LDA	带工台
OFDZ	20	JSR	EB58
OFDA	20	JSR	EA46
orno	C8	INY	
OFDE	CA	DEX	
OFDE	DO	BNE	0FD2
OFE1	20	JSR	EA13
OFE4	AD	LDA	A419
OFEZ	1.8	CL.C	
OFE8	60	ADC	A41A
OFEB	8D	STA	A41A
OFEE	90	BCC	OFF3
OFFO	EΕ	INC	A41B
OFF3	4C	JMP	OFAC
OFF6	4C	JMP	E182



<1>FROM=B000 TO=B020 /08 B000 4C A3 CE 4-C 71 B2 FE RE B008 D1 CO 50 B6 SB BS 1.1. RA B010 66 BZ BB B9 D9 BD EF RO

<1>FROM=B000 TO=B020 705 B000 4C A3 CE 4C 7F BOOS R? FE RE D1 C0 50 86 BOOA SB B5 FF BOOF BA 66 BZ BB B9 BO 1.4 D9 BD EF B9 1.3 B019 13 BZ EB B6 BB B01E 96 B7 30 B6 F6

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0000	1000	2000	3000
4000	5000	6000	7000
8000	9000	A000	B000
C000	D000	E000	F000

An examination of the table will show that any four contiguous blocks will automatically come from different columns. If blocks were selected at 1000, 2000, and 3000, then the fourth block would have to be 0000 (which is highly unlikely on an AIM/SYM/KIM), 4000, 8000, or C000, for that 16K segment of memory.

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A series of programs are presented which drive any TTL, parallel, or ASCII printer from the PET's user port.

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This article describes three programs which drive a printer from PET's user port. Any TTL, parallel, ASCII, printer can be driven. Two of the programs are in machine language and one is in BASIC.

Although there are several IEEE to serial and IEEE to parallel adaptors available for the Pet, the user's port is often needed to drive an ASCII device. In my case I saved \$100 dollars by using the user port to drive my Trendcom printer. No hardware (except a cable and two connectors) is required. The software is equally simple: A printer driver with hand shake and a screen reader.

There are several reasons to drive your printer or other ASCII device from the user port. First, it is quick and easy. Second, some of the IEEE to ASCII adaptors respond to any and all device addresses. Third, if you already have an adaptor, the user port allows a tempory installation without interfering with existing devices. Another reason is that it allows you to have better and more direct control over the output. Both data and hand shaking can be done explicitly with software. Finally, and for me most importantly, it saves money. Just \$2.19 for a ribbon cable and two junkbox connectors, had me printing

In general the following two programs comprise a screen printer. Two parameters can be adjusted by the calling program (or as direct commands): Start point, and ÷ of rows (if implemented in RAM), Thus a specific area, or window, of the screen can be printed. The two programs are named: 1. Printer Driver and 2. Screen Reader. For timing reasons Printer Driver is implemented only in machine language. Screen Reader, however, can be implemented either in machine language (Version A) or BASIC (Version B).

10000 POKE850,13:545849: FORR=ØT023: FORC=ØT039 10010 A=PEEK(32768+C+R*40) 10015 IF A=18 AND C=0 THEN STOP 10020 IF A<=31 THEN A=A+64::60T010060 10030 IF A<=63 THEN 10060 10040 IF A>127 THEN A=A-127: GOT010060 10045 A=A+32 10060 POKE850, A: SYS826 10070 NEXT C: POKE850, 13: SYS826 10080 NEXT R 10090 RETURN READY. Figure 1

Let's start with the easy one first- the BASIC Screen Reader. Figure 1 is a listing of this routine. Line 1000 clears the small printer buffer by making a carriage return and calling Printer Driver (located at 826 in this example). Line 10005 forms the screen reading loops with R the Row counter and C the Column counter. Here only eleven lines are printed. The Screen Value is placed into A by line 10010. Lines 10020 through 10045 convert the screen value to its equivelent ASCII code. Notice that graphic characters are printed as lowercase letters if they are on letter keys. Reversed letters are printed as not reversed letters, and not all graphic characters are printed. Figure 2 gives a sample of print out for the PET character set. The equivalant screen values are though 255. Version A is the machine language equivalent of Screen Reader. It's principle advantage is that it runs hundreds of times faster. In fact, on my Trendcome 100, which prints bidirectionally, you can't even see it hesitate between lines. At the Trendcom's 40 char/sec rate, a full screen of 1000 characters is printed in 30 seconds. Not Bad!

Another advantage is that you can hide it in the second cassette buffer and load it in only once. The BASIC version has to be attached to your program somehow.

A flow chart is shown in figure 3. It is annotated for the machine langage version. Figure 4 shows the dissassembled code. Figure 5 gives the HEX code as out put by the PET monitor program.

Block I initializes all registers. The screen read address is initialized to 32767. This is one less than the upper left screen start address value. Memory location 995 (\$03E3) is the number of Rows to be printed. It's used as the Row counter. A column counter is stored in 992 (03E0). It is initalized with 40 and 40 is held in the X register for later use.

Block II increments the screen read address. Block III gets the screen value occupying the screen read address. This value is stored in location 996. Block IV is the adjustment routine. This is different from the scheme used in the BASIC program. Instead of using subtraction, addition is used. Although the logic is inverted from the BASIC program, the value adjustments are the same. Critical temporary storage rigisters in addition to the program itself are listed in table I. The adjusted value is passed to the Printer Driver (Block V).

When control returns to Screen Reader the colums counter is decrimented. If the column counter is not equal to zero, then it is reset to the value stored in the X register (normally 40). Rows are then decrimented (Block IX)

Block X checks for the row counter equal to zero. If it is not, then a new screen value is read. If it is then that the program returns control to the calling routine

The Printer Driver routine dissassembled listing is shown in figure 6. The PET

monitor HEX dump is given in figure 7. Printer Driver takes a value (here stored in 85210), places it on the user port output lines, provides a data ready output pulse and waits for an ACKnowledge pulse. NOTE: If no ACK pulse is returned the program will continue to hold the PET off line. You must assure an ACK pulse will always be returned!

The above description of Printer Driver also sets up the Via registers. Each time it is entered it resets these registers for its own use. Only the E84C register is restored to its original value. Further, the routine inhibits interrupts. If an interrupt were to occur during the brief time a data ready pulse was being given, multiple outputs could be caused (and it does happen). There is also the chance that the ACK pulse would be missed, leaving PET in Limbo. Unfortunately this bit of protec-

tion has an adverse side affect. PET's internal clock will not keep correct time. Depending upon the amount of printing and your printer's characteristics this error can be substantial.

There are several improvements which could be made to these routines. Reversed character handling could be added to the "A" version of Screen Reader. Blanks could be output for nonprintable graphics characters. Codes could be developed for cursor command characters. You will probably want to make changes for your particular printer. There is room within Printer Driver to add a delay loop or NOPs to stretch the output pulse. Finally, Printer Driver can be used alone by passing ASCII values directly. Simply use PET's ASC () command and Poke location 852.

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Figure 2


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Symbol-Table Sorter/Printer for the AIM Assembler by Mel Evans [MICRO 20:43]

"After more extended use of the program, I have found the following pair of bugs.

The first can be cured by replacing the code shown in Figure 1A (occurring at the end of subroutine SORT) by that in Figure 1B. The old code works often, but not always. The new code always works.

The second bug won't show until you start getting fancy with your source code. I was mistaken in thinking that memory locations 003C, 003D contain the address of the last symbol found during assembly. Instead, they contain the address of the last *active* symbol. With straightforward code, these will be one and the same. But suppose you have written your last subroutine (let's call it SUBZ) and then decide to initialize a couple of zeropage addresses (starting at ZP1) as in Figure 2A. After assembly, the last symbol will be SUBZ, but the last *active* symbol with be ZP1. And with this stored in 003C, 003D, you will get a very short listing!

The problem could be solved by re-writing the program to avoid using 003C, 003D. But, ther's a simpler solution, as shown in Figure 2B. Add a new symbol, LAST, as the last byte of the program. (This is a good practice anyway. After assembly, the address of LAST tells you precisely how much memory the program needs.) The, after initialization and any other housekeeping, add the line "* = LAST". This makes "last active" equal "LAST", and the listing comes out complete."

Submitted by: Mel Evans ERIM, P.O. Box 8618 Ann Arbor, MI 48107

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Figure 2B: Right "Last Active"

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Updates

Expanding the SYM - 1 ... Adding an ASCII Keyboard by Robert A. Peck [MICRO 21:5]

"As we discussed, here is a corrected version of my progrm listing. Somehow the hex locations column of this listing was not used for the article. [Sorry about that - MICRO] Typos corrected on final version including label "DISP" change to WAIT2 at location 206 (minor), incorrect object code fixed at line 222 to 20 47 8A Last was pointer to KSTAT at line 240 which should be 39."

Submitted by: Robert A. Peck P.O. Box 2231 Sunnyvale, CA 94087

0200	20	88	01	GKEY	JSR	SAVER	SAVE REGISTERS
0203	AB		AS	Gravier a	LDA	A801	GET PARALLEL ASCII
0206	FO		rus.		BEQ	WAIT2	UNLESS NONE, THEN BRANCH
0208	85				STA	00F1	STORE IT A WHILE
020A	A9				LDA	#\$10	DEBOUNCE CONSTANT
0200	85				STA	OOLF	DEBOUNCE
020E	C6	FO		WAIT1	DEC	0010	SMALL LOOP
0210	DO.	FC			BNE	WAIT1	
0212	C6	EF			DEC	OOLF	LARGE LOOP
0214	DO	F8			BNE	WAIT1	
0216	20	03	89	SCANA	JSR	IJSCNV	SCAN DISPLAY(USE SCANVEC)
0219	20	01	AB		BIT	A801	IS KEY STILL DOWN?
021C	30	FS			BMI	SCANA	WAIT FOR KEY RELEASE
021E	AS	F1			LDA	00F1	KEY UP, PROCESS KEY
0220	29	7F			AND	#\$7F	STRIP KEY STROBE BIT
0222	20	47	8A		JSR	OUTCHR	SEND INTO DISBUF
0225	A5	F1				00F1	GET IT AGAIN
0227	29	7F				\$\$7F	STRIP IT AGAIN
022A	4C	BB	81		JMP	RESXAF	
0220	A9	10		WAIT2		#\$10	IF NO KEY #
022E	85	EF				OOEF	SCAN DISPLAY
0230	20		89	SCANB		IJSCNV	THRU SCANVEC
0233		EF				OOEF	A NUMBER OF TIMES
0235	no	F9			BNE	SCANE	THEN GO BACK
0237		CA			BEQ	GKEY	AND LOOK AGAIN
0239	1.100	01	AB	KSTAT		A801	READ ASCII INPORT
0230	0A				ASLA		SHIFT MSB INTO CARRY
0230	60				RTS		RET, CFLAG=1 IF KEY DN.
0240	20	86	SB	INIT		ACCESS	UNPROTECT SYSRAM
0243	A9	00			LDA	\$00	MODIFY
0245	8D	61	A6		STA	A661	KEYBOARD
0248	A9	02			LDA	#02	INPUT
024A	80	62	A6		STA	A662	VECTOR
024D					LDA	\$\$39	
024F	SD	67	66		STA	A667	KEYPRESS
0252	A9	02			LDA	#02	STATUS
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Graphics and the Challenger C1P, Part 5

This final installment in the series discusses plotting techniques and moving characters.

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The ability to have characters and have them move in our game programs is a must. How do we accomplish this task? It is a simple task to implement. We do it with a technique called plotting.

C1P Plotting Technique

In order to have any character move on our C1P's Monitor screen, we must first know where we wish our character to start, the angular directions in which it is to move, and where the character's movement will end. If you will examine the example of the plotting diagram in Figure 1, you can see the angular directions in which the character can be made to move on the monitor screen. These angular directions are relative to any point on the screen, i.e., relative to a certain position on the Video RAM. If, for example, the starting location were 54000 decimal, the zero point would be 54000 decimal and all movement would be relative to that point.

As stated in an earlier part of this series, we can cause a character to be placed on the screen of our C1P with a BASIC POKE statement. We move the character that has been placed on the screen with a BASIC FOR/NEXT loop. In the explanation of plotting and how to develope animated characters we will use the functions of BASIC to develope our programs and to describe animation methods.

To begin our explanation, let's use decimal location 54000 as an example again as a starting point. A BASIC program would use this decimal location as a variable content. For example, 10 A =54000. Now that we have a starting point, we can move the graphics character in any direction shown in the diagram in Figure 1. For example, if you wish the character to move in a vertical direction, with a BASIC subroutine we can get the character displayed and moved. In order to explain how this proceedure works, please refer to the BASIC program subroutines in Listing 1, along with Figure 1.

If we wish to have an animated character (one that moves) we must first know the start, end, and path of the character, as stated before. The character must be made to appear at a point along the path of angular movement. The character is then displayed for some duration of time. Next it is erased from its present position and then displayed at a new position on the monitor screen. This process must be continued for the desired distance along the plotted path that we have chosen. These criteria can be executed with BASIC or Machine Language porgrams. Since we are primarily programming in BASIC, we will develop some BASIC routines to show how the character can be produced and moved on the C1P's monitor screen.

The BASIC routine in section one of Listing 1 will be used to generate an animated character that will primarily move from near center screen downward to near the bottom of the screen. This subroutine begins at BASIC progran line 5. Here the REM statement tells the user that this is a routine to generate the movement of a character downward. Line 10 is the real beginning of the subroutine. At line 10 the A variable is loaded with the decimal beginning of the memory location where the character will first be displayed. Notice that this line forms part of a FOR/NEXT loop. Also notice that this loop will be incremented by a total of 32 counts for every pass through the program. This is done with the STEP function of BASIC. The FOR/NEXT loop at line 10 actually sets the limits of movement of the character. These limits are in the



For an angular movement in any direction, use the value in the chart to cause movement in that direction. It must be understood that the decimal beginning and ending must be caluclated because for each pass through the loop with a step function, the variable will be incremented by the amount in the step value.

Study the remainder of the modules in Listing 1, from our discussion you should be able to see just how these subroutines work. Load the programs into your C1P and watch the action on the screen. This will show you the results. The diagram in Figure 2 gives the complete memory map for a C1P. This is for a 25 by 25 character format. Use this diagram for all your plotting to find any location on the C1P monitor screen.

Now that we have seen some examples of how a moving character is made to move on the C1P's screen, let's use some of these techniques to develop a program that has some moving character elements that form a game. Listing 2 shows a game program that uses moving elements. These are: a starship and lasar cannon shots directed at the starship. All the techniques that we have discussed, that give the sensation of motion, are used in Listing 2. Please refer to this listing as we discuss the inner workings of the program's operation.

The program is presented, as I have said, as a game. The starship moves across mid-screen and the cannons are placed at each bottom corner, and at midbottom of the screen. The keyboard keys 5,6, and 7 are used to fire the cannons. A hit score total is printed out at the top of the monitor screen for the player.

This program is straight-forward and each module is identified by REM statements. This discussion will deal mainly with graphics and the keyboard routines, so please continue to refer to Listing 2. The remainder of the program should be self-explanatory.

The program from line 300 through 347 forms the main line BASIC module. It is used to draw and move the starship across the screen. The polling routine for the keyboard is located from line 335 to line 344. If a 5,6, or 7 key is pressed, a GOSUB to a cannon shot routine will result in a shot at the starship. Key 5 causes a shot from bottom right upward diagonally to top left of the screen. A 7 key results in a shot from bottom left to top right. A 6 key results in a true vertical shot.

The position of the starship is always contained in the K variable. This location is always checked in each shot routine at lines 415, 462, and 525. If a hit occurs, the program jumps to line 600 where an explosion of the starship will be displayed at the screen location contained in variable K. Next a hit score will be placed on the screen. The hit count will be checked for 10 hits. If so the player will be informed that he has completed the exact number of hits and has won the game. If the player has less than 10 hits, the program returns through RETURNs to the exact main-line program at line 300.

This program uses more of the elements contained in the Character Generator ROM. These elements are the elements that are used to draw the starship. Their decimal equivalents are 9 and 12, and are written into video memory with the POKE statement at line 310. After a delay at line 320, the starship is erased and placed at the next location in the FRO/NEXT loop from line 300. The cannon shots are primarily POKEd to screen memory, displayed for some duration of time and then erased. This process continues until the FOR/NEXT loop has been incremented to its maximum value.

Conclusion

If you have followed all five parts of this series, I believe that you should now have sufficient knowledge of your C1P's graphics capabilities. I hope that you now also have a better understanding of the polled keyboard, and how to use these capabilities with BASIC programming to produce real working programs that will be enjoyable to use. Hopefully you have learned with me through these efforts and I will see some of your programs published in the pages of MICRO in the near future. With that, I will conclude this series of articles and I hope that these programs and ideas will be as much fun for you as you read and experiment, as they have been for me in the writing. Good luck with your programming and with your writing.

SECTION 1) 5. REM NOVE CHARACTER DOWN 10 FOR A = 53776 TO 54160 STEP 32 20 FOKE A, 161 30 FOR B = 1 TO 50 : NEXT B 40 FOKE A , 32 50 NEXT A

SECTION 2)

60 REM MOVE CHARACTER UP 70 FOR A = 54160 TO 53763 STEP- 32 80 POKE A, 161 90 FOR B = 1 TO 50 : NEXT B 100 POKE A , 32 110 NEXT A

SECTION 3) 120 REM MOVE CHARACTER RIGHT 130 FOR A = 53776 TO 53787 140 POKE A , 161 150 FOR B = 1 TO 50 : NEXT B 160 POKE B , 32 170 NEXT A

SECTION 4) 180 REM MOVE CHARACTER LEFT 190 FOR A = 53776 TO 53763 STEP -1 200 FOKE A , 161 210 FOR B = 1 TO 50 : NEXT B 220 FOKE A , 32 230 NEXT A

List 1

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Figure 1: Plotting Directions for the C1P

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Lower Case and Punctuation in APPLESOFT

Do you need to get lower case and punctuation into your BASIC strings? Then, try these programs.

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Introduction

While computer people may adapt to all caps, the general public still uses, and apparently likes, lower case. Printing with lower case is more familiar, more readable and more acceptable. Thus, we who work with computers should provide lower case in any printout that we expect or hope laymen to read. After all, computers should adapt to people; people should not have to adapt to computers.

Also, who is there among us who hasn't wondered at how the APPLE handles punctuations in strings? In IN-PUT's, we have found to our dismay that a "JONES, JOHN" results in an error message saying "?EXTRA IGNORED" and later finding the string variable as only "JONES" with nothing to tell us which Jones that may be. What wouldn't we give to get quotation marks and commas in the places we want?

So much for what should be or what we want. The APPLE doesn't have lower case and seems rather whimsical about punctuation. Well, face it; there were a number of compromises made in the design of the APPLE and Applesoft. Of course, some of these deficiencies can be conquered by money. We can buy one of the lower-case boards and live more or less happily ever after. Unfortunately, we do not all or always have the option of buying a solution to a problem; most of us have more problems than money. And there are not always solutions for sale.

An alternative approach is an Applesoft program to produce the desired lower case and punctuation. I have looked for such a program and I found two possibilities (there likely are others but I am not acquainted with them):

1. Val J. Golding in "Lower Case Routine for Integral Data Printer," *Call-Apple*, v.2, p. 11 (April/May 1979) gave a program to poke lower case characters into strings in the string array memory space.

2. Another program was published in *Contact*, v.1, p.5 (May 1978); this program pokes lower case into the beginning of program memory space.

Both of these are quite limited. Note: both should work for punctuation problems within the same limitations.

Neither of these enables one to enter lower case or problem punctuations conveniently into string variables, nor to print statement strings in an Applesoft program as desired. The program given in the listing in Figure 1 does the job for string variables and the one given in Figure 2, for strings in print statements.

Use and Operation

The heart of these programs is the same as in the cited programs: use of the GET command to sneak things around the interpreter. The GET command handles input character by character so that each can be manipulated.

(The identical GET routine is used for both programs—lines 63010 to 63120 in the first and lines 63140 to 63150 in the second. Only one typing needs be done, a hint not to be ignored.)

The first program is intended for use as a subroutine. For example, a statement such as

30 INPUT "ACCOUNT NAME";NAME\$(1) can be replaced directly by

30 PRINT "ACCOUNT NAME";: GOSUB 63000:NAME\$(1) = BB\$ In a run, the program would appear to behave normally except that there would be no ?EXTRA IGNORED's and NAME(1) would look quite strange on the CRT monitor (",/7%2 #!3%" for "lower case") and as lower case only on the printer.

In both programs, capitals are entered in a manner similar to the operation of MUSE's word processor program Dr. Memory. A ctrl-A makes the next letter only captial; an ctrl-C makes all the following letters capital until either a ctrl-S or the end of the string. Unlike Dr. Memory, the control characters are not displayed. Instead, the capitalized letters are shown in inverse video. I like this way of doing things. If you would prefer the opposite video, just interchange the words NOR-MAL and INVERSE in lines 63020-63040 and 63080 and add an INVERSE to line 63000 in Figure 1. You could do even more to tailor to your personal tastes; change the control characters, change the default operation from lower case to capitals, etc. These custom fittings are left as an exercise.

Another feature common to both programs is the motion of the cursor. The backspace works but that is all. And it will move the cursor back no further than the initial position. However, therein lurks a minor nuisance; if you try to backspace beyond that limit, the immediately preceeding character will be wiped out or replaced by a white block. This is of no consequence; ignore it.

Since the string variables subroutine runs as a part of your program, you have to keep labels straight. This subroutine uses only AA\$, AZ\$, BB\$, BB, BZ\$, and ZZ and has no FOR loops. Also note that only the usual limitation applies for the length of strings.

In the use of the second program, you append it to the program in which you

want to put lower case. A RUN 63000 initiates things; you simply give the line number in which lower case is wanted. The first string in that line is printed, terminated by ## to indicate the length limit. The cursor below this line indicates the place for the change. You can insert anything but we assume that a mixed capital and lower case rendition of the line above is what you will want. In any case, the length cannot be exceeded. If you go over the limit, the excess will be ignored. If you put in less, the remainder will be filled with spaces. If you don't want to change that particular string, simply hit RETURN.

Figure 1

63000 BB\$ = "":B	Z\$ = "":BB = 0:ZZ
= 0	
THE REAL PROPERTY AND A RE	74 444 45 466
63010 GET AA\$:A	Z\$ = AA\$: IF ASC
(AA\$) = 13	THEN NORMAL : GOTO
63130	
	AA\$) = 1 THEN ZZ =
	:BB = 0: GOTO 630
10	
63030 IF ASC (AA\$) = 3 THEN BB =
1. INVERSE	: GOTO 63010
	AA\$) = 19 THEN BB
	L : GOTO 63010
63050 F ZZ = 1	OR BB = 1 THEN Z
Z = 0: GOTO	
	AA\$) < 65 OR ASC
(AA\$) > 90	THEN 63080
63070 AA = CHR	\$ (ASC (AA\$) + 3
2)	8 A S
The second se	+ AZ\$: PRINT AZ\$;
: IFBB = 0	THEN NORMAL
63090 BB\$ = BB\$	+ AA\$: IF ASC (B
B\$) = 8 AND	ASC $(AA$) = 8$ THEN
PRINT " ";	
	BB\$) < = 2 AND ASC
	HEN BB\$ = "":BZ\$ =
"": GOTO 63	010
	AA\$) = 8 THEN BB\$
	BB\$, LEN (BB\$) -
	DD4, LLN (DD3) -
2)	
63120 GOTO 6301	0
63130 PRINT : R	ETURN
63140 END	

Figure 2

62999 END 63000 HOME : VTAB (3): PRINT "LO WER CASE INSERTION PROGRAM": PRINT : PRINT 63010 LMAX = 62999: PRINT "NUMBER OF FIRST LINE TO BE RE-": INPUT "WRITTEN ";LT: PRINT 63020 PRINT :M = 256 * PEEK (10 4) + PEEK (103) + 2 63030 LN = 256 * PEEK (M + 1) + PEEK (M): IF LN > = LMAX OR LN > LT THEN 63320 63040 IF LN < > LT THEN M = 256

* PEEK (M - 1) + PEEK (M -2) + 2: GOTO 63030 63050 K = 0: LL = 0: UL = 063060 FOR J = M + 2 TO M + 255:T ST = PEEK (J): IF TST = 0 THEN M = J + 3: GOTO 63030 63070 IF TST = 58 THEN K = 0 63080 IF TST = 186 OR TST = 132 THEN K = 163090 IF K = 1 AND LL > 0 AND TS T = 34 THEN UL = J - 1: GOTO 63120 63100 IF K = 1 AND LL = 0 AND TS T = 34 THEN LL = J + 1 63110 NEXT 63120 BB\$ = "":BZ\$ = "":BB = 0:ZZ = 0 63130 FOR I = LL TO UL: PRINT CHR\$ (PEEK (1));: NEXT : PRINT " ##11 63140 GET AA\$:AZ\$ = AA\$: IF ASC (AA\$) = 13 THEN NORMAL : GOTO 63260 63150 IF ASC (AA\$) = 1 THEN ZZ = 1: INVERSE :BB = 0: GOTO 631 40 63160 IF ASC (AA\$) = 3 THEN#BB = 1: INVERSE : GOTO 63140 63170 IF ASC (AA\$) = 19 THEN BB = 0: NORMAL : GOTO 63140 63180 IF ZZ = 1 OR BB = 1 THEN Z Z = 0: GOTO 6321063190 IF ASC (AA\$) < 65 OR ASC (AA\$) > 90 THEN 63210 63200 AA\$ = CHR\$ (ASC (AA\$) + 3 2) 63210 BZ\$ = BZ\$ + AZ\$: PRINT AZ\$; : IF BB = 0 THEN NORMAL 63220 BB\$ = BB\$ + AA\$: IF ASC (B B\$) = 8 AND ASC (AA\$) = 8 THEN PRINT " ". IF LEN (BB\$) < = 2 AND ASC (AA\$) = 8 THEN BB\$ = "":BZ\$ = 63230 "": GOTO 63140 63240 IF ASC (AA\$) = 8 THEN BB\$ LEFTS (BBS, LEN (BBS) -2) 63250 GOTO 63140 63260 IF BB\$ = "" THEN 63310 63270 PRINT : FOR I = LL TO UL G3280 DD\$ = MID\$ (BB\$, I - LL + 1),1):MM = ASC (DD\$)63290 POKE 1, MM 63300 NEXT 63310 UL = 0:LL = 0: PRINT : GOTO 63110 PRINT : PRINT "NUMBER OF N 63320 EXT LINE TO BE REWRITTEN": INPUT "(ENTER O TO END PROGRAM) ;LT 63330 IF LT = 0 THEN END 63340 GOTO 63020

After a RETURN, the next string in the same line will appear, ready to be changed. When all the strings of that one line have been dealt with, you are asked for the number of the next line.

As mentioned above, lower case if displayed by the APPLE ad keyboard symbols other than letters. These print properly as lower case on a printer that prints lowercase. If you want to display, say, a table so that you can check data prior to printing, you need to program the display table and the printout table seperately. For convenience in doing this, both programs provide an all-caps string BZ\$ ad well as the corresponding string BB\$ with lowercase.

Program Design

The GET routine, essentially the whole of Figure 1, has already been mentioned. The GET command is follwed by a series of IF's to implement the control character, backspace and RETURN functions. These are straight-forward and selfexplanatory.

The second program, Figure 2, consists of three parts. The first, lines 63020-63300, pokes the new string into the program into the program memory space.

Concluding Remarks

Although written for Applesoft, these programs can be adapted to other BASIC's. The first presents no problems. However, the program memory space search routine in the second will require modification for other computers. This modification should not be too difficult to implement for other Microsoft BASIC' s.



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Although many Morse Code oriented programs have been written ranging from simple message loops to quite flexible code reading routines, I have not yet seen any written specifically for the SYM-1. The following will fill this gap with a sending program that could be used as a teaching tool, automatic I.D.'er or as a short cut for sending often sent messages. About 25 words can be stored with the 1K memory that comes with the SYM-1. An additional 50 words can be stored for each additional 1K memory added; thus, the 4K board R/W memory capability could store a total of about 175 words. This may not seem like a lot yet; teaching code at 5 wpm (words per minute), one would have over one half hour of steady material. Even at 13 wpm, you would have over 10 minutes of practice; no easy task for a learner! Figure 1 is a simple circuit for interfacing to the SYM-1 to provide an audio code indicator. Headphone jacks for several people could possibly be paralleled instead of the loud speaker. Other interfaces are left to the needs of the reader.

Pressing an 'O' on the keyboard enters a 'DIT' into memory. A '1' enters a 'dah' and a '2' enters a 'space' (enter 1 between letters and 3 between words). Spaces between parts of a letter need not be entered as they are provided by the program. Entering a '3' ends a message segment. This is only required if a series of messages are being entered. (See list of key memory locations.) As dits, dahs and spaces are entered from the keyboard on the SYM-1º's, 1's and 2's appear on the display, indicating the data entered. Entry errors can be corrected by entering an 'E' for each entry to be erased. For example, if two erroneous entries had just been made, pressing 'E' twice would cause 'E' to be displayed twice. This indicates that the two prior entries had been erased (see figure 2). Upon completion of data entry, press the 'GO' key and your message will be sent.

A popular method of teaching code is to send letters at a fast rate but leaving larger than normal spaces between letters until the learner has reached the desired plateau of proficiency.

The rate modification table can be used to determine data to be entered for desired combination of letter speed versus words per minute. Dit delay factor is entered at 0091 and the space factor is entered at 0076.

If continuous loop has been programmed at 004A through 004C, then code will be sent until such time reset is accomplished. If multiple message has been programmed, then a "GO" "CR" at the end of each segment will cause the nest segment to be sent.

It should be noted that a GO command at 002D will cause a new start to occur regardless of the mode selected. Thus, it is not necessary to reprogram old data unless it has been lost due to a newer entry.

These Characters Have Been Erased



04A thru 004C: These locations control the mode of operation.

4C 35 00 Gives continuous loop message. Be sure to put enough spaces at the beginning or end to identify the start of each loop through.

> 4C A2 00 Gives single or multiple message as desired. For multiple messages, key-in 'GO' 'CR' to start next message.

0053: Data at this location determines times Dit delay will be executed per 'Dit'.

- 0067: Data at this location determines times Dit delay will be executed per 'DAH'.
- 0076: Data at this location determines times Dit delay will be executed per 'Space'.
- 007D: Data at this location determines times Dit delay will be executed per silence between parts of a letter of spaces.
- 0091: Data at this location determines times delay programmed by "DIVFAC" (Division Factor) will be executed. (e.g. if 'Divfac' = 1024 then 1 loop = 1.024 ms disregarding instruction time error. Part of "Ditdly" routine.
 0093: Data at this location determines divison factor to be used

by internal timer. $1C = \div 1$; $1D = \div 8$; $1E = \div 64$; $1F = \div 1024$. Part of "Ditdly routine."

ſ	13	17	21	25	29
		Star	dard wo	rd rate	
5	0E	14	1A	20	27
8	06	0A	0E	11	15
rate	02	05	08	ЭΒ	0D
14 DA		03	05	07	60
17 0		01	03	05	06
20 M				03	04
23				02	03
26					02
-		D	it delay	factor	
t	5A	45	38	2F	28

RATE MODIFICATION TABLE

The timing in the table is based on the following relationships for standard code:

- 1. A dit is a reference unit of time.
- 2. A dah = 3 dits
- 3. Average letters = 6.2 dits
- 4. Spaces in a letter = 1 dit
- 5. Spaces between letters = 3 dits
- 6. Words = 5 letters & appropriate spaces

"Space" multiplication factor =

$$60 + d - d (43 Wm - 3)$$
.
 $d(7W - 3)$

Where d = dit time of standard words per minute rate Wm = words per minute of the desired modified rate.

"dit time" =

60

Where Ws = words per minute of the desired standard rate.

The above formulas neglect the operation times of the SYM-1 but for practical purposes are quite accurate. The results must be converted to Hex for use in the program, introducing a rounding error which is also normally inconsequential. Greater accuracy is obtainable ofcourse, but the author leaves it to those with the desire to make the needed changes.



Figure 1

0090: 0100: 0110:					EQUATE WORDS	LIST #	\$000A	
0120:					INCHR	*	\$8A1B	
0130:					ACCESS	*	\$8B86	
0140:	0000					ORG	\$0000	
0150:								
0160:	0000	AO	00		LOAD	LDYIM	\$00	
0170:	0002	20	86	8B		JSR	ACCESS	
0180:	0005	20	1 B	84	SHOKEY	JSR	INCHR	
0190:	8000	99	00	02	1900-1900-1900-1900-1900-1900-1900-1900	STAY		WORDS ARE STORED STARTING AT \$0200
0200:	000B	C9	47				\$47	WAS 'GO' KEY PRESSED ?
0210:	OOOD	FO	1 E			BEQ	START	IF YES - START SENDING CODE
0220:	OOOF					and the second second second second	\$45	WAS 'E' PRESSED ?
0230:						BEQ	ERASE	
0240:						INY	DIADE	IF YES - DO ERASE ROUTINE
0250:			00				\$0.0	OFC WORDS CONSIDERED
0260:						BEQ	BASELD	256 WORDS COMPLETED ?
0270:						JMP	SHOKEY	IF SO, INCREMENT HI BYTE OF BASE
0280:		40	• • •	00		JMP	SHUKEI	
0290:	001B	E6	O A		BASELD	INCZ	WORDS	
0300:					DROEDD	JMP	WORDS	
0310:	0012	40	0)	00		JMP	SHOKEY	
0320:	0020	88			PDICD	DDV		
0330:			**		ERASE	DEY		
	0023					CPYIM		PAGE CROSSING ?
	002)	rU	0)			BEQ	SUBASE	IF YES - DECREMENT HIGH BYTE OF BASE

0350: 0025 40 05 00 JMP SHOKEY 0360: SUBASE DEC WORDS 0370: 0028 C6 OA JMP SHOKEY 0380: 002A 4C 05 00 0390: START OF SENDING CODE START LDAIM SFF 0400: 002D A9 FF STA \$A001 0410: 002F 8D 01 A0 \$A003 STA 0420: 0032 8D 03 AO 0430: 0035 A9 02 KEEPON LDAIM \$02 0440: 0037 85 3D STAZ \$3D 0450: 0039 A0 00 LDYIM \$00 'MODE' JUMPS HERE FOR LOOP LDAY \$0200 CODE WAS STORED STARTING AT \$0200 0460: 003B B9 00 02 CODE CMPIM \$30 IS IT A DIT ? BEQ DIT IF SO - GO TO DIT ROUTINE 0470: 003E C9 30 0480: 0040 FO OB CMPIM \$31 IS IT A DAH ? 0490: 0042 09 31 BEQ DAH IF SO - GO TO DAH ROUTINE CMPIM \$32 IS IT A SPACE CHARACTER ? 0500: 0044 FO 1B 0510: 0046 09 32 BEQ SPACE IF SO - GO TO SPACE ROUTINE 0520: 0048 FO 2B 0530: 004A 4C A2 00 MODE JMP SEGMNT NONE OF ABOVE , DECIDE MODE 0540:

 0550:
 004D A9 00
 DIT

 0560:
 004F 8D 01 A0
 STA \$A001 SET OUTPUT DO."

 0570:
 0052 A9 01
 LDAIM \$01
 LOAD 1 FOR DIT DELAY

 0580:
 0054 85 FF
 STA \$00FF STORE FOR USE BY 'DITDLY'

 USR
 DITDLY

 LDAIM \$00 0590: 0056 20 90 00 JSR DITI LDAIM \$FF 0600: 0059 A9 FF STA \$A001 SET OUTPUT HIGH AGAIN JMP SILENT 0610: 005B 8D 01 A0 0620: 005E 4C 7C 00 0630:

 0640:
 0061 A9 00
 DAH
 LDAIM \$00

 0650:
 0063 8D 01 A0
 STA
 \$A001 SET OUTPUT LOW

 0660:
 0066 A9 03
 LDAIM \$03
 LOAD FOR 3 DIT DELAYS

 0670:
 0068 85 FF
 STA
 \$00FF
 STORE FOR USE BY 'DITDLY'

 0680: 006A 20 90 00 JSR DITDLY LDAIM SFF 0690: 006D A9 FF STA \$AOO1 SET OUTPUT HIGH AGAIN JMP SILENT QUIET BETWEEN CHARACTI 0700: 006F 8D 01 A0 SILENT QUIET BETWEEN CHARACTERS 0710: 0072 40 70 00 0730: 0075 A9 01 SPACE LDAIM \$01 LOAD \$0076 FOR DESIRED SPACE 0740: 0077 85 FF STA \$00FF LENGTH AND STORE FOR USE I STA \$00FF LENGTH AND STORE FOR USE BY 'DITDLY' JSR DITDLY 0750: 0079 20 90 00 0760: 0770: 007C A9 01 SILENT LDAIM \$01 LOAD FOR 1 DIT DELAY STA SOOFF STORE FOR USE BY 'DITDLY' 0780: 007E 85 FF JSR DITDLY 0790: 0080 20 90 00 MOVE POINTER TO NEXT CHARACTER 0800: 0083 C8 INCMEM INY CPYIM \$00 PAGE CROSSING ? 0810: 0084 CO 00 BEQ BASEGO IF YES - INCREMENT HIGH BYTE BASE 0820: 0086 FO 03 JMP CODE 0830: 0088 4C 3B 00 0840: 0850: 008B E6 3D BASEGO INC CODE +02 JMP CODE GET NEXT CHARACTER 0860: 008D 4C 3B 00 DITDLY LDAIM \$47 LOAD \$0091 WITH DESIRED DIT TIME 0870: 0880: 0090 A9 47 0890: 0092 8D 1F A4 DIVFAC STA \$A41F 0900: 0095 2C 05 A4 TIMER BIT \$A405 BPL TIMER KEEP CHECKING FOR DELAY COMPLETED 0910: 0098 10 FB DONE - INCREMENT DIT COUNTER INX 0920: 009A E8 CPX SOOFF SHOULD WE DITDLY AGAIN ? 0930: 009B E4 FF BNE DITDLY 0940: 009D DO F1 RESET 'X' REGISTER LDXIM \$00 0950: 009F A2 00 BACK TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM RTS 0960: 00A1 60 STOP UNTIL "GO" "CARRIAGE RETURN 0970: 0980: 00A2 00 SEGMNT BRK JMP INCMEM NOW SEND NEXT MESSAGE 0990: 00A3 4C 83 00 1000: ID=

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An EDIT Mask Routine in Applesoft BASIC

This article describes some techniques for producing formatted output using Edit Masks. The programs permit you to produce professional looking output.

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My work as a professional programmer in business applications has often called for the use of what are called "edit masks", in such languages as COBOL, DIBOL, and the Commercial Subroutine Package of Data General FORTRAN. I have found the edit mask capability in these languages quite useful, and so I decided to write a routine in Applesoft Basic that I could use at home on my Apple II.

I should begin by first giving a brief explanation of what an edit mask is, for those readers who have never encountered the term before. An edit mask might be defined as a string of characters which specify operations on a number so as to produce an output string that contains the number's digits re-formatted for printing in certain specific ways. Some of the most common operations that can be carried out on any given number by means of edit masks are the following: (1) "suppressing" of zeroes, by replacing them with blanks in the output string, (2) inserting of a decimal point in a fixed position of the output string, (3) inserting of comma in the string to express thousands, million, etc., (4) placing a dollar sign before the leftmost digit of the number string, and (5) appending a minus sign to the end of the string if the input number is negative.

The edit mask is used as a sort of "picture" of what the output string should be like after carrying out operations such as the above on the number to be edited. In order to achieve this, there are definite rules for the edit routine's interpretation of the characters that make up the mask. Perhaps the best way of explaining this is to give some examples of my routine's use.

The routine itself, on the following listing, is contained between line numbers 100 to 580. The statements preceding 100 are a "driver" routine you can use to input your edit mask and number to be editied in order to experiment with various types of editing.

The editing routine is called by means of a GOSUB 100. There are two arguments that must be passed to it: NUM is the number to be edited, and MASK\$ is the edit mask string. NUM can contain any number of digits up to 9. I have made no provision for editing numbers that must be expressed in "scientific notation" with an Exponent field.

The result of the masking will be passed back to the calling program in the string OUT\$, whose length is the same as MASK\$.

There are six special characters which can appear in MASK\$ that are treated in a distinctive way: these are the digit 9, the digit 0, the period, the comma, the minus sign, and the dollar sign. The mask can contain other characters also, but more about this later.

The digit 9 is the "numeric replacement" character. This means, wherever a 9 is present in the mask, it will be replaced in the result field (OUT\$) by the corresponding digit of NUM, if any, in that position.

Thus, suppose we define MASK\$ = "99999", and assume the number to be edited is NUM = 352. Then the result, after calling the edit routine, will be OUT\$ = "352". (Note the two blanks preceding the ASCII digit 3. This is because the length of the mask exceeds the length of the number to edit by two.)

Next, the digit 0 is the "zero-suppress" character. This means wherever a 0 appears in the mask, it will be replaced in the result field by the corresponding digit of NUM only if that digit is not a zero; if the digit is a zero, then the corresponding

position in the result field will be a blank.

To give an example, suppose MASK\$ = "990990" and the number to be edited is NUM = 120563. Then the result will be OUT\$ = "12 563". The zero in NUM was suppressed.

The most common usage of the zerosuppress character in a mask is to surpress leading zeroes of a number. Thus a mask of "00099" would suppress the first three digits of any five-digit number if they were zeroes, but would print them if they were not. Due to the way my routine operates, it turns out that leading zeroes are always suppressed, anyway. If you would rather change this feature of the routine, I will describe later how you could go about doing so.

The period in a mask is usually used as the decimal point position. It is what is called an "insertion character" in the mask because it is always inserted in the result field exactly in its corresponding position in the mask.

Let's consider some examples of masks containing a period, and what the result will be. Suppose our mask is "999.99", and our number to be edited is 312.44; then, as you would expect, the result will be OUT\$ = "312.44". Next suppose we use the same mask but NUM = 33.6. The result is OUT\$ = " 33.60". There is a blank in position one and a zero in the last position. (If the last character of the mask had been a 0 instead of a 9, then the last character in the result would have been a blank.) Now, let's suppose that NUM = 124.556. In this case there is one more digit to the right of the decimal point in the number to edit that there is in the decimal part of the mask. When this, or something similar happens, my routine will truncate the extra digit(s), and replace it (them) by an asterisk to signal field overflow. The result then is OUT\$ = "124.5*".

My routine follows a similar rule in case the number of digits to the left of the decimal point in NUM exceeds the number allowed in MASK\$. For example, if NUM = 1256.7, then the result will be OUT\$ = "*56.70".

By the way, since it is conceivable that you might, either by mistake or be design, include two or more periods in your mask, the routine will treat only the rightmost period in the mask as the decimal point position. All other periods will be treated as insertion characters, and so will appear in the corresponding positions of the result field as they expected.

Next, let's consider the comma in an edit mask. An example of a mask containing two commas is the following: MASK\$ = "99,999,999". If your number to edit contains either 7 or 8 digits, then the result field will contain both commas in the appropriate places, as you would expect. However, with 6 or fewer digits in NUM, either the first or both commas will be suppressed and replaced by blanks. Examples: if NUM = 1234567, the OUT\$ = "1,234,567"; and if NUM = 1234, then OUT\$ = " 1,234" (note the five blank characters preceding the digit 1); and lastly, if NUM = 123, then there will appear seven blanks preceding the digit 1: OUT\$ = " 123".

Thus we see that the comma is a special sort of insertion character which is suppressed if there are no preceding digits of the number to be edited.

Now consider the dollar sign used as an edit mask character. I have defined this character's usage in a special way. IF the dollar sign is the very first character in the mask, then it is treated as what is called a "floating dollar signt". That means that the dollar sign in the result field will "float" to the right, far enough so as to immediately precede the left-most digit of NUM. Some exaples: if MASK\$ = "\$99,999.99" and NUM = 11.45, then the result of editing is OUT\$ \$11.45" (note that there are four - ** blanks preceding the dollar sign in the result field). And if NUM = 2321, then we have this result: OUT\$ = " \$2,321.00" (one blank preceding the dollar sign).

Please note that I have defined this usage of the dollar sign as a "floating" dollar sign only when it is the first character in the mask. If it occurs elsewhere in the mask, then it becomes an insertion character.

The last special usage character in a mask is the trailing minus sign. If the mask contains a minus sign as the very last character, then the rightmost position of the result field will be a minus sign when the number to edit is negative, or will be blank if the number is positive. Examples: if MASK\$ = "99,999.99-" and NUM = -1453.62, then the resultant OUT\$ = " 1,453,62-". While if NUM = 2246.7, then we have OUT\$ = " 2,246.70".

If a minus sign appears in a mask in any other position, it is treated as an insertion character. Thus, for example, you could format a date, MMDDYY = month, day, and year with the following mask: MASK\$ = "09-99-99". If NUM = 101479. then OUT\$ = "10-14-79".

You might be wondering what will happen if you edit a negative number using a mask which does not contain a trailing minus sign. It depends upon whether you have allotted enough digit positions in the mask to accommodate a leading minus sign. If you have then the minus sign will take the place of the first position containing a nine, zero, or comma that immediately precedes the leftmost digit of NUM. If you have not allotted enough digit positions in the mask, then my routine will print the asterisk signaling field overflow.

Now, any character other than the six special cases discussed above may also appear in a mask. In that case the character becomes an insertion character. Suppose you define

MASK\$ = "\$BAL. DUE AS OF SEP/'78: 99.999.99"

If NUM = 1324.57, then the result of masking will be:

OUT\$ = "BAL. DUE AS OF SEP/'78: \$1,324.57"

From the above example, you can see that you are only restricted in using edit masks by your imagination, perhaps after making modifications to my routine. For example, you will note that the year in the above mask is '78 not '79. It could not be '79 because the 9 is a numeric replacement character and in this case would have been blanked out. However, if you change the numeric replacement character to some other more convenient character (perhaps an ampersand?) then this difficulty could be avoided.

As already mentioned, another modification you might wish to make is to allow outputting of leading zeroes in a numeric field if the corresponding edit characters are 9's. To do this, you need to make three changes to the routine.

455 IF I-1 > = II AND MID\$ (MASK\$.I-1,1) ="9" then 480 500 IF N\$ = " " THEN N\$ = "0" 525 IF N\$ = " " THEN 460

When you incorporate this routine into your own programs, you may wish to change the names of some of the local

variables used by it in order not to conflict with your own use of the same names. So here is a list of all variables used by my routine.

Variables

MASK\$	the string containing the edit mask.
NUM	
NUM\$	the input number to edit NUM converted to a string
LM	length of MASK\$
PM	length of NUM\$
PM	position of rightmost decimal point in MASK\$ (or
	zero if none)
PN	position of decimal point
	in NUM\$ (zero if none)
RM	number of digit positions
	right of decimal point in
	MASK\$
RN	number of digits right of
	decimal point in NUM\$
QM	number of digit positions
	left of decimal point in
	MASK\$
QN	number of digits left of
	decimal point in NUM\$
FD%	flag telling whether mask
107012	has floating dollar sign (1 if
	yes, 0 if no)
MF%	flag telling whether mask
10052357	has trailing minus sign (1 if
	yes, 0 if no)
NF%	flag telling whether NUM is
	negative (1) or positive (0)
M\$	current character of
	MASK\$ being processed
N\$	current character of NUM\$
	being processed
1	loop variable and tem-
2010	porary variable
J	pointer to current digit in
	NUM\$
11	first position in MASK\$ to
1.2.0	process
12	last position in MASK\$ to
1.5-12.3	process

One final note: in using the driver routine to experiment with various edit masks, you should remember that if your mask will contain commas or colons, then you must enclose the entire mask by quotation marks, or else Applesoft will drop part of your mask when it executes the INPUT statement.

Notes on Converting to other Basics

I am not familiar with any other Basics for microcomputers. I do, however, have some acquaintance with the Basic languages for two mini-computers-the DEC PDP-II and the Data General Nova 3. With this as background, I have compiled the following list of possible modifications you might have to make to my routine to get it to work on other 6502 machines other than the Apple.

1.) Applesoft allows variables to have names with more than two characters.

although only the first two are used to distinguish between between different names. If your Basic does not allow this, you will have to change some of the names that my routine uses.

2.) Some Basics don't allow multiple statements per line, or if they do, the statement separator might not be the colon; two common alternatives are the back slash or the exclamation point.

3.) If your Basic does not have the "ON...GO TO" statement, then line number 85 will have to be replaced with something else, perhaps a couple of "IF...THEN GOTO..." statements.

4.) Not all Basics allow "NEXT" statements which do not specify the loop variable to end "FOR" loops. There are several lines in my program that may necessitate this type of change: 160, 190, 240, 280, 340, and 550. In all of these cases the implied FOR loop variable is "I".

5.) You may have to DIMension your strings in your Basic program, as is true in Apple's Integer Basic, but not Applesoft.

6.) String concatenation in Applesoft is accomplished with string expressions joined by means of the plus (+) sign; your Basic may use the ampersand (&).

7.) In comparing strings, Applesoft uses the combination of less than and greater than signs (<>); perhaps, as in Integer Basic on the Apple, you are only allowed to test inequality with the number sign (#).

8.) Please note that I have several statements in my program of the following general form: IF X THEN... This is "shorthand" for the equivalent IF X <> 0 THEN... I also have a number of statements like the following: IF...THEN 100 (where 100 can be any statement number). This is a "shorthand" for IF...THEN GOTO 100. I don't know whether all Basics allow the abbreviated forms that I use.

9.) I have made use of the following string functions: STR\$, LEFT\$, RIGHT\$, MID\$, and LEN. Your Basic might call these by different names, or have different syntax rules about their arguments. Here are the Applesoft syntactic definitions for these functions, which you should keep in mind if you have to convert to different usages on your computer:

STR\$(X)

converts the number X to a string

- LEFT\$(A\$,N) returns the leftmost N characters of string A\$
- RIGHT\$(A\$,N) returns the rightmost N characters of string A\$

MID\$(A\$,M,N)

LEN(A\$)

returns the N consecutive characters of string A\$, starting at position M

returns the number of characters

a vi

These are all the differences between Applesoft and other Basics that I am aware of, although there may be more. At any rate, it should not be difficult to convert my program to any other machine's Basic.

in string A\$

JLIST

- 10 REM ROUTINE TO EDIT A NUMBER , NUM, WITH AN EDIT MASK, MA SK\$
- 20 HOME : PRINT "EDIT MASK ROUTI NE": PRINT : PRINT " THE E DIT MASK CAN CONTAIN ANY INS ER-": PRINT "TION CHARACTERS , PLUS FOLLOWING SPECIAL"
- 30 PRINT "CHARACTERS:": PRINT " IF \$ IS FIRST CHAR., IT IS TREATED AS": PRINT "A FLOATI NG DOLLAR SIGN"
- 40 PRINT " IF IS LAST CHAR., IT WILL BE OUTPUT": PRINT "I F NUMBER TO EDIT IS NEGATIVE , OR RE-": PRINT "PLACED BY BLANK IF POSITIVE"
- 50 PRINT " 9 CORRESPONDS TO A D IGIT TO PLACE IN": PRINT "TH AT POSITION OF THE MASK": PRINT " 0 CORRESPONDS TO A NONZER O DIGIT TO"
- 60 PRINT "PLACE IN THAT POSITION . IF YOU WANT A": PRINT "COM MA OR COLON IN THE MASK, ENC LOSE THE"
- 65 PRINT "ENTIRE MASK IN QUOTES TO INPUT IT.": PRINT
- 70 INPUT "EDIT MASK? ";MASK\$
- 75 INPUT "NUMBER TO EDIT? ";NUM: GOSUB 100: PRINT "EDITED NU MBER:";OUT\$
- 80 PRINT : INPUT "1=NEW NUMBER; 2=NEW MASK AND NUMBER?";N
- 85 ON N GOTO 75,70
- 90 GOTO 80
- 100 NUM\$ = STR\$ (NUM):LN = LEN (NUM\$):LM = LEN (MASK\$):QM = 0:QN = 0:RM = 0:RN = 0:PN = 0:PM = 0:NFZ = 0:MFZ = 0:FDZ = 0:DFZ = 0
- 110 OUT\$ = "": IF NUM < 0 THEN NF Z = 1: REM SET FLAG TELLING WHETHER INPUT NUMBER IS NEG ATIVE
- 120 IF RIGHT\$ (MASK\$,1) = "-" THEN MFZ = 1: REM SET FLAG TELLI

AILING MINUS SIGN

- IF LEFT\$ (MASK\$,1) = "\$" THEN FDZ = 1: REM SET FLAG TELLI 130 NG WHETHER INPUT MASK HAS FL OATING DOLLAR SIGN
- 140 FOR I = 1 TO LM: REM FIND P OSITION OF DECIMAL POINT IN MASK
- 150 IF MID\$ (MASK\$,I,1) = "." THEN PM = I
- 160 NEXT : IF FDZ = 0 THEN DFZ = 1: REM IF NO FLOATING BOLLA R SIGN IN MASK, SET FLAG SAY ING "\$" ALREADY OUTPUT TO ED ITED FIELD
- 170 FOR I = 1 TO LN: REM FIND P OSITION OF DECIMAL POINT IN NUMBER TO EDIT
- IF MID\$ (NUM\$,I,1) = "." THEN 180 PN = I
- 190 NEXT
- IF PN THEN RN = LN PN: REM 200 IF DECIMAL POINT IN NUMBER, COMPUTE # DIGITS RIGHT OF D ECIMAL PT.
- IF PM = 0 THEN 250: REM IF 210 DEC. PT. IN MASK, FIND # DIG IT POSITIONS RIGHT OF IT
- 220 FOR I = LM TO PM STEP - 1
- 230 IF MID\$ (MASK\$, I, 1) = "0" OR MID\$ (MASK\$, I, 1) = "9" THEN RM = RM + 1
- 240 NEXT
- 250 IF PN = 0 AND PM = 0 THEN 30 0
- IF RM = RN THEN 300 IF RM < RN THEN 290 260
- 270
- IF RM < RN THEN 290 FOR I = RN TO RM 1:NUM\$ = 280 NUM\$ + "0": NEXT : GOTO 300: REM ZERO-FILL RIGHTMOST DE CIMAL POSITIONS OF NUMS
- 290 I = LN RN + RM 1:NUM\$ = LEFT\$ 440 OUT\$ = N\$ + OUT\$:J = J 1: GOTO (NUMS,I) + "*": REM TRUNCAT E NUMS TO MATCH MASK, PUT "* " IN RIGHTMOST DIGIT
- 300 QN = LEN (NUMS) RM: IF PN THEN QN = QN - 1: REM GET # DIGI TS LEFT OF DEC. PT. IN NUMBE R, IGNORING DEC. PT., IF ANY
- 310 IF NF% AND MF% THEN QN = QN -1: REM IGNORE MINUS SIGN IN NUMBER IF TRAILING MINUS IN MASK

- NG WHETHER INPUT MASK HAS TR 320 FOR I = 1 TO LM: IF I = PM THEN 350: REM FIND # DIGITS IN M ASK LEFT OF DEC. PT.
 - 330 IF MID\$ (MASK\$, I, 1) = "0" OR MID\$ (MASK\$, I,1) = "9" THEN QM = QM + 1
 - 340 NEXT
 - 350 IF QM > = QN THEN 370: REM TRUNCATE NUMBER ON LEFT, MA KING LEFTMOST DIGIT "*"
 - 360 I = LEN (NUM\$) QN + QM 1 : IF NFZ AND MFZ THEN I = I -1: REM DROP MINUS SIGN ALSO IF IGNORED BEFORE
 - 365 NUMS = "#" + RIGHTS (NUMS,I) :QN = QM
 - 370 I1 = 1: IF FDZ THEN I1 = 2: REM WILL IGNORE ANY FLOATING DO LLAR SIGN IN MASK
 - 380 I2 = LM: IF MFZ THEN I2 = LM -1: REM WILL IGNORE ANY TRAI LING MINUS IN MASK
 - 385 IF NF% AND MF% AND LEFTS (N UM\$,1) = "-" THEN QN = QN + 1: REM IF NUMBER'S MINUS SI GN WAS IGNORED BEFORE, PUT I T BACK IN
 - 390 IF PN THEN NUMS = LEFTS (NU M\$,QN) + RIGHT\$ (NUM\$,RM): REM DROP DEC. PT. FROM NUMBER S TRING
 - 400 IF NF% AND MF% AND LEFTS (N UM\$,1) = "-" THEN NUM\$ = RIGHT\$ (NUM\$, LEN (NUM\$) - 1): REM DROP MINUS SIGN IF TRAILING MINUS IN MASK
 - 410 J = LEN (NUM\$): FOR I = 12 TO I1 STEP - 1:M\$ = MID\$ (MAS K\$,I,1):N\$ = " ": IF J > 0 THEN NS = MIDS (NUMS, J, 1)
 - 420 IF M\$ < > "," THEN 490 430 IF N\$ < > "-" THEN 450
 - 550
 - IF N\$ < > " " THEN 480 450
 - 460 IF DFZ THEN 440: REM IF FLO ATING DOLLAR SIGN ALREADY OU TPUT, GO INSERT BLANK
 - 470 DF% = 1:0UT\$ = "\$" + OUT\$: GOTO 550
 - 480 OUT\$ = H\$ + OUT\$: GOTO 550
 - 490 IF M\$ < > "9" THEN 520
 - 500 IF N\$ = " " THEN 460: REM I F ALL DIGITS OF NUMBER OUTPU
 - T, GO OUTPUT FLOATING DOLLAR

SIGN OR BLANK

- 510 GOTO 440: REM GO OUTPUT THE DIGIT
- 520 IF M\$ < > "0" THEN 480: REM GO OUTPUT CURRENT CHARACTER IN MASK
- 530 IF NS < > "0" THEN 500: REM GO OUTPUT BLANK OR DIGIT
- 540 N\$ = " ": GOTO 440: REM OUTP UT BLANK
- 550 NEXT : IF DF% = 0 THEN OUT\$ = "\$" + OUT\$: REM IF FLOATING DOLLAR NOT OUTPUT, APPEND I T ON LEFT
- 555 IF DF% AND FD% THEN OUT\$ = " " + OUT\$: REM IF DOLLAR SI GN ALREADY OUTPUT, PUT BLANK IN PLACE OF MASK'S DOLLAR S IGN
- 560 IF MFZ = 0 THEN RETURN : REM ALL DONE IF NO TRAILING MIN US IN MASK
- 570 NS = " ": IF NF% THEN NS = "-": REM BLANK IF POSITIVE, M INUS SIGN IF NEGATIVE
- 580 OUT\$ = OUT\$ + NS: RETURN

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PET Keysort Update

Two changes are presented to improve the PET Keysort.

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After further use and testing, I decided to make two changes to my program KEYSORT as printed in MICRO:23. First, I've added to the intelligence of the himem setter in lines 550-630 of the source listing. Previously, my copy wasted about 100 bytes of memory by setting himem lower than it needs to be. Now it is set just at the start of the sort. The new source listing would read:

.550	Ida *him+	1;cut himem?
.560	seo	
.570	sbo #h,sart	
.580	boo sav	dont lower himem
.590	bne cut	;do lower it
.600	Ida *him	depend on lo byte
.605	sbo #L,sart	
.610	boo sav	;if already lower
.615cut	Ida #L,sart	;out lo, then hi
.620	sta *him	
.625	Ida #h,sart	
.630	sta *him+	1

This is an addition

The other change is in the way KEYSORT handles nulls. Logically, they should have a value below any other character. The original KEYSORT treats them this way. However, that leads to a problem with partially filled Basic arrays. All the undefined array elements start out as nulls, and end up after a sort at the 'bottom' of the array, where the significant elements were before. I elected to redefine nulls as larger than 'Z', so they stay at the 'top' of the array, where they were before the sort. The necessary changes are made in lines 5180-5220 of the source listing. The label 'null' is deleted from line 5180. A new label, 'same' is added to line 5220. Then 4 new lines are added after line 5420. These are like lines 5180-5200, except that the destinations are opposite. The new lines read:

.5422nullcpx#1

5424 beq two((7C50 00 00 00 60 A5 35 38 E9411443321 . . 7CF0 4C 57 C3 A9 06 B1 15 85 85 115 85 115 85 115 85 115 85 115 85 115 85 115 85 12 64 18 69 01 85 90 90 85									5404	has hus//	;put nui	is @top	01\$5										
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out nulls @ton of\$s

.5426	bpL one((
		;of the way of prgm
.5428	bmi same	
		;jump

This change adds 4 lines and 8 bytes to the program. Unfortunately it also alters many other parts of the object code in order to stay just below himem, so you'll need to check the enclosed new object listing carefully against your copy of the former version.

After these changes are made, the system call address for the sort is lowered, to sys (31828). The option setting addresses are unchanged. If you'd rather not make these changes yourself, updated copies for any loation in memory, or for old ROMs are available directly from the author for \$5.00. Please specify the address and ROM set you prefer to use.

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The KIM-1 microcomputer, produced by MOS Technology, Commodore and Rockwell International, is a single-board computer which gained early popularity with hobbyists. It also was adopted by industry for small controller applications. Some of these computers have been expanded into fairly large systems, in colleges as well as industry. One reason for the easy acceptance of the KIM-1 was the on-board keypad and six digit display. These features, along with a slow but extremely reliable audio cassette interface for program storage, made KIM-1 one of the first microcomputers which did not require an operator interface more expensive than itself.

The on-board keyboard and sevensegment display, which permits system operation without an teletype of terminal, is implemented in a way which permits addition of both an ASCII external keyboard and sense switches. Fig. 1 shows the key-pad implementation where U24 enables one of three banks of seven keys, and U2 (an MCS6530 programmable interface device detects a key closure in any one of the seven switch columns.

The keyboard encoding scheme works as follows: U2 is programmed for output on lines PB1-PB4 to dribe U24, a four line-to-ten-line decoder which has active-low outputs. Note that the least significant bit of U2's B port (PBO) is not used in the keyboard drive, so values written to Port B are incremented by two to select the next higher keybank. For example, writing 0016 to Port B selects Row keys, 0216 enables Row 1 and 0416 selects Row 2.

On Port A of U2 (lines PA0-PA6), which are programmed as inputs, a closure of (for example) key 8 will cause a logic zero to be input on PA5 whenever key Row 1 is active (low). KIM's operating system software then decodes Row 1/PA5 as key 8 and returns the value 0816 in the accumulator.

A fourth keybank (Row 3) is also implemented by this matrix, but the standard KIM-1 has only the TTY/KYBD switch installed on this row. FIG. 1 shows six additional switches inplemented on Row 3; with proper programming, these can be used as sense switches or imput lines for address vectors in an expanded interrupt scheme. Listing 1 gives an example of the programming required to detect activity on Row 3 inputs.

The programming strategy required for any such inputs is to enable PAO-PA6 lines for input and sequentially activate the driving lines (outputs of U24 in this case) to their on (low) state. The program then reads all input lines, masks and inverts the data and returns to the calling program which tests the accumulator for any "one" bits. It is then the programmer's responsibility to repeat the scan periodically and test to see if the same data is present (a noise spike would be gone on a second scan) or has changed after some period of time. This testing allows for switch bounce-multiple closures of the contacts-a characteristic of all switches. Very good switches will bounce for a minimum of one or two milliseconds, while worn or cheap switches may bounce for up to 25 milliseconds. On the other hand, any operator who is trying to make a very short switch closure will find it difficult to release a switch earlier than 50 milliseconds after closure. Consequently, reading keys with software is a fine art!

A9	00		LDA #\$00	SET PADD (KEY INPUT LINES)
8D	41	17	STA PADD	FOR INPUT
A9	3F		LDA #\$3F	SET PBDD (ROW DEFINITION)
8D	43	17	STA PBDD	FOR OUTPUT
	06		LDA #\$06	ENABLE KEYBOARD
8D	42	17	STA PBD	ON ROW 3
	40		LDA PAD	READ SENSE SWITCHES
	7E		AND #\$7E	MASK OFF TTY/KYBD SWITCH
1000000000	7E		EOR #\$7E	INVERT SWITCH DATA
A2	00		LDA #\$00	DISABLE
	42	17	STX SBD	KEYBOARD
60			RTS	RETURN TO CALLING PROGRAM

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Any keyboard with ASCII outputs is likely to have both a debounced output and a strobe which becomes active when there is a key pressed and the data has been debounced. Typically, the key data is active high (positive logic), but the strobe can be either active high or active low. The ASCII keyboard input described here does not use the strobe; instead, the key matrix is scanned in the same manner as is the normal KIM keypad. Fig. 2 shows the necessary connections—a pull-down transistor for each output bit of the keyboard. Any logic "one" data from the keyboard will input a low on the same lines as the KIM keypad. Note that some keyboards output only six bits, so the strobe can be implemented on Column G.

Listing 2 shows a "bare bones" scan program which will return to the calling program as did Listing 1. The basic scheme here is to initialize the accumulator to  $FF_{16}$  and get the input data by a logic AND with the input port. The data is then inverted (Exclusive OR) and tested for any logic one bits. Note that the calling program could also permanently set the port for input and somewhat abbreviate the program segment shown. If the strobe is implemented on Column G as mentioned above, the 6502 BIT instruction followed by a test of the overflow status bit (BVC or BVS) will identify strobe activity. Note that the onboard keypad must not be active when the ASCII keyboard is being used, and that the normal KIM keypad scan routines will not properly interpret the ASCII input.

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simulating skeet shooting down to the last detail. TRAPSHOOT allows one to five shotgunners to test their markmanship. The trap firing range has five positions where the one to five players shoot from. Each player is at a different location on the field. The challenge is to shoot pigeons out of the sky which launch at random trajectories. The challenge is to hit the pigeons while they are still in gun range.

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